

# A modified Post Widder operators preserving $e^{Ax}$

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**Abstract.** In the present paper, we discuss the approximation properties of modified Post-Widder operators, which preserve the test function  $e^{Ax}$ . We establish weighted approximation and a direct quantitative estimate for the modified operators.

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## 1. Post-Widder operators

In the recent years some sequences of linear positive operators and the operators of integral type have been studied in [2], [3] and [4] etc. Also the moments of several operators have been provided in [8]. In the present article, we discuss the variant of an integral operators viz. Post-Widder operators. Post-Widder operators are defined for  $f \in C[0, \infty)$  as (see [13]):

$$P_n(f, x) := \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{n}{x}\right)^{n+1} \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-\frac{nt}{x}} f(t) dt.$$

Following [7], we have

$$P_n(e^{\theta t}, x) = \left(1 - \frac{x\theta}{n}\right)^{-(n+1)}. \quad (1.1)$$

Very recently Gupta-Agrawal in [6] and Gupta-Tachev in [11] considered different forms of modified Post-Widder operators preserving the test functions  $e_r, r \in N$ . Gupta-Singh in [9] estimated some quantitative convergence results of Post-Widder operators preserving  $e^{ax}, e^{bx}$ .

Let us consider that the Post-Widder operators preserve the test function  $e^{Ax}$ , then we start with the following form

$$\tilde{P}_n(f, x) := \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{n}{a_n(x)} \right)^{n+1} \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-\frac{nt}{a_n(x)}} f(t) dt.$$

Then using (1.1), we have

$$\tilde{P}_n(e^{At}, x) = e^{Ax} = \left( 1 - \frac{a_n(x)A}{n} \right)^{-(n+1)},$$

implying

$$a_n(x) = \frac{n}{A} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)}).$$

Thus our modified operators  $\tilde{P}_n$  take the following form

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}_n(f, x) &:= \frac{1}{n!} \left[ \frac{A}{(1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})} \right]^{(n+1)} \\ &\int_0^\infty t^n e^{-\frac{At}{(1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})}} f(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

with  $x \in (0, \infty)$  and  $\tilde{P}_n(f, 0) = f(0)$ , which preserve constant and the test function  $e^{Ax}$ .

## 2. Lemmas

**Lemma 2.1.** *We have for  $\theta > 0$  that*

$$\tilde{P}_n(e^{\theta t}, x) = \left( 1 - \frac{(1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})\theta}{A} \right)^{-(n+1)}.$$

It may be observed that  $\tilde{P}_n(e^{\theta t}, x)$  may be treated as m.g.f. of the operators  $\tilde{P}_n$ , which may be utilized to obtain the moments of (1.2). Let  $\mu_r^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = \tilde{P}_n(e_r, x)$ , where  $e_r(t) = t^r$ ,  $r \in N \cup \{0\}$ . The moments are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) &= \left[ \frac{\partial^r}{\partial \theta^r} \tilde{P}_n(e^{\theta t}, x) \right]_{\theta=0} \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial^r}{\partial \theta^r} \left\{ \left( 1 - \frac{(1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})\theta}{A} \right)^{-(n+1)} \right\} \right]_{\theta=0}. \end{aligned}$$

Few moments are given below:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) &= 1, \\ \mu_1^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) &= \frac{(n+1)}{A} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)}), \\ \mu_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{A^2} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *The moments of arbitrary order, satisfy the following*

$$\mu_k^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = \frac{(n+1)_k}{A^k} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})^k, k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where the Pochhammer symbol is defined by

$$(c)_0 = 1, \quad (c)_k = c(c+1) \cdots (c+k-1).$$

Further by linearity property and using Lemma 2.2, we have the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.3.** *The central moments  $U_r^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = \tilde{P}_n((t-x)^r, x)$  are given below:*

$$U_k^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} x^{k-j} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})^j \frac{(n+1)_j}{A^j}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

