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# ON CERTAIN MODIFIED SZÁSZ-MIRAKYAN OPERATORS FOR FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

**Abstract.** We introduce certain modified Szász-Mirakyan operators in polynomial weighted spaces of functions of two variables and we study approximation properties of these operators. The similar theorems for function of one variable are given in [2].

## 1. Preliminaries

1.1. Let as in [1], for  $p \in N_0 := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,

$$(1) \quad w_0(x) := 1, \quad w_p(x) := (1 + x^p)^{-1} \quad \text{if } p \geq 1, \quad x \in R_0 := [0, +\infty).$$

Next, for fixed  $p, q \in N_0$ , we define the weighted function

$$(2) \quad w_{p,q}(x, y) := w_p(x) w_q(y), \quad (x, y) \in R_0^2 := R_0 \times R_0,$$

and the weighted space  $C_{p,q}$  of all real-valued functions  $f$  continuous on  $R_0^2$  for which  $w_{p,q}f$  is uniformly continuous and bounded on  $R_0^2$  and the norm is defined by the formula

$$(3) \quad \|f\|_{p,q} \equiv \|f(\cdot, \cdot)\| := \sup_{(x,y) \in R_0^2} w_{p,q}(x, y) |f(x, y)|.$$

The modulus of continuity of  $f \in C_{p,q}$  we define as usual

$$(4) \quad \omega(f, C_{p,q}; t, s) := \sup_{0 \leq h \leq t, 0 \leq \delta \leq s} \|\Delta_{h,\delta} f(\cdot, \cdot)\|_{p,q}, \quad t, s \geq 0,$$

where  $\Delta_{h,\delta} f(x, y) := f(x + h, y + \delta) - f(x, y)$ . Moreover, for fixed  $p, q \in N_0$  and  $m \in N := \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , let  $C_{p,q}^m$  denote the set of all functions  $f \in C_{p,q}$  with the partial derivatives  $f_{x^j, y^{k-j}}^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , belonging also to  $C_{p,q}$ .

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**1.2.** For  $f \in C_{p,q}$ ,  $p, q \in N_0$ , we define operators  $S_{m,n}(f; a_m, b_m, c_n, d_n; x, y) \equiv S_{m,n}(f; x, y)$

$$(5) \quad S_{m,n}(f; x, y) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j(a_m x) \varphi_k(c_n y) f\left(\frac{j}{b_m}, \frac{k}{d_n}\right), \quad (x, y) \in R_0^2, \\ m, n \in N,$$

where

$$(6) \quad \varphi_i(t) := e^{-t} \frac{t^i}{i!} \quad \text{for } t \in R_0, \quad i \in N_0,$$

and  $(a_n)_1^\infty$ ,  $(b_n)_1^\infty$ ,  $(c_n)_1^\infty$ ,  $(d_n)_1^\infty$  are given increasing and unbounded sequences of positive numbers and such that

$$(7) \quad \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1 + o\left(\frac{1}{b_n}\right), \quad \frac{c_n}{d_n} = 1 + o\left(\frac{1}{d_n}\right).$$

Write

$$(8) \quad M := \sup_{n \in N} \frac{a_n}{b_n}, \quad M^* := \sup_{n \in N} \frac{c_n}{d_n}.$$

If  $a_n = b_n = c_n = d_n = n$  for all  $n \in N$ , then  $S_{m,n}$  defined by (5) is classical Szász-Mirakyan operator examined for continuous and bounded functions in [3].

In the paper [2] there were considered modified Szász-Mirakyan operators  $S_n(f; a_n, b_n; x) \equiv S_n(f; x)$  for functions of one variable

$$(9) \quad S_n(f; x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_k(a_n x) f\left(\frac{k}{b_n}\right), \quad x \in R_0, \quad n \in N,$$

with given sequences  $(a_n)$  and  $(b_n)$  as above. The classical Szász-Mirakyan operators, i.e.  $S_n$  with  $a_n = b_n = n$  were examined in [1].

From (5)–(9) we deduce that  $S_{m,n}(f)$  are well-defined in every space  $C_{p,q}$ ,  $p, q \in N_0$ . Moreover we have

$$(10) \quad S_{m,n}(1; a_m, b_m, c_n, d_n; x, y) = 1 \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in R_0^2, \quad m, n \in N,$$

and if  $f \in C_{p,q}$  and  $f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in R_0^2$ , then

$$(11) \quad S_{m,n}(1; a_m, b_m, c_n, d_n; x, y) = S_m(f_1; a_m, b_m; x) S_n(f_2; c_n, d_n; y)$$

for all  $(x, y) \in R_0^2$  and  $m, n \in N$ .

