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ABSTRACT. The intention of this paper is to describe a construction method for a new sequence of linear positive operators, which enables us to get a pointwise order of approximation regarding the polynomial summator operators which have "best" properties of approximation.

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1. The aim of this paper can be described in the following way: Starting with a sequence  $A = (A_n)$  of approximation operators, we construct – by means of the so called  $\Theta$  - transformation – a new sequence of operators  $B = (B_n) = \Theta(A)$ .

With the known properties of A we get the corresponding properties of the sequence  $B = \Theta(A)$ . We also prove, that if A is the sequence of (C, 1) – means of Chebyshev series, the polynomials  $(B_n f), f \in C(I)$ , furnish a pointwise order of approximation similar to the best order of approximation.

Let  $\Pi_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , be the linear space of all algebraic polynomials with real coefficients of degree  $\leq n$  and  $T_n(t) = \cos(n \arccos t)$  the n-th Chebyshev polynomial,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

We denote by X the normed linear spaces C(I), I := [-1,1] or  $L^p_{\omega}(I), 1 \le p < \infty$ , endowed with norms  $||f||_{C(I)} = ||f|| := \max_{t \in I} |f(t)|$  for  $f \in C(I)$ , respectively  $||f||_p = \left[\int_{-1}^1 |f(t)|^p \omega(t) dt\right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$ , where f is an element of the Lebesgue space  $L^p_{\omega}(I)$  with the weight  $\omega(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$ .

Further for  $f \in X$  and a polynomial g we use the inner product

$$\langle f,g\rangle = \int_{-1}^{1} f(t) g(t) \omega(t) dt.$$

The translation operator  $\tau_x : X \to X, x \in I$ , defined by

$$(\tau_x f)(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ f(xt + \sqrt{1 - x^2}\sqrt{1 - t^2}) + f(xt - \sqrt{1 - x^2}\sqrt{1 - t^2}) \right], \quad (t, x) \in I \times I,$$

has the property

$$(\tau_x T_k)(t) = T_k(t) T_k(x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

(see [3]).

If we use the convolution product  $\star : L^1_{\omega}(I) \times L^1_{\omega}(I) \to L^1_{\omega}(I)$ 

$$(f \star g)(x) = \int_{-1}^{1} f(t)(\tau_x g)(t) \omega(t) dt,$$

then our aim is to construct some approximation operators  $A_n : X \to \prod_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||f - A_n f||_X = 0, f \in X$ .

A sequence  $a = (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ ,  $a_n \in \mathbb{I}_n$ , with degree  $a_n = n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , is called a polynomial sequence. If  $\mathcal{P}^+$  denotes the set of all polynomial sequences  $a = (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  with the properties

*i.*) 
$$a_n(x) \ge 0$$
,  $x \in I$  *ii.*)  $\langle 1, a_n \rangle = 1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

then for

$$a_{n}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \omega_{k} \alpha_{k,n} T_{k}(x), \quad \text{where} \quad \omega_{0} = \frac{1}{\pi}, \quad \omega_{k} = \frac{2}{\pi}, \ k \ge 1, \quad (1.1)$$
$$a_{n}(x,t) = (\tau_{x} a_{n})(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \omega_{k} \alpha_{k,n} T_{k}(x) T_{k}(t),$$

we consider the sequence  $A := A(a) = (A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}, A_n : X \to \Pi_n$ , of linear positive operators, defined by  $A_n f = f \star a_n = a_n \star f$  that is

$$(A_n f)(x) = A_n(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \alpha_{k,n} \langle f, T_k \rangle T_k(x) = \int_{-1}^1 a_n(x, t) f(t) \omega(t) dt, \quad x \in I.$$
(1.2)

'In this case  $a = (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is called the generating sequence of  $A = (A_n)$ .

