# $L_{p}$-APPROXIMATION BY ITERATIVE COMBINATION OF PHILLIPS OPERATORS 

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#### Abstract

An estimate of error in $L_{p}$-approximation in terms of higher order integral modulus of smoothness is obtained using the device of Steklov means for an iterative combination, due to Micchelli, of Phillips operators.


1. Introduction. Phillips [7] introduced the following linear positive operators

$$
S_{\lambda}(f, t)=\int_{0}^{\infty} W(\lambda, t, u) f(u) d u, \quad f \in L_{p}[0, \infty)
$$

where $p \geq 1, t \in[0, \infty)$ and

$$
W(\lambda, t, u)=e^{-\lambda(t+u)}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\lambda^{2} t\right)^{n} u^{n-1}}{n!(n-1)!}+\delta(u)\right)
$$

$\delta(u)$ being the Dirac-delta function.
It turns out that the order of approximation by the Phillips operator $S_{\lambda}(f, t)$ is at best $O\left(\lambda^{-1}\right)$. With the aim of improving the order of approximation by the Phillips operators, May [5] applied the technique of linear combinations to $S_{\lambda}$. These combinations were introduced by Butzer [2] in order to improve the order of approximation by Bernstein polynomials. Micchelli [6] offered yet another approach for improving the order of approximation by Bernstein polynomials $B_{n}$ by considering the iterative combinations $T_{n, k}=I-\left(I-B_{n}\right)^{k}$ and proved some direct and saturation results. Agrawal and Kasana [1] improved a result of Micchelli [6] and obtained a Voronovskaja type asymptotic formula for these operators.

In this paper, we consider Micchelli combination for the Phillips operator $S_{\lambda}$ and prove some direct results in $L_{p}$-approximation. For $f \in L_{p}[0, \infty)$, we define the operator

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{\lambda, k}(f(u), t)=\left[I-\left(I-S_{\lambda}\right)^{k}\right](f, t)=\sum_{r=1}^{k}(-1)^{r+1}\binom{k}{r} S_{\lambda}^{r}(f(u), t) \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S_{\lambda}^{r}$ denotes the $r$-th iterative (superposition) of the operator $S_{\lambda}$.
In what follows, we suppose that

$$
0<a_{1}<a_{3}<a_{2}<b_{2}<b_{3}<b_{1}<\infty, \quad I_{i}=\left[a_{i}, b_{i}\right], \quad i=1,2,3
$$

and that $[\alpha]$ denotes the integral part of $\alpha$.
2. Degree of approximation. We denote by $\omega_{2 k}\left(f, p, I_{1}\right), k=0,1,2, \ldots$, $1 \leq p<\infty$, the $2 k$-th order integral modulus of smoothness of $f$ on $I_{1}$.

THEOREM 2.1. If $f \in L_{p}[0, \infty), p \geq 1$, then for all $\lambda$ sufficiently large

$$
\left\|S_{\lambda, k}(f, \cdot)-f\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq M_{k}\left\{\omega_{2 k}\left(f, \lambda^{-1 / 2}, p, I_{1}\right)+\lambda^{-k}\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}\right\}
$$

where $M_{k}$ is a constant independent of $f$ and $\lambda$.
The method of proof is first to approximate in a smooth subspace of $L_{p}[0, \infty)$ (Lemma 2.6 below) and then use Steklov means to obtain the degree of approximation in $L_{p}[0, \infty)$. The use of Steklov means has been a powerfull tool in the development of results as against the usual procedures exploiting Peetre's $K$-functional technique of Wood in [9].

