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## APPROXIMATION PROCESSES OF QUASI-POSITIVE LINEAR OPERATORS

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**Abstract.** The convergence on approximation processes of quasi-positive linear operators is discussed. The results are then applied to obtain several Korovkin test systems.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space and let  $E$  be a normed linear space over the scalar field  $\mathbb{K}$  which is either the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers or the field  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers. Let  $B(X, E)$  denote the normed linear space of all  $E$ -valued bounded functions on  $X$ , endowed with the usual pointwise addition, scalar multiplication and the supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . We shall use the same symbol  $\|\cdot\|$  for the underlying norms.  $C(X, E)$  denotes the closed linear subspace of  $B(X, E)$  consisting of all  $E$ -valued continuous functions on  $X$ . In the case when  $E$  is equal to  $\mathbb{K}$ , we simply write  $B(X)$  and  $C(X)$  instead of  $B(X, E)$  and  $C(X, E)$ , respectively.

For any  $a \in E$  and  $v \in B(X)$ , the function  $va$  is defined by  $(va)(x) = v(x)a$  for all  $x \in X$ . Also, for any  $v \in B(X)$  and  $f \in B(X, E)$ , we define  $(vf)(x) = v(x)f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Plainly,  $va$  and  $vf$  belong to  $B(X, E)$ , and  $\|va\| = \|v\|\|a\|$  and  $\|vf\| \leq \|v\|\|f\|$ . If  $a \in E$ ,  $v \in C(X)$  and  $f \in C(X, E)$ , then  $va$  and  $vf$  belong to  $C(X, E)$ . We denote by  $C(X) \otimes E$  the linear subspace of  $C(X, E)$  consisting of all finite sums of functions of the form  $va$ , where  $v \in C(X)$  and  $a \in E$ .  $1_X$  stands for the unit function defined by  $1_X(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Here motivated by the previous work of the author [11] we study the convergence on approximation processes of quasi-positive linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  or  $B(X, E)$ . The results yield several Korovkin test systems, which can be useful for applications. Actually, we extend the results of [10] to the context of functions taking a value in an arbitrary normed linear space.

We refer to [1] for detailed references on the several other contributions to the area of Korovkin-type approximation theory.

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## 2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

We begin with the following definition:

**DEFINITION 1:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be normed linear spaces. Let  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of bounded linear operators of  $A$  into  $B$ , where  $D$  is a directed set and  $\Lambda$  is an index set, and let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator of  $A$  into  $B$ . Then the family  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is called an approximation process with respect to  $T$  on  $A$  if for every  $f \in A$ ,

$$(1) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \|T_{\alpha,\lambda}(f) - T(f)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda.$$

Obviously, if for a net  $\{T_{\alpha} : \alpha \in D\}$  of bounded linear operators of  $A$  into  $B$ , we take  $T_{\alpha,\lambda} = T_{\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha \in D$  and all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , then the convergence behavior (1) reduces to the usual one. Several other approximation processes can be induced by various summability methods due to the author [6] (cf. [7], [8]), which include the method of almost convergence ( $F$ -summability) of Lorentz [5], as the most typical case.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  and  $T$  be as in Definition 1, and let  $M$  be a dense subset of  $A$ . If there exists an element  $\alpha_0 \in D$  such that*

$$(2) \quad \sup\{\|T_{\alpha,\lambda}\| : \alpha \geq \alpha_0, \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\} < \infty$$

and if for all  $g \in M$ ,

$$(3) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \|T_{\alpha,\lambda}(g) - T(g)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda,$$

then  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $T$  on  $A$ . If, moreover,  $A$  is a Banach space, then the converse is also true.

**PROOF:** The former is a standard argument on account of (2) and (3) (cf. the theorem of Banach-Steinhaus). The latter follows from the uniform boundedness principle.

**LEMMA 2.**  $C(X) \otimes E$  is dense in  $C(X, E)$ .

**PROOF:** This is an immediate consequence of [12; Theorem 1.15], since  $C(X)$  separates the points of  $X$ .

LEMMA 3. Let  $B$  be a normed linear space. Let  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of bounded linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $B$  such that there exists an element  $\alpha_0 \in D$  for which (2) is fulfilled, and let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $B$ . If for all  $a \in E$  and all  $v \in C(X)$ ,

$$\lim_{\alpha} \|T_{\alpha,\lambda}(va) - T(va)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda,$$

then  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $T$  on  $C(X, E)$ .