Also, for each  $n \in N$ , we have

$$U_1^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = \frac{(n+1)}{A} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)} - 1) - x,$$

$$U_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{A^2} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})^2 + x^2 - 2x \frac{(n+1)}{A} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)}).$$

**Lemma 2.4.** *For the central moments  $U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = \tilde{P}_n((t-x)^{2k}, x)$ , we have*

$$U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = O(n^{-k}), n \rightarrow \infty, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

*Proof.* We observe that

$$\tilde{P}_n(f, x) = P_n(f, \alpha_n(x)),$$

where

$$\alpha_n(x) = \frac{n}{A} (1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)}).$$

It is easy to verify  $y > 1 - e^{-y} > y - \frac{y^2}{2}$  for  $y \in [0, \infty)$ . We set  $y = Ax/(n+1)$  and get

$$x \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right) > \alpha_n(x) > x \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right) - \left( \frac{Ax}{n+1} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{n}{2A}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{x}{n+1} < x - \alpha_n(x) < \frac{x}{n+1} + \frac{Ax^2n}{2(n+1)^2} = O(n^{-1}),$$

by fixed  $x \in [0, \infty)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}_n((t-x)^{2k}, x) &= P_n((t-x)^{2k}, \alpha_n(x)) \\ &= P_n((t - \alpha_n(x) + \alpha_n(x) - x)^{2k}, \alpha_n(x)) \\ &\leq C(k) P_n((t - \alpha_n(x))^{2k}, \alpha_n(x)) + P_n((x - \alpha_n(x))^{2k}, \alpha_n(x)) \\ &\leq C(k) \cdot \frac{1}{n^k} + (x - \alpha_n(x))^{2k} = O(n^{-k}). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.4. □

### 3. Weighted approximation

We also analyse the behaviour of the operators on some weighted spaces. Set  $\phi(x) = 1 + e^{Ax}$ ,  $x \in R^+$  and consider the following weighted spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} B_\phi(R^+) &= \{f : R^+ \rightarrow R : |f(x)| \leq C_1(1 + e^{Ax})\}, \\ C_\phi(R^+) &= B_\phi(R^+) \cap C(R^+), \\ C_\phi^k(R^+) &= \left\{ f \in C_\phi(R^+) : \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{1 + e^{Ax}} = C_2 < \infty \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1, C_2$  are constants depending on  $f$ . The norm is defined as

$$\|f\|_\phi = \sup_{x \in R^+} \frac{|f(x)|}{1 + e^{Ax}}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *For each  $f \in C_\phi^k(R^+)$ , we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{P}_n f - f\|_\phi = 0.$$

*Proof.* Following [1, Th. 1] in order to prove the result we have to prove

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{P}_n(e^{iAt/2}) - e^{iAx/2}\|_\phi = 0, i = 0, 1, 2.$$

The result is true for  $i = 0, i = 2$ . It remains to verify it for  $i = 1$ . By Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\tilde{P}_n(e^{At/2}) - e^{Ax/2}\|_\phi \\ &= \sup_{x \in R^+} \frac{\left| \left(1 - \frac{(1 - e^{-Ax/(n+1)})}{2}\right)^{-(n+1)} - e^{Ax/2} \right|}{1 + e^{Ax}} \\ &= \sup_{x \in R^+} \frac{\left| (1 + e^{-Ax/(n+1)})^{-(n+1)} 2^{n+1} - e^{Ax/2} \right|}{1 + e^{Ax}} \\ &= \sup_{x \in R^+} \frac{\left| e^{Ax} (1 + e^{Ax/(n+1)})^{-(n+1)} 2^{n+1} - e^{Ax/2} \right|}{1 + e^{Ax}} \\ &= \sup_{x \in R^+} \left[ \frac{e^{Ax}}{1 + e^{Ax}} \right] \cdot \left| \left( \frac{2}{1 + e^{Ax/(n+1)}} \right)^{n+1} - e^{-Ax/2} \right|. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Obviously  $\frac{e^{Ax}}{1 + e^{Ax}} \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$ ,  $A > 0, x > 0$ . We set  $t = e^{Ax/2}, t \in [1, \infty)$  for  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Then (3.1) implies

$$\left| \left( \frac{2}{1 + t^{2/(n+1)}} \right)^{n+1} - t^{-1} \right| = t^{-1} \left| \left( \frac{2t^{1/(n+1)}}{1 + t^{2/(n+1)}} \right)^{n+1} - 1 \right| = g(t). \tag{3.2}$$