First we define the Steklov means and then mention some results in the form of lemmas which will be used in the sequel. Let $f \in L_{p}[0, \infty), 1 \leq p<\infty$. Then for sufficiently small $\eta>0$, the Steklov mean $f_{\eta, m}$ of $m$-th order corresponding to $f$ is defined by

$$
f_{\eta, m}(u)=\eta^{-m} \int_{-\eta / 2}^{\eta / 2} \cdots \int_{-\eta / 2}^{\eta / 2}\left\{f(u)+(-1)^{m-1} \Delta_{\sum_{i=1}^{m} u_{i}}^{m} f(u)\right\} \prod_{i=1}^{m} d u_{i}, \quad u \in I_{1}
$$

It is easy to check $[4,8]$ that
(i) $f_{\eta, m}$ has derivatives up to order $m, f_{\eta, m}^{(m-1)} \in \mathrm{AC}\left(I_{1}\right)$ and $f_{\eta, m}^{(m)}$ exists a.e. and belongs to $L_{p}\left(I_{1}\right)$;
(ii) $\left\|f_{\eta, m}^{(r)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq M_{r} \eta^{-r} \omega_{r}\left(f, \eta, p, I_{1}\right), r=1(1) m$;
(iii) $\left\|f-f_{\eta, m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq M_{m+1} \omega_{m}\left(f, \eta, p, I_{1}\right)$;
(iv) $\left\|f_{\eta, m}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq M_{m+2}\|f\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{1}\right)}$;
(v) $\left\|f_{\eta, m}^{(m)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq M_{m+3} \eta^{-m}\|f\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{1}\right)}$, where $M_{i}$ 's are certain constants depending on $i$ but independent of $f$ and $\eta$.

Lemma 2.1, [5] Let the function $\mu_{\lambda, m}(t), m \in \mathbf{N}^{0}$ (the set of non-negative integers) be defined by $\mu_{\lambda, m}(t)=\int_{0}^{\infty} W(\lambda, t, u)(u-t)^{m} d u$. Then $\mu_{\lambda, 0}(t)=1$, $\mu_{\lambda, 1}(t)=0, \mu_{\lambda, 2}(t)=2 t / \lambda$, and the following recurrence relation holds

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{2 t}{\lambda} D\left(\mu_{\lambda, m}(t)\right)+\frac{t}{\lambda^{2}} D^{2}\left(\mu_{\lambda, m}(t)\right) \\
& \quad=\mu_{\lambda, m+1}(t)-\frac{2 t m}{\lambda} \mu_{\lambda, m-1}(t)-\frac{t m(m-1)}{\lambda^{2}} \mu_{\lambda, m-2}(t)-\frac{2 t m}{\lambda^{2}} D^{2}\left(\mu_{\lambda, m-1}(t)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Consequently,
(i) $\mu_{\lambda, m}(t)$ is a polynomial in $t$ and $1 / \lambda$ for every $t \in[0, \infty)$.
(ii) $\mu_{\lambda, m}(t)=O\left(\lambda^{-\left[\frac{m+1}{2}\right]}\right)$, for every $t \in[0, \infty)$.

Moreover, by using Hölder's inequality we have
(2.1) $\quad S_{\lambda}\left(|u-t|^{r}, t\right)=O\left(\lambda^{-r / 2}\right) \quad$ for each $r>0$ and for every fixed $t \in[0, \infty)$.

For every $m \in \mathbf{N}^{0}$ the $m$-th moment $\mu_{\lambda, m}^{\{p\}}$ for the operator $S_{\lambda}^{p}$ is defined by $\mu_{\lambda, m}^{\{p\}}(t)=S_{\lambda}^{p}\left((u-t)^{p} ; t\right)$. Let $\mu_{\lambda, m}(t)$ denote $\mu_{\lambda, m}^{\{1\}}(t)$.

Lemma 2.2. The following recurrence relation holds

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{\lambda, m}^{\{p+1\}}(t)=\sum_{j=0}^{m}\binom{m}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \frac{1}{i!} D^{i}\left(\mu_{\lambda, m-j}^{\{p\}}(t)\right) \mu_{\lambda, i+j}(t), \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D$ denotes the operator $d / d t$.
Proof. By the definition above, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu_{\lambda, m}^{\{p+1\}}(t) & =S_{\lambda}\left(S_{\lambda}^{p}\left((\mu-t)^{m} ; x\right) ; t\right) \\
& =\sum_{j=0}^{m}\binom{m}{j} S_{\lambda}\left((x-t)^{j} S_{\lambda}^{p}\left((u-x)^{m-j} ; x\right) ; t\right) \\
& =\sum_{j=0}^{m}\binom{m}{j} S_{\lambda}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \frac{(x-t)^{i+j}}{i!} D^{i}\left(\mu_{\lambda, m-j}^{\{p\}}(t)\right) ; t\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Now, (2.2) follows immediately.
Lemma 2.3. We have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{\lambda, m}^{\{p\}}(t)=O\left(\lambda^{-[(m+1) / 2]}\right) . \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. For $p=1$, the result follows from Lemma 2.1. Suppose the result is true for $p$; we shall prove it for $p+1$. Now, $\mu_{\lambda, m-j}^{\{p\}}(t)=O\left(\lambda^{-[(m-j+1) / 2]}\right)$ is a polynomial in $t$ of degree $\leq m-j$; it follows that