In Section 2 we give some auxiliary results. In Section 3 we prove main results.

In this paper by  $M_k(\alpha, \beta)$  we shall denote suitable positive constants depending only on indicated parameters  $\alpha, \beta$ .

## 2. Auxiliary results

From (9) and (6) we get for  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$

$$(12) \quad S_n(1; a_n, b_n; x) = 1,$$

$$(13) \quad S_n(t - x; a_n, b_n; x) = \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} - 1 \right) x,$$

$$S_n((t - x)^2; a_n, b_n; x) = \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} - 1 \right)^2 x^2 + \frac{a_n x}{b_n^2}.$$

In the paper [2] the following two lemmas for  $S_n$  defined by (9) were proved.

LEMMA 1. For every fixed  $p \in N_0$  there exist positive constants  $M_i \equiv M_i(p, b_1, M)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , such that for all  $x \in R_0$  and  $n \in N$

$$(14) \quad \begin{cases} w_p(x) S_n \left( \frac{1}{w_p(t)}; x \right) \leq M_1, \\ w_p(x) S_n \left( \frac{(t - x)^2}{w_p(t)}; x \right) \leq M_2 \left[ \frac{x}{b_n} + \left( \frac{a_n}{b_n} - 1 \right)^2 x^2 \right]. \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 2. For every  $x \in R_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n S_n((t - x)^k; x) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k = 1, \\ x & \text{if } k = 2, \end{cases} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n^2 S_n((t - x)^k; x) &= \begin{cases} x & \text{if } k = 3, \\ 3x^2 & \text{if } k = 4. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 1 we shall prove two lemmas on  $S_{m,n}$  defined by (5).

LEMMA 3. For every  $p, q \in N_0$  there exists a positive constant  $M_4 \equiv M_4(p, q, b_1, d_1, M, M^*)$  such that

$$(16) \quad \left\| S_{m,n} \left( \frac{1}{w_{p,q}(t, z)} \right) \right\|_{p,q} \leq M_4 \quad \text{for } m, n \in N.$$

Moreover for every  $f \in C_{p,q}$  we have

$$(17) \quad \|S_{m,n}(f)\|_{p,q} \leq M_4 \|f\|_{p,q} \quad \text{for } m, n \in N.$$

The formulas (5)–(8) and the inequality (17) show that  $S_{m,n}$ ,  $m, n \in N$ , defined by (5) are linear positive operators from the space  $C_{p,q}$  into  $C_{p,q}$ .

Proof. The inequality (16) follows immediately from (2), (11) and (14).

From (5) and (3) we get for  $f \in C_{p,q}$

$$\|S_{m,n}(f)\|_{p,q} \leq \|f\|_{p,q} \left\| S_{m,n} \left( \frac{1}{w_{p,q}} \right) \right\|_{p,q}, \quad m, n \in N,$$

which by (16) implies (17).

LEMMA 4. Let  $f \in C_{p,q}$ ,  $p, q \in N_0$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $M_5 \equiv M_5(p, q, b_1, d_1, M, M^*)$  such that for all  $m, n \in N$

$$(18) \quad \|(S_{m,n}(f))'_x\|_{p,q} \leq M_5 \|f\|_{p,q} a_m,$$

$$(19) \quad \|(S_{m,n}(f))'_y\|_{p,q} \leq M_5 \|f\|_{p,q} c_n.$$

Proof. We shall prove only (18) because the proof of (19) is identical. From (5) and (6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (S_{m,n}(f))'_x(x, y) \\ = a_m \left\{ -S_{m,n}(f; x, y) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j(a_m x) \varphi_k(c_n y) f\left(\frac{j+1}{b_m}, \frac{k}{d_n}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in R_0^2$  and  $m, n \in N$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (20) \quad \|(S_{m,n}(f))'_x\|_{p,q} \\ \leq a_m \left\{ \|S_{m,n}(f)\|_{p,q} + \|f\|_{p,q} \left\| S_{m,n} \left( \frac{1}{w_{p,q}(t+1/b_m, z)}; \cdot, \cdot \right) \right\|_{p,q} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By (1), (2) and (5) we have

$$(w_{p,q}(t+1/b_m, z))^{-1} \leq 2^p (1 + b_1^{-p}) (w_{p,q}(t, z))^{-1},$$

which implies the inequality

$$\|S_{m,n}((w_{p,q}(t+1/b_m, z))^{-1})\|_{p,q} \leq 2^p (1 + b_1^{-p}) \|S_{m,n}(1/w_{p,q}(t, z))\|_{p,q}.$$

Now, using (16) and (17), we obtain (18) from (20).

