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# On the $\alpha\beta$ -statistical convergence of the modified discrete operators

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# Abstract

The concept of  $\alpha\beta$ -statistical convergence was introduced by Aktuğlu (J. Comput. Appl. Math. 259:174–181, 2014). In this paper, we apply  $\alpha\beta$ -statistical convergence to investigate modified discrete operator approximation properties.

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# 1 Introduction and preliminaries

The notion of statistical convergence was introduced by Fast [2] and Steinhaus [3] independently in the same year 1951 as follows.

Let  $K \subset \mathbb{N}$  and  $K_n = \{k \le n : k \in K\}$ . Then the natural density of K is defined by  $\delta(K) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|K_n|}{n}$  if the limit exists, where  $|K_n|$  denotes the cardinality of  $K_n$ .

A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be statistically convergent to *L* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta\{k \in \mathbb{N} : |x_k - L| \ge \varepsilon\} = 0$  or  $\lim_{n} \frac{|\{k \le n: |x_k - L| \ge \varepsilon\}|}{n} = 0$ . We write st-lim  $x_k = L$ .

Statistical convergence is a generalization of concept of ordinary convergence. So, every convergent sequence is statistically convergent, but not conversely. For example, let

$$x_k = \begin{cases} 1, & k = m^2, \\ 0, & k \neq m^2, \end{cases} \qquad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Then, st-lim  $x_k = 0$ , but  $(x_k)$  is not convergent.

Approximation theory has important applications in the theory of polynomial approximation, various areas of functional analysis, and numerical solutions of differential and integral equations. In the recent years, with the help of the concept of statistical convergence, various statistical approximation results have been proved.

Gadjiev and Orhan [4] studied a Korovkin-type approximation theorem by using the notion of statistical convergence for the first time in 2002. Later, generalizations and applications of this concept have been investigated by various authors [5–11].

Aktuğlu [1] introduced  $\alpha\beta$ -statistical convergence as follows. Let  $\alpha(n)$  and  $\beta(n)$  be two sequences of positive numbers satisfying the following conditions:

 $P_1$ :  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are both nondecreasing,

$$P_2: \beta(n) \ge \alpha(n),$$



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 $P_3: \beta(n) - \alpha(n) \to \infty \text{ as } n \to \infty.$ 

Let  $\Lambda$  denote the set of pairs  $(\alpha, \beta)$  satisfying  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ . For a pair  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Lambda, 0 < \gamma \le 1$ , and  $K \subset \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$\delta^{\alpha,\beta}(K,\gamma) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|K \cap P_n^{\alpha,\beta}|}{(\beta(n) - \alpha(n) + 1)^{\gamma}},$$

where  $P_n^{\alpha,\beta}$  is the closed interval  $[\alpha(n), \beta(n)]$ , and |S| represents the cardinality of *S*.

**Definition 1.1** ([1]) A sequence *x* is said to be  $\alpha\beta$ -statistically convergent of order  $\gamma$  to *L*, denoted by st<sup> $\gamma$ </sup><sub> $\alpha\beta$ </sub>-lim<sub> $n\to\infty$ </sub>  $x_n = L$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\delta^{\alpha,\beta}\left(\left\{k:|x_k-L|\geq\varepsilon\right\},\gamma\right)=\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{|\{k\in P_n^{\alpha,\beta}:|x_k-L|\geq\varepsilon\}|}{(\beta(n)-\alpha(n)+1)^{\gamma}}=0.$$

For  $\gamma = 1$ , we say that x is  $\alpha\beta$ -statistically convergent to L, and this is denoted by  $\operatorname{st}_{\alpha\beta}-\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = L$ .

