

APPROXIMATION BY MULTIVARIATE BASKAKOV–KANTOROVICH OPERATORS IN ORLICZ SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Utilizing some properties of multivariate Baskakov–Kantorovich operators and using K -functional and a decomposition technique, the authors find two equivalent theorems between the K -functional and modulus of smoothness, and obtain a direct theorem in the Orlicz spaces.

1. Motivations. For proceeding smoothly, we recall from [31] some definitions and related results.

A continuous convex function $\Phi(t)$ on $[0, \infty)$ is called a Young function if it satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Phi(t)}{t} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Phi(t)}{t} = \infty.$$

For a Young function $\Phi(t)$, its complementary Young function is denoted by $\Psi(t)$.

It is clear that the convexity of $\Phi(t)$ can lead to $\Phi(\alpha t) \leq \alpha \Phi(t)$ for $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. In particular, one has $\Phi(\alpha t) < \alpha \Phi(t)$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.

A Young function $\Phi(t)$ is said to satisfy the Δ_2 -condition, denoted by $\Phi \in \Delta_2$, if there exist $t_0 \geq 0$ and $C \geq 1$ such that $\Phi(2t) \leq C\Phi(t)$ for $t \geq t_0$.

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Throughout the paper, we shall use the following standard notations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{N}_0 &= \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}, \quad \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \mathbf{x} &= (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad |\mathbf{x}| = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i, \quad \mathbf{k} = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m) \in \mathbb{N}_0^m, \\ \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}} &= x_1^{k_1} x_2^{k_2} \cdots x_m^{k_m}, \quad \mathbf{k}! = k_1! k_2! \cdots k_m!, \quad |\mathbf{k}| = \sum_{i=1}^m k_i, \\ \binom{n}{\mathbf{k}} &= \frac{n!}{\mathbf{k}!(n-|\mathbf{k}|)!}, \quad \sum_{\mathbf{k}=0}^{\infty} = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{k_m=0}^{\infty}, \\ \mathbb{R}_0^m &= \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m : 0 \leq x_i < \infty, 1 \leq i \leq m\}, \\ D^{\mathbf{k}} &= D_1^{k_1} D_2^{k_2} \cdots D_m^{k_m}, \quad D_i^r = \frac{\partial^r}{\partial x_i^r}\end{aligned}$$

for $r \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let $\Phi(t)$ be a Young function. We define the Orlicz class $L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ as the collection of all Lebesgue measurable functions $f(\mathbf{x})$ on $\mathbb{R}_0^m$ such that

$$\rho(f, \Phi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^m} \Phi(|f(\mathbf{x})|) d\mathbf{x} < \infty.$$

We also define the Orlicz space $L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ as the collection of all Lebesgue measurable functions $f(\mathbf{x})$ on $\mathbb{R}_0^m$ such that $\int_{\mathbb{R}_0^m} \Phi(|\alpha f(\mathbf{x})|) d\mathbf{x} < \infty$ for some $\alpha > 0$. The Orlicz space $L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ is a Banach space under the Luxemburg norm

$$\|f\|_{(\Phi)} = \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \rho\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}, \Phi\right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The Orlicz norm $\|f\|_{\Phi}$ on $L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$, which is equivalent to the Luxemburg norm on $L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$, is given by

$$\|f\|_{\Phi} = \sup_{\rho(g, \Psi) \leq 1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^m} f(\mathbf{x}) g(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \right|$$

and satisfies

$$\|f\|_{(\Phi)} \leq \|f\|_{\Phi} \leq 2\|f\|_{(\Phi)}. \quad (1)$$

Throughout this paper, we use C to denote a constant, which may be not necessarily the same in different cases, independent of n and $\mathbf{x}$.

For $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_0^m$, we introduce weight functions $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1+x)}$ for $m = 1$ and $\varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{x_i(1+|\mathbf{x}|)}$ for $m > 1$ and $1 \leq i \leq m$. We also define weighted Sobolev space

$$W_{\varphi}^{r, \Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m) = \left\{ f \in L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m) : D^{\mathbf{k}} f \in A.C.loc(\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{R}}_0^m), \varphi_i^r D_i^r f \in L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m) \right\},$$

where $|\mathbf{k}| \leq r$ and $\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{R}}_0^m$ is the interior of $\mathbb{R}_0^m$.

