

## $L_p$ -APPROXIMATION BY ITERATIVE COMBINATION OF PHILLIPS OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** An estimate of error in  $L_p$ -approximation in terms of higher order integral modulus of smoothness is obtained using the device of Steklov means for an iterative combination, due to Micchelli, of Phillips operators.

**1. Introduction.** Phillips [7] introduced the following linear positive operators

$$S_\lambda(f, t) = \int_0^\infty W(\lambda, t, u) f(u) du, \quad f \in L_p[0, \infty)$$

where  $p \geq 1$ ,  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and

$$W(\lambda, t, u) = e^{-\lambda(t+u)} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda^2 t)^n u^{n-1}}{n!(n-1)!} + \delta(u) \right),$$

$\delta(u)$  being the Dirac–delta function.

It turns out that the order of approximation by the Phillips operator  $S_\lambda(f, t)$  is at best  $O(\lambda^{-1})$ . With the aim of improving the order of approximation by the Phillips operators, May [5] applied the technique of linear combinations to  $S_\lambda$ . These combinations were introduced by Butzer [2] in order to improve the order of approximation by Bernstein polynomials. Micchelli [6] offered yet another approach for improving the order of approximation by Bernstein polynomials  $B_n$  by considering the iterative combinations  $T_{n,k} = I - (I - B_n)^k$  and proved some direct and saturation results. Agrawal and Kasana [1] improved a result of Micchelli [6] and obtained a Voronovskaja type asymptotic formula for these operators.

In this paper, we consider Micchelli combination for the Phillips operator  $S_\lambda$  and prove some direct results in  $L_p$ -approximation. For  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$ , we define the operator

$$(1.1) \quad S_{\lambda,k}(f(u), t) = [I - (I - S_\lambda)^k](f, t) = \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} S_\lambda^r(f(u), t)$$

where  $S_\lambda^r$  denotes the  $r$ -th iterative (superposition) of the operator  $S_\lambda$ .

In what follows, we suppose that

$$0 < a_1 < a_3 < a_2 < b_2 < b_3 < b_1 < \infty, \quad I_i = [a_i, b_i], \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

and that  $[\alpha]$  denotes the integral part of  $\alpha$ .

**2. Degree of approximation.** We denote by  $\omega_{2k}(f, p, I_1)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the  $2k$ -th order integral modulus of smoothness of  $f$  on  $I_1$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *If  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , then for all  $\lambda$  sufficiently large*

$$\|S_{\lambda,k}(f, \cdot) - f\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq M_k \left\{ \omega_{2k}(f, \lambda^{-1/2}, p, I_1) + \lambda^{-k} \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)} \right\}$$

where  $M_k$  is a constant independent of  $f$  and  $\lambda$ .

The method of proof is first to approximate in a smooth subspace of  $L_p[0, \infty)$  (Lemma 2.6 below) and then use Steklov means to obtain the degree of approximation in  $L_p[0, \infty)$ . The use of Steklov means has been a powerful tool in the development of results as against the usual procedures exploiting Peetre's  $K$ -functional technique of Wood in [9].

First we define the Steklov means and then mention some results in the form of lemmas which will be used in the sequel. Let  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then for sufficiently small  $\eta > 0$ , the Steklov mean  $f_{\eta,m}$  of  $m$ -th order corresponding to  $f$  is defined by

$$f_{\eta,m}(u) = \eta^{-m} \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \cdots \int_{-\eta/2}^{\eta/2} \left\{ f(u) + (-1)^{m-1} \Delta_{\sum_{i=1}^m u_i}^m f(u) \right\} \prod_{i=1}^m du_i, \quad u \in I_1.$$

It is easy to check [4,8] that

- (i)  $f_{\eta,m}$  has derivatives up to order  $m$ ,  $f_{\eta,m}^{(m-1)} \in AC(I_1)$  and  $f_{\eta,m}^{(m)}$  exists a.e. and belongs to  $L_p(I_1)$ ;
- (ii)  $\|f_{\eta,m}^{(r)}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq M_r \eta^{-r} \omega_r(f, \eta, p, I_1)$ ,  $r = 1(1)m$ ;
- (iii)  $\|f - f_{\eta,m}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq M_{m+1} \omega_m(f, \eta, p, I_1)$ ;
- (iv)  $\|f_{\eta,m}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq M_{m+2} \|f\|_{L_p(I_1)}$ ;
- (v)  $\|f_{\eta,m}^{(m)}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq M_{m+3} \eta^{-m} \|f\|_{L_p(I_1)}$ , where  $M_i$ 's are certain constants depending on  $i$  but independent of  $f$  and  $\eta$ .

