

**APPROXIMATION FOR BASKAKOV-KANTOROVICH-BÉZIER  
 OPERATORS IN THE SPACE  $L_p[0, \infty)$**

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**Abstract.** In this paper we give the direct, inverse and equivalence theorem for Baskakov-Kantorovich-Bézier operators in the space  $L_p[0, \infty)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) with Ditzian-Totik modulus.

1. INTRODUCTION

In computer aided geometric design, the Bézier method is often used to construct curve and surface. Bézier[2] introduced the Bézier basis functions. Some properties of convergence and approximation for some Bézier-type operators has been studied (cf.[1, 3, 6-10]), but the studies of this kind is insufficient. In this paper we will consider the direct, inverse and equivalence theorems for Baskakov-Kantorovich-Bézier operator(BKB operator). The BKB operator is defined by (cf. [1, 6]): For  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$ ,

$$(1.1) \quad V_{n\alpha}(f, x) = n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} f(t) dt (J_{n,k}^{\alpha}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha}(x)),$$

where  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $J_{n,k}(x) = \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} v_{n,j}(x)$ ,  $v_{n,j}(x) = \binom{n+j-1}{j} x^j (1+x)^{-n-j}$ . When  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $V_{n1}(f, x)$  is the well-known Baskakov-Kantorovich operator. For  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $a^{\alpha} - b^{\alpha} \leq \alpha(a - b)$  ( $1 \geq a \geq b \geq 0$ ), we know

$$(1.2) \quad |V_{n\alpha}(f, x)| \leq \alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} f(t) dt \right| v_{n,k}(x).$$

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Noticing that  $\int_0^\infty v_{n,k}(x)dx = \frac{1}{n-1}$ , one sees that  $V_{n\alpha}(f, x)$  is bounded and positive in the space  $L_p[0, \infty)$ .

To describe our results, we will give the definition of the modulus of smoothness and the K-functional first(cf. [4]).

For  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ),  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1+x)}$ ,

$$\omega_\varphi(f, t)_p = \sup_{0 < h \leq t} \left\{ \left\| f\left(x + \frac{h\varphi(x)}{2}\right) - f\left(x - \frac{h\varphi(x)}{2}\right) \right\|_p, x - \frac{h\varphi(x)}{2} \geq 0 \right\},$$

$$K_\varphi(f, t)_p = \inf_{g \in W_p} \{ \|f - g\|_p + t \|\varphi g'\|_p \},$$

$$\overline{K}_\varphi(f, t)_p = \inf_{g \in W_p} \{ \|f - g\|_p + t \|\varphi g'\|_p + t^2 \|g'\|_p \},$$

where  $W_p = \{f \mid f \in A.C.loc, \|\varphi f'\|_p < \infty, \|f'\|_p < \infty\}$ .

It is known that [4].

$$(1.3) \quad \omega_\varphi(f, t)_p \sim K_\varphi(f, t)_p \sim \overline{K}_\varphi(f, t)_p,$$

here  $a \sim b$  means that there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $C^{-1}a \leq b \leq Ca$ .

Now we state our equivalence theorem as follows:

**Theorem.** For  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ),  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1+x)}$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,

$$(1.4) \quad \|V_{n\alpha}f - f\|_p = O\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^\beta\right)$$

$$(1.5) \quad \Leftrightarrow \omega_\varphi(f, t)_p = O(t^\beta).$$

Throughout this paper, C denotes a positive constant independent of  $n$  and  $x$ , but it is not necessarily the same in different cases.