The Peetre K -functional is defined in [6] by

$$K_{r, \varphi}(f, t^r)_{\Phi} = \inf \left\{ \|f - g\|_{\Phi} + t^r \sum_{i=1}^m \|\varphi_i^r D_i^r g\|_{\Phi} : g \in W_{\varphi}^{r, \Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m) \right\}$$

for $t > 0$. Now we define the modified K -functional as

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{K}_{r,\varphi}(f, t^r)_{\Phi} \\ = \inf \left\{ \|f - g\|_{\Phi} + t^r \sum_{i=1}^m \|\varphi_i^r D_i^r g\|_{\Phi} + t^{2r} \sum_{i=1}^m \|D_i^r g\|_{\Phi} : g \in W_{\varphi}^{r,\Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for $t > 0$.

For any vector $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, we write

$$\Delta_{h\mathbf{e}}^r f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{r}{i} (-1)^i f(\mathbf{x} + ih\mathbf{e}), & \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + rh\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}_0^m \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for the r th forward difference of a function f in the direction of $\mathbf{e}$. We define the modulus of smoothness of $f \in L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ as

$$\omega_{r,\varphi}(f, t)_{\Phi} = \sup_{0 < h \leq t} \sum_{i=1}^m \|\Delta_{h\varphi_i \mathbf{e}_i}^r f\|_{\Phi}.$$

Let

$$p_{n,k}(x) = \binom{n+k-1}{k} \frac{x^k}{(1+x)^{n+k}}, \quad x \in [0, \infty), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The well known Baskakov operators [3] were defined by

$$B_n(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(x) f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)$$

which can be used to approximate any function f defined on $[0, \infty)$. In order to consider the approximation in $L_p[0, \infty)$, Ditzian and Totik [8] modified the form of the Baskakov operators as

$$V_{n,1}(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(x) n \int_{k/n}^{(k+1)/n} f(u) du$$

which are called Baskakov–Kantorovich’s operators. There are many approximation results about one variable operator of the Baskakov type in $C[0, \infty)$ or $L_p[0, \infty)$. See [1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 26, 33, 34, 35] and closely related references therein.

The multivariate Baskakov–Kantorovich’s operators [5] were defined by

$$V_{n,m}(f, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}=0}^{\infty} p_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) Q_{n,\mathbf{k}}(f),$$

where

$$p_{n,\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) = \binom{n+|\mathbf{k}|-1}{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}}{(1+|\mathbf{x}|)^{n+|\mathbf{k}|}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{n,\mathbf{k}}(f) &= n^m \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_{k_2/n}^{(k_2+1)/n} \cdots \int_{k_m/n}^{(k_m+1)/n} \\ &\quad f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) du_1 du_2 \cdots du_m \\ &\triangleq n^m \int_{\mathbf{k}/n}^{(\mathbf{k}+1)/n} f(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{u}. \end{aligned}$$

There are few results about multivariate Baskakov type operators. Cao and An introduced in [4] multivariate Baskakov–Durrmeyer operators and obtained a direct inequality in $L_p[0, \infty)$. Cao and Ding [5] established a direct theorem of multivariate Baskakov–Kantorovich operators in $L_p[0, \infty)$ as

$$\|V_{n,m}(f) - f\|_p \leq C \left[\omega_{2,\varphi} \left(f, \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \right)_p + \frac{\|f\|_p}{n} \right].$$

For more information on approximation properties for operators in the Orlicz, Morrey, Baskakov–Durrmeyer–Stancu, or other type spaces, we recommend three groups of references, [21, 22, 23, 24, 25], [16, 17, 18, 19, 20], [12, 27, 28, 29, 30], to interested readers.

In this paper, basing on the above conclusions, utilizing K -functional and a decomposition technique, considering properties of multivariate Baskakov–Kantorovich operators in the form of Lemmas 2.1 to 2.4 in Section 2, we establish two equivalent theorems, Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 in Section 3, between the K -functional and modulus of smoothness, and obtain a direct theorem, Theorem 4.1 in Section 4, in the Orlicz spaces $L_\Phi^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$.

2. Lemmas. In order to prove the direct theorem, we need several lemmas below.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $f \in L_\Phi^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$, $n > m$. Then*

$$\|V_{n,m}(f)\|_\Phi \leq C\|f\|_\Phi.$$

Proof. By the decomposition formula

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n,m}(f, \mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1)n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} du_1 \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1,k_2} \left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) \\ &\times n \int_{k_2/n}^{(k_2+1)/n} du_2 \cdots \sum_{k_m=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1+\cdots+k_{m-1},k_m} \left(\frac{x_m}{1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-1}} \right) \\ &\times n \int_{k_m/n}^{(k_m+1)/n} f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) du_m, \end{aligned}$$