$$
D^{i}\left(\mu_{\lambda, m-j}^{\{p\}}(t)\right)=O\left(\lambda^{-[(m-j+1) / 2]}\right) .
$$

using Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu_{\lambda, m}^{\{p+1\}}(t) & =O\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m} \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \lambda^{-[(m-j+1) / 2]+[(i+j+1) / 2]}\right) \\
& =O\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m} \sum_{i=0}^{m-j} \lambda^{-[(m+i+1) / 2]}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

which implies (2.3), by induction hypothesis.

Lemma 2.4. For $l$-th moment $(l \in \mathbf{N})$ of $S_{\lambda, k}$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{\lambda, k}\left((u-t)^{l}, t\right)=O\left(\lambda^{-k}\right) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. For $k=1$, the result follows from Lemma 2.1. Now, suppose that (2.4) holds for some $k$; then by using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, we can infer it for $k+1$ (induction argument.)

Lemma $2.5[3]$ Let $1 \leq p<\infty, f \in L_{p}[a, b], f^{(k)} \in \mathrm{AC}[a, b]$ and $f^{(k+1)} \in$ $L_{p}[a, b] ;$ then

$$
\left\|f^{(j)}\right\|_{L_{p}[a, b]} \leq k_{j}\left(\left\|f^{(k+1)}\right\|_{L_{p}[a, b]}+\|f\|_{L_{p}[a, b]}\right), \quad j=1,2, \ldots, k
$$

where $k_{j}$ 's are certain constants depending only on $j, k, p, a$ and $b$.
Lemma 2.6. If $p>1, f \in L_{p}[0, \infty)$, $f$ has $2 k$ derivatives on $I_{1}$ with $f^{(2 k-1)} \in$ $\mathrm{AC}\left(I_{1}\right)$ and $f^{(2 k)} \in L_{p}\left(I_{1}\right)$, then for all $\lambda$ sufficiently large

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|S_{\lambda, k}(f, t)-f(t)\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq M_{1} \lambda^{-k}\left\{\left\|f^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{1}\right)}+\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}\right\} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $f \in L_{1}[0, \infty)$, $f$ has $(2 k-1)$ derivatives on $I_{1}$ with $f^{(2 k-2)} \in \mathrm{AC}\left(I_{1}\right)$ and $f^{(2 k-1)} \in \mathrm{BV}\left(I_{1}\right)$, then for all $\lambda$ sufficiently large

$$
\begin{align*}
\| S_{\lambda, k}(f, t)- & f(t) \|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)}  \tag{2.6}\\
& \leq M_{2} \lambda^{-k}\left\{\left\|f^{(2 k-1)}\right\|_{\mathrm{BV}\left(I_{1}\right)}+\left\|f^{(2 k-1)}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)}+\|f\|_{L_{1}[0, \infty)}\right\}
\end{align*}
$$

where $M_{1}$ and $M_{2}$ are constants independent of $f$ and $\lambda$.
Proof. First assume $p>1$; then, by the hypothesis, for $t \in I_{2}$ and $u \in I_{1}$

$$
f(u)=\sum_{j=0}^{2 k-1} f^{(j)}(t) \frac{(u-t)^{j}}{j!}+\frac{1}{(2 k-1)!} \int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} f^{(2 k)}(w) d w
$$