## 2. DIRECT THEOREM

For convenience, we list some basic properties which will be used later and can be found in [9] or obtained by simple computation.

$$(2.1) \quad 1 = J_{n,0}(x) > J_{n,1}(x) > \cdots > J_{n,k}(x) > J_{n,k+1}(x) > \cdots > 0;$$

$$(2.2) \quad v'_{n,k}(x) = n(v_{n+1,k-1}(x) - v_{n+1,k}(x)), \quad v'_{n,0}(x) = -nv_{n+1,0}(x), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$(2.3) \quad J'_{n,0}(x) = 0, \quad J'_{n,k}(x) = nv_{n+1,k-1}(x) > 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots;$$

$$(2.4) \quad v'_{n,k}(x) = \frac{n}{\varphi^2(x)} \left( \frac{k}{n} - x \right) v_{n,k}(x), \quad x \in (0, \infty);$$

$$(2.5) \quad V_{n1}((t-x)^2, x) \leq \frac{\delta_n^2(x)}{n}, \quad V_{n1}((t-x)^{2r}, x) \leq Cn^{-r} \left( \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)^{2r},$$

where  $\delta_n(x) = \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ .

Now we give the direct theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** For  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ),  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1+x)}$ , one has

$$(2.6) \quad \|V_{n\alpha}f - f\|_p \leq C\omega_\varphi \left( f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)_p.$$

*Proof.* By the definition of  $\overline{K}_\varphi(f, t)_p$  and the relation (1.3), for the fixed  $n$ , we can choose  $g = g_n$  such that

$$(2.7) \quad \|f - g\|_p + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\|\varphi g'\|_p + \frac{1}{n}\|g'\|_p \leq C\omega_\varphi \left( f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)_p.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|V_{n\alpha}f - f\|_p &\leq \|V_{n\alpha}(f - g)\|_p + \|f - g\|_p + \|V_{n\alpha}g - g\|_p \\ &\leq C \|f - g\|_p + \|V_{n\alpha}g - g\|_p. \end{aligned}$$

All we have to do is to estimate the second term in the above relation. By the Riesz-Thorin theorem, we separate the proof of the assertions for  $p = \infty$  and  $p = 1$ .

**I.**  $p = \infty$ . We will have to split the estimate into two domains, that is  $x \in E_n^c = [0, \frac{1}{n}]$  and  $x \in E_n = (\frac{1}{n}, \infty)$ .

Note that  $g(t) = g(x) + \int_x^t g'(u)du$ , we write

$$|V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| \leq \left| V_{n\alpha} \left( \int_x^t g'(u)du, x \right) \right|.$$

1°.  $x \in E_n = (\frac{1}{n}, \infty)$ ,  $\delta_n(x) \sim \varphi(x)$ : By simple computation we have

$$\left| \int_x^t g'(u)du \right| \leq \|\varphi g'\|_\infty \left| \int_x^t \varphi^{-1}(u)du \right|,$$

$$\left| \int_x^t \varphi^{-1}(u) du \right| \leq 2 \left( \varphi^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1+t)}} \right) |t-x|.$$

One has

$$\begin{aligned} |V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| &\leq 2\|\varphi g'\|_\infty \left[ \varphi^{-1}(x) V_{n\alpha}(|t-x|, x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} V_{n\alpha} \left( \frac{|t-x|}{\sqrt{1+t}}, x \right) \right] \\ &=: 2\|\varphi g'\|_\infty (M_1 + M_2). \end{aligned}$$

Using the Hölder inequality and (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \varphi^{-1}(x) n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} |t-x| dt [J_{n,k}^\alpha(x) - J_{n,k+1}^\alpha(x)] \\ &\leq \alpha \varphi^{-1}(x) n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} |t-x| dt v_{n,k}(x) \leq \alpha \varphi^{-1}(x) \frac{\delta_n(x)}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the relation [4, pp.141 (9.6.3)]: for any integer  $m$ , we have

$$V_{n1}((1+t)^{-m}) \leq C(m)(1+x)^{-m}.$$

Similarly, we can estimate  $M_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 &= x^{-\frac{1}{2}} n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} \frac{|t-x|}{\sqrt{1+t}} dt [J_{n,k}^\alpha(x) - J_{n,k+1}^\alpha(x)] \\ &\leq \alpha x^{-\frac{1}{2}} n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} \frac{|t-x|}{\sqrt{1+t}} dt v_{n,k}(x) \\ &\leq \alpha x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} |t-x|^2 dt v_{n,k}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} \frac{1}{1+t} dt v_{n,k}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \alpha \varphi^{-1}(x) \frac{\delta_n(x)}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