If  $A(a) = (A_n)$  is defined as in (1.1) and (1.2), then  $|\alpha_{k,n}| = |\langle T_k, a_n \rangle| \le 1$  and let us define the functionals  $r_n : \mathcal{P}^+ \to \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$r_n(A) := 1 - \alpha_{1,n} = 1 - \langle T_1, a_n \rangle, \qquad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

An important polynomial sequence  $\varphi = (\varphi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}, \varphi \in \mathcal{P}^+$ , was considered by L.Fejér, namely

$$\varphi_n(x) = \frac{1 - T_{n+1}}{\pi(n+1)(1-x)} = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \left(1 - \frac{k}{n+1}\right) T_k(x).$$
(1.3)

The corresponding linear positive operators  $F = (F_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ ,  $F_n = f \star \varphi_n$  are the (C,1) – means of Chebyshev series, i.e. the Fejér operators  $F_n : X \to \prod_n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$(F_n f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \left( 1 - \frac{k}{n+1} \right) \langle f, T_k \rangle T_k(x), \quad f \in X.$$
(1.4)

There exists a connection between the operators defined in (1.2) and those from (1.4). Indeed, using the equalities  $A_n T_k = \alpha_{k,n} T_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we get with

$$a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \alpha_{k,n} T_k = (n+1) A_n \varphi_n - n A_n \varphi_{n-1}$$

the identity

 $A_n f = (n+1)a_n \star F_n f - na_n \star F_{n-1} f.$ 

**2.** Let  $b = (b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be an element from  $\mathcal{P}^+$  with

$$b_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \beta_{k,n} T_k(x), \qquad (2.1)$$

and  $B = B(b) = (B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, B_n : X \to \prod_n$ , the operators with the "generating polynomial sequence b", defined by

$$(B_n f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \beta_{k,n} \langle f, T_k \rangle T_k(x), \quad x \in I.$$
(2.2)

Suppose that

$$\int_{-1}^{1} h(t)\omega(t)dt = \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_k(n)h(z_k), \qquad (2.3)$$

with  $c_k(n) \ge 0$ ,  $z_k \in [-1,1]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m(n)$ , is a quadrature formula which is exact for all polynomials  $h \in \prod_{s(n)}$  with  $s(n) \ge n+2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

For  $b = (b_n) \in \mathcal{P}^+$  and  $B = (B_n)$  as in (2.1) – (2.2) we consider the linear positive operators  $B_n^*$ ,  $\tilde{B}_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , where for  $f \in X$ 

$$(B_n^* f)(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_k(n) (\tau_x b_n) (z_k) f(z_k)$$
(2.4)

and

$$\left(\tilde{B}_{n}f\right)(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_{k}(n) \left(\tau_{x}fb_{n}\right)(z_{k}).$$
(2.5)

The sequence  $B^* = (B_n^*)$  is called "the discrete form" of  $B = (B_n)$ , with respect to (2.3). The operator  $\tilde{B}_n$  appears to be useful for the connection between  $B_n$  and  $B_n^*$ .

**Lemma 2.1** If  $\tilde{B}_n$  is defined as in (2.5), then for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ 

$$\tilde{B}_n(1-t^j;x) = \frac{1}{2^{j-1}}(1-\beta_{j,n}).$$
(2.6)

**Proof:** Let us observe that

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1-t^{j}) b_{n}(t) T_{k}(t) \omega(t) dt = B_{n}((1-t^{j}) T_{k}(t); 1)$$

Therefore

$$\tau_x((1-t^j)b_n(t))(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+j} \omega_k B_n((1-t^j)T_k(t);1)T_k(x)T_k(z)$$

and using (2.3) for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  we have

$$\tilde{B}_n(1-t^j;x) = \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_k(n)\tau_x((1-t^j)b_n(t))(z_k)$$
$$= \int_{-1}^1 \tau_x((1-t^j)b_n(t))(z)\omega(z)dz = B_n(1-t^j;1).$$

Finally

$$B_n(1-t;1) = 1 - \beta_{1,n}, \qquad B_n(1-t^2;1) = \frac{1}{2}(1-\beta_{2,n}), \qquad (2.7)$$
  
he proof.

which completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.2** Suppose that  $B_n$  is defined by means of (2.2) with  $b \in \mathcal{P}^+$ . Let  $B_n^*$  be the discrete operator from (2.4) and

$$\delta_n(x)$$
 one of the functions  $B_n(|x-t|;x)$  or  $B_n^*(|x-t|;x)$ .