Hence, we can write

$$
\begin{align*}
f(u)= & \sum_{j=0}^{2 k-1} \frac{(u-t)^{j}}{j!} f^{(j)}(t)  \tag{2.7}\\
& \quad+\frac{1}{(2 k-1)!} \int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} \phi(u) f^{(2 k)}(w) d w \\
& \quad+F(u, t)(1-\phi(u))
\end{align*}
$$

where $\phi(u)$ is the characteristic function of $I_{1}$ and for all $u \in[0, \infty)$ and $t \in I_{2}$

$$
F(u, t)=f(u)-\sum_{j=0}^{2 k-1} \frac{(u-t)^{j}}{j!} f^{(j)}(t)
$$

Using (2.7) in (1.1), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{\lambda, k}(f, t)-f(t)= & \sum_{j=1}^{2 k-1} \frac{f^{(j)}(t)}{j!} S_{\lambda, k}\left((u-t)^{j}, t\right) \\
& \quad+\frac{1}{(2 k-1)!} S_{\lambda, k}\left(\varphi(u) \int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} f^{(2 k)}(w) d w, t\right) \\
& \quad+S_{\lambda, k}(F(u, t)(1-\phi(u)), t) \\
= & \Sigma_{1}+\Sigma_{2}+\Sigma_{3}, \quad \text { say }
\end{aligned}
$$

In view of Lemma 2.4 and [3]

$$
\left\|\Sigma_{1}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{1} \lambda^{-k}\left(\sum_{j=1}^{2 k-1}\left\|f^{(j)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}\right) \leq C_{2} \lambda^{-k}\left(\|f\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}+\left\|f^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}\right)
$$

To estimate $\Sigma_{2}$, let $h_{f}$ be the Hardy-Littlewood majorant [9] of $f^{(2 k)}$ on $I_{1}$. Use of Hölder's inequality and (2.1) leads to:

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_{1} & =\left|S_{\lambda}\left(\varphi(u) \int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} f^{(2 k)}(w) d w, t\right)\right| \\
& \leq S_{\lambda}\left(\varphi(u)\left|\int_{t}^{u}\right| u-\left.w\right|^{2 k-1}\left|f^{(2 k)}(w)\right| d w \mid, t\right) \\
& \leq S_{\lambda}\left(\varphi(u)(u-t)^{2 k}\left|h_{f}(u)\right|, t\right) \\
& \leq\left\{S_{\lambda}\left(|u-t|^{2 k q} \varphi(u), t\right)\right\}^{1 / q} \cdot\left\{S_{\lambda}\left(\left|h_{f}(u)\right|^{p} \varphi(u), t\right)\right\}^{1 / p} \\
& \leq C_{3} \lambda^{-k}\left(\int_{a_{1}}^{b_{1}} W(\lambda, t, u)\left|h_{f}(u)\right|^{p} d u\right)^{1 / p}
\end{aligned}
$$

Fubini's theorem and [10, Ch. 2] imply that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|J_{1}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}^{p} & \leq C_{3} \lambda^{-k p} \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} \int_{a_{1}}^{b_{1}} W(\lambda, t, u)\left|h_{f}(u)\right|^{p} d u d t \\
& \leq C_{3} \lambda^{-k p} \int_{a_{1}}^{b_{1}}\left(\int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} W(\lambda, t, u) d t\right)\left|h_{f}(u)\right|^{p} d u \\
& \leq C_{4} \lambda^{-k p}\left\|f^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{1}\right)}^{p}
\end{aligned}
$$

Consequently $\left\|\Sigma_{2}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{5} \lambda^{-k}\left\|f^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{1}\right)}$. For $u \in[0, \infty) \backslash\left[a_{1}, b_{1}\right], t \in I_{2}$ there exists a $\delta>0$ such that $|u-t| \geq \delta$. Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mid S_{\lambda}(F(u, t) & (1-\varphi(u)), t) \mid \\
& \leq \delta^{-2 k} S_{\lambda}\left(|F(u, t)|(u-t)^{2 k}, t\right) \\
& =\delta^{-2 k}\left[S_{\lambda}\left(|f(u)|(u-t)^{2 k}, t\right)+\sum_{j=0}^{2 k-1} \frac{\left|f^{(j)}(t)\right|}{j!} S_{\lambda}\left(|u-t|^{2 k+j}, t\right)\right] \\
& =J_{2}+J_{3}, \quad \text { say. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Hölder's inequality and (2.1) get us:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|J_{2}\right| & \leq \delta^{-2 k}\left(S_{\lambda}\left(|f(u)|^{p}, t\right)^{1 / p}\left(S_{\lambda}\left(|u-t|^{2 k q}, t\right)\right)^{1 / q}\right. \\
& \leq C_{6} \lambda^{-k}\left[S_{\lambda}\left(|f(u)|^{p}, t\right)\right]^{1 / p}
\end{aligned}
$$