PROOF: This follows from Lemmas 1 and 2.

DEFINITION 2: Let  $A$  be a linear subspace of  $B(X, E)$  which contains  $C(X) \otimes E$ . A bounded linear operator  $L$  of  $A$  into  $B(X, E)$  is said to be quasi-positive if  $v, w \in C(X)$  and  $|v(\mathbf{x})| \leq w(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ , then

$$(4) \quad \|L(va)(\mathbf{x})\| \leq \|L(wa)(\mathbf{x})\| \quad \text{for all } a \in E \text{ and all } \mathbf{x} \in X.$$

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REMARK 1: Let  $E = \mathbb{K}$ . Then (4) and (5) are equivalent to

$$|L(v)(\mathbf{x})| \leq |L(w)(\mathbf{x})| \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in X$$

and

$$|L(v)| \leq |L(w)|,$$

respectively. Furthermore, the positivity of  $L$  implies the quasi-positivity of it, but not conversely in general.

### 3. CONVERGENCE THEOREMS

Let  $\{L_{\alpha,\lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of quasi-positive linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  such that there exists an element  $\beta_0 \in D$  for which

$$(6) \quad \sup\{\|L_{\alpha,\lambda}\| : \alpha \geq \beta_0, \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\} < \infty.$$

For any function  $\Psi \in C(X)$  and for any element  $a \in E$ , we define

$$\mu_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi, a) = \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi a)\| \quad (\alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda).$$

Let  $t$  be an arbitrary fixed point of  $X$  and let  $\Phi_t$  be a non-negative function in  $C(X, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$(7) \quad \inf\{\Phi_t(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{x} \in F\} > 0 \quad \text{for every closed subset } F \text{ of } X \setminus \{t\}.$$

REMARK 2: If there exists a non-negative function  $h \in C(X, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $0 < h(\mathbf{x}) \leq \Phi_t(\mathbf{x})$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in X$  with  $\mathbf{x} \neq t$ , then (7) always holds. In particular, if  $\Phi_t$  is a non-negative function in  $C(X, \mathbb{R})$  satisfying  $\Phi_t(\mathbf{x}) > 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in X$  with  $\mathbf{x} \neq t$ , then (7) is automatically fulfilled.

PROPOSITION 1. Let  $a \in E$ . If

$$(8) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Phi_t, a) = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda,$$

then for every function  $\Psi \in C(X)$  satisfying  $\Psi(t) = 0$ ,

$$(9) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi, a) = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda.$$

PROOF: Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Then there exists an open neighborhood  $V_t$  of  $t$  such that  $|\Psi(\mathbf{x})| < \epsilon$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in V_t$ . Let  $F = X \setminus V_t$ , and put

$$m = \inf\{\Phi_t(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{x} \in F\}$$

and

$$M = \sup\{|\Psi(\mathbf{x})| : \mathbf{x} \in F\}.$$

Then by Condition (7),  $m > 0$ , and so we obtain

$$|\Psi(\mathbf{x})| \leq \epsilon + (M/m)\Phi_t(\mathbf{x})$$

for all  $\mathbf{x} \in X$ . Therefore it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi a)\| &\leq \epsilon \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(1_X a)\| + (M/m) \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Phi_t a)\| \\ &\leq \epsilon \|a\| \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}\| + (M/m) \mu_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Phi_t, a), \end{aligned}$$

which together with (6) and (8) yields (9).

Let  $\xi$  be any fixed number in  $\mathbb{K}$ , and we define

$$(10) \quad L(f) = L^{(\xi, t)}(f) = \xi f(t) \quad \text{for every } f \in C(X, E).$$

Evidently,  $L$  is a quasi-positive linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  and  $\|L\| = |\xi|$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *If (8) holds for all  $a \in E$  and if there exists a function  $u \in C(X)$  such that  $u(t) \neq 0$  and*

$$(11) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \|L_{\alpha, \lambda}(ua) - L(ua)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda$$

*for every  $a \in E$ , then  $\{L_{\alpha, \lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $L$  on  $C(X, E)$ .*