**LEMMA 2.1, [5]** *Let the function  $\mu_{\lambda,m}(t)$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{N}^0$  (the set of non-negative integers) be defined by  $\mu_{\lambda,m}(t) = \int_0^\infty W(\lambda, t, u)(u-t)^m du$ . Then  $\mu_{\lambda,0}(t) = 1$ ,  $\mu_{\lambda,1}(t) = 0$ ,  $\mu_{\lambda,2}(t) = 2t/\lambda$ , and the following recurrence relation holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2t}{\lambda} D(\mu_{\lambda,m}(t)) + \frac{t}{\lambda^2} D^2(\mu_{\lambda,m}(t)) \\ &= \mu_{\lambda,m+1}(t) - \frac{2tm}{\lambda} \mu_{\lambda,m-1}(t) - \frac{tm(m-1)}{\lambda^2} \mu_{\lambda,m-2}(t) - \frac{2tm}{\lambda^2} D^2(\mu_{\lambda,m-1}(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

- (i)  $\mu_{\lambda,m}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  and  $1/\lambda$  for every  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .
- (ii)  $\mu_{\lambda,m}(t) = O\left(\lambda^{-\lceil \frac{m+1}{2} \rceil}\right)$ , for every  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

Moreover, by using Hölder's inequality we have

$$(2.1) \quad S_\lambda(|u-t|^r, t) = O(\lambda^{-r/2}) \quad \text{for each } r > 0 \text{ and for every fixed } t \in [0, \infty).$$

For every  $m \in \mathbf{N}^0$  the  $m$ -th moment  $\mu_{\lambda,m}^{\{p\}}$  for the operator  $S_\lambda^p$  is defined by  $\mu_{\lambda,m}^{\{p\}}(t) = S_\lambda^p((u-t)^p; t)$ . Let  $\mu_{\lambda,m}(t)$  denote  $\mu_{\lambda,m}^{\{1\}}(t)$ .

LEMMA 2.2. *The following recurrence relation holds*

$$(2.2) \quad \mu_{\lambda,m}^{\{p+1\}}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \frac{1}{i!} D^i \left( \mu_{\lambda,m-j}^{\{p\}}(t) \right) \mu_{\lambda,i+j}(t),$$

where  $D$  denotes the operator  $d/dt$ .

*Proof.* By the definition above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\lambda,m}^{\{p+1\}}(t) &= S_\lambda(S_\lambda^p((\mu-t)^m; x); t) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} S_\lambda((x-t)^j S_\lambda^p((u-x)^{m-j}; x); t) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} S_\lambda \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \frac{(x-t)^{i+j}}{i!} D^i \left( \mu_{\lambda,m-j}^{\{p\}}(t) \right); t \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, (2.2) follows immediately.

LEMMA 2.3. *We have*

$$(2.3) \quad \mu_{\lambda,m}^{\{p\}}(t) = O\left(\lambda^{-\lceil (m+1)/2 \rceil}\right).$$

*Proof.* For  $p = 1$ , the result follows from Lemma 2.1. Suppose the result is true for  $p$ ; we shall prove it for  $p + 1$ . Now,  $\mu_{\lambda,m-j}^{\{p\}}(t) = O\left(\lambda^{-\lceil (m-j+1)/2 \rceil}\right)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $\leq m - j$ ; it follows that

$$D^i \left( \mu_{\lambda,m-j}^{\{p\}}(t) \right) = O\left(\lambda^{-\lceil (m-j+1)/2 \rceil}\right).$$

using Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\lambda,m}^{\{p+1\}}(t) &= O\left(\sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \lambda^{-\lceil (m-j+1)/2 \rceil + \lceil (i+j+1)/2 \rceil}\right) \\ &= O\left(\sum_{j=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \lambda^{-\lceil (m+i+1)/2 \rceil}\right) \end{aligned}$$

which implies (2.3), by induction hypothesis.  $\diamond$

LEMMA 2.4. For  $l$ -th moment ( $l \in \mathbf{N}$ ) of  $S_{\lambda,k}$ , we have

$$(2.4) \quad S_{\lambda,k}((u-t)^l, t) = O(\lambda^{-k}).$$

*Proof.* For  $k = 1$ , the result follows from Lemma 2.1. Now, suppose that (2.4) holds for some  $k$ ; then by using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we can infer it for  $k+1$  (induction argument.)  $\diamond$

