

# Univariate Left Fractional Polynomial High Order Monotone Approximation

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## Abstract

Let  $f \in C^r([-1, 1])$ ,  $r \geq 0$  and let  $L^*$  be a linear left fractional differential operator such that  $L^*(f) \geq 0$  throughout  $[0, 1]$ . We can find a sequence of polynomials  $Q_n$  of degree  $\leq n$  such that  $L^*(Q_n) \geq 0$  over  $[0, 1]$ , furthermore  $f$  is approximated left fractionally and simultaneously by  $Q_n$  on  $[-1, 1]$ . The degree of these restricted approximations is given via inequalities using a higher order modulus of smoothness for  $f^{(r)}$ .

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## 1 Introduction

The topic of monotone approximation started in [6] has become a major trend in approximation theory. A typical problem in this subject is: given a positive integer  $k$ , approximate a given function whose  $k$ th derivative is  $\geq 0$  by polynomials having this property.

In [3] the authors replaced the  $k$ th derivative with a linear differential operator of order  $k$ . We mention this motivating result.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $h, k, p$  be integers,  $0 \leq h \leq k \leq p$  and let  $f$  be a real function,  $f^{(p)}$  continuous in  $[-1, 1]$  with modulus of continuity  $\omega_1(f^{(p)}, x)$  there. Let  $a_j(x)$ ,  $j = h, h + 1, \dots, k$  be real functions, defined and bounded on  $[-1, 1]$  and assume  $a_h(x)$  is either  $\geq$  some number  $\alpha > 0$  or  $\leq$  some number  $\beta < 0$*

throughout  $[-1, 1]$ . Consider the operator

$$L = \sum_{j=h}^k a_j(x) \left[ \frac{d^j}{dx^j} \right]$$

and suppose, throughout  $[-1, 1]$ ,

$$L(f) \geq 0. \quad (1)$$

Then, for every integer  $n \geq 1$ , there is a real polynomial  $Q_n(x)$  of degree  $\leq n$  such that

$$L(Q_n) \geq 0 \text{ throughout } [-1, 1]$$

and

$$\max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - Q_n(x)| \leq C n^{k-p} \omega_1 \left( f^{(p)}, \frac{1}{n} \right),$$

where  $C$  is independent of  $n$  or  $f$ .

We use also the notation  $I = [-1, 1]$ .

We would like to mention

**Theorem 2** (Gonska and Hinemann [4]). Let  $r \geq 0$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Then there exists a sequence  $Q_n = Q_n^{(r,s)}$  of linear polynomial operators mapping  $C^r(I)$  into  $P_n$  (space of polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ ), such that for all  $f \in C^r(I)$ , all  $|x| \leq 1$  and all  $n \geq \max(4(r+1), r+s)$  we have

$$\left| f^{(k)}(x) - (Q_n f)^{(k)}(x) \right| \leq M_{r,s} (\Delta_n(x))^{r-k} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \Delta_n(x) \right), \quad 0 \leq k \leq r, \quad (2)$$

where  $\Delta_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}$ , and  $M_{r,s}$  is a constant independent of  $f$ ,  $x$ , and  $n$ . Above  $\omega_s$  is the usual modulus of smoothness of order  $s$  with respect to the supremum norm.

Theorem 2 implies the useful

**Corollary 3** ([2]) Let  $r \geq 0$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Then there exists a sequence  $Q_n = Q_n^{(r,s)}$  of linear polynomial operators mapping  $C^r(I)$  into  $P_n$ , such that for all  $f \in C^r(I)$  and all  $n \geq \max(4(r+1), r+s)$  we have

$$\left\| f^{(k)} - (Q_n f)^{(k)} \right\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-k}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, r, \quad (3)$$

where  $C_{r,s}$  is a constant independent of  $f$  and  $n$ .

In [2] we proved the motivational

**Theorem 4** Let  $h, v, r$  be integers,  $0 \leq h \leq v \leq r$  and let  $f \in C^r(I)$ , with  $f^{(r)}$  having modulus of smoothness  $\omega_s(f^{(r)}, \delta)$  there,  $s \geq 1$ . Let  $\alpha_j(x)$ ,  $j = h, h+1, \dots, v$  be real functions, defined and bounded on  $I$  and suppose  $\alpha_h$  is either  $\geq \alpha > 0$  or  $\leq \beta < 0$  throughout  $I$ . Take the operator

$$L = \sum_{j=h}^v \alpha_j(x) \left[ \frac{d^j}{dx^j} \right] \quad (4)$$

and assume, throughout  $I$ ,

$$L(f) \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

Then for every integer  $n \geq \max(4(r+1), r+s)$ , there exists a real polynomial  $Q_n(x)$  of degree  $\leq n$  such that

$$L(Q_n) \geq 0 \text{ throughout } I, \quad (6)$$

and

$$\|f^{(k)} - Q_n^{(k)}\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{C}{n^{r-v}} \omega_s\left(f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n}\right), \quad 0 \leq k \leq h. \quad (7)$$

Moreover, we get

$$\|f^{(k)} - Q_n^{(k)}\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{C}{n^{r-k}} \omega_s\left(f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n}\right), \quad h+1 \leq k \leq r, \quad (8)$$

where  $C$  is a constant independent of  $f$  and  $n$ .