Jensen's inequality, and the double inequality (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|V_{n,m}(f)\|_\Phi \leq 2\|V_{n,m}(f)\|_{(\Phi)} \\ &= 2 \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^m} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1)n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} du_1 \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1,k_2} \left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) n \int_{k_2/n}^{(k_2+1)/n} du_2 \cdots \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k_m=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1+\cdots+k_{m-1},k_m} \left(\frac{x_m}{1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-1}} \right) \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times n \int_{k_m/n}^{(k_m+1)/n} f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) du_m \right| \right) d\mathbf{x} \leq 1 \Big\} \\ &\leq 2 \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^m} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1)n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} du_1 \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1,k_2} \left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times n \int_{k_2/n}^{(k_2+1)/n} du_2 \cdots \sum_{k_m=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1+\cdots+k_{m-1}, k_m} \left(\frac{x_m}{1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-1}} \right) \\
& \quad \times n \int_{k_m/n}^{(k_m+1)/n} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)| \right) du_m d\mathbf{x} \leq 1 \Big\} \\
& = 2 \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} p_{n, k_1}(x_1)(1+x_1) dx_1 n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} du_1 \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \right. \\
& \quad \times \int_0^{\infty} p_{n+k_1, k_2} \left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) (1+x_1+x_2) d \left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) n \int_{k_2/n}^{(k_2+1)/n} du_2 \cdots \\
& \quad \times \sum_{k_{m-1}=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} p_{n+k_1+\cdots+k_{m-2}, k_{m-1}} \left(\frac{x_{m-1}}{1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-2}} \right) (1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-1}) \\
& \quad \times d \left(\frac{x_{m-1}}{1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-2}} \right) n \int_{k_{m-1}/n}^{(k_{m-1}+1)/n} du_{m-1} \sum_{k_m=0}^{\infty} \\
& \quad \times \int_0^{\infty} p_{n+k_1+\cdots+k_{m-1}, k_m} \left(\frac{x_m}{1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-1}} \right) d \left(\frac{x_m}{1+x_1+\cdots+x_{m-1}} \right) \\
& \quad \times n \int_{k_m/n}^{(k_m+1)/n} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)| \right) du_m \leq 1 \Big\} \\
& = 2 \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^m}{(n-1) \cdots (n-m)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} du_1 \right. \\
& \quad \times \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_2/n}^{(k_2+1)/n} du_2 \cdots \sum_{k_m=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_m/n}^{(k_m+1)/n} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)| \right) du_m \leq 1 \Big\} \\
& \leq 2 \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_0^{\infty} du_1 \int_0^{\infty} du_2 \cdots \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda} |f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)| \right) du_m \leq 1 \right\} \\
& = C \|f\|_{(\Phi)} \leq C \|f\|_{\Phi}.
\end{aligned}$$

The proof of Lemma 2.1 is complete. $\square$

Lemma 2.2 ([24]). For $f \in L_{\Phi}^*[0, \infty)$ and $\Psi \in \Delta_2$, we have

$$\|\theta(f)\|_{\Phi} \leq C \|f\|_{\Phi},$$

where

$$\theta(f, x) = \sup_{\substack{0 \leq t < \infty \\ t \neq x}} \left[\frac{1}{t-x} \int_x^t f(u) du \right]$$

is the Hardy-Littlewood function of $f(x)$.

Lemma 2.3. Let $f \in L_{\Phi}^*[0, \infty)$. Then

$$|B_n(f, x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{C}{n} \theta(\varphi^2 |f''|, x).$$

Proof. By Taylor's formula

$$f(t) = f(x) + f'(x)(t-x)$$

$$+ \int_0^{t-x} \frac{t-x-\tau}{(x+\tau)(1+x+\tau)} (x+\tau)(1+x+\tau) f''(x+\tau) d\tau$$

and the inequality

$$\left| \frac{t-x-\tau}{(x+\tau)(1+x+\tau)} \right| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{4|t-x|}{x(1+x)}, & t \geq \frac{x}{2}, x \leq 1 \\ \frac{2|t-x|}{x(1+t)}, & 0 \leq t < \frac{x}{2}, x > 1 \end{cases}$$

in [32, Eq. (6.1)], one acquires

$$\begin{aligned} |B_n(f, x) - f(x)| &\leq C B_n \left(\frac{(t-x)^2}{\varphi^2(x)} \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1+x}{1+t} \right\}, x \right) \theta(\varphi^2 |f''|, x) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{n} \theta(\varphi^2 |f''|, x), \end{aligned}$$

where we used

$$B_n(1, x) = 1, \quad B_n(t-x, x) = 0, \quad B_n((t-x)^2, x) = \frac{\varphi^2(x)}{n},$$

and

$$B_n \left(\frac{(t-x)^2}{\varphi^2(x)} \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1+x}{1+t} \right\}, x \right) \leq \frac{C}{n}.$$

