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**Sunto.** – Per le funzioni limitate  $f$  su un intervallo  $I$ , in particolare, per le funzioni con potenza  $p$ -sima a variazione limitata su  $I$  è stimato il rango di convergenza puntuale della modificazione di tipo Bézier degli operatori discreti di Feller. Nel teorema principale è stato usato il modulo di variazione di Chanturiya.

**Summary.** – For bounded functions  $f$  on an interval  $I$ , in particular, for functions of bounded  $p$ -th power variation on  $I$  there is estimated the rate of pointwise convergence of the Bézier-type modification of the discrete Feller operators. In the main theorem the Chanturiya modulus of variation is used.

### 1. – Preliminaries.

Let  $\{X_{k,x}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be a family of sequences of independent and identically distributed random variables with expectation  $EX_{k,x} = x$  for all  $k \in N$  and finite variance  $\sigma^2(x)$ , where  $x$  is a real parameter taking values in a bounded or unbounded interval  $I \subseteq [0, \infty)$ . Consider the sum  $S_{n,x} = X_{1,x} + X_{2,x} + \dots + X_{n,x}$  and its distribution  $\{p_{n,j}(x) : x \in I, j \in J_n\}$ . Suppose that  $E|f(S_{n,x}/n)| < \infty$  for all  $x \in I, n \in N$  and that the weights  $p_{n,j}$  are continuous on  $I$ . Assume, moreover, that  $J_n$  is of the form  $\{0, 1, \dots, m_n\}$  with some  $m_n \in N$  and  $m_n \leq m_{n+1}$  for all  $n \in N$  or  $J_n = N_0 := N \cup \{0\}$  for all  $n \in N$ .

Let  $M(I)$  be the class of all real-valued functions bounded on an interval  $I \subseteq [0, \infty)$ . Introduce, for  $f \in M(I)$ , the Bézier-type discrete operators

$$(1) \quad L_n^{(a)}f(x) := \sum_{k \in J_n} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x),$$

where  $a > 0$  and

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} Q_{n,k}^{(a)} &:= q_{n,k}^a(x) - q_{n,k+1}^a(x), \\ q_{n,k}(x) &:= \sum_{j \in J_n, j \geq k} p_{n,j}(x) \quad \text{for } k \in J_n. \end{aligned}$$

If  $J_n = \{0, 1, \dots, m_n\}$  then  $q_{n,l}(x) = 0$  for all  $l > m_n$ .

Recently, several authors studied some approximation properties of the special operators (1), in which  $Q_{n,k}^{(a)}$  are the Bézier basis functions defined by (2) with  $p_{n,j}(x) := \binom{n}{j} x^j (1-x)^{n-j}$ ,  $x \in I = [0, 1]$ ,  $j \in J_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  (see [2]). Zeng and Piriou [10,11] gave estimates for the rate of pointwise convergence of these operators for functions  $f$  of bounded variation in the Jordan sense on  $I = [0, 1]$ . In this paper we present an extension and generalization of their results to a general class of operators (1) with  $0 < a < 1$  and to the wide class of function  $f \in M(I)$  possessing the one-sided limits  $f(x+)$ ,  $f(x-)$  at a fixed point  $x$ . We prove that the rates of the pointwise convergence of the operators (1) in the above case are as good as in case  $a \geq 1$ , which can be found in [8]. In our estimates we use the so-called modulus of variation of a function  $g$  on an interval  $Y = [c, d]$  defined as in [3]: if  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$v_k(g; Y) \equiv v_k(g; c, d) := \sup_{\prod_k} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k |g(t_i) - g(\tau_i)| \right\}$$

over all systems  $\prod_k$  of  $k$  non-overlapping intervals  $(\tau_i, t_i)$  contained in  $Y$ . We take  $v_0(g; Y) = 0$ .