### 3. Theorems

3.1. First we shall give two theorems on the degree of approximation of functions by  $S_{m,n}$  defined by (5).

THEOREM 1. Suppose that  $f \in C_{p,q}^1$  with fixed  $p, q \in N_0$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $M_6 = M_6(p, q, b_1, d_1, M, M^*)$  such that for all  $(x, y) \in R_0^2$  and  $m, n \in N$

$$\begin{aligned} (21) \quad w_{p,q}(x, y) |S_{m,n}(f; x, y) - f(x, y)| \\ \leq M_6 \left\{ \|f'_x\|_{p,q} \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}} + \|f'_y\|_{p,q} \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let  $(x, y) \in R_0^2$  be a fixed point. Then for  $f \in C_{p,q}^1$  we have the formula

$$f(t, z) - f(x, y) = \int_x^t f'_u(u, z) du + \int_y^z f'_v(x, v) dv, \quad (t, z) \in R_0^2.$$

Thus, by (10), we obtain

$$(22) \quad S_{m,n}(f(t, z); x, y) - f(x, y) \\ = S_{m,n} \left( \int_x^t f'_u(u, z) du; x, y \right) + S_{m,n} \left( \int_y^z f'_v(x, v) dv; x, y \right).$$

But, by (1)–(3), we have

$$\left| \int_x^t f'_u(u, z) du \right| \leq \|f'_x\|_{p,q} \left| \int_x^t \frac{du}{w_{p,q}(u, z)} \right| \\ \leq \|f'_x\|_{p,q} \left( \frac{1}{w_{p,q}(t, z)} + \frac{1}{w_{p,q}(x, z)} \right) |t - x|,$$

which implies by, (1), (2), (5) and (9)–(12), that

$$w_{p,q}(x, y) \left| S_{m,n} \left( \int_x^t f'_u(u, z) du; x, y \right) \right| \\ \leq w_{p,q}(x, y) S_{m,n} \left( \left| \int_x^t f'_u(u, z) du \right|; x, y \right) \\ \leq \|f'_x\|_{p,q} w_{p,q}(x, y) \\ \cdot \left\{ S_{m,n} \left( \frac{|t - x|}{w_{p,q}(t, z)}; x, y \right) + S_{m,n} \left( \frac{|t - x|}{w_{p,q}(x, z)}; x, y \right) \right\} \\ \leq \|f'_x\|_{p,q} w_q(y) S_n \left( \frac{1}{w_q(z)}; c_n, d_n; y \right) \\ \cdot \left\{ w_p(x) S_m \left( \frac{|t - x|}{w_p(t)}; a_m, b_m; x \right) + S_m(|t - x|; a_m, b_m; x) \right\}.$$

Applying the Hölder inequality and (12)–(15), we get the inequalities

$$S_m(|t - x|; a_m, b_m; x) \leq \left\{ S_m((t - x)^2; a_m, b_m; x) S_m(1; a_m, b_m; x) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq M_7(M) \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}},$$

$$w_p(x) S_m \left( \frac{|t - x|}{w_p(t)}; a_m, b_m; x \right) \\ \leq \left\{ w_p(x) S_m \left( \frac{(t - x)^2}{w_p(t)}; a_m, b_m; x \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left\{ w_p(x) S_m \left( \frac{1}{w_p(t)}; a_m, b_m; x \right) \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq M_8(p, b_1, M) \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}}$$

for  $x \in R_0$  and  $m \in N$ . Consequently

$$w_{p,q}(x, y) \left| S_{m,n} \left( \int_x^t f'_u(u, z) du; x, y \right) \right| \leq M_9(p, b_1, M) \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}}, \quad m \in N.$$

Analogously we obtain

$$w_{p,q}(x, y) \left| S_{m,n} \left( \int_y^z f'_v(x, v) dv; x, y \right) \right| \leq M_{10}(q, d_1, M^*) \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}}, \quad n \in N.$$

Combining the last two inequalities, we derive from (22)

$$w_{p,q}(x, y) |S_{m,n}(f; x, y) - f(x, y)| \leq M_{11} \left\{ \|f'_x\|_{p,q} \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}} + \|f'_y\|_{p,q} \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}} \right\},$$

for all  $m, n \in N$ ,  $M_{11} = M_{11}(p, q, b_1, d_1, M, M^*) = \text{const.} > 0$ . Thus the proof of (21) is completed.