Again applying Fubini's theorem, we get $\left\|J_{2}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{7} \lambda^{-k}\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}$. Moreover, using (2.1) and [3], we obtain

$$
\left\|J_{3}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{8} \lambda^{-k} \sum_{j=0}^{2 k-1}\left\|f^{(i)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{8} \lambda^{-k}\left(\|f\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}+\left\|f^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}\right) .
$$

Combining the estimates of $J_{2}$ and $J_{3}$, we are led to:

$$
\left\|\Sigma_{3}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{9} \lambda^{-k}\left[\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}+\left\|f^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}\right] .
$$

Hence the result (2.5) follows.
Now assume $p=1$; then by the assumption on $f$ for almost all $t \in I_{2}$ and for all $u \in I_{1}$,

$$
f(u)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 k-1} \frac{(u-t)^{i}}{i!} f^{(i)}(t)+\frac{1}{(2 k-1)!} \int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} d f^{(2 k-1)}(w)
$$

We can write

$$
\begin{array}{r}
f(u)=\sum_{i=0}^{2 k-1} \frac{(u-t)^{i}}{i!} f^{(i)}(t)+\frac{1}{(2 k-1)!} \int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} d f^{(2 k-1)}(w) \varphi(u) \\
+F(u, t)(1-\varphi(u))
\end{array}
$$

where $\varphi(u)$ denotes the characteristic function on $I_{1}$ and $F(u, t)$ is defined as earlier for almost all $t \in I_{2}$ and for all $u \in[0, \infty)$. Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{\lambda, k}(f, t)-f(t)= & \sum_{i=1}^{2 k-1} \frac{f^{(i)}(t)}{i!} S_{\lambda, k}\left((u-t)^{i}, t\right) \\
& +\frac{1}{(2 k-1)!} S_{\lambda, k}\left(\int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} d f^{(2 k-1)}(w) \varphi(u), t\right) \\
& +S_{\lambda, k}(F(u, t)(1-\varphi(u)), t) \\
= & J_{1}+J_{2}+J_{3}, \quad \text { say. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Applying Lemma 2.2 and [3], we obtain

$$
\left\|J_{1}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{1} \lambda^{-k}\left[\|f\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)}+\left\|f^{(2 k-1)}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)}\right]
$$

Furthermore

$$
\begin{aligned}
K & \equiv\left\|S_{\lambda}\left(\int_{t}^{u}(u-w)^{2 k-1} d f^{2 k-1}(w) \varphi(u), t\right)\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)} \\
& \leq \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} \int_{a_{1}}^{b_{1}} W(\lambda, t, u)|u-t|^{2 k-1}\left|\int_{t}^{u}\right| d f^{(2 k-1)}(w)| | d u d t
\end{aligned}
$$

For each $\lambda$ there exists a non-negative integer $r=r(\lambda)$ such that

$$
r \lambda^{-1 / 2}<\max \left(b_{1}-a_{2}, b_{2}-a_{1}\right) \leq(r+1) \lambda^{-1 / 2}
$$