## 2. – Results.

Let  $f \in M(I)$  and let at a fixed point  $x \in \text{Int } I$  the one-sided limits  $f(x+)$ ,  $f(x-)$  exist. It is easy to verify that for all  $t \in I$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= 2^{-a}f(x+) + (1 - 2^{-a})f(x-) + g_x(t) + 2^{-a}(f(x+) - f(x-))\text{sgn}_x^{(a)}(t) \\ &\quad + (f(x) - 2^{-a}f(x+) - (1 - 2^{-a})f(x-))\delta_x(t), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$g_x(t) := \begin{cases} f(t) - f(x+) & \text{if } t > x, \\ 0 & \text{if } t = x, \\ f(t) - f(x-) & \text{if } t < x \end{cases}, \quad \text{sgn}_x^{(a)}(t) := \begin{cases} 2^a - 1 & \text{if } t > x, \\ 0 & \text{if } t = x, \\ -1 & \text{if } t < x \end{cases}$$

and  $\delta_x(x) := 1$ ,  $\delta_x(t) := 0$  if  $t \neq x$  (see [11, p. 381]). Therefore

$$(3) \quad L_n^{(a)}f(x) - 2^{-a}f(x+) - (1 - 2^{-a})f(x-) = L_n^{(a)}g_x(x) + \Delta_n^{(a)}(f; x)$$

with

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta_n^{(a)}(f; x) &= 2^{-a}(f(x+) - f(x-))L_n^{(a)}\text{sgn}_x^{(a)}(x) \\ &\quad + (f(x) - 2^{-a}f(x+) - (1 - 2^{-a})f(x-))L_n^{(a)}\delta_x(x). \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the estimate of the term  $\Delta_n^{(a)}(f; x)$  in (3) we consider only the points  $x \in I$  at which

$$(5) \quad \sigma^2(x) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta(x) := \sum_{j \in J_1} |j - x|^3 p_{1,j}(x) < \infty.$$

LEMMA. – Under assumptions (5) and  $0 < a < 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta_n^{(a)}(f; x)| &\leq |f(x +) - f(x -)| \frac{\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)} \\ &\quad + e_n(x) |f(x) - f(x -)| \left( \frac{2\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}\sigma(x)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq n_0(x)$ , where  $n_0(x) = (4\beta(x)/\sigma^3(x))^2$ ,  $0 < \tau \leq 0.82$  and  $e_n(x) = 0$  if  $x \neq k/n$  for all  $k \in J_n$ ,  $e_n(x) = 1$  if there exists a  $k' \in J_n$  such that  $x = k'/n$ .

PROOF. – For the sake of brevity we use the notation

$$\sum_{k \in J_n, k \geq r} p_{n,k}(x) = \sum_{k \geq r} p_{n,k}(x).$$

It is easy to see (as in [11]) that

$$\begin{aligned} L_n^{(a)} \operatorname{sgn}_x^{(a)}(x) &= 2^a \sum_{k > nx} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) - 1 + e_n(x) Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x) \\ &= 2^a \sum_{k > nx} (q_{n,k}^a(x) - q_{n,k+1}^a(x)) - 1 + e_n(x) Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x) \\ &= 2^a \left( \sum_{j > nx} p_{n,j}(x) \right)^a - 1 + e_n(x) Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$L_n^{(a)} \delta_x(x) = e_n(x) Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x).$$

Hence, in view of (4),

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta_n^{(a)}(f; x)| &\leq 2^{-a} |f(x +) - f(x -)| \left| 2^a \left( \sum_{j > nx} p_{n,j}(x) \right)^a - 1 \right| \\ &\quad + |f(x) - f(x -)| e_n(x) Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x) \\ &= |f(x +) - f(x -)| \left| \left( \sum_{j > nx} p_{n,j}(x) \right)^a - \frac{1}{2^a} \right| \\ &\quad + |f(x) - f(x -)| e_n(x) Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x). \end{aligned}$$

By the mean value theorem we have

$$\left| \left( \sum_{j>nx} p_{n,j}(x) \right)^a - \frac{1}{2^a} \right| = a(\zeta_{n,j}(x))^{a-1} \left| \sum_{j>nx} p_{n,j}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \right|,$$

where  $\zeta_{n,j}(x)$  lies between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\sum_{j>nx} p_{n,j}(x)$ . In view of the Berry-Esséen theorem [4, p. 515; 5, p. 93],

$$\left| \sum_{j-nx \leq t\sigma(x)\sqrt{n}} p_{n,j}(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^t \exp(-u^2/2) du \right| \leq \frac{\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)}$$

for all  $n \in N, t \in R$ , where  $0 < \tau \leq 0.82$ . From this it follows that

$$(6) \quad \left| \sum_{j>nx} p_{n,j}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \frac{\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)}.$$