In this article we extend Theorem 4 to the fractional level. Indeed here  $L$  is replaced by  $L^*$ , a linear left Caputo fractional differential operator. Now the monotonicity property is only true on the critical interval  $[0, 1]$ . Simultaneous and fractional convergence remains true on all of  $I$ .

We are also inspired by [1].

We make

**Definition 5** ([5], p. 50) Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $[\alpha] = m$ , ( $[\cdot]$  ceiling of the number). Consider  $f \in C^m([-1, 1])$ . We define the left Caputo fractional derivative of  $f$  of order  $\alpha$  as follows:

$$(D_{*-1}^{\alpha} f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{m-\alpha-1} f^{(m)}(t) dt, \quad (9)$$

for any  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the gamma function.

We set

$$\begin{aligned} D_{*-1}^0 f(x) &= f(x), \\ D_{*-1}^m f(x) &= f^{(m)}(x), \quad \forall x \in [-1, 1]. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

## 2 Main Result

We present

**Theorem 6** *Let  $h, v, r$  be integers,  $1 \leq h \leq v \leq r$  and let  $f \in C^r([-1, 1])$ , with  $f^{(r)}$  having modulus of smoothness  $\omega_s(f^{(r)}, \delta)$  there,  $s \geq 1$ . Let  $\alpha_j(x)$ ,  $j = h, h+1, \dots, v$  be real functions, defined and bounded on  $[-1, 1]$  and suppose  $\alpha_h(x)$  is either  $\geq \alpha > 0$  or  $\leq \beta < 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Let the real numbers  $\alpha_0 = 0 < \alpha_1 \leq 1 < \alpha_2 \leq 2 < \dots < \alpha_r \leq r$ . Here  $D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f$  stands for the left Caputo fractional derivative of  $f$  of order  $\alpha_j$  anchored at  $-1$ . Consider the linear left fractional differential operator*

$$L^* := \sum_{j=h}^k \alpha_j(x) [D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j}] \quad (11)$$

and suppose, throughout  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$L^*(f) \geq 0. \quad (12)$$

Then, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq \max(4(r+1), r+s)$ , there exists a real polynomial  $Q_n(x)$  of degree  $\leq n$  such that

$$L^*(Q_n) \geq 0 \text{ throughout } [0, 1], \quad (13)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x)| &\leq \\ \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right), & \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$j = h+1, \dots, r$ ;  $C_{r,s}$  is a constant independent of  $f$  and  $n$ .

Set

$$l_j \equiv \sup_{x \in [-1, 1]} |\alpha_h^{-1}(x) \alpha_j(x)|, \quad h \leq j \leq v. \quad (15)$$

When  $j = 1, \dots, h$  we derive

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x)| &\leq \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-v}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \cdot \\ \left[ \left( \sum_{\tau=h}^v l_\tau \frac{2^{\tau-\alpha_\tau}}{\Gamma(\tau-\alpha_\tau+1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{2^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h-\alpha_j-\lambda+1)} \right) + \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} \right]. & \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Finally it holds

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - Q_n(x)| &\leq \\ \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-v}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{h!} \sum_{\tau=h}^v l_\tau \frac{2^{\tau-\alpha_\tau}}{\Gamma(\tau-\alpha_\tau+1)} + 1 \right]. & \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

**Proof.** Here let  $Q_n$  as in Corollary 3.

Let  $\alpha_j > 0$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$ , such that  $0 < \alpha_1 \leq 1 < \alpha_2 \leq 2 < \alpha_3 \leq 3 \dots < \dots < \alpha_r \leq r$ . That is  $\lceil \alpha_j \rceil = j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, r$ .

We consider the left Caputo fractional derivatives

$$(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j)} \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} f^{(j)}(t) dt, \quad (18)$$

and

$$(D_{*-1}^j f)(x) = f^{(j)}(x),$$

and

$$(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j)} \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} Q_n^{(j)}(t) dt, \quad (19)$$

$$(D_{*-1}^j Q_n)(x) = Q_n^{(j)}(x); \quad j = 1, \dots, r.$$

We notice that

$$|(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x)| = \frac{1}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j)} \left| \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} f^{(j)}(t) dt - \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} Q_n^{(j)}(t) dt \right| = \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j)} \left| \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} (f^{(j)}(t) - Q_n^{(j)}(t)) dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j)} \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} |f^{(j)}(t) - Q_n^{(j)}(t)| dt \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j)} \left( \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} dt \right) \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j)} \frac{(x+1)^{j-\alpha_j}}{(j - \alpha_j)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) = \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{(x+1)^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \leq$$

$$\frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right).$$

We proved for any  $x \in [-1, 1]$  that

$$|(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x)| \leq \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right). \quad (23)$$

Hence it holds

$$\sup_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x)| \leq \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \quad (24)$$

$j = 0, 1, \dots, r$ .