In (3.2), we set  $t^{1/(n+1)} = y \in [1, \infty)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) = h(y) &= y^{-(n+1)} \left| \left( \frac{2y}{1+y^2} \right)^{n+1} - 1 \right| \\ &= \left| \left( \frac{2}{1+y^2} \right)^{n+1} - y^{-(n+1)} \right| \\ &= y^{-(n+1)} - \left( \frac{2}{1+y^2} \right)^{n+1}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

We have  $h(1) = 0$ ,  $h(+\infty) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} h(y) = 0$ . To find the global maxima of  $h(y)$  we solve the equation  $h'(y) = 0$ . Simple calculations imply that  $h'(y_0) = 0$  for  $y_0$  satisfying the equation

$$\frac{2}{1+y_0^2} = y_0^{-(n+3)/(n+2)}, y_0 \in (1, \infty). \tag{3.4}$$

The equations (3.3) and (3.4) imply

$$h(y) \leq h(y_0) = y_0^{-(n+1)} - y_0^{-(n+3)(n+1)/(n+2)}. \tag{3.5}$$

The proof will be completed if we show

$$h(y_0) < \frac{1}{2(n+3)}, n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.6}$$

We set in (3.5)  $y_0^{n+1} = z_0 \in (1, +\infty)$ . Then  $h(y_0) = z_0^{-1} - z_0^{-(n+3)/(n+2)} < \max p(z)$  with  $p(z) = z^{-1} - z^{-(n+3)/(n+2)}$ . We compute that  $p'(z_1)$  for  $z_1 = \left( \frac{n+3}{n+2} \right)^{n+2}$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} p(z_1) &= \left( \frac{n+3}{n+2} \right)^{-(n+2)} - \left( \frac{n+3}{n+2} \right)^{-(n+3)} \\ &= \left( \frac{n+3}{n+2} \right)^{-(n+2)} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{n+3}{n+2} \right)^{-1} \right] \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n+2} \right)^{-(n+2)} \frac{1}{n+3} < \frac{1}{2(n+3)}, \end{aligned}$$

due to  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n+2} \right)^{-(n+2)} = e^{-1} < 1/2$ . □

### 4. A direct quantitative estimate

Our goal in this section is to obtain a quantitative form of the statement in Theorem 3.1. For the sake of simplicity we slightly modify the weight function and instead of  $\phi(x) = 1 + e^{Ax}$ ,  $x \in R^+$  we consider  $\phi(x) = e^{Ax}$ ,  $x \in R^+$ , For continuous functions on  $[0, \infty)$  with exponential growth i.e.

$$\|f\|_A := \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x) \cdot e^{-Ax}| < \infty, A > 0, \tag{4.1}$$

it is easy to observe that

$$\|\tilde{P}_n f\|_A \leq \|f\|_A. \tag{4.2}$$

Consequently if the following function series is uniformly convergent on  $[0, \infty)$

$$S(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k(x), x \in [0, \infty),$$

then

$$\tilde{P}_n(S(t), x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tilde{P}_n(u_k(t), x), x \in [0, \infty), \tag{4.3}$$

where the last series is also uniformly convergent. For our goals in this section we need the first order exponential modulus of continuity, studied by Ditzian in [5] and defined as

$$\omega_1(f, \delta, A) := \sup_{h \leq \delta, 0 \leq x < \infty} |f(x) - f(x+h)|e^{-Ax}.$$