In view of (6) we have  $\sum_{j>nx} p_{n,j}(x) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  for all  $n \geq n_0(x) = (4\beta(x)/\sigma^3(x))^2$ . Hence  $(\xi_{j,n}(x))^{a-1} \leq 4^{1-a}$  and

$$(7) \quad \left| \left( \sum_{j>nx} p_{n,j}(x) \right)^a - \frac{1}{2^a} \right| \leq \frac{\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)} \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0(x),$$

since  $a4^{1-a} \leq 1$ .

Further

$$Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x) = q_{n,k'}^a(x) - q_{n,k'+1}^a(x) = a(\zeta_{n,k'}(x))^{a-1} p_{n,k'}(x),$$

where  $q_{n,k'+1}(x) < \zeta_{n,k'}(x) < q_{n,k'}(x)$ . But, in view of (6),

$$\zeta_{n,k'}(x) > q_{n,k'+1}(x) = \sum_{j \geq k'+1} p_{n,j}(x) \geq \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_0(x).$$

Hence

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} Q_{n,k'}^{(a)}(x) &< a4^{1-a} p_{n,k'}(x) \leq \sum_{j \leq k'} p_{n,j}(x) - \sum_{j \leq k'-1} p_{n,j}(x) \\ &\leq \frac{2\tau\beta(x)}{\sqrt{n}\sigma^3(x)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}\sigma(x)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0(x)$  (see [9, the proof of Lemma 3]).

Collecting the results we get our estimate. ■

Let us introduce the moments

$$\mu_{n,\gamma}(x) := \sum_{k \in J_n} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right|^\gamma p_{n,k}(x),$$

where  $n \in N, \gamma > 0$ .

**THEOREM 1.** – *Let  $f \in M(I)$  and let at a fixed point  $x \in \text{Int} I$  the one-sided limits  $f(x +), f(x -)$  exist. Let  $a, b$  be two arbitrary positive numbers and let  $0 < a < 1$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & |L_n^{(a)}f(x) - 2^{-a}f(x +) - (1 - 2^{-a})f(x -)| \\ & \leq 2(1 + 4(a^{-2} + b^{-2})n(\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a) \\ & \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{j^3} v_j(g_x; Y(ja/\sqrt{n}, jb/\sqrt{n})) + \frac{1}{m^2} v_m(g_x; Y(a, b)) \right) \\ & + \mathcal{I}_x(a, b) \frac{(\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a}{c^2} v_1(g_x; I) + |A_n^{(a)}(f; x)|, \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq \max \{4, n_0(x)\}$ , where  $m = [\sqrt{n}]$ ,  $n_0(x) = (4\beta(x)/\sigma^3(x))^2$ ,  $Y_x(h, \eta) = [x - h, x + \eta] \cap I$  if  $h > 0, \eta > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_x(a, b) = 0$  if neither of the points  $x - a, x + b$  belongs to  $\text{Int} I$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_x(a, b) = 1$  otherwise, and  $|A_n^{(a)}(f; x)|$  is estimated via our Lemma.

**PROOF.** – First we write the term  $L_n^{(a)}g_x(x)$  of (3) in the form

$$(9) \quad L_n^{(a)}g_x(x) = \sum_{k \in A_x(a,b)} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) + \mathcal{I}_x(a, b) \sum_{k \in D_x(a,b)} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x),$$

where  $A_x(a, b) = \{k \in J_n : \frac{k}{n} \in Y_x(a, b)\}$ ,  $D_x(a, b) = J_n \setminus A_x(a, b)$  and  $\mathcal{I}_x(a, b) = 0$  if neither of the points  $x - a, x + b$  belongs to  $\text{Int} I$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_x(a, b) = 1$  otherwise. In order to estimate the terms of the right-hand side of (9) let us observe that  $Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \geq 0$  and

$$\sum_{k \in J_n} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) = \left( \sum_{j \in J_n} p_{n,j}(x) \right)^a = 1.$$