**THEOREM 2.** Suppose that  $f \in C_{p,q}$ ,  $p, q \in N_0$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $M_{12} \equiv M_{12}(p, q, b_1, d_1, M, M^*)$  such that

$$(23) \quad w_{p,q}(x, y) |S_{m,n}(f; x, y) - f(x, y)| \leq M_{12} \omega \left( f, C_{p,q}; \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}}, \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}} \right),$$

for all  $(x, y) \in R_0^2$  and  $m, n \in N$ .

**Proof.** We shall apply the Stieklov function  $f_{h,\delta}$  for  $f \in C_{p,q}$

$$(24) \quad f_{h,\delta}(x, y) := \frac{1}{h\delta} \int_0^h du \int_0^\delta f(x+u, y+v) dv, \quad (x, y) \in R_0^2, h, \delta > 0.$$

From (24) it follows that

$$f_{h,\delta}(x, y) - f(x, y) = \frac{1}{h\delta} \int_0^h du \int_0^\delta \Delta_{u,v} f(x, y) dv,$$

and therefore

$$(f_{h,\delta})'_x(x, y) = \frac{1}{h\delta} \int_0^\delta (\Delta_{h,v} f(x, y) - \Delta_{0,v} f(x, y)) dv,$$

$$(f_{h,\delta})'_y(x, y) = \frac{1}{h\delta} \int_0^h (\Delta_{u,\delta} f(x, y) - \Delta_{u,0} f(x, y)) du.$$

Thus we have

$$(25) \quad \|f_{h,\delta} - f\|_{p,q} \leq \omega(f, C_{p,q}; h, \delta),$$

$$(26) \quad \|(f_{h,\delta})'_x\|_{p,q} \leq 2h^{-1} \omega(f, C_{p,q}; h, \delta),$$

$$(27) \quad \|(f_{h,\delta})'_y\|_{p,q} \leq 2\delta^{-1} \omega(f, C_{p,q}; h, \delta),$$

for all  $h, \delta > 0$ , which show that  $f_{h,\delta} \in C_{p,q}^1$  if  $f \in C_{p,q}$  and  $h, \delta > 0$ . Now, for  $S_{m,n}$  defined by (5), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} w_{p,q}(x, y) |S_{m,n}(f; x, y) - f(x, y)| \\ \leq w_{p,q}(x, y) \{ |S_{m,n}(f(t, z) - f_{h,\delta}(t, z); x, y)| \\ + |S_{m,n}(f_{h,\delta}(t, z); x, y) - f_{h,\delta}(x, y)| \\ + |f_{h,\delta}(x, y) - f(x, y)| \} := T_1 + T_2 + T_3. \end{aligned}$$

By (3), (17) and (25) we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &\leq \|S_{m,n}(f - f_{h,\delta}; \cdot, \cdot)\|_{p,q} \leq M_4 \|f - f_{h,\delta}\|_{p,q} \\ &\leq M_4 \omega(f, C_{p,q}; h, \delta), \\ T_3 &\leq \omega(f, C_{p,q}; h, \delta). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Theorem 1 and (26) and (27), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &\leq M_6 \left\{ \|(f_{h,\delta})'_x\|_{p,q} \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}} + \|(f_{h,\delta})'_y\|_{p,q} \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}} \right\} \\ &\leq 2M_6 \omega(f, C_{p,q}; h, \delta) \left\{ h^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}} + \delta^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently there exists  $M_{13} \equiv M_{13}(p, q, b_1, d_1, M, M^*)$  such that

$$(28) \quad w_{p,q}(x, y) |S_{m,n}(f; x, y) - f(x, y)| \leq M_{13} \omega(f, C_{p,q}; h, \delta) \left\{ 1 + h^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}} + \delta^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}} \right\},$$

for  $(x, y) \in R^2$ ,  $m, n \in N$  and  $h, \delta > 0$ . Now, for fixed  $x, y > 0$  and  $m, n \in N$  setting  $h = \sqrt{\frac{x}{b_m}}$  and  $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{y}{d_n}}$  to (28), we obtain (23).