Then for  $x \in I$ 

$$|x|r_n(B) \le \delta_n(x) \le \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta_{2,n}}{2}} + |x|r_n(B).$$
(2.8)

**Proof:** With  $e_k(t) = t^k, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , it is known that for convex functions  $\gamma \in C(I)$  we have

$$\gamma(Le_1) \leq L\gamma \quad \text{on} \quad I, \tag{2.9}$$

where L is a linear positive operator  $C(I) \to C(I)$  with  $Le_0 = e_0$  (see [8]). If we select  $\gamma(t) = |x - t|$ ,  $L = B_n$ , we have by using the inequality (2.9)

$$|x - x\beta_{1,n}| \leq B_n(|x - t|; x);$$

or on the other hand for  $L = B_n^{\star}$ 

$$|x - (B_n^{\star}e_1)(x)| \leq B_n^{\star}(|x - t|; x)$$

For  $h \in \Pi_2$  it is  $B_n^* h = B_n h$  and so we obtain the lower bound in (2.8). Further let us denote

$$\psi_1(x,t) = xt + \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-t^2}$$
  
$$\psi_2(x,t) = xt - \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-t^2}$$

Then for  $x, t \in I, j \in \{1, 2\}$ 

$$|x - \psi_j(x, t)| \le \sqrt{1 - x^2} \sqrt{1 - t^2} + |x|(1 - t)$$
(2.10)

and

$$|x-t| \leq \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{1-\psi_j^2(x,t)} + |x|(1-\psi_j(x,t)).$$
 (2.11)

Define the linear positive functionals  $J_n: C(I) \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , by  $J_n(f) = \langle f, b_n \rangle$ . We have

$$J_n(1-t^j) = B_n(1-t^j;1)$$

more precisely (see (2.7))

$$J_n(1-t) = 1 - \beta_{1,n}$$
  
$$J_n(\sqrt{1-t^2}) \le \sqrt{J_n(1-t^2)} = \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta_{2,n}}{2}}.$$

Because

$$(B_n f)(x) = \int_{-1}^{1} b_n(t)(\tau_x f)(t)\omega(t)dt$$

and (2.10) enables us to write

$$\tau_x(|x-.|;t) = \left| x - \frac{\psi_1(x,t) + \psi_2(x,t)}{2} \right| \le \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-t^2} + |x|(1-t)|$$

one finds

$$\begin{array}{rcl} B_n(|x-t|;x) &\leq & \sqrt{1-x^2} \, J_n(\sqrt{1-t^2}) + |x| \, J_n(1-t) \\ \\ &\leq & \sqrt{1-x^2} \sqrt{\frac{1-\beta_{2,n}}{2}} + |x|(1-\beta_{1,n}) \, , \end{array}$$

i.e. the upper bound in (2.8). Regarding the discrete operators  $(B_n^*)$ , we have from (2.4) and (2.11)

$$B_{n}^{\star}(|x-t|;x) = \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_{k}(n)|x-z_{k}| \frac{b_{n}(\psi_{1}(x,z_{k})) + b_{n}(\psi_{2}(x,z_{k}))}{2}$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_{k}(n) \frac{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\sqrt{1-\psi_{1}^{2}(x,z_{k})} + |x|(1-\psi_{1}(x,z_{k}))}{2} b_{n}(\psi_{1}(x,z_{k}))$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_{k}(n) \frac{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\sqrt{1-\psi_{2}^{2}(x,z_{k})} + |x|(1-\psi_{2}(x,z_{k}))}{2} b_{n}(\psi_{2}(x,z_{k}))$$

$$= \sqrt{1-x^{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_{k}(n) \tau_{x}(\sqrt{1-t^{2}}b_{n}(t))(z_{k})$$

$$+ |x| \sum_{k=1}^{m(n)} c_{k}(n) \tau_{x}((1-t)b_{n}(t))(z_{k})$$

$$= \sqrt{1-x^{2}} \hat{B}_{n}(\sqrt{1-t^{2}};x) + |x| \hat{B}_{n}(1-t;x).$$

From (2.6) using Schwarz inequality we complete the proof.

Other upper bounds for  $\delta_n$  were obtained by J.D.Cao and H.H.Gonska [5].