Following the proof of Lemma 4 in [10] we have for  $t < x, t, x \in I$ ,

$$\sum_{k \leq nt} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) = q_{n,0}^a(x) - q_{n,[nt]+1}^a(x) = 1 - \left( \sum_{k \geq [nt]+1} p_{n,k}(x) \right)^a.$$

Note that  $0 < a < 1$  and  $\sum_{k \geq [nt]+1} p_{n,k}(x) \leq 1$ . Hence

$$\sum_{k \leq nt} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \leq 1 - \sum_{k \geq [nt]+1} p_{n,k}(x) = \sum_{k \leq nt} p_{n,k}(x) \leq \sum_{k \leq nt} \frac{(k/n - x)^2}{(t - x)^2} p_{n,k}(x).$$

This means that

$$(10) \quad \sum_{k \leq nt} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \leq \frac{1}{(t - x)^2} \mu_{n,2}(x).$$

If  $t > x$ ,  $t, x \in I$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \geq nt} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) &= \sum_{k \geq nt} (q_{n,k}^a(x) - q_{n,k+1}^a(x)) \\ &= \left( \sum_{k \geq nt} p_{n,k}(x) \right)^a \leq \left( \sum_{k \geq nt} \frac{|k/n - x|^{2/a}}{|t - x|^{2/a}} p_{n,k}(x) \right)^a. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(11) \quad \sum_{k \geq nt} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \leq \frac{1}{(t - x)^2} (\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a.$$

Coming back to the estimate of  $|L_n^{(a)}g_x(x)|$  given by (9) let us write

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k \in A_x(a,b)} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \\ &= \sum_{\frac{k}{n} \in I_x(-a)} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) + \sum_{\frac{k}{n} \in I_x(b)} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) = \sum_1 + \sum_2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_x(h) = [x + h, x] \cap I$  if  $h < 0$ ,  $I_x(h) = [x, x + h] \cap I$  if  $h > 0$ . Arguing similarly to the proof of Lemma in [1] (see also proof of Lemma 2 in [9]) and using inequalities (10), (11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\sum_1| &\leq \left(1 + \frac{8n}{a^2} \mu_{n,2}(x)\right) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{i^3} v_i(g_x; I_x(-ia/\sqrt{n})) + \frac{1}{m^2} v_m(g_x; I_x(-a)) \right\}, \\ |\sum_2| &\leq \left(1 + \frac{8n}{b^2} (\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a\right) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{1}{i^3} v_i(g_x; I_x(ib/\sqrt{n})) + \frac{1}{m^2} v_m(g_x; I_x(b)) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Further, applying the Hölder inequality we observe that

$$\mu_{n,2}(x) \leq (\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a \quad \text{if } 0 < a < 1.$$

Next using the obvious inequality

$$v_i(g_x; I_x(-a)) + v_i(g_x; I_x(b)) \leq 2v_i(g_x; Y_x(a, b)),$$



we easily get the estimate for  $\left| \sum_{k \in A_x(a,b)} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \right|$ .

If at least one of the points  $x - a, x + b$  belongs to  $\text{Int } I$  then inequalities (10), (11) yield

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{k \in D_x(a,b)} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{\frac{k}{n} < x-a} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) + \sum_{\frac{k}{n} > x+b} g_x\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \right| \\ &\leq v_1(g_x; (-\infty, x) \cap I) \sum_{\frac{k}{n} < x-a} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) + v_1(g_x; (x, \infty) \cap I) \sum_{\frac{k}{n} > x+b} Q_{n,k}^{(a)}(x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{c^2} (\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a v_1(g_x; I), \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = \min\{a, b\}$ .

Now, it is enough to apply identities (3) and (9) and the proof is complete.  $\blacksquare$

Let  $p \geq 1$ . Denote by  $BV_p(I)$  the class of all functions of bounded  $p$ -th power variation on the interval  $I$ . If  $g \in BV_p(Y)$ , then for every integer  $k$ ,

$$(12) \quad V_k(g; Y) \leq k^{1-1/p} V_p(g; Y),$$

where  $V_p(g; Y)$  denotes the total  $p$ -th power variation of  $g$  on  $Y$ , defined as  $\sup \left( \sum_i |g(t_i) - g(\tau_i)|^p \right)^{1/p}$  over all finite systems of non-overlapping intervals  $(\tau_i, t_i) \subset Y$ .