2°.  $x \in E_n^c = [0, \frac{1}{n}]$ ,  $\delta_n(x) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ :

$$\left| \int_x^t g'(u) du \right| \leq \|g'\|_\infty |t-x|.$$

Therefore

$$|V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| \leq C\|g'\|_\infty V_{n\alpha}(|t-x|, x) \leq C\|g'\|_\infty \frac{\delta_n(x)}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{C}{n} \|g'\|_\infty.$$

From 1° and 2°, we get for  $p = \infty$

$$(2.8) \quad \|V_{n\alpha}f - f\|_\infty \leq C\omega_\varphi(f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})_\infty.$$

**II.**  $p = 1$ . We will estimate it into two domains  $x \in E_n^c$  and  $x \in E_n$  too.

1°.  $x \in E_n^c = [0, \frac{1}{n}]$ .

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} |V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| &\leq \alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} \left| \int_x^t g'(u)du \right| dt v_{n,k}(x) \\ &\leq \alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_{n,k}(x) n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} \left( \varphi^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t}} \right) dt \int_0^1 |\varphi(u)g'(u)| du \\ &\leq \alpha \|\varphi g'\|_1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \varphi^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sqrt{\frac{n}{k+n}} \right) v_{n,k}(x). \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E_n^c} |V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| dx &\leq \alpha \|\varphi g'\|_1 \\ &\quad \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} \varphi^{-1}(x) dx + \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{k+n}} v_{n,k}(x) dx \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} \varphi^{-1}(x) dx \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}$ , we can get

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{k+n}} v_{n,k}(x) dx \leq \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Then

$$(2.10) \quad \int_{E_n^c} |V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| dx \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}} \|\varphi g'\|_1.$$

2°.  $x \in E_n$ . By the procedure of the relation (2.9), we can write

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} &\int_{E_n} |V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| dx \\ &\leq \alpha \int_{E_n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_{n,k}(x) n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} \left( \varphi^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+t}} \right) dt \\ &\quad \left| \int_x^{\frac{k^*}{n}} |\varphi(u)g'(u)| du \right| dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C \int_{E_n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_{n,k}(x) \left( \varphi^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sqrt{\frac{n}{k+n}} \right) \left| \int_x^{\frac{k^*}{n}} |\varphi(u)g'(u)| du \right| dx =: C(R_1 + R_2),$$

here  $\left| \int_x^{\frac{k^*}{n}} |\varphi(u)g'(u)| du \right| = \max_{j=k, k+1} \left| \int_x^{\frac{j}{n}} |\varphi(u)g'(u)| du \right|$ .

Using the method in [4, pp.146-147], we estimate  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . First let

$$D(l, n, x) = \{k : l\varphi(x)n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right| < (l+1)\varphi(x)n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\},$$

then

$$R_1 = \int_{E_n} \varphi^{-1}(x) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k \in D(l, n, x)} v_{n,k}(x) \left| \int_x^{\frac{k^*}{n}} |\varphi(u)g'(u)| du \right| dx.$$

For  $x \in E_n$ ,  $l \geq 1$ , we have [4, Lemma 9.4.4]

$$(2.12) \quad \sum_{k \in D(l, n, x)} v_{n,k}(x) \leq \sum_{k \in D(l, n, x)} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right|^4 v_{n,k}(x) \frac{n^2}{l^4 \varphi^4(x)} \leq \frac{C}{(l+1)^4}.$$

Let

$$F(l, x) = \left\{ v : v \in [0, \infty), |v - x| \leq (l+1)\varphi(x)n^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{n} \right\},$$

$$G(l, v) = \{x : x \in E_n, v \in F(l, x)\}.$$

From the procedure in [4, pp. 147], we know

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} R_1 &\leq C \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(l+1)^4} \int_{E_n} \varphi^{-1}(x) \int_{F(l, x)} |\varphi(v)g'(v)| dv dx \\ &\leq C \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(l+1)^4} \int_0^{\infty} |\varphi(v)g'(v)| \int_{G(l, v)} \varphi^{-1}(x) dx dv \leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|\varphi g'\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