We consider the sequence of operators  $\tilde{P}_n : E \rightarrow C[0, \infty)$ , where the domain of the operator  $\tilde{P}_n$  contains the space of functions  $f$  with exponential growth, i.e.  $\|f\|_A < \infty$ . Our main result states the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\tilde{P}_n : E \rightarrow C[0, \infty)$  be sequence of linear positive operators of Post-Widder type defined in (1.2). Then*

$$|\tilde{P}_n(f, x) - f(x)| \leq e^{Ax} [3 + C(n, x)] \omega_1(f, \sqrt{U_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)}, A),$$

where

$$C(n, x) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!} \sqrt{U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)}, n \rightarrow \infty \text{ for fixed } x \in [0, \infty).$$

*Proof.* We observe that

$$|f(t) - f(x)| \leq \begin{cases} e^{Ax} \omega_1(f, \delta, A), & |t - x| \leq \delta \\ e^{Ax} \omega_1(f, k\delta, A), & \delta \leq |t - x| \leq k\delta, \end{cases} \tag{4.4}$$

where  $k$  is the smallest natural number in the above upper bound. Now [12, Lemma 2.2] (also see [10]) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1(f, k\delta, A) &\leq k e^{A(k-1)\delta} \omega_1(f, \delta, A) \\ &\leq \omega_1(f, \delta, A) \left[ \frac{|t-x|}{\delta} + 1 \right] e^{A \cdot |t-x|}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

Now (4.4) and (4.5) imply

$$|f(t) - f(x)| \leq \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{|t-x|}{\delta} + 1 \right) e^{A \cdot |t-x|} \right] e^{Ax} \omega_1(f, \delta, A). \tag{4.6}$$

For fixed  $x \in [0, \infty)$  the following series is uniformly convergent for  $t \in [0, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1(t, x) &= e^{A|t-x|} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(A|t-x|)^k}{k!} \\
 \frac{|t-x|}{\delta} S_1(t, x) &= \frac{|t-x|}{\delta} + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^k |t-x|^{k+1}}{k!}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.7}$$

Obviously for linear positive operators  $\tilde{P}_n$  using (4.4), (4.6) and (4.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\tilde{P}_n(f(t) - f(x))| &\leq \tilde{P}_n(|f(t) - f(x)|, x) \\
 &\leq e^{Ax} \left\{ 1 + \tilde{P}_n(S_1(t, x), x) + \frac{1}{\delta} \tilde{P}_n(|t-x|, x) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^k \tilde{P}_n(|t-x|^{k+1}, x)}{k!} \right\} \omega_1(f, \delta, A).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.8}$$

From Cauchy Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{P}_n(|t-x|^{k+1}, x) &\leq \sqrt{\tilde{P}_n((t-x)^2, x)} \sqrt{\tilde{P}_n((t-x)^{2k}, x)} \\
 &= \sqrt{U_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)} \sqrt{U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.9}$$

Further

$$S_1(t, x) = 1 + A|t-x| + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(A|t-x|)^k}{k!}.$$

Hence

$$\tilde{P}_n(S_1(t, x), x) \leq 1 + A\sqrt{U_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{A^k \sqrt{U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)}}{k!}.
 \tag{4.10}$$

From Lemma 2.4, for fixed  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , we have

$$U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x) = O(n^{-k}), n \rightarrow \infty.
 \tag{4.11}$$

We set in (4.8) that

$$\delta = \sqrt{U_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)} = O(n^{-1/2}), n \rightarrow \infty.
 \tag{4.12}$$

Therefore estimates (4.8)-(4.12) imply

$$|\tilde{P}_n(f, x) - f(x)| \leq e^{Ax} [3 + C(n, x)] \omega_1(f, \sqrt{U_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)}, A),$$

where

$$C(n, x) = A\sqrt{U_2^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{A^k \sqrt{U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)}}{k!} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^k \sqrt{U_{2k}^{\tilde{P}_n}(x)}}{k!} = O(n^{-1/2}), n \rightarrow \infty,$$

by fixed  $x \in [0, \infty)$ . This completes the proof of theorem. □

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