Note that for many known operators there exist a non-negative function  $\psi_a$  and a positive integer  $n(a)$  such that

$$(13) \quad (\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a \leq \psi_a(x) n^{-1} \quad \text{for all } x \in I, n \geq n(a).$$

The inequality (11), Theorem 1 and some calculation (cf. [9], the proof of Theorem 2) lead to

**THEOREM 2.** – *Let  $f \in BV_p(I)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and let condition (13) hold. Then for every  $x \in \text{Int } I$  at which (5) is satisfied and for every  $n \geq \max\{4, n_0(x), n(a)\}$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & |L_n^{(a)} f(x) - 2^{-a} f(x+) - (1 - 2^{-a}) f(x-)| \\ &\leq \frac{16(1 + 4(a^{-2} + b^{-2})\psi_a(x))}{(\sqrt{n})^{1+1/p}} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(\sqrt{k})^{1-1/p}} V_p(g_x; Y_x(a/\sqrt{k}, b/\sqrt{k})) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \mathcal{J}_x(a, b) \psi_a(x) V_p(g_x; I) + |A_n^{(a)}(f; x)|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Y_x(h, \eta)$ ,  $n_0(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_x(a, b)$  are as in Theorem 1 and  $|A_n^{(a)}(f; x)|$  is estimated as in the Lemma.

REMARK 1. Similar results for function  $f$  of bounded  $\Phi$ -variation in the Young sense on  $I$  can be obtained, too. (cf. [7, Corollary 1]).

REMARK 2. In view of the continuity of the function  $g_x$  at  $x$ , the right-sides of the inequalities given in Theorems 1 and 2 tend to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (see [9, Remark 1]).

### 3. – Examples.

Now, we present an application of our results to some operators of the form (1).

1) Let  $L_n^{(a)}f \equiv B_n^{(a)}f$  be the Bernstein-Bézier operators of  $f \in M(I)$  defined by (1) and (2), in which  $I = [0, 1]$ ,  $J_n = N_0$ ,  $p_{n,j}(x) = \binom{n}{j} x^j (1-x)^{n-j}$ ,  $0 < a < 1$ .

In this case  $\sigma^2(x) = x(1-x)$ ,  $\beta(x) = x(1-x)(2x^2 - 2x + 1)$  and conditions (5) hold for all  $x \in (0, 1)$ . In view of our Lemma,

$$|A_n^{(a)}(f; x)| \leq \frac{5}{2\sqrt{nx(1-x)}} (|f(x+) - f(x-)| + e_n(x)|f(x) - f(x-)|)$$

for  $n \geq n_0(x)$ ,  $n_0(x) \leq 16/x(1-x)$ . As is shown in [10] (p. 337), for all  $n \geq 1$  there holds the following inequality

$$(\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a \equiv \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right|^{2/a} p_{n,k}(x) \right)^a \leq A_a (x(1-x))^a n^{-1},$$

where  $A_a$  is a positive constant depending only on  $a$ . This means that condition (13) is satisfied with  $\psi_a(x) = A_a (x(1-x))^a$  and  $n(a) = 1$ .

For example, choosing  $a = x$  and  $b = 1-x$  in our Theorem 2 and observing that  $\mathcal{J}_x(x, 1-x) = 0$  we easily get

COROLLARY 1. – If  $f \in BV_p([0, 1])$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and if  $0 < a < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & |B_n^{(a)}f(x) - 2^{-a}f(x+) - (1 - 2^{-a})f(x-)| \\ & \leq \frac{B_a}{x(1-x)^{2-a}(\sqrt{n})^{1+1/p}} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(\sqrt{k})^{1-1/p}} V_p(g_x; Y_x(x/\sqrt{k}, (1-x)/\sqrt{k})) \\ & + \frac{5}{2\sqrt{nx(1-x)}} (|f(x+) - f(x-)| + e_n(x)|f(x) - f(x-)|) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $n \geq 16/x(1-x)$ , where  $B_a$  is a positive constant depending only on  $a$ .

In case  $p = 1$  this Corollary gives the result of Zeng [10, Theorem 1].