By the Hölder inequality, we can get the estimation for  $R_2$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \sum_{k \in D(l, n, x)} v_{n,k}(x) \sqrt{\frac{n}{k+n}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \left( \sum_{k \in D(l, n, x)} v_{n,k}(x) \frac{n}{k+n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \left( \frac{2}{1+x} \sum_{k \in D(l, n, x)} v_{n-1, k}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{C}{(1+l)^4} \varphi^{-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.14) \quad R_2 \leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|\varphi g'\|_1.$$

So,

$$(2.15) \quad \int_{E_n} |V_{n\alpha}(g, x) - g(x)| dx \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}} \|\varphi g'\|_1.$$

Therefore by (2.10) and (2.15), we obtain (2.6) for  $p = 1$ . Following (2.8) we complete the proof of Theorem 2.1. ■

### 3. INVERSE THEOREM

To prove the inverse theorem, we shall first prove the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1.** For  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ),  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1+x)}$ ,  $\delta_n(x) = \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ , one has

$$(3.1) \quad \left\| \delta_n V'_{n\alpha}(f) \right\|_p \leq C \sqrt{n} \|f\|_p.$$

*Proof.* We will show (3.1) for two cases  $p = \infty$  and  $p = 1$ . Since

$$V'_{n\alpha}(f, x) = \alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} f(t) dt \left[ J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k+1}(x) \right].$$

Using (2.1) and (2.3) we write

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| V'_{n,\alpha}(f, x) \right| \leq \alpha \|f\|_{\infty} \\ & \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \right] J'_{n,k+1}(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) |v'_{n,k}(x)| \right) \\ & =: \alpha \|f\|_{\infty} (J_1 + J_2). \end{aligned}$$

By (2.2) (let  $v_{n,-1}(x) = 0$ ), one has for  $x \in E_n^c$

$$\delta_n(x) J_2 \leq \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n |v_{n+1,k-1}(x) - v_{n+1,k}(x)| \leq \frac{6}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n v_{n+1,k}(x) < 6\sqrt{n}.$$

By (2.4), one has for  $x \in E_n$

$$\delta_n(x) J_2 \leq 2\varphi(x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\varphi^2(x)} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right| v_{n,k}(x) \leq \frac{2n}{\varphi(x)} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right|^2 v_{n,k}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} < 4\sqrt{n}.$$

For  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad \delta_n(x) J_2 \leq C\sqrt{n}.$$

Note that  $J'_{n,0}(x) = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \right) J'_{n,k+1}(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) \left( J'_{n,k}(x) - v'_{n,k}(x) \right) - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k+1}(x) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k}(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k+1}(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) |v'_{n,k}(x)| = J_2. \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$(3.4) \quad \delta_n(x) J_1 \leq C\sqrt{n}.$$

Combining (3.2)-(3.4) we get for  $p = \infty$

$$(3.5) \quad \left\| \delta_n(x) V'_{n\alpha}(f, x) \right\|_{\infty} \leq C\sqrt{n} \|f\|_{\infty}.$$

For  $p = 1$ , let  $a_k(f) = n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} f(t) dt$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad & \left| V'_{n,\alpha}(f, x) \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \left[ J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \right] J'_{n,k+1}(x) \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) |v'_{n,k}(x)| \\ & =: \left( \tilde{J}_1 + \tilde{J}_2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Writing

$$(3.7) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \left| \delta_n(x) V'_{n\alpha}(f, x) \right| dx = \left( \int_{E_n^c} + \int_{E_n} \right) \delta_n(x) \left( \tilde{J}_1 + \tilde{J}_2 \right) dx.$$

Now we estimate the four parts in the right of (3.7):

$$\int_{E_n^c} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_2 dx \leq \int_{E_n^c} \delta_n(x) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| n (v_{n+1,k-1}(x) + v_{n+1,k}(x)) dx + \int_{E_n^c} \delta_n(x) |a_0(f)| n v_{n+1,0}(x) dx.$$