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $b = (b_n)$  be an arbitrary polynomial sequence from  $\mathcal{P}^+$ . Suppose that  $B = (B_n), B^* = (B_n^*)$  are defined as in (2.2) respectively (2.4). Then for  $f \in C(I), x \in I$ ,

$$|f(x) - (B_n f)(x)| \leq 2\omega(f; \nabla^B_n(x)) \leq 4\omega(f; \Delta^B_n(x))$$
(2.12)

$$|f(x) - (B_n^{\star}f)(x)| \leq 2\omega(f; \nabla_n^B(x)) \leq 4\omega(f; \Delta_n^B(x))$$
(2.13)

where  $\omega(f; \delta) := \sup\{|f(t+h) - f(t)|; |h| \le \delta, t, t+h \in I\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^B_n(x) &= \sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{\frac{1-\beta_{2,n}}{2}} + |x|(1-\beta_{1,n}) \\ \Delta^B_n(x) &= \sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-\beta_{1,n})} + |x|(1-\beta_{1,n}), \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\beta_{1,n} = (B_n e_1)(1).$$

**Proof:** It is known that an arbitrary linear positive operator  $L_n: C(I) \to C(I)$  with  $L_n e_0 = e_0$  satisfies the inequality

$$|f(x) - (L_n f)(x)| \le 2\omega(f; L_n(|x-t|; x)).$$

The upper - estimate from theorem 2.2 enables us to write

$$|f(x) - (L_n f)(x)| \leq 2\omega(f; \nabla^B_n(x)), \quad x \in I,$$

where  $L_n$  is one of the operators  $B_n$  or  $B_n^*$ .

Let  $q_m(t) = (1-t)^m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and observe that  $q_j, q_m$  are monotone on I in the same sense. By means of Chebyshev inequality we have  $(B_nq_j)(x)(B_nq_m)(x) \leq (B_nq_{j+m})(x), j, m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , where we find with j = m = 1 and x = 1

$$0 \le 1 - \beta_{2,n} \le 2(1 + \beta_{1,n})r_n(B) \le 4r_n(B).$$
(2.14)

Therefore

$$\omega(f; \nabla_n^B(x)) \le \omega(f; \sqrt{2}\Delta_n^B(x)) \le 2\,\omega(f; \Delta_n^B(x)), \quad x \in I.$$

which proves this theorem.

**Remark:** One knows that for  $(b_n) \in \mathcal{P}^+$  the Fejér inequality [6] holds

$$\beta_{1,n} \leq \cos \frac{\pi}{n+2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

In the case of Jacobi polynomials  $R_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}$ ,  $\alpha \ge \beta \ge -\frac{1}{2}$ , for an arbitrary *n* a similar extremal problem is solved in [8]. For an even *n* the problem is considered in ([1], p.68).

However, for all linear positive operators  $B = (B_n)$  generated by polynomial sequences  $b = (b_n) \in \mathcal{P}^+$  one has

$$r_n(B) \ge 2\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(n+2)}$$
 (2.15)

Let us present a short proof of Fejér's inequality (2.15). If  $h \in \Pi_{n+1}$ , then it is easy to observe that

$$\langle 1,h\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{s} c_k h(x_{k,n}), \quad s = \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + 1,$$

 $x_{0,n} = -1, \ x_{k,n} = \cos \frac{2k-1}{n+2}\pi, \ k \ge 1, \ c_0 = \frac{2\pi}{n+2} \frac{1-(-1)^n}{4}, \ c_1 = \cdots = c_s = \frac{2\pi}{n+2}.$ 

If  $h_0(t) = (1 - t)b_n(t)$  then

$$r_n(B) = \langle 1, h_0 \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^s c_k(1-x_{k,n})b_n(x_{k,n}) \ge c_1(1-x_{1,n})b_n(x_{1,n}) \ge 1-x_{1,n} = 2\sin^2\frac{\pi}{2(n+2)}.$$

Therefore the equality holds if and only if

$$b_n(x) = b_n^{\star}(x) = \lambda_n(x+1)^d \prod_{k=2}^d (x-x_{k,n})^2, \quad d = \left[\frac{n+1}{2}\right] - \left[\frac{n}{2}\right],$$

where  $\lambda_n$  is selected such that  $b_n(x_{1,n}) = \frac{n+2}{2\pi}$ . It may be shown that [9]

$$b_n^{\star}(x) = \kappa_n \frac{1 + T_{n+2}(x)}{(x - \cos \frac{\pi}{n+2})^2}, \qquad \kappa_n = \frac{1}{\pi(n+2)} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n+2}$$

**3.** A polynomial sequence  $a = (a_n)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{P}^1$  if and only if

- i)  $a \in \mathcal{P}^+$  and
- ii) for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists at least a root  $z_0(n)$  of  $a_n$  in I.