Above we set  $D_{*-1}^0 f(x) = f(x)$ ,  $D_{*-1}^0 Q_n(x) = Q_n(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in [-1, 1]$ , and  $\alpha_0 = 0$ , i.e.  $[\alpha_0] = 0$ .

Set also

$$\rho_n := C_{r,s} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \left( \sum_{j=h}^v l_j \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} n^{j-r} \right). \quad (25)$$

I. Suppose, throughout  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\alpha_h(x) \geq \alpha > 0$ . Let  $Q_n(x)$ ,  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , be a real polynomial of degree  $\leq n$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} \left( f(x) + \rho_n \frac{x^h}{h!} \right) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x) \right| \leq \\ \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$j = 0, 1, \dots, r$ .

When  $j = h+1, \dots, r$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x) \right| \leq \\ \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

proving (14).

For  $j = 1, \dots, h$  we get

$$D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} \left( \frac{x^h}{h!} \right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j)} \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} \frac{t^{h-j}}{(h-j)!} dt \quad (28)$$

(we see that  $t = t+1-1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} t^{h-j} &= ((t+1)-1)^{h-j} = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \binom{h-j}{\lambda} (t+1)^{h-j-\lambda} (-1)^\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{(h-j)! \Gamma(j-\alpha_j)} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} (-1)^\lambda \binom{h-j}{\lambda} \int_{-1}^x (x-t)^{j-\alpha_j-1} (t+1)^{h-j-\lambda+1-1} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(h-j)! \Gamma(j-\alpha_j)} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} (-1)^\lambda \frac{(h-j)!}{\lambda! (h-j-\lambda)!} \cdot \\ &\quad \frac{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j) \Gamma(h-j-\lambda+1)}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_j-\lambda+1)} (x+1)^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{(-1)^\lambda}{\lambda! \Gamma(h - \alpha_j - \lambda + 1)} (x+1)^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}. \quad (29)$$

Hence for  $j = 1, \dots, h$  we found that

$$D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} \left( \frac{x^h}{h!} \right) = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{(-1)^\lambda (x+1)^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h - \alpha_j - \lambda + 1)}. \quad (30)$$

Therefore we get from (26) that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) + \rho_n \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{(-1)^\lambda (x+1)^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h - \alpha_j - \lambda + 1)} \right) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x) \right| \leq \\ \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

$j = 1, \dots, h$ .

Therefore we get for  $j = 1, \dots, h$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x)| \leq \\ \rho_n \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{2^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h - \alpha_j - \lambda + 1)} \right) + \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) = \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

$$C_{r,s} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \left( \sum_{\bar{j}=h}^k l_{\bar{j}} \frac{2^{\bar{j}-\alpha_{\bar{j}}}}{\Gamma(\bar{j} - \alpha_{\bar{j}} + 1)} n^{\bar{j}-r} \right).$$

$$\left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{2^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h - \alpha_j - \lambda + 1)} \right) + \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) =$$

$$C_{r,s} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \left[ \left( \sum_{\bar{j}=h}^k l_{\bar{j}} \frac{2^{\bar{j}-\alpha_{\bar{j}}}}{\Gamma(\bar{j} - \alpha_{\bar{j}} + 1)} \frac{1}{n^{r-\bar{j}}} \right) \right]. \quad (33)$$

$$\left[ \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{2^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h - \alpha_j - \lambda + 1)} \right) + \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{1}{n^{r-j}} \right] \leq$$

$$C_{r,s} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \frac{1}{n^{r-v}} \left[ \left( \sum_{\bar{j}=h}^v l_{\bar{j}} \frac{2^{\bar{j}-\alpha_{\bar{j}}}}{\Gamma(\bar{j} - \alpha_{\bar{j}} + 1)} \right) \right]. \quad (34)$$

$$\left[ \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{2^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h - \alpha_j - \lambda + 1)} \right) + \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \right].$$

Hence for  $j = 1, \dots, h$  we derived (16):

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |(D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f)(x) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x)| \leq \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-v}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right). \\ & \left[ \left( \sum_{\tau=h}^v l_\tau \frac{2^{\tau-\alpha_\tau}}{\Gamma(\tau-\alpha_\tau+1)} \right) \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^{h-j} \frac{2^{h-\alpha_j-\lambda}}{\lambda! \Gamma(h-\alpha_j-\lambda+1)} \right) + \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