For  $x \in E_n^c$ ,  $\delta_n(x) \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{n}}$ , noting  $\int_0^{\infty} v_{n,k}(x) dx = \frac{1}{n-1}$ , we have

$$(3.8) \quad \int_{E_n^c} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_2 dx \leq \frac{6}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} |f(t)| dt + \frac{3n}{\sqrt{n}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} |f(t)| dt \leq 6\sqrt{n} \|f\|_1.$$

Since  $J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \leq 1$ ,  $J'_{n,k+1}(x) = n v_{n+1,k}(x)$ , we have

$$(3.9) \quad \int_{E_n^c} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_1 dx \leq \int_{E_n^c} \delta_n(x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| n v_{n+1,k}(x) dx \leq 3\sqrt{n} \|f\|_1.$$

To estimate  $\int_{E_n} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_2 dx$ , we will need the relation [4, pp.129 (9.4.15)]:

$$\int_{E_n} \frac{(\frac{k}{n} - x)^2}{\varphi^2(x)} v_{n,k}(x) dx \leq C n^{-2}.$$

By Hölder inequality and (2.4), we get

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{E_n} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_2 dx &\leq 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \int_{E_n} \varphi(x) \cdot \frac{n}{\varphi^2(x)} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right| v_{n,k}(x) dx \\ &\leq 2n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \left( \int_{E_n} \frac{(\frac{k}{n} - x)^2}{\varphi^2(x)} v_{n,k}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( \int_{E_n} v_{n,k}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C\sqrt{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} |f(t)| dt = C\sqrt{n} \|f\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate  $\int_{E_n} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_1 dx$ , we consider two cases  $\alpha \geq 2$  and  $1 < \alpha < 2$  (when  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\tilde{J}_1 = 0$ ). For  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \leq (\alpha - 1)v_{n,k}(x)$ .

Using integration by parts, we can deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{E_n} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_1 dx &\leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \int_{E_n} \varphi(x) v_{n,k}(x) J'_{n,k+1}(x) dx \\
&= C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \left( \varphi(x) v_{n,k}(x) J_{n,k+1}(x) \Big|_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} - \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} J_{n,k+1}(x) d(\varphi(x) v_{n,k}(x)) \right) \\
&= C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \varphi(x) v_{n,k}(x) J_{n,k+1}(x) \Big|_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} \\
&\quad - C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \left( \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} J_{n,k+1}(x) \frac{1+2x}{2\sqrt{x(1+x)}} v_{n,k}(x) dx \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} J_{n,k+1}(x) \varphi(x) v'_{n,k}(x) dx \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $\varphi(x) v_{n,k}(x) J_{n,k+1}(x) \Big|_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} < 0$ ,  $\int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} J_{n,k+1}(x) \frac{1+2x}{2\sqrt{x(1+x)}} v_{n,k}(x) dx > 0$  and (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{E_n} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_1 dx &\leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} |J_{n,k+1}(x) \varphi(x) v'_{n,k}(x)| dx \\
(3.11) \quad &\leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \left( \int_{E_n} \frac{\left(\frac{k}{n} - x\right)^2}{\varphi^2(x)} v_{n,k}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( \int_{E_n} v_{n,k}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&\leq C \sqrt{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} |f(t)| dt = C \sqrt{n} \|f\|_1.
\end{aligned}$$

When  $1 < \alpha < 2$ , using the differential intermediate value theorem, we know

$$J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) = (\alpha - 1)(\xi_k(x))^{\alpha-2} v_{n,k}(x)$$

where  $J_{n,k+1}(x) < \xi_k(x) < J_{n,k}(x)$  and  $\alpha - 2 < 0$ , then

$$J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) - J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \leq (\alpha - 1) J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-2}(x) v_{n,k}(x).$$