We denote  $z_0 = z_0(n+1)$  and remind that  $a_n(x,t) = (\tau_x a_n)(t)$ ,  $a_{n+1}(z_0) = a_{n+1}(1,z_0) = 0$ . Define  $b = (b_n)$  to be the sequence of polynomials

$$b_n(x) = \frac{1}{c_n} \frac{a_{n+1}(x, z_0)}{1-x}, \qquad (3.1)$$

where

$$c_n = \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{a_{n+1}(t,z_0)}{1-t} \omega(t) dt$$

It is clear that the positivity of the translation operator certifies the fact that  $b = (b_n) \in \mathcal{P}^+$ . If  $l: \mathcal{P}^1 \to \mathcal{P}^+$  is the mapping  $(a_n) \to (b_n)$ ,  $b_n$  being as in (3.1), we write b = l(a).

**Definition** If  $a = (a_n) \in \mathcal{P}^1$ ,  $b = (b_n) = l(a)$ , then the sequence  $B = (B_n)$  defined in (2.2) is called the  $\Theta$  - transformation of the sequence  $A = (A_n)$  from (1.2) and we write  $B = \Theta(A)$ .

**Lemma 3.1** Suppose that  $a = (a_n) \in \mathcal{P}^1$ ,

$$a_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \alpha_{k,n} T_k(x), \qquad a_{n+1}(z_0) = 0, \ z_0 = z_0(n+1) \in I,$$

is the generating polynomial sequence for the operators  $A = (A_n)$ .

If  $b = (b_n) = l(a)$ , then

$$b_n(x) = -\frac{2}{c_n} \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1) \alpha_{k+1,n+1} T_{k+1}(z_0) \varphi_k(x), \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\varphi_k$  is defined in (1.3).

**Proof:** Let  $d_k(t, x)$  be the Dirichlet kernel

$$d_k(t,x) = \sum_{j=0}^k \omega_j T_j(t) T_j(x)$$

and  $S_n: X \to \Pi_n$  be the partial – sum of Chebyshev series, i.e.

$$(S_n f)(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \omega_j \langle f, T_j \rangle T_j(x) = \int_{-1}^1 d_n(t, x) f(t) \omega(t) dt.$$
(3.2)

From (3.1) we get

$$b_n(x) = \frac{1}{c_n} \frac{a_{n+1}(x, z_0) - a_{n+1}(1, z_0)}{1 - x} = -\frac{1}{c_n} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \omega_k \alpha_{k,n+1} \frac{1 - T_k(x)}{1 - x} T_k(z_0)$$
$$= -\frac{2}{c_n} \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1) \alpha_{k+1,n+1} T_{k+1}(z_0) \varphi_k(x).$$

Further, we may write

$$b_n(x) = -\frac{2}{c_n} \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1) \alpha_{k+1,n+1} T_{k+1}(z_0) \sum_{j=0}^k \omega_j (1-\frac{j}{k+1}) T_j(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \beta_{k,n} T_k(x)$$

with

$$\beta_{k,n} = -\frac{2}{c_n} \sum_{j=k}^n (j+1-k) \alpha_{j+1,n+1} T_{j+1}(z_0)$$

$$= -\frac{2}{c_n} \int_{-1}^1 a_{n+1}(t) \left( \sum_{j=k}^n (j+1-k) T_{j+1}(t) T_{j+1}(z_0) \right) \omega(t) dt .$$
(3.3)

Now, if  $\varphi_k(t, x) = (\tau_x \varphi_k)(t)$ 

$$\sum_{j=k}^{n} (j+1-k)T_{j+1}(t)T_{j+1}(z_0)$$
  
=  $\frac{\pi}{2} ((n+2-k)d_{n+1}(t,z_0) - d_k(t,z_0) + (k+1)\varphi_k(t,z_0) - (n+2)\varphi_{n+1}(t,z_0))$ .