LEMMA 2.5 [3] Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $f \in L_p[a, b]$ ,  $f^{(k)} \in AC[a, b]$  and  $f^{(k+1)} \in L_p[a, b]$ ; then

$$\|f^{(j)}\|_{L_p[a,b]} \leq k_j \left( \|f^{(k+1)}\|_{L_p[a,b]} + \|f\|_{L_p[a,b]} \right), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k,$$

where  $k_j$ 's are certain constants depending only on  $j, k, p, a$  and  $b$ .

LEMMA 2.6. If  $p > 1$ ,  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$ ,  $f$  has  $2k$  derivatives on  $I_1$  with  $f^{(2k-1)} \in AC(I_1)$  and  $f^{(2k)} \in L_p(I_1)$ , then for all  $\lambda$  sufficiently large

$$(2.5) \quad \|S_{\lambda,k}(f, t) - f(t)\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq M_1 \lambda^{-k} \left\{ \|f^{(2k)}\|_{L_p(I_1)} + \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)} \right\}.$$

If  $f \in L_1[0, \infty)$ ,  $f$  has  $(2k-1)$  derivatives on  $I_1$  with  $f^{(2k-2)} \in AC(I_1)$  and  $f^{(2k-1)} \in BV(I_1)$ , then for all  $\lambda$  sufficiently large

$$(2.6) \quad \|S_{\lambda,k}(f, t) - f(t)\|_{L_1(I_2)} \leq M_2 \lambda^{-k} \left\{ \|f^{(2k-1)}\|_{BV(I_1)} + \|f^{(2k-1)}\|_{L_1(I_2)} + \|f\|_{L_1[0, \infty)} \right\}$$

where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are constants independent of  $f$  and  $\lambda$ .

*Proof.* First assume  $p > 1$ ; then, by the hypothesis, for  $t \in I_2$  and  $u \in I_1$

$$f(u) = \sum_{j=0}^{2k-1} f^{(j)}(t) \frac{(u-t)^j}{j!} + \frac{1}{(2k-1)!} \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} f^{(2k)}(w) dw.$$

Hence, we can write

$$(2.7) \quad f(u) = \sum_{j=0}^{2k-1} \frac{(u-t)^j}{j!} f^{(j)}(t) + \frac{1}{(2k-1)!} \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} \phi(u) f^{(2k)}(w) dw + F(u, t)(1 - \phi(u)),$$

where  $\phi(u)$  is the characteristic function of  $I_1$  and for all  $u \in [0, \infty)$  and  $t \in I_2$

$$F(u, t) = f(u) - \sum_{j=0}^{2k-1} \frac{(u-t)^j}{j!} f^{(j)}(t),$$

Using (2.7) in (1.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\lambda,k}(f, t) - f(t) &= \sum_{j=1}^{2k-1} \frac{f^{(j)}(t)}{j!} S_{\lambda,k}((u-t)^j, t) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(2k-1)!} S_{\lambda,k} \left( \varphi(u) \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} f^{(2k)}(w) dw, t \right) \\ &\quad + S_{\lambda,k}(F(u, t)(1 - \phi(u)), t) \\ &= \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3, \quad \text{say} \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 2.4 and [3]

$$\|\Sigma_1\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_1 \lambda^{-k} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{2k-1} \|f^{(j)}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \right) \leq C_2 \lambda^{-k} \left( \|f\|_{L_p(I_2)} + \|f^{(2k)}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \right).$$