From (26) when  $j = 0$  we obtain

$$\max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| f(x) + \rho_n \frac{x^h}{h!} - Q_n(x) \right| \leq \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^r} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right). \quad (36)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - Q_n(x)| \leq \frac{\rho_n}{h!} + \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^r} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) = \\ & \frac{C_{r,s}}{h!} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \left( \sum_{\tau=h}^v l_\tau \frac{2^{\tau-\alpha_\tau}}{\Gamma(\tau-\alpha_\tau+1)} n^{\tau-r} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^r} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) = \\ & C_{r,s} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{h!} \sum_{\tau=h}^v l_\tau \frac{2^{\tau-\alpha_\tau}}{\Gamma(\tau-\alpha_\tau+1)} n^{r-\tau} + \frac{1}{n^r} \right] \leq \\ & \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-v}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{h!} \sum_{\tau=h}^k l_\tau \frac{2^{\tau-\alpha_\tau}}{\Gamma(\tau-\alpha_\tau+1)} + 1 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

that is proving (17).

Also if  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , then

$$\alpha_h^{-1}(x) L^*(Q_n(x)) = \alpha_h^{-1}(x) L^*(f(x)) + \rho_n \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} + \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=h}^v \alpha_h^{-1}(x) \alpha_j(x) \left[ D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n(x) - D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f(x) - \frac{\rho_n}{h!} D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} x^h \right] \stackrel{(26)}{\geq} \\ & \rho_n \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} - \left( \sum_{j=h}^v l_j \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) \right) = \\ & \rho_n \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} - \rho_n = \rho_n \left[ \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} - 1 \right] = \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

$$\rho_n \left[ \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h} - \Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} \right] \geq \rho_n \left[ \frac{1 - \Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} \right] \geq 0. \quad (41)$$



Explanation: We know that  $\Gamma(1) = 1$ ,  $\Gamma(2) = 1$ , and  $\Gamma$  is convex and positive on  $(0, \infty)$ . Here  $0 \leq h - \alpha_h < 1$  and  $1 \leq h - \alpha_h + 1 < 2$ . Thus  $\Gamma(h - \alpha_h + 1) \leq 1$  and  $1 - \Gamma(h - \alpha_h + 1) \geq 0$ . Hence  $L^*(Q_n(x)) \geq 0$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

II. Suppose on  $[0, 1]$  that  $\alpha_h(x) \leq \beta < 0$ . Let  $Q_n(x)$ ,  $x \in [-1, 1]$ , be a real polynomial of degree  $\leq n$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \left| D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} \left( f(x) - \rho_n \frac{x^h}{h!} \right) - (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n)(x) \right| \leq \\ \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j - \alpha_j + 1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

$j = 0, 1, \dots, r$ .

Similarly we obtain again inequalities of convergence, see (14), (16) and (17).

Also if  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , then

$$\alpha_h^{-1}(x) L^*(Q_n(x)) = \alpha_h^{-1}(x) L^*(f(x)) - \rho_n \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} + \quad (43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=h}^v \alpha_h^{-1}(x) \alpha_j(x) \left[ D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n(x) - D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f(x) + \frac{\rho_n}{h!} (D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} x^h) \right] \stackrel{(42)}{\leq} \\ -\rho_n \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} + \sum_{j=h}^v l_j \frac{2^{j-\alpha_j}}{\Gamma(j-\alpha_j+1)} \frac{C_{r,s}}{n^{r-j}} \omega_s \left( f^{(r)}, \frac{1}{n} \right) = \\ \rho_n \left( 1 - \frac{(x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} \right) = \rho_n \left( \frac{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1) - (x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} \right) \leq \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

$$\rho_n \left( \frac{1 - (x+1)^{h-\alpha_h}}{\Gamma(h-\alpha_h+1)} \right) \leq 0, \quad (45)$$

and hence on  $[0, 1]$  again holds  $L^*(Q_n(x)) \geq 0$ . ■

**Remark 7** (to Theorem 6) Suppose that  $\alpha_j(x)$ ,  $j = h, h+1, \dots, v$  are continuous functions on  $[-1, 1]$ , and we have on  $[0, 1]$  only  $L^*(f) > 0$ . Relax the condition  $\alpha_h(x)$  is either  $\geq \alpha > 0$  or  $\leq \beta < 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $Q_n$  be the polynomial of degree  $\leq n$  corresponding to  $f$  from (24).

Then  $D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} Q_n$  converges uniformly to  $D_{*-1}^{\alpha_j} f$  at a higher rate given by inequality (24), in particular for  $0 \leq j \leq h$ . Moreover, because  $L^*(Q_n)$  converges uniformly to  $L^*(f)$  on  $[-1, 1]$ ,  $L^*(Q_n) > 0$  on  $[0, 1]$  for sufficiently large  $n$ .

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