Using (1.4), (3.2) - (3.3) we conclude with

**Lemma 3.2** Under the hypothesis of lemma 3.1 the coefficients  $\beta_{k,n}$  in

$$b_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \beta_{k,n} T_k$$

are

$$\beta_{k,n} = \frac{\pi}{c_n} \left( (n+2)(F_{n+1}a_{n+1})(z_0) - (k+1)(F_ka_{n+1})(z_0) + (S_ka_{n+1})(z_0) \right) , \qquad (3.4)$$

where

$$c_n = \pi (n+2)(F_{n+1}a_{n+1})(z_0). \qquad (3.5)$$

By considering the family of linear operators  $I_{k,n}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , defined on  $\mathcal{P}^+$  by

$$I_{k,n} := (n+2)F_{n+1} - (k+1)F_k + S_k$$

one finds the operational formula

$$\beta_{k,n} = \frac{(I_{k,n}a_{n+1})(z_0)}{(n+2)(F_{n+1}a_{n+1})(z_0)}, \quad k = 0, 1, \cdots, n.$$
(3.6)

Let us note that if  $B = \Theta(A)$ , then

$$r_n(B) = 1 - \beta_{1,n} = \frac{1}{\pi(n+2)(F_{n+1}a_{n+1})(z_0)}$$

Using the above results one can formulate the following

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $a = (a_n) \in \mathcal{P}^1$ ,  $b = (b_n) = l(a) \in \mathcal{P}^+$  and  $B = \Theta(A)$ . If

$$m_{k,n} = -\frac{2}{c_n}(k+1)\alpha_{k+1,n+1}T_{k+1}(z_0), \qquad c_n = \pi(n+2)(F_{n+1}a_{n+1})(z_0)$$

then  $B = (B_n)$  is a summability method of Fejér operators  $F = (F_n)$ , more precisely

$$B_n = \sum_{k=0}^n m_{k,n} F_k \, .$$

Moreover, for all  $x \in I$  and  $f \in C(I)$ 

$$|f(x) - (B_n f)(x)| \le 4\omega \left(f; \frac{|x|}{c_n} + \sqrt{\frac{1-x^2}{c_n}}\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**4.** In this section we will consider the case  $a = \varphi = (\varphi_n)$ , with  $\varphi_n$  being as in (1.3) and  $z_0 = z_0(n+1) = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n+2}$ . At first we observe in our case

$$c_n = \pi(n+2) \left( F_{n+1} \varphi_{n+1} \right) (z_0) = \pi(n+2) \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \omega_k \left( 1 - \frac{k}{n+2} \right)^2 \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n+2}$$

that is

$$\frac{1}{c_n} := r_n(B) = \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n+2}.$$
 (4.1)

If we select in (3.3)  $\alpha_{k+1,n+1} = 1 - \frac{k+1}{n+2}$ .  $z_0 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n+2}$  or in (3.6)  $a_{n+1} = \varphi_{n+1}$ , one finds the following

**Lemma 4.1** If  $b = (b_n) = l(\varphi)$ ,  $\varphi = (\varphi_n)$ , then

$$b_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \beta_{k,n} T_k(x)$$

with

$$\beta_{k,n} = \frac{n-k+2}{n+2}\cos^2\frac{k\pi}{n+2} + \frac{\cos\frac{\pi}{n+2}}{(n+2)\sin\frac{\pi}{n+2}}\cos\frac{k\pi}{n+2}\sin\frac{k\pi}{n+2}.$$
(4.2)

Moreover

$$b_n(x) = \kappa_n \frac{\left(1 - x \cos\frac{2\pi}{n+2}\right) \left(1 - T_{n+2}(x)\right)}{\left(1 - x\right) \left(x - \cos\frac{2\pi}{n+2}\right)^2}$$
(4.3)

where

$$\kappa_n = \frac{1}{\pi(n+2)} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n+2} \,. \tag{4.4}$$

Further, let

$$B = (B_n) = \Theta(F),$$

where  $F = (F_n)$  is the sequence of Fejér operators. If  $f \in X$  and  $\beta_{k,n}$ ,  $b_n$  are as in (4.2) - (4.4), then

$$B_n f = \sum_{k=0}^n \omega_k \beta_{k,n} \langle f, T_k \rangle T_k = f \star b_n = b_n \star f$$
(4.5)

and also, if  $\tilde{m}_{k,n} = 2\pi\kappa_n(k+1)(k-n-1)\cos\frac{2(k+1)\pi}{n+2}$  then

$$B_n f = \sum_{k=0}^n \tilde{m}_{k,n} F_k f.$$
 (4.6)

We note that the coefficients  $\tilde{m}_{k,n}$  satisfy  $\tilde{m}_{k,n} = \tilde{m}_{n-k,n}, k = 0, 1, \cdots, n$ .

