RATE OF CONVERGENCE OF BOUNDED VARIATION FUNCTIONS BY A BÉZIER-DURRMEYER VARIANT OF THE BASKAKOV OPERATORS

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We consider a Bézier-Durrmeyer integral variant of the Baskakov operators and study the rate of convergence for functions of bounded variation.

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1. Introduction. Let $W(0, \infty)$ be the class of functions f which are locally integrable on $(0, \infty)$ and are of polynomial growth as $t \to \infty$, that is, for some positive r, there holds $f(t) = O(t^r)$ as $t \to \infty$. The Durrmeyer variant \tilde{V}_n of the Baskakov operators associates to each function $f \in W(0, \infty)$ the series

$$\widetilde{V}_{n}(f;x) = (n-1)\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(x) \int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t)f(t)dt, \quad x \in [0,\infty),$$
(1.1)

where

$$p_{n,k}(x) = \binom{n+k-1}{k} x^k (1+x)^{-n-k}$$
(1.2)

is the Baskakov basis function. Note that (1.1) is well defined, for $n \ge r + 2$, provided that $f(t) = O(t^r)$ as $t \to \infty$. The operators (1.1) were first introduced by Sahai and Prasad [9]. They termed these operators as modified Lupaş operators. In 1991, Sinha et al. [10] improved and corrected the results of [9] and denoted \tilde{V}_n as modified Baskakov operators. The rate of convergence of the operators (1.1) on functions of bounded variation was studied in [8, 11].

We mention that Agrawal and Thamer [2] considered the variant

$$M_n(f;x) = (n-1)\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,k-1}(t)f(t)dt + (1+x)^{-n}f(0)$$
(1.3)

of the operators (1.1) and studied its properties in subsequent papers [3, 4, 5]. See also [1]. The rate of convergence of the operators discussed by Agrawal and Thamer was studied by the first author in [7].

For each function $f \in W(0, \infty)$ and $\alpha \ge 1$, we consider the Bézier-type Baskakov-Durrmeyer operators $\tilde{V}_{n,\alpha}$ as

$$\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(f;x) = (n-1)\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,k}^{(\alpha)}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t)f(t)dt, \qquad (1.4)$$

where

$$Q_{n,k}^{(\alpha)}(x) = J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha}(x),$$

$$J_{n,k}(x) = \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} p_{n,j}(x).$$
(1.5)

It is obvious that $\tilde{V}_{n,\alpha}$ are positive linear operators and $\tilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(1;x) = 1$. In the special case $\alpha = 1$, the operators $\tilde{V}_{n,\alpha}$ reduce to the operators $\tilde{V}_n \equiv \tilde{V}_{n,1}$. Some basic properties of $J_{n,k}$ are as follows:

(i) $J_{n,k}(x) - J_{n,k+1}(x) = p_{n,k}(x)$ (k = 0, 1, 2, ...);

(ii)
$$J'_{n,k}(x) = np_{n+1,k-1}(x)$$
 (k = 1, 2, 3, ...);

- (iii) $J_{n,k}(x) = n \int_0^x p_{n+1,k-1}(t) dt \ (k = 1, 2, 3, ...);$
- (iv) $0 < \cdots < J_{n,k+1}(x) < J_{n,k}(x) < \cdots < J_{n,1}(x) < J_{n,0}(x) \equiv 1 \ (x > 0);$
- (v) $J_{n,k}$ is strictly increasing on $[0, \infty)$.

In this paper, we study the rate of convergence for the new sequence of operators (1.4), for functions f of bounded variation. Our result essentially generalizes and improves the results of [8, 11]. Furthermore, we find the limit of the sequence $\tilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(f;x)$ for bounded locally integrable functions f having a discontinuity of the first kind at $x \in (0, \infty)$.