If  $x = 0 = y$ , then by (5) we get  $S_{m,n}(f; 0, 0) = f(0, 0)$ ,  $m, n \in N$  which implies (23). If  $x = 0$ ,  $y > 0$  or  $x > 0$ ,  $y = 0$ , we obtain (23) similarly as in [2].

From Theorem 2 follows

**COROLLARY.** Let  $f \in C_{p,q}$ ,  $p, q \in N_0$ . Then

$$(29) \quad \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} S_{m,n}(f; x, y) = f(x, y) \quad \text{for all } (x, y) \in R_0^2.$$

Moreover (29) holds uniformly on every rectangle  $0 \leq x \leq x_0$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq y_0$ .

**3.2.** In this part we give the Voronovskaya type theorem for the operators

$$(30) \quad S_{n,n}(f(t, z); x, y) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j(a_n x) \varphi_k(c_n y) f\left(\frac{j}{b_n}, \frac{k}{b_n}\right),$$

$(x, y) \in R_0^2$ ,  $n \in N$ , where  $(a_n)_1^\infty$ ,  $(b_n)_1^\infty$  and  $(c_n)_1^\infty$  are given sequences of positive numbers such that

$$(31) \quad \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1 + o\left(\frac{1}{b_n}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{c_n}{b_n} = 1 + o\left(\frac{1}{b_n}\right).$$

THEOREM 3. Suppose that  $f \in C_{p,q}^2$ ,  $p, q \in N_0$ . Then for every  $(x, y) \in R_+^2 := \{(x, y) : x > 0, y > 0\}$

$$(32) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \{S_{n,n}(f; x, y) - f(x, y)\} = \frac{x}{2} f''_{xx}(x, y) + \frac{y}{2} f''_{yy}(x, y).$$

Proof. Choosing  $(x, y) \in R_+^2$ , by the Taylor formula for  $f \in C_{p,q}^2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, z) &= f(x, y) + f'_x(x, y)(t - x) + f'_y(x, y)(z - y) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \{f''_{xx}(x, y)(t - x)^2 + 2f''_{xy}(x, y)(t - x)(z - y) + f''_{yy}(x, y)(z - y)^2\} \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_1(t, z; x, y) \sqrt{(t - x)^4 + (z - y)^4}, \quad (t, z) \in R_0^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon_1(t, z) = \varepsilon_1(t, z; x, y)$  is a function from  $C_{p,q}$  and  $\varepsilon_1(x, y) = 0$ . From this and by (30), (5), (9)–(12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} S_{n,n}(f(t, z); x, y) &= f(x, y) + f'_x(x, y)S_n(t - x; a_n, b_n; x) \\ &\quad + f'_y(x, y)S_n(z - y; c_n, b_n; y) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \{f''_{xx}(x, y)S_n((t - x)^2; a_n, b_n; x) \\ &\quad + 2f''_{xy}(x, y)S_n(t - x; a_n, b_n; x)S_n(z - y; c_n, b_n; y) \\ &\quad + f''_{yy}(x, y)S_n((z - y)^2; c_n, b_n; y)\} \\ &\quad + S_{n,n}(\varepsilon_1(t, z) \sqrt{(t - x)^4 + (z - y)^4}; x, y) \quad \text{for } n \in N, \end{aligned}$$

which, by (13), (31) and Lemma 2, implies that

$$(33) \quad \begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \{S_{n,n}(f; x, y) - f(x, y)\} &= \frac{x}{2} f''_{xx}(x, y) + \frac{y}{2} f''_{yy}(x, y) \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n S_{n,n}(\varepsilon_1(t, z) \sqrt{(t - x)^4 + (z - y)^4}; x, y). \end{aligned}$$

By the Hölder inequality and by (9)–(12) we have

$$(34) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left| S_{n,n}(\varepsilon_1(t, z) \sqrt{(t - x)^4 + (z - y)^4}; x, y) \right| \\ &\leq \{S_{n,n}(\varepsilon_1^2(t, z); x, y)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \{S_n((t - x)^4; a_n, b_n; x) + S_n((z - y)^4; c_n, b_n; y)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

The properties of  $\varepsilon_1$  and Corollary imply that

$$(35) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n,n}(\varepsilon_1^2(t, z); x, y) = \varepsilon_1^2(x, y) = 0.$$



Using (35) and Lemma 2, we obtain from (34)

$$(36) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n S_{n,n} \left( \varepsilon_1(t, z) \sqrt{(t-x)^4 + (z-y)^4}; x, y \right) = 0.$$

From (36) and (33) follows (32).