**PROOF:** Let  $v \in C(X)$  and we define

$$\Psi = v - (v(t)/u(t))u.$$

Then  $\Psi$  belongs to  $C(X)$  and  $\Psi(t) = 0$ . Therefore, by Proposition 1, (9) implies

$$(12) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \|L_{\alpha, \lambda}(va) - (v(t)/u(t))L_{\alpha, \lambda}(ua)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda$$

whenever  $a$  belongs to  $E$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_{\alpha, \lambda}(va) - L(va)\| &\leq \|L_{\alpha, \lambda}(va) - (v(t)/u(t))L_{\alpha, \lambda}(ua)\| \\ &+ |v(t)/u(t)| \|L_{\alpha, \lambda}(ua) - L(ua)\|, \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of (11) and (12), we conclude that

$$\lim_{\alpha} \|L_{\alpha, \lambda}(va) - L(va)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda$$

for all  $v \in C(X)$  and all  $a \in E$ . Thus, Lemma 3 gives the desired result.

COROLLARY 1. If (8) and (11) with  $u = 1_X$  hold for any  $a \in E$ , then  $\{L_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $L$  on  $C(X, E)$ .

COROLLARY 2. If  $T$  is a quasi-positive linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  which satisfies  $T(\Phi_t a) = 0$  and  $T(1_X a) = L(1_X a)$  for all  $a \in E$ , then  $T = L$ .

Let  $p$  be any fixed positive real number and let  $G$  be a subset of  $C(X)$  which separates the points of  $X$ . For each  $g \in G$ , we define

$$\Psi_t^{(g)} = \Psi_t^{(p,g)} = |g - g(t)1_X|^p.$$

PROPOSITION 2. Let  $a \in E$ . If for every  $g \in G$ ,

$$(13) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \mu_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi_t^{(g)}, a) = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda,$$

then (9) holds for every function  $\Psi \in C(X)$  satisfying  $\Psi(t) = 0$ .

PROOF: Since the original topology on  $X$  is identical with the weak topology on  $X$  induced by  $G$ , there exists a finite subset  $\{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  of  $G$  and a constant  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$|\Psi(x)| \leq \epsilon + \eta \sum_{j=1}^n |g_j(x) - g_j(t)|^p$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi a)\| &\leq \epsilon \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(1_X a)\| + \eta \sum_{j=1}^n \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi_t^{(g_j)} a)\| \\ &\leq \epsilon \|a\| \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}\| + \eta \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_{\alpha,\lambda}(\Psi_t^{(g_j)}, a), \end{aligned}$$

which together with (6) and (13) proves (9).

THEOREM 2. If (13) holds for all  $a \in E$  and all  $g \in G$  and if there exists a function  $u \in C(X)$  satisfying  $u(t) \neq 0$  and (11) for all  $a \in E$ , then  $\{L_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $L$  on  $C(X, E)$ .

PROOF: With the aid of Proposition 2, the proof is exactly the same as that given for Theorem 1.

**COROLLARY 3.** *If (13) and (11) with  $u = 1_X$  hold for all  $a \in E$  and all  $g \in G$ , then  $\{L_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $L$  on  $C(X, E)$ .*

**COROLLARY 4.** *If  $T$  is a quasi-positive linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  which satisfies  $T(\Psi_t^{(g)}a) = 0$  and  $T(1_X a) = L(1_X a)$  for all  $a \in E$  and all  $g \in G$ , then  $T = L$ .*

**REMARK 3:** In view of Remark 1, in the special case  $E = \mathbb{R}$ , the positivity of functionals required in [10] can be weakened by the quasi-positivity of them.

#### 4. KOROVKIN TEST SYSTEMS

In this section we give several applications of the results obtained in the previous section. For this in view of the classical Korovkin theory (cf. [4]) on the convergence of sequences of positive linear functionals on  $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ , we make the following definition:

**DEFINITION 3:** Let  $T$  be a quasi-positive linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$ . A subset  $S$  of  $C(X, E)$  is called a Korovkin test system (or, briefly, KTS) with respect to  $T$  in  $C(X, E)$  if for any family  $\{L_{\alpha,\lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  of quasi-positive linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  such that there exists an element  $\beta_0 \in D$  satisfying (6), the relation

$$\lim_{\alpha} \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(g) - T(g)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda$$

for every  $g \in S$  implies that

$$\lim_{\alpha} \|L_{\alpha,\lambda}(f) - T(f)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda$$

for every  $f \in C(X, E)$ .

The similar concept is defined in the setting of quasi-positive linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $B(X, E)$  (cf. [11]). For a given subset  $V$  of  $C(X)$ , we define

$$VE = \{va : v \in V, a \in E\}.$$

If  $B = E$  or  $B = B(X, E)$ , then it follows from Lemma 3 that the set  $C(X)E$  is a KTS with respect to  $T$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

Let  $L$  be a quasi-positive linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  defined by (10).