Also, more general result for  $f \in M(I)$  can be formulated by applying Theorem 1.

2) Next, let us consider the modification of Baskakov operators  $U_n^{(a)}f$  given by (1) and (2) in which  $p_{n,j}(x) = \binom{n+j-1}{j} x^j (1+x)^{-n-j}$  for  $x \in I = [0, \infty), j \in J_n = N_0$ . Theorems 1 and 2 apply with  $\sigma^2(x) = x(1+x), \beta(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |j-x|^3 p_{1,j}(x) \leq 3x(1+x)^2$  and

$$|A_n^{(a)}(f; x)| \leq \frac{6\sqrt{1+x}}{\sqrt{nx}} (|f(x+) - f(x-)| + e_n(x)|f(x) - f(x-)|)$$

for  $x > 0, n \geq n_0(x), n_0(x) \leq 144(1+x)/x$ . In order to verify condition (13), we will estimate the function  $(\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a$ . Write  $l = 2/a$  and denote by  $[l]$  the greatest integer not exceeding  $l$ . As in [10, Lemma 6] choose the numbers  $p = \frac{2[l]}{2[l]+2-l}, p' = \frac{2[l]}{l-2}, r = \frac{2}{p}, s = \frac{2v}{p'}, v = [l] + 1$ .

Clearly,  $l > 2, p > 1, p' > 1, 1/p + 1/p' = 1$  and  $l = r + s$ . Applying the Hölder inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a &= \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right|^{2/a} p_{n,k}(x) \right)^a \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right|^{rp} p_{n,k}(x) \right)^{a/p} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{k}{n} - x \right|^{sp'} p_{n,k}(x) \right)^{a/p'} \\ &= \left( \frac{x(1+x)}{n} \right)^{a/p} \left( \frac{1}{n^{2v}} T_{n,2v}(x) \right)^{a/p'} \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_{n,2v}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k-nx)^{2v} p_{n,k}(x)$ . As it is known [6, Corollary 3.7],  $T_{n,2v}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^v c_{j,v}(n)(x(1+x))^j n^j$ , where  $c_{j,v}(n)$  denote real numbers independent of  $x$  and bounded uniformly in  $n$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_{n,2/a}(x))^a &\leq \left( \frac{x(1+x)}{n} \right)^{a/p} \left( \frac{1}{n^{2v}} \sum_{j=1}^v |c_{j,v}(n)| (x(1+x))^j n^j \right)^{a/p'} \\ &\leq c(v, a) (x(1+x))^{a/p} n^{-a(1/p+v/p')} \left( \sum_{j=1}^v (x(1+x))^j \right)^{a/p'} \\ &= c(v, a) (x(1+x))^{a/p} \left( \sum_{j=1}^v (x(1+x))^j \right)^{a/p'} n^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c(v, a) = \left( \sup_{n \in N} \max_{1 \leq j \leq v} |c_{j,v}(n)| \right)^{a/p'}$ .

This means that condition (13) is satisfied for all  $n \in N$  with the function

$$(14) \quad \psi_a(x) = \lambda(a) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor 2/a \rfloor + 1} (x(1+x))^j \right)^a,$$

where  $\lambda(a)$  is a positive constant depending only on  $a$ .

Using the above estimate and choosing  $a = b = 1$  ( $\mathcal{D}_x(1, 1) = 1$ ) in Theorem 2, we easily get the following

COROLLARY 2. - *If  $f \in BV_p(I)$ , where  $I = [0, \infty)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and if  $0 < a < 1$ , then for all  $x > 0$  and  $n \geq 144(1+x)/x$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & |U_n^{(a)}f(x) - 2^{-a}f(x+) - (1 - 2^{-a})f(x-)| \\ & \leq \frac{16(1 + 8\psi_a(x))}{(\sqrt{n})^{1+1/p}} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(\sqrt{k})^{1-1/p}} V_p(g_x; Y_x(1/\sqrt{k}, 1/\sqrt{k})) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n} \psi_a(x) V_p(g_x; I) + \frac{6\sqrt{1+x}}{\sqrt{nx}} (|f(x+) - f(x-)| + e_n(x)|f(x) - f(x-)|), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi_a(x)$  is given by (14).

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