For  $1 < \alpha < 2$ , we get from the procedure of (3.11)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{E_n} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_1 dx \\
(3.12) \quad & \leq C \int_{E_n} \varphi(x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| v_{n,k}(x) (\alpha - 1) J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-2}(x) J'_{n,k+1}(x) dx \\
& = C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \int_{E_n} \varphi(x) v_{n,k}(x) dJ_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k(f)| \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{\infty} \varphi(x) |v'_{n,k}(x)| dx \leq C\sqrt{n} \|f\|_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.11) and (3.12), we get for  $\alpha \geq 1$

$$(3.13) \quad \int_{E_n} \delta_n(x) \tilde{J}_1 dx \leq C\sqrt{n} \|f\|_1.$$

From (3.6)-(3.10) and (3.13), we obtain for  $p = 1$

$$(3.14) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \delta_n(x) |V'_{n\alpha}(f, x)| dx \leq C\sqrt{n} \|f\|_1.$$

By (3.5) and (3.14), Lemma 3.1 holds.  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 3.2.** For  $f \in W_p$ ,  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1+x)}$ ,  $\delta_n(x) = \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ , one has

$$(3.15) \quad \left\| \delta_n(x) V'_{n\alpha}(f, x) \right\|_p \leq$$

*Proof.* By the Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem, we will show Lemma 3.2 for  $p = \infty$  and  $p = 1$ . For  $f \in W_p$  and noting that  $J'_{n,0}(x) = 0$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned}
V'_{n,\alpha}(f, x) &= \alpha \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} f(t) dt J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k}(x) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} f(t) dt J_{n,k+1}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k+1}(x) \right] \\
&= \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} f\left(\frac{k}{n} + t\right) dt - \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} f\left(\frac{k-1}{n} + t\right) dt \right) J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k}(x) \\
&= \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} f'\left(\frac{k-1}{n} + u + t\right) du dt J_{n,k}^{\alpha-1}(x) J'_{n,k}(x),
\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.16) \quad & \left| V'_{n,\alpha}(f, x) \right| \leq \alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \left| f' \left( \frac{k-1}{n} + v \right) \right| dv J'_{n,k}(x) \\
& = \alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \left| f' \left( \frac{k}{n} + v \right) \right| dv J'_{n,k+1}(x) \\
& = \alpha \left( \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} |f'(v)| dv J'_{n,1}(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \left| f' \left( \frac{k}{n} + v \right) \right| dv J'_{n,k+1}(x) \right) \\
& = : \alpha (Q_1 + Q_2).
\end{aligned}$$

**I.**  $p = \infty$ . We estimate (3.16) in two cases.

1°.  $x \in E_n^c$ . Noting that  $\delta_n(x) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned}
|\delta_n(x) V'_{n\alpha}(f, x)| & \leq \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \left| f' \left( \frac{k}{n} + v \right) \right| dv J'_{n,k+1}(x) \\
& \leq C \|\delta_n f'\|_{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_{n+1,k}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_{n+1,k}(x) = 1$ , one has

$$(3.17) \quad |\delta_n(x) V'_{n\alpha}(f, x)| \leq C \|\delta_n f'\|_{\infty}.$$

2°.  $x \in E_n$ ,  $\delta_n(x) \sim \varphi(x)$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(x) Q_1 & \leq \|\varphi f'\|_{\infty} \varphi(x) \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \varphi^{-1}(v) dv J'_{n,1}(x) \\
& \leq 2 \|\varphi f'\|_{\infty} \varphi(x) \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} n v_{n+1,0}(x) \leq 4 \|\varphi f'\|_{\infty},
\end{aligned}$$

here we have used the relation  $\frac{\varphi(x)\sqrt{n}}{(1+x)^{n+1}} \leq 1$ .