**THEOREM 3.** Let  $w$  be a function in  $C(X)$  with  $w(t) \neq 0$ . Then the following statements hold: (1°) Suppose that  $\Phi_t(t) = 0$ . Then  $\{w, \Phi_t\}E$  is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . In particular,  $\{1_X, \Phi_t\}E$  is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . (2°) Let  $G$  be a subset of  $C(X)$  separating the points of  $X$ , and let  $p$  be a positive real number. Then  $(\{w\} \cup \{\Psi_t^{(p,g)} : g \in G\})E$  is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . In particular,  $(\{1_X\} \cup \{\Psi_t^{(p,g)} : g \in G\})E$  is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

**PROOF:** (1°) and (2°) immediately follow from Theorems 1 and 2, respectively.

**COROLLARY 5.** (1°) Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  be a finite subset of  $C(X)$ , and let

$$(14) \quad \Phi_t = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k(t)u_k,$$

where each  $a_k(t)$  is a number in  $\mathbb{K}$  such that

$$\Phi_t(t) = 0, \quad \Phi_t(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in X$$

and (7) is satisfied. Let  $u_0 \in C(X)$  and  $u_0(t) \neq 0$ . Then

$$\{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_m\}E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . In particular,

$$\{1_X, u_1, \dots, u_m\}E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . (2°) Let  $p$  be an even positive integer. If  $G$  is a subset of  $C(X, \mathbb{R})$  which separates the points of  $X$ , then

$$\{g^k : g \in G, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p\}E,$$

where  $g^0 = 1_X$ , is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . If  $G$  is a subset of  $C(X, \mathbb{C})$  which separates the points of  $X$ , then

$$(\{1_X\} \cup G \cup \bar{G} \cup |G|^2)E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ , where

$$\overline{G} = \{\overline{g} : g \in G\} \quad \text{and} \quad |G|^2 = \{|g|^2 : g \in G\}.$$

COROLLARY 6. Let  $u$  be a strictly positive function in  $C(X, \mathbb{R})$ . Then the following statements hold: (1°) Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  be a finite subset of  $C(X, \mathbb{R})$  such that for every  $x \in X$  with  $x \neq t$ , there exists an integer  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  for which  $u_j(x) \neq u_j(t)$ . Then

$$\{u, uu_1, uu_2, \dots, uu_m, u \sum_{k=1}^m u_k^2\}E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . (2°) Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  be a finite subset of  $C(X, \mathbb{C})$  such that for every  $x \in X$  with  $x \neq t$ , there exists an integer  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  for which  $v_j(x) \neq v_j(t)$ . Then

$$\{u, uv_1, uv_2, \dots, uv_m, u\overline{v_1}, u\overline{v_2}, \dots, u\overline{v_m}, u \sum_{k=1}^m |v_k|^2\}E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

Here we restrict ourselves to the case where  $X$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{K}^m$  and for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,  $p_k$  denotes the  $k$ -th coordinate function defined by

$$p_k(x) = x_k \quad \text{for every } x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in X.$$

Then by Corollary 5 (2°) and Corollary 6 we have the following some Korovkin test systems:

(1°) Let  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$S_1 = \{1_X, p_1, \dots, p_m, p_1^2, \dots, p_m^2\}E$$

and

$$S'_1 = \{1_X, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m, \sum_{k=1}^m p_k^2\}E$$

are Korovkin test systems with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

(2°) Let  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$S_2 = \{1_X, p_1, \dots, p_m, \overline{p_1}, \dots, \overline{p_m}, |p_1|^2, \dots, |p_m|^2\}E$$

and

$$S'_2 = \{1_X, p_1, \dots, p_m, \overline{p_1}, \dots, \overline{p_m}, \sum_{n=1}^m |p_n|^2\}E$$

are Korovkin test systems with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

(3°) Let  $X$  be the  $m$ -dimensional torus  $\mathbb{T}^m$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbb{T}^m = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m : |x_k| = 1, k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}.$$

Then

$$S_3 = \{1_X, p_1, \dots, p_m, \overline{p_1}, \dots, \overline{p_m}\}E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(\mathbb{T}^m, E)$ .