The proof of Lemma 2.3 is complete. $\square$

Lemma 2.4. *Let $f \in L_\Phi^*(\mathbb{R}_0^2)$ and $\Psi \in \Delta_2$. Then*

$$\|V_{n,2}(f) - f\|_\Phi \leq \frac{C}{n} \left(\|f\|_\Phi + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f\|_\Phi \right). \quad (2)$$

Proof. Let

$$z = \frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \quad \text{and} \quad g_{u_1}(t) = f(u_1, (1+u_1)t)$$

for $0 \leq t < \infty$. Utilizing the decomposition formula

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n,2}(f, \mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1,k_2} \left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) \\ &\quad \times n \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} f(u_1, (1+u_1)u_2) (1+u_1) du_2 du_1 \end{aligned}$$

in [5] concludes

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n,2}(f, \mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) n \\ &\quad \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} [g_{u_1}(t) - g_{u_1}(z)] (1+u_1) dt du_1 \\ &\quad + V_{n,1} \left(f \left(u_1, (1+u_1) \frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) \right) - f(x_1, x_2) \\ &\triangleq J_1 + J_2, \quad 0 \leq u_1 < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Now we start out to estimate J_1 . Using Jensen's inequality and the convexity of $\Phi(t)$, it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|J_1|\right) dx_1 dx_2 = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_1=0}^\infty p_{n,k_1}(x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}\left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1}\right) n(1+u_1) \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} [g_{u_1}(t) - g_{u_1}(z)] dt du_1 \right| \right) dx_1 dx_2 \\
& \leq \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \sum_{k_1=0}^\infty p_{n,k_1}(x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}\left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1}\right) n(1+u_1) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} [g_{u_1}(t) - g_{u_1}(z)] dt \right| \right) du_1 dx_1 dx_2 \\
& = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \sum_{k_1=0}^\infty p_{n,k_1}(x_1) (1+x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) n(1+u_1) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} [g_{u_1}(t) - g_{u_1}(z)] dt \right| \right) du_1 dx_1 dz \\
& = \sum_{k_1=0}^\infty \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) n(1+u_1) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} [g_{u_1}(t) - g_{u_1}(z)] dt \right| \right) dz du_1 \\
& = \sum_{k_1=0}^\infty \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) n(1+u_1) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \left[g_{u_1}\left(\frac{k_2}{n+k_1}\right) - g_{u_1}(z) + \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^t g'_{u_1}(s) ds \right] dt \right| \right) dz du_1 \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^\infty \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^\infty \left\{ \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) 2n(1+u_1) \right. \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \left[g_{u_1}\left(\frac{k_2}{n+k_1}\right) - g_{u_1}(z) \right] dt \right| \right) + \\
& \quad \left. \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) 2n(1+u_1) \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^t g'_{u_1}(s) ds dt \right| \right) \right\} dz du_1 \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^\infty \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^\infty \left\{ \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) 2 \left[g_{u_1}\left(\frac{k_2}{n+k_1}\right) \right. \right. \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \left. - g_{u_1}(z) \right] \right| \right) + \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^\infty p_{n+k_1,k_2}(z) 2n(1+u_1) \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^t g'_{u_1}(s) ds dt \right| \right) \right\} dz du_1 \triangleq J_{11} + J_{12}. \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Employing Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{11} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi\left(\frac{2}{\lambda} |B_{n+k_1}(g_{u_1}, z) - g_{u_1}(z)|\right) dz du_1 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{C}{n+k_1} \theta(\varphi^2 |g_{u_1}''|, z)\right) dz du_1 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda(n+k_1)} \varphi^2(z) |g_{u_1}''(z)|\right) dz du_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by definition, we can deduce

$$\varphi^2(t) g_{u_1}''(t) = t(1+t)(1+u_1)^2 D_2^2 f(u_1, (1+u_1)t) = (\varphi_2^2 D_2^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)t)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{11} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^{\infty} \\
 &\quad \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda(n+k_1)} |(\varphi_2^2 D_2^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)z)|\right) dz du_1 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+u_1} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |(\varphi_2^2 D_2^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)z)|\right) d((1+u_1)z) du_1 \\
 &\leq \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |(\varphi_2^2 D_2^2 f)(u_1, u_2)|\right) du_1 du_2. \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Jensen's inequality, we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{12} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1, k_2}(z) n(1+u_1) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \times \left. \left. \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^t 2g_{u_1}'(s) ds dt \right| \right) dz du_1 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1, k_2}(z) n(1+u_1) \\
 &\quad \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^t 2g_{u_1}'(s) ds \right| \right) dt dz du_1 \\
 &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} n(1+u_1) \\
 &\quad \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^t 2g_{u_1}'(s) ds \right| \right) dt du_1 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} (1+u_1) \\
 &\quad \times \int_{k_2/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} 2g_{u_1}'(s) ds \right| \right) dt du_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^{(k_2+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} 2g'_{u_1}(s) ds \right| \right) du_1 \\
&\leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+k_1}{n} \\
&\quad \times \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^{(k_2+1)/(n+k_1)} \Phi \left(\frac{2|g'_{u_1}(s)|}{\lambda(n+k_1)} \right) ds du_1 \\
&\leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^{(k_2+1)/(n+k_1)} \Phi \left(\frac{2n}{\lambda(n-1)(n-2)} |g'_{u_1}(s)| \right) ds du_1 \\
&\leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_2/(n+k_1)}^{(k_2+1)/(n+k_1)} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |g'_{u_1}(s)| \right) ds du_1 \\
&\leq \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |g'_{u_1}(u_2)| \right) du_2 du_1.
\end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2.3 in [25], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |g'_{u_1}(u_2)| \right) du_2 &\leq \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |g_{u_1}(u_2)| \right) du_2 \\
&\quad + \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \varphi^2(u_2) |g''_{u_1}(u_2)| \right) du_2.
\end{aligned}$$