2. The main results. As a main result, we derive the following estimate on the rate of convergence.

THEOREM 2.1. Assume that $f \in W(0, \infty)$ is a function of bounded variation on every finite subinterval of $(0, \infty)$. Furthermore, let $\alpha \ge 1$, $\lambda > 2$, and $x \in (0, \infty)$ be given. Then, for each $r \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a constant $M(f, \alpha, r, x)$ such that for sufficiently large n, the Bézier-type Baskakov-Durrmeyer operators $\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}$ satisfy the estimate

$$\left| \begin{split} \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(f;x) &- \left[\frac{1}{\alpha+1} f(x+) + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} f(x-) \right] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha(10+11x)}{2\sqrt{nx(1+x)}} \left| f(x+) - f(x-) \right| \\ &+ \frac{2\alpha\lambda(1+x) + x}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{k}}^{x+x/\sqrt{k}} (g_x) + \frac{M(f,\alpha,r,x)}{n^r}, \end{split}$$

$$(2.1)$$

where

$$g_{x}(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) - f(x) & (0 \le t < x), \\ 0 & (t = x), \\ f(t) - f(x) & (x < t < \infty), \end{cases}$$
(2.2)

and $\bigvee_{a}^{b}(g_{x})$ is the total variation of g_{x} on [a,b].

REMARK 2.2. The exponent r in the *O*-term of (2.1) can be chosen arbitrary large.

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.1, we obtain in the special case $\alpha = 1$ the following estimate which improves the results of [8, 11].

COROLLARY 2.3. Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.1, there holds, for sufficiently large n,

$$\left| \begin{split} \widetilde{V}_{n}(f;x) &- \frac{1}{2} [f(x+) + f(x-)] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{(10+11x)}{2\sqrt{nx(1+x)}} \left| f(x+) - f(x-) \right| \\ &+ \frac{2\lambda(1+x) + x}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{k}}^{x+x/\sqrt{k}} (g_{x}) + \frac{M(f,1,r,x)}{n^{r}}, \end{split}$$
(2.3)

where g_x is defined as in Theorem 2.1.

THEOREM 2.4. Let $x \in (0, \infty)$. If $f \in L(0, \infty)$ has a discontinuity of the first kind at x, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(f; x) = \frac{1}{\alpha + 1} f(x_{+}) + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 1} f(x_{-}).$$
(2.4)

3. Auxiliary results. In order to prove our main result, we will need the following lemmas. Throughout the paper, for each real *x*, let $\psi_x(t) = t - x$.

LEMMA 3.1 (see [6]). Let $\{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with finite variance such that the expectation $E(\xi_i) = a_1 \in \mathbb{R} \equiv (-\infty, \infty)$, and the variance $V(\xi_i) = b_1^2 > 0$. Assume that $E|\xi_i - a_1|^3 < \infty$. Then there exists a constant c with $1/\sqrt{2\pi} < c < 0.82$ such that, for all n = 1, 2, 3, ... and all $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\left| P\left(\frac{1}{b_1\sqrt{n}}\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\xi_i - a_1\right) \le t\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-u^2/2} du \right| \le c \frac{E\left|\xi_i - a_1\right|^3}{\sqrt{n}b_1^3}.$$
 (3.1)

LEMMA 3.2 (see [10]). For each fixed $x \in [0, \infty)$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, the central moments $\widetilde{V}_n(\psi_x^m; x)$ of the Baskakov-Durrmeyer operators (1.1) satisfy

$$\widetilde{V}_n(\psi_x^m; x) = O(n^{-\lfloor (m+1)/2 \rfloor}) \quad (n \to \infty).$$
(3.2)

In particular,

$$\widetilde{V}_n(1;x) = 1, \qquad \widetilde{V}_n(\psi_x^2;x) = \frac{2(n-1)x(1+x)}{(n-2)(n-3)} + \frac{2(1+2x)^2}{(n-2)(n-3)}.$$
(3.3)

REMARK 3.3. Note that, given any $\lambda > 2$ and any x > 0, for all *n* sufficiently large, we have the estimate

$$\widetilde{V}_n(\psi_x^2;x) < \frac{\lambda x(1+x)}{n}.$$
(3.4)