(4°) Let  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$  and for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we define

$$q_k(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{Re}(x_k) \quad \text{and} \quad r_k(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{Im}(x_k)$$

for every  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in X$ , where  $\operatorname{Re}(x_k)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(x_k)$  stand for the real part of  $x_k$  and the imaginary part of  $x_k$ , respectively. Then

$$S_4 = \{1_X, q_1, \dots, q_m, r_1, \dots, r_m, q_1^2, \dots, q_m^2, r_1^2, \dots, r_m^2\}E$$

and

$$S'_4 = \{1_X, q_1, \dots, q_m, r_1, \dots, r_m, \sum_{n=1}^m (q_n^2 + r_n^2)\}E$$

are Korovkin test systems with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

(5°) Let  $X = \mathbb{T}^m$ , and let  $q_k$  and  $r_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) be as in (4°). Then

$$S_5 = \{1_X, q_1, \dots, q_m, r_1, \dots, r_m\}E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

(6°) Let  $C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}^m, E)$  denote the normed linear space of all  $E$ -valued continuous functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  which are periodic with period  $2\pi$  in each variable with the norm

$$\|f\| = \sup\{\|f(\mathbf{x})\| : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}.$$

Then  $C(\mathbb{T}^m, E)$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}^m, E)$ . For each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  we define

$$c_k(\mathbf{x}) = \cos x_k, \quad s_k(\mathbf{x}) = \sin x_k$$

for all  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and

$$U(g) = \xi g(y) \quad \text{for every } g \in C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}^m, E),$$

where  $\xi$  is a fixed number in  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $y$  is a fixed point of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $U$  is a quasi-positive linear operator of  $C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}^m, E)$  into  $E$  and

$$S_6 = \{1_{\mathbb{R}^m}, c_1, \dots, c_m, s_1, \dots, s_m\}E$$

is a KTS with respect to  $U$  in  $C_{2\pi}(\mathbb{R}^m, E)$ .

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $X$  be a compact subset of an inner product space  $(H, \langle, \rangle)$  over  $\mathbb{K}$ , and we define*

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad h_t(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, t \rangle \quad \text{for every } \mathbf{x} \in X.$$

*Then the following statements hold: (1°) If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\{1_X, h, h_t\}E$  is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ . (2°) If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\{1_X, h, h_t, \bar{h}_t\}E$  is a KTS with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .*

**PROOF:** Let

$$\Phi_t(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x} - t, \mathbf{x} - t \rangle \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in X.$$

If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\Phi_t(\mathbf{x}) = h(\mathbf{x}) - 2h_t(\mathbf{x}) + h(t).$$

If  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$ , then

$$\Phi_t(\mathbf{x}) = h(\mathbf{x}) - h_t(\mathbf{x}) - \bar{h}_t(\mathbf{x}) + h(t).$$

Therefore  $\Phi_t$  is represented in the form (14), and so the desired results follow from Corollary 5 (1°).

For example, if we take  $H = \mathbb{R}^m$  with the usual inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_m y_m$$

for  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), \mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , then

$$h = \sum_{k=1}^m p_k^2 \quad \text{and} \quad h_t = \sum_{k=1}^m p_k(t) p_k.$$

Also, if we take  $H = \mathbb{C}^m$  with the inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = x_1 \overline{y_1} + x_2 \overline{y_2} + \cdots + x_m \overline{y_m}$$

for  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), \mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$ , then

$$h = \sum_{k=1}^m |p_k|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad h_t = \sum_{k=1}^m \overline{p_k}(t) p_k.$$

Consequently,  $S'_1$  and  $S'_2$  again become Korovkin test systems with respect to  $L$  in  $C(X, E)$ .

REMARK 4: The results obtained in Sections 3 and 4 can also be applied to the case where

$$G = \{g \mid_X : g \in F^*\},$$

where  $X$  is a compact subset of a locally convex Hausdorff vector space  $F$  over  $\mathbb{K}$  with its dual space  $F^*$  and  $g \mid_X$  denotes the restriction of  $g$  to  $X$  (cf. [2], [3], [7], [9], [13]).

REMARK 5: In view of [11; Remarks 1 and 2], the sets  $S_1, S'_1, S_2, S'_2, S_3, S_4, S'_4, S_5$  and  $S_6$  are also Korovkin test systems with respect to a multiplication operator  $T$  given by

$$T(f) = uf \quad \text{for every } f \in C(X, E),$$

where  $u$  is an arbitrary fixed function in  $B(X)$ , in the setting of quasi-positive linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $B(X, E)$ .