To estimate  $\Sigma_2$ , let  $h_f$  be the Hardy–Littlewood majorant [9] of  $f^{(2k)}$  on  $I_1$ . Use of Hölder's inequality and (2.1) leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \left| S_{\lambda}(\varphi(u) \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} f^{(2k)}(w) dw, t) \right| \\ &\leq S_{\lambda} \left( \varphi(u) \left| \int_t^u |u-w|^{2k-1} |f^{(2k)}(w)| dw \right|, t \right) \\ &\leq S_{\lambda}(\varphi(u)(u-t)^{2k} |h_f(u)|, t) \\ &\leq \{S_{\lambda}(|u-t|^{2kq} \varphi(u), t)\}^{1/q} \cdot \{S_{\lambda}(|h_f(u)|^p \varphi(u), t)\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C_3 \lambda^{-k} \left( \int_{a_1}^{b_1} W(\lambda, t, u) |h_f(u)|^p du \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

Fubini's theorem and [10, Ch. 2] imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_1\|_{L_p(I_2)}^p &\leq C_3 \lambda^{-kp} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \int_{a_1}^{b_1} W(\lambda, t, u) |h_f(u)|^p du dt \\ &\leq C_3 \lambda^{-kp} \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \left( \int_{a_2}^{b_2} W(\lambda, t, u) dt \right) |h_f(u)|^p du \\ &\leq C_4 \lambda^{-kp} \|f^{(2k)}\|_{L_p(I_1)}^p \end{aligned}$$

Consequently  $\|\Sigma_2\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_5 \lambda^{-k} \|f^{(2k)}\|_{L_p(I_1)}$ . For  $u \in [0, \infty) \setminus [a_1, b_1]$ ,  $t \in I_2$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|u-t| \geq \delta$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &|S_{\lambda}(F(u, t)(1 - \varphi(u)), t)| \\ &\leq \delta^{-2k} S_{\lambda}(|F(u, t)|(u-t)^{2k}, t) \\ &= \delta^{-2k} \left[ S_{\lambda}(|f(u)|(u-t)^{2k}, t) + \sum_{j=0}^{2k-1} \frac{|f^{(j)}(t)|}{j!} S_{\lambda}(|u-t|^{2k+j}, t) \right] \\ &= J_2 + J_3, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Hölder's inequality and (2.1) get us:

$$\begin{aligned} |J_2| &\leq \delta^{-2k} (S_\lambda(|f(u)|^p, t)^{1/p} (S_\lambda(|u-t|^{2kq}, t))^{1/q}) \\ &\leq C_6 \lambda^{-k} [S_\lambda(|f(u)|^p, t)]^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Again applying Fubini's theorem, we get  $\|J_2\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_7 \lambda^{-k} \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)}$ . Moreover, using (2.1) and [3], we obtain

$$\|J_3\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_8 \lambda^{-k} \sum_{j=0}^{2k-1} \|f^{(j)}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_8 \lambda^{-k} \left( \|f\|_{L_p(I_2)} + \|f^{(2k)}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \right).$$

Combining the estimates of  $J_2$  and  $J_3$ , we are led to:

$$\|\Sigma_3\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_9 \lambda^{-k} \left[ \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)} + \|f^{(2k)}\|_{L_p(I_2)} \right].$$

Hence the result (2.5) follows.

Now assume  $p = 1$ ; then by the assumption on  $f$  for almost all  $t \in I_2$  and for all  $u \in I_1$ ,

$$f(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{2k-1} \frac{(u-t)^i}{i!} f^{(i)}(t) + \frac{1}{(2k-1)!} \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} df^{(2k-1)}(w).$$

We can write

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= \sum_{i=0}^{2k-1} \frac{(u-t)^i}{i!} f^{(i)}(t) + \frac{1}{(2k-1)!} \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} df^{(2k-1)}(w) \varphi(u) \\ &\quad + F(u, t)(1 - \varphi(u)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi(u)$  denotes the characteristic function on  $I_1$  and  $F(u, t)$  is defined as earlier for almost all  $t \in I_2$  and for all  $u \in [0, \infty)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\lambda, k}(f, t) - f(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2k-1} \frac{f^{(i)}(t)}{i!} S_{\lambda, k}((u-t)^i, t) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(2k-1)!} S_{\lambda, k} \left( \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} df^{(2k-1)}(w) \varphi(u), t \right) \\ &\quad + S_{\lambda, k}(F(u, t)(1 - \varphi(u)), t) \\ &= J_1 + J_2 + J_3, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.2 and [3], we obtain

$$\|J_1\|_{L_1(I_2)} \leq C_1 \lambda^{-k} \left[ \|f\|_{L_1(I_2)} + \|f^{(2k-1)}\|_{L_1(I_2)} \right].$$

Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} K &\equiv \left\| S_\lambda \left( \int_t^u (u-w)^{2k-1} df^{(2k-1)}(w) \varphi(u), t \right) \right\|_{L_1(I_2)} \\ &\leq \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \int_{a_1}^{b_1} W(\lambda, t, u) |u-t|^{2k-1} \left| \int_t^u df^{(2k-1)}(w) \right| du dt. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $\lambda$  there exists a non-negative integer  $r = r(\lambda)$  such that

$$r\lambda^{-1/2} < \max(b_1 - a_2, b_2 - a_1) \leq (r + 1)\lambda^{-1/2}.$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K \leq & \sum_{l=0}^r \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \left\{ \int_{t+l\lambda^{-1/2}}^{t+(l+1)\lambda^{-1/2}} \varphi(u)W(\lambda, t, u)|u-t|^{2k-1} \right. \\ & \cdot \left( \int_t^{t+(l+1)\lambda^{-1/2}} \varphi(w) \left| df^{(2k-1)}(w) \right| \right) du \\ & + \int_{t-(l+1)\lambda^{-1/2}}^{t-l\lambda^{-1/2}} \varphi(u)W(\lambda, t, u)|u-t|^{2k-1} \\ & \cdot \left( \int_{t-(l+1)\lambda^{-1/2}}^t \varphi(w) \left| df^{(2k-1)}(w) \right| \right) du \left. \right\} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varphi_{t,c,d}(w)$  denote the characteristic function of the interval

$$\left[ t - c\lambda^{-1/2}, t + d\lambda^{-1/2} \right]$$

where  $c, d$  are non-negative integers. Now proceeding along the lines of [9, p. 70] we obtain, after using Lemma 2.1 and Fubini's theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} K \leq & C_2 \lambda^{-(2k+1)/2} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^r l^{-4} \left( \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \left( \int_{w-(l+1)\lambda^{-1/2}}^w dt \right) \left| df^{(2k-1)}(w) \right| \right. \right. \\ & + \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \left( \int_w^{w+(l+1)\lambda^{-1/2}} dt \right) \left. \left| df^{(2k-1)}(w) \right| \right) \\ & + \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \left( \int_{w-\lambda^{-1/2}}^{w+\lambda^{-1/2}} dt \right) \left. \left| df^{(2k-1)}(w) \right| \right\} \\ \leq & C_3 \lambda^{-k} \left\| f^{(2k-1)}(w) \right\|_{\text{BV}(I_1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\|J_2\|_{L_1(I_2)} \leq C_4 \lambda^{-k} \|f^{(2k-1)}\|_{\text{BV}(I_1)}$ , where  $C_4$  is a constant which depends on  $k$ .

For all  $u \in [0, \infty) \setminus [a_1, b_1]$  and all  $t \in I_2$ , we can choose a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|u - t| \geq \delta$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_\lambda(F(u, t)(1 - \varphi(u)), t)\|_{L_1(I_2)} & \leq \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \int_0^\infty W(\lambda, t, u) |f(u)| (1 - \varphi(u)) du dt \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^{2k-1} \frac{1}{i!} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \int_0^\infty W(\lambda, t, u) |f^{(i)}(t)| |u - t|^i (1 - \varphi(u)) du dt \\ & = J_4 + J_5, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

For sufficiently large  $u$  there exist positive constants  $R_0$  and  $C_6$  such that

$$\frac{(u-t)^{2k}}{u^{2k}+1} > C_6 \quad \text{for all } u \geq R_0, t \in I_2.$$

By Fubini's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} J_4 &= \left( \int_0^{R_0} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} + \int_{R_0}^{\infty} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \right) W(\lambda, t, u) |f(u)| (1 - \varphi(u)) dt du \\ &= J_6 + J_7, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Next, by using Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_6 &\leq C_7 \lambda^{-k} \left( \int_0^{R_0} |f(u)| du \right), \\ J_7 &\leq \frac{1}{C_6} \int_{R_0}^{\infty} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} W(\lambda, t, u) \frac{(u-t)^{2k}}{(u^{2k}+1)} |f(u)| dt du \leq C_8 \lambda^{-k} \left( \int_{R_0}^{\infty} |f(u)| du \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $J_4 \leq C_9 \lambda^{-k} \|f\|_{L_1([0, \infty))}$ . Further, using (2.1) and [3] we get

$$J_5 \leq C_{10} \lambda^{-k} \left( \|f\|_{L_1(I_2)} + \|f^{(2k-1)}\|_{L_1(I_2)} \right).$$

Combining the estimates of  $J_4$  and  $J_5$  we have

$$\|J_3\|_{L_1(I_2)} \leq C_{11} \lambda^{-k} \left( \|f\|_{L_1[0, \infty)} + \|f^{(2k-1)}\|_{L_1(I_2)} \right).$$

The result (2.6) follows.