Let *X* be a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $0 < \gamma \le 1$ ; then we can consider the following definition for a sequence of functions  $f_r : X \to \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 1.2** A sequence of functions  $f_r$  is said to be  $\alpha\beta$ -statistically uniformly convergent to f on X of order  $\gamma$  and denoted by  $f_k \rightrightarrows f(\alpha\beta^{\gamma}$ -stat) if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\delta^{\alpha,\beta}\big(\big\{k: \big\|f_k(x) - f(x)\big\|_{C(X)} \ge \varepsilon\big\}, \gamma\big) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|\{k \in P_n^{\alpha,\beta}: \|f_k(x) - f(x)\|_{C(X)} \ge \varepsilon\}|}{(\beta(n) - \alpha(n) + 1)^{\gamma}} = 0$$

**Theorem 1.3** ([1]) Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \Lambda$ ,  $0 < \gamma \le 1$ , and let  $L_n : C(X) \to C(X)$  be a sequence of positive linear operators satisfying

$$L_n(e_v, x) \Longrightarrow f(\alpha \beta^{\gamma} - stat), \quad v = 0, 1, 2.$$

Then for all  $f \in C(X)$ ,

$$L_n(f,x) \Longrightarrow f(\alpha \beta^{\gamma} \operatorname{-stat}).$$

Throughout this paper, K represents a compact subinterval of  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , and  $e_j$  stands for  $e_j(t) = t^j$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ .

Agratini [12] investigated a general class of positive approximation processes of discrete type expressed by series and modified them into finite sums. Agratini [12] defined the operator

$$L_{n}(f;x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) f(x_{n,k}), \quad x \ge 0, f \in F,$$
(1)

where *F* stands for the domain of  $L_n$  containing the set of all continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  for which the series in (1) is convergent, by using the following three requirements:

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

- (i) For every k ∈ N<sub>0</sub>, there exists a sequence of γ<sub>k</sub> such that x<sub>n,k</sub> = O(n<sup>-γ<sub>k</sub></sup>) (n → ∞) a net on ℝ<sup>+</sup>, Δ<sub>n</sub> = (x<sub>n,k</sub>)<sub>k>0</sub> is fixed.
- (ii) A sequence  $(\phi_{n,k})_{k\geq 0}$  is given, where  $\phi_{n,k} \in C'(\mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $C'(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is the space of all real-valued functions continuously differentiable in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . This sequence satisfies the following conditions:

$$\phi_{n,k} \ge 0, k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) = e_0, \qquad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) x_{n,k} = e_1.$$
 (2)

(iii) There exists a positive function  $\psi \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{R}^+}$ ,  $\psi \in C(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , with the property

$$\psi(n,x)\phi'_{n,k}(x) = (x_{n,k} - x)\phi_{n,k}(x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_{\mathsf{F}}, x \ge 0.$$
(3)

Agratini [12] indicated the following technical result.

**Lemma 1.4** Let  $L_n(f;x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) f(x_{n,k}), x \ge 0, f \in F$ , and let  $\zeta_{n,r}$  be the rth central moment of  $L_n$ . For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we have the following identities:

$$\zeta_{n,0}(x) = 1, \qquad \zeta_{n,1}(x) = 0,$$
(4)

$$\zeta_{n,r+1}(x) = \psi(n,x) \big( \zeta'_{n,r}(x) + r \zeta_{n,r+1}(x) \big), \quad r \in \mathbb{N},$$
(5)

$$\zeta_{n,2}(x) = \psi(n,x). \tag{6}$$

In this paper, we present  $\alpha\beta$ -statistical convergence approximation properties of the operator investigated by Agratini [12].

### 2 Main results

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $L_n(f;x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k} f(x_{n,k})$ . If  $st_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} - \lim_{n \to \infty} \psi(n,x) = 0$  uniformly on K, then for every  $f \in F$ , we have  $st_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} - \lim_{n \to \infty} \|L_n(f;x) - f(x)\| = 0$ .