LEMMA 3.4 (see [13]). For all x > 0 and $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$, there holds

$$J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x)p_{n,k}(x) \le Q_{n,k}^{(\alpha)}(x) \le \alpha p_{n,k}(x) < \frac{\alpha\sqrt{1+x}}{\sqrt{2enx}}.$$
(3.5)

Throughout, let

$$K_{n,\alpha}(x,t) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,k}^{(\alpha)}(x) p_{n,k}(t), \qquad (3.6)$$

$$\lambda_{n,\alpha}(x,y) = \int_0^y K_{n,\alpha}(x,t)dt.$$
(3.7)

With this definition, for each function $f \in W(0,\infty)$, there holds, for all sufficiently large n,

$$\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(f;x) = \int_0^\infty K_{n,\alpha}(x,t)f(t)dt.$$
(3.8)

Note that, in particular,

$$\lambda_{n,\alpha}(x,\infty) = \int_0^\infty K_{n,\alpha}(x,u) du = 1.$$
(3.9)

LEMMA 3.5. For each $\lambda > 2$ and, for all sufficiently large *n*, there exist, for all $x \in (0, \infty)$,

$$\lambda_{n,\alpha}(x,y) = \int_0^y K_{n,\alpha}(x,t) dt \le \frac{\lambda \alpha x (1+x)}{n(x-y)^2} \quad (0 \le y < x), \tag{3.10}$$

$$1 - \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x,z) = \int_z^\infty K_{n,\alpha}(x,t) dt \le \frac{\lambda \alpha x (1+x)}{n(z-x)^2} \quad (x < z < \infty).$$
(3.11)

PROOF. First we prove (3.10). There holds

$$\int_{0}^{y} K_{n,\alpha}(x,t) dt \leq \int_{0}^{y} K_{n,\alpha}(x,t) \frac{(x-t)^{2}}{(x-y)^{2}} dt$$

$$\leq (x-y)^{-2} \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\psi_{x}^{2};x)$$

$$\leq \alpha (x-y)^{-2} \widetilde{V}_{n,1}(\psi_{x}^{2};x),$$
(3.12)

where we applied Lemma 3.4. Now (3.10) is a consequence of Remark 3.3. The proof of (3.11) is similar. $\hfill \Box$

LEMMA 3.6 (see [13]). Let $\{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of independent random variables with the same geometric distribution

$$P(\xi_1 = k) = \left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)^k \frac{1}{1+x} \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}),$$
(3.13)

where x > 0 is a parameter. Then,

$$E(\xi_1) = x, \qquad E(\xi_1 - E\xi_1)^2 = x(1+x), \qquad E|\xi_1 - E\xi_1|^3 \le 3x(1+x)^2.$$
 (3.14)

LEMMA 3.7. For all $x \in (0, \infty)$ and k = 0, 1, 2, ..., there hold

$$\left|J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - J_{n-1,k+1}^{\alpha}(x)\right| \le \frac{\alpha(10+11x)}{2\sqrt{nx(1+x)}},\tag{3.15}$$

$$\left| J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - J_{n-1,k}^{\alpha}(x) \right| \le \frac{\alpha(10+11x)}{2\sqrt{nx(1+x)}}.$$
(3.16)

PROOF. First we prove (3.15). Proceeding along the lines of [8, Lemma 2.8] and [12], it is easily checked that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| J_{n,k}(x) - J_{n-1,k+1}(x) \right| &\leq \frac{2(0.82)E\left|\xi_1 - E\xi_1\right|^3}{\sqrt{n}(x(1+x))^{3/2}} + \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi nx(1+x)}} \\ &\leq \frac{2(0.82) \cdot 3x(1+x)^2}{\sqrt{n}(x(1+x))^{3/2}} + \frac{x}{2\sqrt{nx(1+x)}} \\ &\leq \frac{10+11x}{2\sqrt{nx(1+x)}}, \end{aligned}$$
(3.17)

where we used Lemmas 3.1 and 3.6. Application of the inequality $|a^{\alpha} - b^{\alpha}| \le \alpha |a - b|$, for $0 \le a$, $b \le 1$, and $\alpha \ge 1$ yields (3.15). The proof of (3.16) is similar.