In order to obtain a **discrete form** of the operators  $B = (B_n)$  defined by (4.5) let us observe that the translation of  $b_n$  from (4.3) is

$$(\tau_x b_n)(y) = \kappa_n \frac{v_n(x;y)(1 - T_{n+2}(x)T_{n+2}(y)) - w_n(x;y)(1 - x^2)(1 - y^2)U_{n+1}(x)U_{n+1}(y)}{(x - y)^2 \left((x - y\cos\frac{2\pi}{n+2})^2 - (1 - y^2)\sin^2\frac{2\pi}{n+2}\right)^2}$$

where

$$v_n(x;y) = (1-xy)(\tau_x p)(y) + (1-x^2)(1-y^2)\cos\frac{2\pi}{n+2}\left[(x-y)^2 - (2xy-1)\cos\frac{2\pi}{n+2}\right]$$
(4.7)

$$w_n(x;y) = (x-y)^2 - (2xy-1-\cos\frac{2\pi}{n+2})^2 + \cos^2\frac{2\pi}{n+2}(\tau_x p)(y)$$
  
with  $U_{n+1}(x) = \frac{\sin(n+2)\arccos x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$  and  $p(x) = (1-x)(x-\cos\frac{2\pi}{n+2})^2$ .

If in quadrature formula (2.3) we choose the knots  $z_k = z_{k,n}$  such that  $U_{n+1}(z_k) = 0$ , then the polynomials  $(\tau_x b_n)(z_{k,n})$  have a simplier form. Therefore, we will consider the Bouzitat formula of the second kind

$$\int_{-1}^{1} g(t)\omega(t)dt = \sum_{k=0}^{n+2} c_k(n)g(z_{k,n}) - \frac{\pi}{2^{2n+3}(2n+4)!}g^{(2n+4)}(\xi_n), \quad g \in C^{(2n+4)}(I), \quad \xi_n \in I,$$

with  $c_0(n) = c_{n+2}(n) = \frac{\pi}{2(n+2)}, \quad c_1(n) = \cdots = c_{n+1}(n) = \frac{\pi}{n+2}, \quad z_{k,n} = \cos \frac{\pi \pi}{n+2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

In conclusion let  $B_n^\star: X \to \Pi_n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , be the linear positive operators with the images

$$(B_n^{\star}f)(x) = \frac{\pi}{n+2} \left( \frac{f(-1)b_n(-x) + f(1)b_n(x)}{2} + \kappa_n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} v_n(x; z_{k,n}) \frac{1 - (-1)^k T_{n+2}(x)}{(x - z_{k,n})^2 (x - z_{k-2,n})^2 (x - z_{k+2,n})^2} f(z_{k,n}) \right);$$
(4.8)

the polynomials  $v_n$  being explained in (4.7).

Another representation of the operator  $B_n^*$  may be obtained in the following way. Let us consider the bilinear form for  $f, g: I \to \mathbb{R}$ 

$$(f,g)_n = \frac{\pi}{n+2} \left( \frac{f(-1)g(-1) + f(1)g(1)}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} f(\cos\frac{k\pi}{n+2})g(\cos\frac{k\pi}{n+2}) \right) \,.$$

It is easy to see that  $\langle f, g \rangle = (f, g)_n$  for  $fg \in \prod_{2n+3}$ .

Now

$$(B_n^*f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+2} c_k(n) f(z_{k,n})(\tau_x b_n)(z_{k,n}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+2} c_k(n) f(z_{k,n}) \sum_{j=0}^n \omega_j \beta_{j,n} T_j(x) T_j(z_{k,n})$$

implies

$$(B_n^*f)(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \omega_j \beta_{j,n} (f,T_j)_n T_j(x),$$

which is the discrete version of (4.5). Similar discrete approximation operators were studied by A.K. Varma and T.M. Mills [11]. They obtained such operators as a summability method of Lagrange interpolation.

By using (4.1) in (2.12) - (2.13) we obtain

**Theorem 4.2** Suppose that  $B = (B_n)$  is the  $\Theta$  - transformation of the Fejér operators  $F = (F_n)$ . Let  $B^* = (B_n^*)$  be defined as in (4.8). If  $f \in C(I)$ ,  $x \in I$ , and

$$\epsilon_n(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2} \sin \frac{\pi}{n+2} + |x| \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n+2}$$

then for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$|f(x) - (B_n f)(x)| \leq 4\omega(f; \epsilon_n(x))$$
  
$$|f(x) - (B_n^* f)(x)| \leq 4\omega(f; \epsilon_n(x))$$

**Remarks:** 

• If  $B = (B_n)$  is the  $\Theta$  - transformation of  $F = (F_n)$ , then

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$$\frac{r_n(B)}{r_n(F)} = (n+1)\sin^2\frac{\pi}{n+2}.$$

which means that the linear combination of Fejér operators (4.6) approximates the functions from C(I) better than  $F_n f$ .