Proof Due to

$$L_n(e_0; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k} = e_0,$$
$$L_n(e_1; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k} x_{n,k} = e_1,$$

we can obtain that

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{st}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} - \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| L_n(e_0; x) - e_0 \right\| = 0, \\ & \operatorname{st}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} - \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| L_n(e_1; x) - e_1 \right\| = 0. \end{split}$$

We know from [12] that  $\zeta_{n,r}(x) = L_n((e_1 - xe_0)^r; x), r \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . If we choose r = 2, then we can write  $\psi(n, x) = \zeta_{n,2}(x) = L_n((e_1 - xe_0)^2; x)$ . Since  $L_n$  is a linear operator, we can easily see that  $\psi(n, x) = L_n(e_2; x) - x^2$ . So,  $\|\psi(n, x)\|_{C(K)} = \|L_n(e_2; x) - x^2\|_{C(K)}$ . Since  $\operatorname{st}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$ - $\operatorname{lim}_{n\to\infty} \psi(n, x) = C_{\alpha\beta}$ 

0 uniformly on *K*, we have  $\|\psi(n,x)\|_{C(K)} = \|L_n(e_2;x) - x^2\|_{C(K)}$ . Then from Theorem 1.3 we obtain that  $\operatorname{st}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma} - \lim_{n \to \infty} \|L_n(f;x) - f(x)\|_{C(K)} = 0$ .

We give some information to investigate  $\alpha\beta$ -statistical approximation properties of modified discrete operators defined by Agratini [12]. If we specialize the net  $\Delta_n$  and the function  $\psi$ , then we consider that a positive sequence  $(a_n)_{n\geq 1}$  and the function  $\psi_i \in C(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , i = 1, 2, ..., l, exist such that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$x_{n,k} = \frac{k}{a_n} \le k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ with } \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = 0,$$
  

$$\psi(n,x) = \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\psi_i(x)}{a_n^i}, \quad x \ge 0.$$
(7)

Under these assumptions, the requirement of Theorem 2.1 is fulfilled. Starting from (1), under the additional assumptions (7), Agratini defined

$$L_{n,\delta}(f;x) = \sum_{k=0}^{[a_n(x+\delta(n))]} \phi_{n,k} f\left(\frac{k}{a_n}\right), \quad x \ge 0, f \in F,$$
(8)

where  $\delta = (\delta(n))_{n \ge 1}$  is a sequence of positive numbers. The study of these operators was developed in polynomial weighted spaces connected to the weights  $\omega_m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\omega_m(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^{2m}}$ ,  $x \ge 0$ . For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the spaces  $E_m := \{f \in \mathbb{C}(R^+) : ||f||_m := \sup_{x \ge 0} \omega_m(x)|f(x)| < \infty\}$  are endowed with the norm  $||\cdot||_m$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([12]) Let  $L_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , be defined by (1), and let assumptions (7) be fufilled. If  $\psi_i \in C^{2m-2}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , i = 1, 2, 3, ..., l, then the central moment of (2m)th order satisfies

$$\zeta_{n,2m}(x) \le \frac{C(m,K)}{a_n}, \quad x \in K,$$
(9)

where C(m, K) is a constant depending only on m and the compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $L_{n,\delta}(f;x) = \sum_{k=0}^{[a_n(x+\delta(n))]} \phi_{n,k}f(\frac{k}{a_n})$  be defined by [13] If  $\psi_i \in C^{2m-2}(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , i = 1, 2, ..., l, and  $st_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$ -lim $_{n\to\infty} \sqrt{a_n}\delta(n) = 0$ , then  $st_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$ -lim $_{n\to\infty} ||L_{n,\delta}(f;x) - f(x)||_{C(K)} = 0$ , for  $every f \in E_m \cap F$ .

*Proof* To prove Theorem 2.3, we need the elementary inequality

$$t^{2m} \le 2^{2m-1} \left( x^{2m} + (t-x)^{2m} \right), \quad t \ge 0, x \ge 0, m \in \mathbb{N}.$$
<sup>(10)</sup>

On the other hand, for  $f \in E_m$ , there exist constants  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|f| \le A + Bt^{2m}$ . Thus, using (1), we get  $|f(t)| \le A + B(2^{2m-1}(x^{2m} + (t-x)^{2m})) = A + B2^{2m-1}x^{2m} + B2^{2m-1}(t-x)^{2m} = g_m(x) + 2^{2m-1}B(t-x)^{2m}$ , where  $g_m := A + B2^{2m-1}e^{2m}$ . Then

$$\left|f\left(\frac{k}{a_n}\right)\right| \le g_m(x) + 2^{2m-1}B\left(\frac{k}{a_n} - x\right)^{2m}, \quad k \in N_0, x \ge 0.$$