4. Proofs of the main results

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1. Our starting point is the identity

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha+1}f(x+) + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}f(x-) + \left(\operatorname{sign}(t-x) + \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+1}\right)\frac{f(x+) - f(x-)}{2} + g_x(t) + \delta_x(t)\left(f(x) - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2}\right),$$
(4.1)

where $\delta_x(t) = 1$ (t = x) and $\delta_x(t) = 0$ $(t \neq x)$ (see [12, Equation (28)]). Since $\tilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\delta_x; x) = 0$, we conclude that

$$\left| \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(f;x) - \left[\frac{1}{\alpha+1} f(x+) + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} f(x-) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \left| \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\operatorname{sign}(t-x);x) + \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+1} \right| \left| f(x+) - f(x-) \right| + \left| \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(g_x;x) \right|.$$

$$(4.2)$$

First, we obtain

$$\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\operatorname{sign}(t-x);x) = (n-1)\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,j}^{(\alpha)}(x) \left(\int_{x}^{\infty} p_{n,j}(t)dt - \int_{0}^{x} p_{n,j}(t)dt\right)$$
$$= (n-1)\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,j}^{(\alpha)}(x) \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,j}(t)dt - 2\int_{0}^{x} p_{n,j}(t)dt\right)$$
$$= 1 - 2(n-1)\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,j}^{(\alpha)}(x) \int_{0}^{x} p_{n,j}(t)dt.$$
(4.3)

Using

$$\sum_{j=0}^{k} p_{n-1,j}(x) = (n-1) \int_{x}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) dt, \qquad (4.4)$$

we conclude that

$$\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\operatorname{sign}(t-x);x) = 1 - 2\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,j}^{(\alpha)}(x) \left(1 - \sum_{k=0}^{j} p_{n-1,k}(x)\right)$$
$$= -1 + 2\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n-1,k}(x) \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} Q_{n,j}^{(\alpha)}(x)$$
$$= -1 + 2\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n-1,k}(x) J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x)$$
(4.5)

since $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,j}^{(\alpha)}(x) = 1$. Therefore, we obtain

$$\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\operatorname{sign}(t-x);x) + \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+1} = 2\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n-1,k}(x) J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - \frac{2}{\alpha+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Q_{n-1,k}^{(\alpha+1)}(x)$$
(4.6)

since $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Q_{n-1,k}^{(\alpha+1)}(x) = 1$. By the mean value theorem, it follows that

$$Q_{n-1,k}^{(\alpha+1)}(x) = J_{n-1,k}^{\alpha+1}(x) - J_{n-1,k+1}^{\alpha+1}(x) = (\alpha+1)p_{n-1,k}(x)\gamma_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x),$$
(4.7)

where $J_{n-1,k+1}(x) < \gamma_{n,k}(x) < J_{n-1,k}(x)$. Hence,

$$\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\operatorname{sign}(t-x);x) + \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+1} = 2\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n-1,k}(x) \left(J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - \gamma_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) \right),$$
(4.8)

where

$$J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - J_{n-1,k}^{\alpha}(x) < J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - \gamma_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) < J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - J_{n-1,k+1}^{\alpha}(x).$$
(4.9)

Lemma 3.7 implies that

$$\left|\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\operatorname{sign}(t-x);x) + \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+1}\right| \le \frac{\alpha(10+11x)}{\sqrt{nx(1+x)}} \quad \text{for } x \in (0,\infty).$$
(4.10)