Then, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
K \leq \sum_{l=0}^{r} \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} & \left\{\int_{t+l \lambda^{-1 / 2}}^{t+(l+1) \lambda^{-1 / 2}} \varphi(u) W(\lambda, t, u)|u-t|^{2 k-1}\right. \\
& \cdot\left(\int_{t}^{t+(l+1) \lambda^{-1 / 2}} \varphi(w)\left|d f^{(2 k-1)}(w)\right|\right) d u \\
+ & \int_{t-(l+1) \lambda^{-1 / 2}}^{t-l \lambda^{-1 / 2}} \varphi(u) W(\lambda, t, u)|u-t|^{2 k-1} \\
& \left.\cdot\left(\int_{t-(l+1) \lambda^{-1 / 2}}^{t} \varphi(w)\left|d f^{(2 k-1)}(w)\right|\right) d u\right\} d t
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $\varphi_{t, c, d}(w)$ denote the characteristic function of the interval

$$
\left[t-c \lambda^{-1 / 2}, t+d \lambda^{-1 / 2}\right]
$$

where $c, d$ are non-negative integers. Now proceeding along the lines of [9, p. 70] we obtain, after using Lemma 2.1 and Fubini's theorem:

$$
\begin{aligned}
K \leq & C_{2} \lambda^{-(2 k+1) / 2}\left\{\sum _ { l = 1 } ^ { r } l ^ { - 4 } \left(\int_{a_{1}}^{b_{1}}\left(\int_{w-(l+1) \lambda^{-1 / 2}}^{w} d t\right)\left|d f^{(2 k-1)}(w)\right|\right.\right. \\
& \left.+\int_{a_{1}}^{b_{1}}\left(\int_{w}^{w+(l+1) \lambda^{-1 / 2}} d t\right)\left|d f^{(2 k-1)}(w)\right|\right) \\
& \left.+\int_{a_{1}}^{b_{1}}\left(\int_{w-\lambda^{-1 / 2}}^{w+\lambda^{-1 / 2}} d t\right)\left|d f^{(2 k-1)}(w)\right|\right\} \\
\leq & C_{3} \lambda^{-k}\left\|f^{(2 k-1)}(w)\right\|_{\operatorname{BV}\left(I_{1}\right)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, $\left\|J_{2}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{4} \lambda^{-k}\left\|f^{(2 k-1)}\right\|_{\mathrm{BV}\left(I_{1}\right)}$, where $C_{4}$ is a constant which depends on $k$.

For all $u \in[0, \infty) \backslash\left[a_{1}, b_{1}\right]$ and all $t \in I_{2}$, we can choose a $\delta>0$ such that $|u-t| \geq \delta$. Therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\left\|S_{\lambda}(F(u, t)(1-\varphi(u)), t)\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} W(\lambda, t, u)|f(u)|(1-\varphi(u)) d u d t \\
&+\sum_{i=0}^{2 k-1} \frac{1}{i!} \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} W(\lambda, t, u)\left|f^{(i)}(t)\right||u-t|^{i}(1-\varphi(u)) d u d t \\
&=J_{4}+J_{5}, \quad \text { say. }
\end{aligned}
$$

For sufficiently large $u$ there exist positive constants $R_{0}$ and $C_{6}$ such that

$$
\frac{(u-t)^{2 k}}{u^{2 k}+1}>C_{6} \quad \text { for all } u \geq R_{0}, t \in I_{2}
$$

By Fubini's theorem

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_{4} & =\left(\int_{0}^{R_{0}} \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}}+\int_{R_{0}}^{\infty} \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}}\right) W(\lambda, t, u)|f(u)|(1-\varphi(u)) d t d u \\
& =J_{6}+J_{7}, \quad \text { say. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Next, by using Lemma 2.1, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
J_{6} & \leq C_{7} \lambda^{-k}\left(\int_{0}^{R_{0}}|f(u)| d u\right) \\
J_{7} & \leq \frac{1}{C_{6}} \int_{R_{0}}^{\infty} \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} W(\lambda, t, u) \frac{(u-t)^{2 k}}{\left(u^{2 k}+1\right)}|f(u)| d t d u \leq C_{8} \lambda^{-k}\left(\int_{R_{0}}^{\infty}|f(u)| d u\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, $J_{4} \leq C_{9} \lambda^{-k}\|f\|_{L_{1}([0, \infty))}$. Further, using (2.1) and [3] we get

$$
J_{5} \leq C_{10} \lambda^{-k}\left(\|f\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)}+\left\|f^{(2 k-1)}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)}\right)
$$