By the above inequalities and

$$\varphi^2(s) g''_{u_1}(s) = s(1+s)(1+u_1)^2 D_2^2 f(u_1, (1+u_1)s) = (\varphi^2 D_2^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)s),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{12} &\leq \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |g_{u_1}(u_2)| \right) + \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} \varphi^2(u_2) |g''_{u_1}(u_2)| \right) \right] du_2 du_1 \\
&\leq \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |f(u_1, u_2)| \right) du_1 du_2 \\
&\quad + \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |\varphi_2^2(u_1, u_2) D_2^2 f(u_1, u_2)| \right) du_1 du_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining the above inequality with (4) and (5) acquires

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |J_1| \right) dx_1 dx_2 &\leq \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |f(u_1, u_2)| \right) du_1 du_2 \\
&\quad + 2 \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} |\varphi_2^2(u_1, u_2) D_2^2 f(u_1, u_2)| \right) du_1 du_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Now we can start off to estimate J_2 . Let

$$h(u_1) = h(u_1, \mathbf{x}) = f \left(u_1, (1+u_1) \frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right), \quad 0 \leq u_1 < \infty.$$

From [5, 8], we obtain

$$|V_{n,1}(f, x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{C}{n} (|f'(x)| + \varphi^2(x) |f''(x)|). \tag{7}$$

Using inequalities (3) and (7), Lemma 2.2, and the convexity of $\Phi(t)$ arrives at

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|J_2|\right) d\mathbf{x} &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|V_{n,1}(h(\cdot), x_1) - h(x_1)|\right) dx_1 dx_2 \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left[\frac{C}{\lambda n}\left(|h'(x_1)| + \varphi^2(x_1)|h''(x_1)|\right)\right] d\mathbf{x} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n}|h'(x_1)|\right) d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n}\varphi^2(x_1)|h''(x_1)|\right) d\mathbf{x} \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n}|h(x_1)|\right) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n}\varphi^2(x_1)|h''(x_1)|\right) d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

When denoting $\varphi_{12}(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi_{21}(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq \sqrt{x_1 x_2}$, $D_{12}^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2}$, and $D_{21}^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1}$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^2(u)h''(u)| &= \left| u(1+u) \left[D_1^2 f + \frac{x_2}{1+x_1} D_{12}^2 f + \frac{x_2}{1+x_1} D_{21}^2 f \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{x_2^2}{(1+x_1)^2} D_{22}^2 f \right] \left(u, (1+u) \frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \left(\frac{1+x_1}{1+x_1+x_2} \varphi_1^2 D_1^2 f + \varphi_{12}^2 D_{12}^2 f + \varphi_{21}^2 D_{21}^2 f \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{u}{1+u} \frac{x_2}{1+x_1+x_2} \varphi_2^2 D_2^2 f \right) \left(u, (1+u) \frac{x_2}{1+x_1} \right) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of the facts that $\varphi_{12}(\mathbf{x})$ is not bigger than $\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})$ or $\varphi_2(\mathbf{x})$ and that

$$|D_{12}^2 f(\mathbf{x})| \leq \sup\{|D_1^2 f(\mathbf{x})|, |D_2^2 f(\mathbf{x})|\}$$

in [7, Lemma 2.1], we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n}(\varphi^2(x_1)|h''(x_1)|)\right) d\mathbf{x} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} \sum_{i=1}^2 |\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f|\right) d\mathbf{x}$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|J_2|\right) d\mathbf{x} \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n}|f(x_1, x_2)|\right) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^2} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} \sum_{i=1}^2 |\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f|\right) d\mathbf{x},$$

where we used the convexity of $\Phi(t)$. Combining these two inequalities with (3) and (6) and paying attention to computation of norm and the inequality (1) yield

$$\|V_{n,2}(f) - f\|_\Phi \leq \|J_1\|_\Phi + \|J_2\|_\Phi \leq \frac{C}{n} \left(\|f\|_\Phi + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f\|_\Phi \right).$$