In order to complete the proof of the theorem, we need an estimate of $\tilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(g_x;x)$. We use the integral representation (3.8) and decompose $[0,\infty)$ into three parts as follows:

$$\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(g_x;x) = \left(\int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} + \int_{x-x/\sqrt{n}}^{x+x/\sqrt{n}} + \int_{x+x/\sqrt{n}}^{\infty}\right) K_{n,\alpha}(x,t)g_x(t)dt$$

$$= I_1 + I_2 + I_3, \quad \text{say.}$$

$$(4.11)$$

We start with I_2 . For $t \in [x - x/\sqrt{n}, x + x/\sqrt{n}]$, we have

$$|g_{X}(t)| \leq \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{n}}^{x+x/\sqrt{n}} (g_{X}), \qquad (4.12)$$

and therefore

$$|I_2| \le \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{n}}^{x+x/\sqrt{n}}(g_x) \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{k}}^{x+x/\sqrt{k}}(g_x).$$
(4.13)

Next we estimate I_1 . Let $y = x - x/\sqrt{n}$. Using integration by parts with (3.7), we have

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} g_x(t) d_t \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x,t) = g_x(y) \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x,y) - \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x,t) d_t g_x(t).$$
(4.14)

Since $|g_x(y)| = |g_x(y) - g_x(x)| \le \bigvee_y^x (g_x)$, we conclude that

$$|I_1| \leq \bigvee_{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathcal{X}} (g_{\mathcal{X}}) \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x, \mathcal{Y}) + \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x, t) d_t \left(-\bigvee_t^{\mathcal{X}} (g_{\mathcal{X}}) \right).$$
(4.15)

Since $y = x - x / \sqrt{n} \le x$, (3.10) implies that

$$|I_1| \leq \frac{\lambda \alpha x (1+x)}{n(x-y)^2} \bigvee_{\mathcal{Y}}^{x} (g_x) + \frac{\lambda \alpha x (1+x)}{n} \int_0^{\mathcal{Y}} \frac{1}{(x-t)^2} d_t \left(-\bigvee_t^{x} (g_x)\right).$$
(4.16)

Integrating the last term by parts, we get

$$|I_1| \le \frac{\lambda \alpha x (1+x)}{n} \left(x^{-2} \bigvee_0^x (g_x) + 2 \int_0^y \frac{\bigvee_t^x (g_x)}{(x-t)^3} dt \right).$$
(4.17)

Replacing the variable y in the last integral by $x - x/\sqrt{n}$, we obtain

$$\int_{0}^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} \bigvee_{t}^{x} (g_{x})(x-t)^{-3} dt = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \int_{x/\sqrt{k+1}}^{x/\sqrt{k}} \bigvee_{x-t}^{x} (g_{x})t^{-3} dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2x^{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{k}}^{x} (g_{x}).$$
(4.18)

Hence,

$$|I_1| \leq \frac{2\lambda\alpha(1+x)}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^n \bigvee_{x=x/\sqrt{k}}^x (g_x).$$

$$(4.19)$$

Finally, we estimate I_3 . We let

$$\widetilde{g}_{x}(t) = \begin{cases} g_{x}(t) & (0 \le t \le 2x), \\ g_{x}(2x) & (2x < t < \infty) \end{cases}$$
(4.20)

and divide $I_3 = I_{31} + I_{32}$, where

$$I_{31} = \int_{x+x/\sqrt{n}}^{\infty} K_{n,\alpha}(x,t) \widetilde{g}_x(t) dt,$$

$$I_{32} = \int_{2x}^{\infty} K_{n,\alpha}(x,t) [g_x(t) - g_x(2x)] dt.$$
(4.21)