Combining the estimates of $J_{4}$ and $J_{5}$ we have

$$
\left\|J_{3}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{11} \lambda^{-k}\left(\|f\|_{L_{1}[0, \infty)}+\left\|f^{(2 k-1)}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{2}\right)}\right)
$$

The result (2.6) follows.
Proof of Theorem 2.1. Let $f_{\eta, 2 k}(u)$ be the Steklov mean of $2 k$-th order corresponding to $f(u)$ where $\eta>0$ is sufficiently small and $f(u)$ is defined to be zero outside $[0, \infty)$. Then we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\| S_{\lambda, k}(f, & \cdot)-f \|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \\
& \leq\left\|S_{\lambda, k}\left(f-f_{\eta, 2 k}, \cdot\right)\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}+\left\|S_{\lambda, k}\left(f_{\eta, 2 k}, \cdot\right)\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)}+\left\|f_{\eta, 2 k}-f\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \\
& =\Sigma_{1}+\Sigma_{2}+\Sigma_{3}, \quad \text { say. }
\end{aligned}
$$

To estimate $\Sigma_{1}$, let $\varphi(u)$ be the characteristic function of $I_{3}$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{\lambda}\left(\left(f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right)(u), t\right) & =S_{\lambda}\left(\varphi(u)\left(f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right)(u), t\right)+S_{\lambda}\left((1-\varphi(u))\left(f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right)(u), t\right) \\
& =\Sigma_{4}+\Sigma_{5}, \quad \text { say. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The following is true for $p=1$; the truth for $p>1$ follows from Hölder's inequality.

$$
\int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}}\left|\Sigma_{4}\right|^{p} d t \leq \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} \int_{a_{3}}^{b_{3}} W(\lambda, t, u)\left|\left(f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right)(u)\right|^{p} d u d t
$$

Now, applying Fubini's theorem, we get

$$
\int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}}\left|\Sigma_{4}\right|^{p} d t \leq \int_{a_{3}}^{b_{3}} \int_{a_{2}}^{b_{2}} W(\lambda, t, u)\left|\left(f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right)(u)\right|^{p} d t d u \leq\left\|f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{3}\right)}^{p}
$$

Hence, $\left\|\Sigma_{4}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq\left\|f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{3}\right)}$. Using Hölder's inequality (2.1) and Fubini's theorem we get the following for $p \geq 1$ :

$$
\left\|\Sigma_{5}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{2}\right)} \leq C_{1} \lambda^{-k}\left\|f-f_{\eta, 2 k}\right\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}
$$

Now, using Jensen's inequality and Fubini's theorem we obtain $\left\|f_{\eta, 2 k}\right\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)} \leq$ $C_{2}\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}$. Hence $\left\|\Sigma_{5}\right\|_{L_{p}(I 2)} \leq C_{3} \lambda^{-k}\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}$. Again by the property of Steklov means, we get

$$
\Sigma_{1} \leq C_{4}\left\{\omega_{2 k}\left(f, \eta, p, I_{1}\right)+\lambda^{-k}\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}\right\}
$$

It is well known that

$$
\left\|f_{\eta, 2 k}^{(2 k-1)}\right\|_{\mathrm{BV}\left(I_{3}\right)} \leq\left\|f_{\eta, 2 k}^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{1}\left(I_{3}\right)} .
$$

Therefore by virtue of Lemma 2.6 (for $p \geq 1$ ) and Lemma 2.5 we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_{2} & \leq C_{5} \lambda^{-k}\left\{\left\|f_{\eta, 2 k}^{(2 k)}\right\|_{L_{p}\left(I_{3}\right)}+\left\|f_{\eta, 2 k}\right\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}\right\} \\
& \leq C_{6} \lambda^{-k}\left\{\eta^{-(2 k)} \omega_{2 k}\left(f, \eta, p, I_{1}\right)+\|f\|_{L_{p}[0, \infty)}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

in view of the properties of Steklov means.
To estimate $\Sigma_{3}$, we use the Steklov means property (iii) and obtain that $\Sigma_{3} \leq C_{6} \omega_{2 k}\left(f, \eta, p, I_{1}\right)$. The result follows.

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