• Note that the inequaliy

$$\epsilon_n(x) < \pi^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{n} + \frac{|x|}{n^2} \right), \quad x \in I,$$

furnishes an estimation of Timan's type

$$|f(x) - (B_n^* f)(x)| \le \tilde{c}_0 \,\omega(f; \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{n} + \frac{|x|}{n^2})$$
$$x \in I, \ f \in C(I), \ n \in \mathbb{N}, \ \tilde{c}_0 \in (0, 40].$$

By means of the second order modulus of smoothness

$$\omega_2(f,h) := \sup \{ |f(x-\delta) - 2f(x) + f(x+\delta)|; \ x, x \pm \delta \in I, \ 0 \le \delta \le h \}, \quad f \in C(I),$$

one finds

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $B = (B_n) = \Theta(F)$  and  $B^* = (B_n^*)$  as in (4.8). For  $f \in C(I)$ ,  $x \in I$ , we have

$$|f(x) - (B_n f)(x)| \leq c_0 \left(\omega_2(f; \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{|x|}{n}\omega(f; \frac{1}{n})\right),$$
  
$$|f(x) - (B_n^* f)(x)| \leq c_0 \left(\omega_2(f; \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{|x|}{n}\omega(f; \frac{1}{n})\right),$$

where  $c_0 = 3 + 2\pi^2$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\Omega_{2,x}(t) = (t-x)b^2$  then we get with (4.1)

$$(B_n \Omega_{2,x})(x) = (B_n^* \Omega_{2,x})(x)$$
  
=  $r_n(B) \left( 1 + \frac{n+1}{n+2} (1-2x^2) \cos \frac{2\pi}{n+2} \right)$   
<  $2r_n(B) < \frac{2\pi^2}{n^2}.$ 

If L is a linear positive operator which preserves the constant functions, there is – according to H.H.Gonska ([7] theorem 2.4) – for  $h \in (0, 2]$  and  $x \in I$ ,

$$|f(x) - (Lf)(x)| \leq \left(3 + \frac{1}{h^2} (L\Omega_{2,x})(x)\right) \omega_2(f;h) + \frac{2}{h} |e_1(x) - (Le_1)(x)| \omega(f;h).$$

Therefore, with  $h = \frac{1}{n}$  in our case we find the desired inequalities.

Finally let us suppose that  $\delta \in (0,1]$  and  $f \in Lip_2(\alpha, C)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 2$ . Then  $\omega_2(f; \delta) \leq C\delta^{\alpha}$ , C := const. and

$$\omega(f;\delta) \leq \begin{cases} 2 \|f\| &, \quad \alpha \in (0,1] \\ \delta \|f'\| &, \quad \alpha \in (1,2] \end{cases}$$

We get

$$\delta\omega(f;\delta) \leq \begin{cases} 2 \|f\|\delta^{\alpha} & , \ \alpha \in (0,1] \\ \|f'\|\delta^{\alpha} & , \ \alpha \in (1,2] \end{cases}$$

and so one finds a positive constant M = M(f) such that

$$\omega_2(f;\delta) + |x|\delta\omega(f;\delta) \le M\delta^{\alpha}, \quad \alpha \in (0,2], \, \delta \in (0,1], \, x \in I.$$

If we choose  $\delta = \frac{1}{n}$ , from Theorem 4.3 we get

$$|f(x) - (B_n^*f)(x)| \le \frac{M}{n^{\alpha}}, \quad x \in I.$$

In conclusion the linear summator operators  $(B_n^*)$  have the co-domain in  $\Pi_n$  and satisfy

$$|| f - B_n^* f ||_{C(I)} = \mathcal{O}(n^{-\alpha})$$

provided  $f \in Lip_2(\alpha, C)$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 2$ , i.e. a an answer to a problem proposed by P.L.Butzer [2]. Other solutions for Butzer's problem are presented in [5].

However, some summability methods for Lagrange interpolation (see [11], [10]) furnish us also an affirmative answer to the question raised in [2].

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