The proof of Lemma 2.4 is complete. $\square$

3. Equivalent theorems. There exist the following equivalent theorems between the modulus of smoothness and the K -functional.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $f \in L_\Phi^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ and $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there exist some constants C and t_0 such that*

$$\frac{\omega_{r,\varphi}(f, t)_\Phi}{C} \leq K_{r,\varphi}(f, t^r)_\Phi \leq C \omega_{r,\varphi}(f, t)_\Phi, \quad 0 < t \leq t_0. \quad (8)$$

Proof. We shall reduce the proof to the one dimension. Some ideas come from [6]. For $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}_0^m$, we write $\mathbf{x}^* = (x_2, \dots, x_m)$ and $\mathbb{R}_0^{m*} = \{\mathbf{x}^* : \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \mathbf{x}^*) \in \mathbb{R}_0^m\}$. Let $x_1 = (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|)z$ for $0 \leq z < \infty$ and $F(z) = F(z, \mathbf{x}^*) = f((1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|)z, \mathbf{x}^*)$. Then

$$\varphi_1(\mathbf{x}) = (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|)\varphi(z), \quad D_1^r f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{F^{(r)}(z)}{(1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|)^r}, \quad \Delta_{h\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})e_1}^r f(\mathbf{x}) = \Delta_{h\varphi(z)}^r F(z).$$

It was shown in [25] that

$$\int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{|\Delta_{h\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|}{\lambda}\right) dz \leq \begin{cases} \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C|F(z)|}{\lambda}\right) dz, & F \in L_\Phi^*[0, \infty); \\ \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C|h^r \varphi^r(z) F^{(r)}(z)|}{\lambda}\right) dz, & F \in W_\varphi^{r, \Phi}[0, \infty). \end{cases}$$

Consequently, it follows that, for $f \in L_\Phi^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_{h\varphi_1 e_1}^r f\|_{(\Phi)} &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} d\mathbf{x}^* \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |\Delta_{h\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})e_1}^r f(\mathbf{x})| \right) dx_1 \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |\Delta_{h\varphi(z)}^r F(z)| \right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} |F(z)| \right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} |F(z)| \right) dx_1 d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= C\|f\|_{(\Phi)}. \end{aligned}$$

For $f \in W_\varphi^{r, \Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_{h\varphi_1 e_1}^r f\|_{(\Phi)} &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} d\mathbf{x}^* \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |\Delta_{h\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})e_1}^r f(\mathbf{x})| \right) dx_1 \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} h^r |\varphi^r(z) F^{(r)}(z)| \right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} h^r |(\varphi_1^r D_1^r) f(x_1, \mathbf{x}^*)| \right) dx_1 d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= Ch^r \|\varphi_1^r D_1^r(f)\|_{(\Phi)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$, we have

$$\|\Delta_{h\varphi_i e_i}^r f\|_{(\Phi)} \leq C \begin{cases} \|f\|_{(\Phi)}, & f \in L_\Phi^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m); \\ h^r \|\varphi_i^r D_i^r(f)\|_{(\Phi)}, & f \in W_\varphi^{r, \Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m). \end{cases}$$

Adding these inequalities and applying (1) yields the lower bound in (8).

To estimate the upper bound in (8), we shall again reduce it to the one-dimensional case. First we note that, for fixed $\mathbf{x}^*$ and $t > 0$, there exists a function $G_t \in W_\varphi^{r, \Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^1)$ such that

$$\int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |F(z) - G_t(z)|\right) dz \leq \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} |\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\tau$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|t^r \varphi^r(z) G_t^{(r)}(z)|\right) dz \leq \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\tau,$$

where G_t depends on F continuously. See [25]. Accordingly, for $F(z) = F(z, \mathbf{x}^*)$, we have $G_t(z) = G_t(z, \mathbf{x}^*)$ as well. Let

$$g_t(\mathbf{x}) = G_t\left(\frac{x_1}{1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|}, \mathbf{x}^*\right), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_0^m.$$