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* Let  $f_{\eta, 2k}(u)$  be the Steklov mean of  $2k$ -th order corresponding to  $f(u)$  where  $\eta > 0$  is sufficiently small and  $f(u)$  is defined to be zero outside  $[0, \infty)$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|S_{\lambda, k}(f, \cdot) - f\|_{L_p(I_2)} \\ &\leq \|S_{\lambda, k}(f - f_{\eta, 2k}, \cdot)\|_{L_p(I_2)} + \|S_{\lambda, k}(f_{\eta, 2k}, \cdot)\|_{L_p(I_2)} + \|f_{\eta, 2k} - f\|_{L_p(I_2)} \\ &= \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

To estimate  $\Sigma_1$ , let  $\varphi(u)$  be the characteristic function of  $I_3$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\lambda}((f - f_{\eta, 2k})(u), t) &= S_{\lambda}(\varphi(u)(f - f_{\eta, 2k})(u), t) + S_{\lambda}((1 - \varphi(u))(f - f_{\eta, 2k})(u), t) \\ &= \Sigma_4 + \Sigma_5, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

The following is true for  $p = 1$ ; the truth for  $p > 1$  follows from Hölder's inequality.

$$\int_{a_2}^{b_2} |\Sigma_4|^p dt \leq \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \int_{a_3}^{b_3} W(\lambda, t, u) |(f - f_{\eta, 2k})(u)|^p du dt$$



Now, applying Fubini's theorem, we get

$$\int_{a_2}^{b_2} |\Sigma_4|^p dt \leq \int_{a_3}^{b_3} \int_{a_2}^{b_2} W(\lambda, t, u) |f - f_{\eta, 2k}(u)|^p dt du \leq \|f - f_{\eta, 2k}\|_{L_p(I_3)}^p.$$

Hence,  $\|\Sigma_4\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq \|f - f_{\eta, 2k}\|_{L_p(I_3)}$ . Using Hölder's inequality (2.1) and Fubini's theorem we get the following for  $p \geq 1$ :

$$\|\Sigma_5\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_1 \lambda^{-k} \|f - f_{\eta, 2k}\|_{L_p[0, \infty)}.$$

Now, using Jensen's inequality and Fubini's theorem we obtain  $\|f_{\eta, 2k}\|_{L_p[0, \infty)} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)}$ . Hence  $\|\Sigma_5\|_{L_p(I_2)} \leq C_3 \lambda^{-k} \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)}$ . Again by the property of Steklov means, we get

$$\Sigma_1 \leq C_4 \left\{ \omega_{2k}(f, \eta, p, I_1) + \lambda^{-k} \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)} \right\}.$$

It is well known that

$$\left\| f_{\eta, 2k}^{(2k-1)} \right\|_{\text{BV}(I_3)} \leq \left\| f_{\eta, 2k}^{(2k)} \right\|_{L_1(I_3)}.$$

Therefore by virtue of Lemma 2.6 (for  $p \geq 1$ ) and Lemma 2.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_2 &\leq C_5 \lambda^{-k} \left\{ \left\| f_{\eta, 2k}^{(2k)} \right\|_{L_p(I_3)} + \|f_{\eta, 2k}\|_{L_p[0, \infty)} \right\} \\ &\leq C_6 \lambda^{-k} \left\{ \eta^{-(2k)} \omega_{2k}(f, \eta, p, I_1) + \|f\|_{L_p[0, \infty)} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

in view of the properties of Steklov means.

To estimate  $\Sigma_3$ , we use the Steklov means property (iii) and obtain that  $\Sigma_3 \leq C_6 \omega_{2k}(f, \eta, p, I_1)$ . The result follows.  $\diamond$

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