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A note on modified Phillips operators. (English summary)

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Let P_n be the n -th Phillips operator defined as follows:

$$(1) \quad P_n(f, x) = n \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} e^{-nx} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-nt} \frac{(nt)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} f(t) dt + e^{-nx} f(0), \quad x \geq 0.$$

In this paper the author shows how to modify such operators in order to improve the rate of convergence on the space $C_b([0, +\infty))$ of all bounded and continuous functions on $[0, +\infty)$.

The modification presented is obtained by replacing in (1) the variable x with a sequence $(r_n(x))_{n \geq 1}$ of real-valued continuous functions defined on $[0, +\infty)$ such that $0 \leq r_n(x) < +\infty$. By setting

$$r_n(x) := r_n^*(x) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + n^2 x^2}}{n},$$

it can be seen that the relevant operators $P_n^*(f, x)$ map $C_b([0, +\infty))$ into itself and, for every $f \in C_b([0, +\infty))$ and $x \geq 0$, one has

$$|P_n^*(f, x) - f(x)| \leq 2\omega(f, \delta_{n,x}),$$

where $\delta_{n,x} = \sqrt{2x(x - r_n^*(x))}$ and $\omega(f, \delta)$ is the usual modulus of smoothness of first order. This error estimate is better than

$$|P_n(f, x) - f(x)| \leq 2\omega\left(f, \sqrt{\frac{2x}{n}}\right),$$

which is known to hold for each $f \in C_b([0, +\infty))$ in the whole $[0, +\infty)$.

It is also proved that the rate of convergence of $P_n^*(f, x)$ is better than that of $P_n(f, x)$ also for f from a Lipschitz class.

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