Similarly, noticing that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi^{-2} \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) v_{n+1,k}(x) \leq C \varphi^{-2}(x)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(x) Q_2 & \leq \|\varphi f'\|_{\infty} \varphi(x) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \varphi^{-1} \left( \frac{k}{n} + v \right) dv J'_{n,k+1}(x) \\
& \leq 2 \|\varphi f'\|_{\infty} \varphi(x) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi^{-1} \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) v_{n+1,k}(x) \\
& \leq 2 \|\varphi f'\|_{\infty} \varphi(x) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varphi^{-2} \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) v_{n+1,k}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \|\varphi f'\|_{\infty}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then for  $x \in E_n$ , we get from (3.17)

$$(3.18) \quad \left\| \delta_n(x) V'_{n\alpha}(f, x) \right\|_{\infty} \leq C \|\delta_n f'\|_{\infty}.$$

**II.**  $p = 1$ . First we will estimate  $\int_0^{\infty} \delta_n(x) Q_2 dx$ . For  $k \geq 1, 0 \leq v \leq \frac{2}{n}$ , one has

$$\int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \left| f' \left( \frac{k}{n} + v \right) \right| dv \leq \varphi^{-1} \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \varphi \left( \frac{k}{n} + v \right) \left| f' \left( \frac{k}{n} + v \right) \right| dv.$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \delta_n(x) Q_2 dx &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+2}{n}} \varphi(u) |f'(u)| du \int_0^{\infty} \varphi^{-1} \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \delta_n(x) v_{n+1,k}(x) dx \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+2}{n}} \varphi(u) |f'(u)| du \cdot n \left( \int_0^{\infty} \varphi^{-2} \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \delta_n^2(x) v_{n+1,k}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Noticing  $k \geq 1, \frac{n}{k} \frac{n}{n+k} v_{n+1,k}(x) = \frac{(k+1)n}{k(n-1)x(1+x)} v_{n-1,k+1}(x)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{\infty} \frac{n}{k} \frac{n}{n+k} \left( \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)^2 v_{n+1,k}(x) dx \\ &\leq 4 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{n}{k} \frac{n}{n+k} \left( \varphi^2(x) + \frac{1}{n} \right) v_{n+1,k}(x) dx \\ &\leq 4 \left( \int_0^{\infty} \varphi^2(x) \frac{n}{k} \frac{n}{n+k} v_{n+1,k}(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \frac{n}{n+k} v_{n+1,k}(x) dx \right) \\ &\leq 4 \left( 4 \int_0^{\infty} v_{n-1,k+1}(x) dx + \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{C}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above relations, we can deduce

$$(3.19) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \delta_n(x) Q_2 dx \leq C \|\varphi f'\|_1.$$

Secondly, we consider  $Q_1$ . Noticing  $\delta_n(u) \sqrt{n} \geq 1$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_n(x) Q_1 &= \delta_n(x) \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} |f'(u)| du J'_{n,1}(x) \\ &\leq \delta_n(x) \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} \sqrt{n} \delta_n(u) |f'(u)| du \cdot n v_{n+1,0}(x) \leq n^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\delta_n f'\|_1 \delta_n(x) v_{n+1,0}(x), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^\infty \delta_n(x) Q_1 dx &\leq n^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\delta_n f'\|_1 \int_0^\infty \left( \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) v_{n+1,0}(x) dx \\
 (3.20) \quad &\leq n^{\frac{3}{2}} \|\delta_n f'\|_1 \left[ \left( \int_0^\infty \varphi^2(x) v_{n+1,0}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \right] \\
 &= \|\delta_n f'\|_1 \left[ n \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{n-1} v_{n-1,1}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 \right] = 2 \|\delta_n f'\|_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.23), (3.20), we obtain

$$(3.21) \quad \int_0^\infty \delta_n(x) |V'_{n\alpha}(f, x)| dx \leq C \|\delta_n f'\|_1.$$

Therefore Lemma 3.2 can be proved by (3.18) and (3.20).  $\blacksquare$

Using Lemma 3.1 and 3.2, we can prove the inverse theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** For  $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ),  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1+x)}$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ , then

$$\|V_{n\alpha}(f, x) - f(x)\|_p = O\left(n^{-\frac{\beta}{2}}\right)$$

implies  $\omega_\varphi(f, t)_p = O(t^\beta)$ .