**3.3.** Now, we shall prove certain analogue of (29) for derivatives of operators  $S_{n,n}$  defined in (30).

**THEOREM 4.** Let  $f \in C_{p,q}^1$  with some  $p, q \in N_0$ . Then for every  $(x, y) \in R_+^2$  we have

$$(37) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_{n,n}(f))'_x = f'_x(x, y),$$

$$(38) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_{n,n}(f))'_y = f'_y(x, y),$$

**Proof.** We shall prove only (37) because the proof of (38) is identical. Similarly as in the proof of Lemma 4, we get, for  $S_{n,n}$  defined by (30), the relations

$$\begin{aligned} (S_{n,n})'_x(x, y) &= -a_n S_{n,n}(f(t, z); x, y) + \frac{b_n}{x} S_{n,n}(tf(t, z); x, y) \\ &= (b_n - a_n) S_{n,n}(f(t, z); x, y) \\ &\quad + \frac{b_n}{x} S_{n,n}((t-x)f(t, z); x, y), \quad n \in N. \end{aligned}$$

For fixed  $(x, y) \in R_+^2$ , we have, by the Taylor formula for  $f \in C_{p,q}^1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, z) &= f(x, y) + f'_x(x, y)(t-x) + f'_y(x, y)(z-y) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_2(t, z; x, y) \sqrt{(t-x)^2 + (z-y)^2}, \quad (t, z) \in R_0^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon_2(t, z) = \varepsilon_2(t, z; x, y)$  is a function with  $C_{p,q}$  and  $\varepsilon_2(x, y) = 0$ . From this and by (9)-(12) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (39) \quad (S_{n,n}(f))'_x(x, y) &= (b_n - a_n) \left\{ f(x, y) + f'_x(x, y) S_n(t-x; a_n, b_n; x) \right. \\ &\quad + f'_y(x, y) S_n(z-y; c_n, b_n; y) \\ &\quad + S_{n,n} \left( \varepsilon_2(t, z) \sqrt{(t-x)^2 + (z-y)^2}; x, y \right) \Big\} \\ &\quad + \frac{b_n}{x} \left\{ f(x, y) S_n(t; a_n, b_n; x) + f'_x(x, y) S_n((t-x)^2; a_n, b_n; x) \right. \\ &\quad + f'_y(x, y) S_n(t-x; a_n, b_n; x) S_n(z-y; c_n, b_n; y) \\ &\quad + S_{n,n} \left( \varepsilon_2(t, z)(t-x) \sqrt{(t-x)^2 + (z-y)^2}; x, y \right) \Big\}, \quad n \in N. \end{aligned}$$

The properties of  $\varepsilon_2$  and Corollary imply that

$$(40) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n,n} \left( \varepsilon_2(t, z) \sqrt{(t-x)^2 + (z-y)^2}; x, y \right) = 0$$

and

$$(41) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_{n,n} (\varepsilon_2(t, z); x, y) = \varepsilon_2^2(x, y) = 0.$$

By the Hölder inequality and by (9)–(12) we get the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| S_{n,n} \left( \varepsilon_2(t, z) (t-x) \sqrt{(t-x)^2 + (z-y)^2}; x, y \right) \right| \\ & \leq \{ S_{n,n} (\varepsilon_2^2(t, z); x, y) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} \{ S_n ((t-x)^4; a_n, b_n; x) \\ & \quad + S_n ((t-x)^2; a_n, b_n; x) S_n ((z-y)^2; c_n, b_n; y) \}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

which, by Lemma 2 and (41), implies that

$$(42) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n S_{n,n} \left( \varepsilon_2(t, z) (t-x) \sqrt{(t-x)^2 + (z-y)^2}; x, y \right) = 0.$$

Using (40), (42) and Lemma 2 to (39), we obtain the desired assertion (37).

The above theorems extend some results obtained for classical Szász-Mirakyan operators, i.e.  $S_{m,n}$  defined by (5) with  $a_n = b_n = c_n = d_n = n$  for all  $n \in N$ .

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