Since *x*,  $\delta(n)$ , and  $a_n$  are positive, if  $k \ge [a_n(x + \delta(n))] + 1$ , then

$$\frac{k}{a_n} \ge x.$$

So we can write

$$\left\{k \in \mathbb{N}_0 : k \ge \left[a_n(x+\delta(n))\right]+1\right\} \subset \left\{k \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \left|\frac{k}{a_n}-x\right| > \delta(n)\right\} := I_{n,x,\delta}.$$

Let  $R_n := L_n - L_{n,\delta}$ . Thus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} R_n(f;x) &| = \left| \sum_{k=[a_n(x+\delta(n))]+1}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k} f\left(\frac{k}{a_n}\right) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=[a_n(x+\delta(n))]+1}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k} \left[ g_m(x) + 2^{2m-1} B\left(\frac{k}{a_n} - x\right)^{2m} \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{k\in I_{n,x,\delta}}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) g_m(x) + 2^{2m-1} B \sum_{k\in I_{n,x,\delta}}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) \left(\frac{k}{a_n} - x\right)^{2m} \\ &\leq g_m(x) \frac{1}{\delta^{2m}(n)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) \left(\frac{k}{a_n} - x\right)^{2m} + 2^{2m-1} B \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_{n,k}(x) \left(\frac{k}{a_n} - x\right)^{2m} \\ &= g_m(x) \frac{1}{\delta^{2m}(n)} \zeta_{n,2m}(x) + 2^{2m-1} B \zeta_{n,2m}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Using  $\zeta_{n,2m}(x) \leq \frac{C(m,K)}{a_n^m}$ , we get

$$\left| R_{n}(f;x) \right| \leq \left( g_{m}(x) \frac{1}{\delta^{2m}(n)} + 2^{2m-1} B \right) \frac{C(m,K)}{a_{n}^{m}}.$$
(11)

Taking the norm on *K*, we have

$$\|R_n(f;x)\|_{C(K)} \le \|g_m\|C(m,K)\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n}\delta(n)}\right]^{2m} + 2^{2m-1}B\frac{C(m,K)}{a_n^m}.$$

For a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , define the sets

$$A := \left\{ k \le P_n^{\alpha,\beta} : \left\| R_k(f,x) \right\| \ge \varepsilon \right\},\$$
$$A_1 := \left\{ k \le P_n^{\alpha,\beta} : \left( \sqrt{a_k} \delta(k) \right)^{-2m} \ge \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \|g_m\| C(m,K)} \right\},\$$

and

$$A_2 := \left\{ k \le P_n^{\alpha,\beta} : a_k^{-m} \ge \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{2m}BC(m,K)} \right\}.$$

Then from (8) we clearly have  $A \subset A_1 \cup A_2$  and  $\delta^{\alpha,\beta}(A;\gamma) \le \delta^{\alpha,\beta}(A_1;\gamma) + \delta^{\alpha,\beta}(A_2;\gamma)$ . Since  $\operatorname{st}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$ - $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt{a_n}\delta(n) = \infty$  and  $\operatorname{st}_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$ - $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n^{-1} = 0$ , the proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

If we take  $\alpha(n) = 1$ ,  $\beta(n) = n$ , and  $\gamma = 1$ , then

$$\delta^{\alpha,\beta}(\{k:|x_k-L|\geq \varepsilon\},\gamma)=\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{|\{k\leq n:|x_k-L|\geq \varepsilon\}|}{n}.$$

Therefore, if we take  $\alpha(n) = 1$ ,  $\beta(n) = n$ , and  $\gamma = 1$ , then  $\alpha\beta$ -statistical convergence reduces to statistical convergence. Thus, Theorems 2.1 and 2.3 reduce to Theorems 1 and 2 of [14], respectively.

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