Finally, we give the concrete examples of approximation processes of the integral operators: Suppose that  $E$  is a Banach space and

$$X = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m : a \leq x_n \leq b, n = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

Let  $\{k_{\alpha, \lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of non-negative functions in  $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$  and for each  $\alpha \in D$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , we define the operator  $L_{\alpha, \lambda}$  by

$$L_{\alpha, \lambda}(f) = \int_a^b \cdots \int_a^b k_{\alpha, \lambda}(x_1) \cdots k_{\alpha, \lambda}(x_m) f(x_1, \dots, x_m) dx_1 \cdots dx_m$$

for every  $f \in C(X, E)$ . Then each  $L_{\alpha, \lambda}$  is a quasi-positive linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  and the the following assertion is true: If

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha} \int_a^b k_{\alpha, \lambda}(y) dy &= \eta_0 && \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda, \\ \lim_{\alpha} \int_a^b y k_{\alpha, \lambda}(y) dy &= \eta_1 && \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda, \\ \lim_{\alpha} \int_a^b y^2 k_{\alpha, \lambda}(y) dy &= \eta_2 && \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

and  $\eta_0 \eta_2 = \eta_1^2$ , then

$$(15) \quad \lim_{\alpha} \|L_{\alpha, \lambda}(f) - L^{(\xi, t)}(f)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } \lambda \in \Lambda$$

for all  $f \in C(X, E)$ , where  $L^{(\xi, t)}$  is the operator defined by (10) with

$$\xi = \eta_0^m \quad \text{and} \quad t = (\eta_1/\eta_0, \eta_1/\eta_0, \dots, \eta_1/\eta_0).$$

Let  $\{k_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a sequence of non-negative functions in  $C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ , where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all positive integers. In view of the concept of the almost convergence ( $F$ -summability) introduced by Lorentz [4], we define

$$k_{n, r} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=r}^{n+r-1} k_q \quad (n, r \in \mathbb{N})$$

and

$$\nu_n^{(j)} = \int_a^b y^j k_n(y) dy \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}, j = 0, 1, 2).$$

Then it follows from the above observation that if for each  $j = 0, 1$  and  $2$ ,  $\{\nu_n^{(j)} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is almost convergent to  $\eta_j$  with  $\eta_0 \eta_2 = \eta_1^2$ , then (15) holds for every  $f \in C(X, E)$ , where

$$k_{\alpha, \lambda} = k_{n, r} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \Lambda = \mathbb{N}.$$

For instance, we take  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$ . If

$$k_n(y) = (n+1)y^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}, a \leq y \leq b),$$

then for every  $f \in C(X, E)$ ,

$$(16) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|L_{n,r}(f) - L^{(\xi,t)}(f)\| = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } r \in \mathbb{N}$$

with  $\xi = 1$  and  $t = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ . Also, if

$$k_n(y) = 2(1 - y^2)^n / \rho_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}, a \leq y \leq b),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_n &= \int_{-1}^1 (1 - y^2)^n dy = \Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(n+3/2) \\ &= \frac{2^{(2n+1)}(n!)^2}{(2n+1)!}, \end{aligned}$$

then for every  $f \in C(X, E)$ , (16) holds with  $\xi = 1$  and  $t = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

In the light of the above arguments, we close with the following remark:

**REMARK 6:** Recall that  $X$  is a compact Hausdorff space and  $E$  is a normed linear space over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Let  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of bounded linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  and  $\{W_{\alpha,\lambda} : \alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  a family of bounded linear functionals on  $C(X)$ . Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator of  $C(X, E)$  into  $E$  and  $W$  a bounded linear functional on  $C(X)$ . Suppose that there exists an element  $\alpha_0 \in D$  satisfying (2) and that

$$T_{\alpha,\lambda}(va) = W_{\alpha,\lambda}(v)a \quad \text{and} \quad T(va) = W(v)a$$

for all  $\alpha \in D, \lambda \in \Lambda, v \in C(X)$  and all  $a \in E$ . Then  $\{T_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $T$  on  $C(X, E)$  if and only if  $\{W_{\alpha,\lambda}\}$  is an approximation process with respect to  $W$  on  $C(X)$ . The similar claim also remains valid in the setting of bounded linear operators of  $C(X, E)$  into  $B(X, E)$  and bounded linear operators of  $C(X)$  into  $B(X)$  (cf. [11]).

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