Then $g_t \in W_{\varphi}^{r, \Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - g_t\|_{(\Phi)} &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|F(z) - G_t(z)|\right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\tau d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) d\tau dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty C \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau_1\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^m} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau_1\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})e_1}^r f(\mathbf{x})|\right) d\mathbf{x} \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= C \|\Delta_{\tau_1\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})e_1}^r f\|_{(\Phi)}, \quad 0 \leq \tau_1 \leq t \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} t^r \|\varphi_1^r D_1^r g_t\|_{(\Phi)} &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{t^r}{\lambda}|\varphi^r(z) G_t^{(r)}(z)|\right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\tau d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) d\tau dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau_1\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^m} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda}|\Delta_{\tau_1\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})e_1}^r f(\mathbf{x})|\right) d\mathbf{x} \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= C \|\Delta_{\tau_1\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})e_1}^r f\|_{(\Phi)}, \quad 0 \leq \tau_1 \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove that, for each i and $t > 0$, there are functions $g_t \in W_{\varphi}^{r, \Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ and $\tau_i \in [0, t]$ such that

$$\|f - g_t\|_{(\Phi)} \leq C \|\Delta_{\tau_i\varphi_i(\mathbf{x})e_i}^r f\|_{(\Phi)} \quad \text{and} \quad t^r \|\varphi_i^r D_i^r g_t\|_{(\Phi)} \leq C \|\Delta_{\tau_i\varphi_i(\mathbf{x})e_i}^r f\|_{(\Phi)}.$$

By the double inequality (1), we obtain

$$\|f - g_t\|_{\Phi} \leq C \|\Delta_{\tau_i\varphi_i(\mathbf{x})e_i}^r f\|_{\Phi} \quad \text{and} \quad t^r \|\varphi_i^r D_i^r g_t\|_{\Phi} \leq C \|\Delta_{\tau_i\varphi_i(\mathbf{x})e_i}^r f\|_{\Phi}. \quad (9)$$

Adding these inequalities results in the upper bound in (8). $\square$

Remark 3.1. For $m = 1$, Theorem 3.1 coincides with corresponding 1-dimensional one in [25].

Theorem 3.2. *Let $f \in L_{\Phi}^*[0, \infty)$ and $r \in \mathbb{N}$. Then there exist some constants C and t_0 such that*

$$\frac{\omega_{r,\varphi}(f, t)_{\Phi}}{C} \leq \bar{K}_{r,\varphi}(f, t^r)_{\Phi} \leq C\omega_{r,\varphi}(f, t)_{\Phi}, \quad 0 < t \leq t_0. \quad (10)$$

Proof. Since $K_{r,\varphi}(f, t^r)_{\Phi} \leq \bar{K}_{r,\varphi}(f, t^r)_{\Phi}$, we only need to prove the upper estimate. By those inequalities in (9), we only need to prove

$$t^{2r} \|D_i^r g_t\|_{(\Phi)} \leq C \|\Delta_{\tau_i' \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{e}_i}^r f\|_{(\Phi)}$$

for each i .

In [23], it was obtained that

$$\int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |t^{2r} G_t^{(r)}(z)|\right) dz \leq \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} |\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\tau.$$

For $F(z) = F(z, \mathbf{x}^*)$, we have $G_t(z) = G_t(z, \mathbf{x}^*)$ as well. Let

$$g_t(\mathbf{x}) = G_t\left(\frac{x_1}{1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|}, \mathbf{x}^*\right), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_0^m.$$

Then $g_t \in W_{\varphi}^{r,\Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} t^{2r} \|D_1^r g_t\|_{(\Phi)} &= \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |t^{2r} G_t^{(r)}(z)|\right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \frac{C}{t} \int_0^t \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} |\Delta_{\tau\varphi(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\tau d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda : \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{m*}} (1 + |\mathbf{x}^*|) \int_0^\infty \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda} |\Delta_{\tau_1' \varphi_1(z)}^r F(z)|\right) dz d\mathbf{x}^* \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= C \|\Delta_{\tau_1' \varphi_1(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{e}_1}^r f\|_{(\Phi)}, \quad 0 \leq \tau_1' \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can prove that, for each i and $t > 0$, there are functions $g_t \in W_{\varphi}^{r,\Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$ and $\tau_i' \in [0, t]$ such that

$$t^{2r} \|D_i^r g_t\|_{(\Phi)} \leq C \|\Delta_{\tau_i' \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{e}_i}^r f\|_{(\Phi)}.$$

Using (1), it follows that

$$t^{2r} \|D_i^r g_t\|_{\Phi} \leq C \|\Delta_{\tau_i' \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{e}_i}^r f\|_{\Phi}.$$

Combining this inequality with (9) and adding these inequalities lead to (10). The proof of Theorem 3.2 is complete. $\square$

Remark 3.2. For $m = 1$, Theorem 3.2 coincides with corresponding 1-dimensional one in [23].