With $y = x + x / \sqrt{n}$, the first integral can be written in the form

$$I_{31} = \lim_{R \to +\infty} \left\{ g_{X}(y) \left[1 - \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x, y) \right] + \widetilde{g}_{X}(R) \left[\lambda_{n,\alpha}(x, R) - 1 \right] + \int_{\mathcal{Y}}^{R} \left[1 - \lambda_{n,\alpha}(x, t) \right] d_{t} \widetilde{g}_{X}(t) \right\}.$$

$$(4.22)$$

By (3.11), we conclude that

$$|I_{31}| \leq \frac{\lambda \alpha x (1+x)}{n} \lim_{R \to +\infty} \left\{ \frac{\bigvee_{x}^{y} (g_{x})}{(y-x)^{2}} + \frac{|\widetilde{g}_{x}(R)|}{(R-x)^{2}} + \int_{y}^{R} \frac{1}{(t-x)^{2}} d_{t} \left(\bigvee_{x}^{t} (\widetilde{g}_{x})\right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda \alpha x (1+x)}{n} \left\{ \frac{\bigvee_{x}^{y} (g_{x})}{(y-x)^{2}} + \int_{y}^{2x} \frac{1}{(t-x)^{2}} d_{t} \left(\bigvee_{x}^{t} (g_{x})\right) \right\}.$$
(4.23)

In a similar way as above we obtain

$$\int_{y}^{2x} \frac{1}{(t-x)^{2}} d_{t} \left(\bigvee_{x}^{t} (g_{x})\right) \leq x^{-2} \bigvee_{x}^{2x} (g_{x}) - \frac{\bigvee_{x}^{y} (g_{x})}{(y-x)^{2}} + x^{-2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \bigvee_{x}^{x+x/\sqrt{k}} (g_{x})$$
(4.24)

which implies the estimate

$$\left|I_{31}\right| \leq \frac{2\lambda\alpha(1+x)}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \bigvee_{x}^{x+x/\sqrt{k}} (g_x).$$

$$(4.25)$$

We proceed with I_{32} . By assumption, there exists an integer r such that $f(t) = O(t^{2r})$ as $t \to \infty$. Thus, for a certain constant M > 0, depending only on f, x, and r, we have

$$|I_{32}| \le M(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Q_{n,k}^{(\alpha)}(x) \int_{2x}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) t^{2r} dt$$

$$\le \alpha M(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(x) \int_{2x}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) t^{2r} dt,$$
(4.26)

where we used Lemma 3.4. Obviously, $t \ge 2x$ implies $t \le 2(t - x)$ and it follows that

$$|I_{32}| \le 2^{2r} \alpha M(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(x) \int_{0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) (t-x)^{2r} dt = 2^{2r} \alpha M \widetilde{V}_{n}(\psi_{x}^{2r};x).$$
(4.27)

By Lemma 3.2, the central moments of the Baskakov-Durrmeyer operators (1.1) satisfy $\widetilde{V}_n(\psi_x^{2r}; x) = O(n^{-r})(n \to \infty)$, and we obtain

$$I_{32} = O(n^{-r}) \quad (n \to \infty). \tag{4.28}$$

Collecting the estimates (4.13), (4.19), (4.25), and (4.28) yields with regard to (4.11)

$$\left|\widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(g_{x};x)\right| \leq \frac{2\lambda\alpha(1+x)+x}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{k}}^{x+x/\sqrt{k}} (g_{x}) + O(n^{-r}) \quad (n \to \infty).$$
(4.29)

Finally, combining (4.2), (4.10), and (4.29), we obtain (2.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. $\hfill \Box$

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.4. Since the function ψ_x^2 given by $\psi_x^2(t) = (t - x)^2$ is of bounded variation on every finite subinterval of $[0, \infty)$, we deduce from Theorem 2.1 that, for all $x \in (0, \infty)$,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(\psi_x^2; x) = 0. \tag{4.30}$$

If $f \in L_{\infty}(0, \infty)$, then g_x defined as in (2.2) is also bounded and is continuous at the point *x*. By the Korovkin theorem, we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \widetilde{V}_{n,\alpha}(g_x; x) = g_x(x) = 0.$$
(4.31)

Therefore, the right-hand side of inequality (4.2) tends to zero as $n \to \infty$. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.4.

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