*Proof.* Using Lemma 3.1, 3.2 and the same method in (cf. [4, pp.165, [5, pp.145],). For a suitable function  $g$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_\varphi(f, t)_p &\leq \|f - V_{n\alpha}(f)\|_p + t \|\varphi V'_{n\alpha}(f)\|_p \\
 &\leq C n^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} + t (\|\delta_n V'_{n\alpha}(f - g)\|_p + \|\delta_n V'_{n\alpha}(g)\|_p) \\
 &\leq C n^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} + t \sqrt{n} \left( \|f - g\|_p + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|\delta_n g'\|_p \right) \\
 &\leq C n^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} + t \sqrt{n} \left( \|f - g\|_p + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \|\varphi g'\|_p + \frac{1}{n} \|g'\|_p \right) \\
 &\leq C \left( n^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} + \frac{t}{n^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \overline{K}_\varphi(f, n^{-\frac{1}{2}})_p \right) \leq C \left( n^{-\frac{\beta}{2}} + \frac{t}{n^{-\frac{1}{2}}} K_\varphi(f, n^{-\frac{1}{2}})_p \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

By the Berens-Lorentz Lemma, the above relation implies  $K_\varphi(f, t)_p = O(t^\beta)$ .  $\omega_\varphi(f, t)_p = O(t^\beta)$  holds from (1.3), we see that the proof of Theorem 3.3 is completed.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark 1.** From Theorem 2.1 and 3.1 we can deduce (1.4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (1.5).

**Remark 2.** In [6], the author also studied the Szász-Kantorovich-Bézier operators, using the above method, we can obtain the similar direct, inverse and equivalence theorem for the Szász-Kantorovich-Bézier operators without any difficulty.

4. A NOTE ON THE SECOND ORDER MODULUS

In this section we will explain that the second order modulus can not be used.

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $a_i, b_i > 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1; j = n, \dots$ ),  $e_0 > e_1 > \dots > e_{n-1} > e_n > \dots > 0$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} b_j$ , then we have*

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i e_i > \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} b_j e_j.$$

*Proof.* The inequality (4.1) is equivalent to  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \frac{e_i}{e_{n-1}} > \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} b_j \frac{e_j}{e_{n-1}}$ .

Since  $\frac{e_i}{e_{n-1}} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{e_j}{e_n} < 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \frac{e_i}{e_{n-1}} \geq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} b_j > \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} b_j \frac{e_j}{e_{n-1}}.$$

The proof of (4.1) is complete. ■

Now we explain that in the direct result  $\omega_\varphi(f, t)$  can not be replaced by  $\omega_\varphi^2(f, t)$ .

Take  $f(t) = t - 1, \alpha = 2, x = 1$ . Then for  $t > 0, \omega_\varphi^2(f, t) = 0$ . If  $\omega_\varphi(f, t)$  can be replaced by  $\omega_\varphi^2(f, t)$ , it would be  $|V_{n2}(f, 1) - f(1)| = 0$ , i.e.

$$(4.2) \quad V_{n2}(f, 1) = 0.$$

But as

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n2}(f, 1) &= n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} (t - 1) dt [J_{n,k}^2(1) - J_{n,k+1}^2(1)] \\ &= n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} (t - 1) dt v_{n,k}(1) [J_{n,k}(1) + J_{n,k+1}(1)] \end{aligned}$$

with (4.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.3) \quad I_1 &=: \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{2n-2i-1}{n} v_{n,i}(1) [J_{n,i}(1) + J_{n,i+1}(1)] \\
 &= \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{2j+1-2n}{n} v_{n,j}(1) [J_{n,j}(1) + J_{n,j+1}(1)] =: I_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Take  $a_i = \frac{2n-2i-1}{n} v_{n,i}(1)$ ,  $e_i = J_{n,i}(1) + J_{n,i+1}(1)$ ,  $b_j = \frac{2j+1-2n}{n} v_{n,j}(1)$ ,  $e_j = J_{n,j}(1) + J_{n,j+1}(1)$  ( $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ;  $j = n, \dots$ ), since  $V_{n1}(t-1, 1) = 0$ , we have  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} b_j$ . Obviously,  $e_0 > e_1 > \dots > e_{n-1} > e_n > \dots > 0$ , by Lemma 4.1, we get  $I_1 > I_2$ . This is contradictory with (4.3).

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