4. A direct theorem. We now in a position to state and prove the direct theorem.

Theorem 4.1 (Direct theorem). *Let $f \in L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$, $n > m$, and $\Psi \in \Delta_2$. Then*

$$\|V_{n,m}(f) - f\|_{\Phi} \leq C \left[\omega_{2,\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right)_{\Phi} + \frac{\|f\|_{\Phi}}{n} \right]. \quad (11)$$

Proof. Our proof is based on induction on the dimension m and on a decomposition for Baskakov–Kantorovich’s operator. For $m = 1$, the inequality (11) can be rewritten as

$$\|V_{n,1}(f) - f\|_{\Phi} \leq C\omega_{2,\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right)_{\Phi} \leq C\left[\omega_{2,\varphi}\left(f, \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}\right)_{\Phi} + \frac{\|f\|_{\Phi}}{n}\right]$$

which has been proved in [21].

For $m \geq 2$, the proof of Theorem 4.1 follows from combining Lemmas 2.1 and 2.4 with the estimates

$$\|V_{n,m}(f) - f\|_{\Phi} \leq C \begin{cases} \|f\|_{\Phi}, & f \in L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m); \\ \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \|\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f\|_{\Phi} + \|f\|_{\Phi} \right), & f \in W_{\varphi}^{2,\Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m). \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

The first estimate in (12) can be derived from Lemma 2.1.

By (2), the second estimate in (12) is valid for $m = 2$. If the second estimate in (12) is valid for $m = r \geq 2$, that is,

$$\|V_{n,r}(f) - f\|_{\Phi} \leq \frac{C}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \|\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f\|_{\Phi} + \|f\|_{\Phi} \right), \quad (13)$$

then we have to further verify its validity for $m = r + 1$. We claim that the decomposition formula

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n,r+1}(f, \mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{\mathbf{k}^*=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1, \mathbf{k}^*} \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{1+x_1} \right) n^r \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbf{k}^*/n}^{(\mathbf{k}^*+1)/n} f(u_1, \mathbf{u}^*) d\mathbf{u}^* du_1 \\ &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \sum_{\mathbf{k}^*=0}^{\infty} p_{n+k_1, \mathbf{k}^*} \left(\frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{1+x_1} \right) n^r \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbf{k}^*/[n(1+u_1)]}^{(\mathbf{k}^*+1)/[n(1+u_1)]} f(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{u}^*) (1+u_1) d\mathbf{u}^* du_1 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

is valid, where $\mathbf{x}^* = (x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{r+1})$, $x = (x_1, \mathbf{x}^*) \in \mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}$, $\mathbf{k}^* = (k_2, k_3, \dots, k_{r+1})$, $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \mathbf{k}^*) \in \mathbb{N}_0^{r+1}$, and $\sum_{\mathbf{k}^*=0}^{\infty} = \sum_{k_2=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_3=0}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{k_{r+1}=0}^{\infty}$. This formula can be directly checked up and will take an important role in the following proof. Let

$$g_{u_1}(t) \triangleq f(u_1, (1+u_1)t), \quad 0 \leq t < \infty$$

and

$$\mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_r) = \left(\frac{x_2}{1+x_1}, \frac{x_3}{1+x_1}, \dots, \frac{x_{r+1}}{1+x_1} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{1+x_1}.$$

From the formula (14), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n,r+1}(f, \mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1) n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} [V_{n+k_1,r}(g_{u_1}(\cdot), \mathbf{z}) - g_{u_1}(\mathbf{z})] du_1 \\ &\quad + [V_{n,1}(h(\cdot), x_1) - h(x_1)] \triangleq T_1 + T_2, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where

$$h(u_1) \triangleq h(u_1, \mathbf{x}) \triangleq f\left(u_1, (1+u_1) \frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{1+x_1}\right), \quad 0 \leq u_1 < \infty.$$

By the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|V_{n,r}(f, \mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})|\right) d\mathbf{x} \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n} \sum_{i=1}^r |(\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f)(\mathbf{x})|\right) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda n}|f(\mathbf{x})|\right) d\mathbf{x}, \end{aligned}$$

which can be obtained from (13), and Jensen's inequality, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|T_1|\right) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left| \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1)n \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} [V_{n+k_1,r}(g_{u_1}(\cdot), z) - g_{u_1}(z)] du_1 \right| \right) d\mathbf{x} \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1)n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|V_{n+k_1,r}(g_{u_1}(\cdot), z) - g_{u_1}(z)|\right) du_1 d\mathbf{x} \\ & = \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} p_{n,k_1}(x_1)(1+x_1)dx_1 n \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} du_1 \\ & \quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|V_{n+k_1,r}(g_{u_1}(\cdot), z) - g_{u_1}(z)|\right) dz \\ & \leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda(n+k_1)} \sum_{i=1}^r |(\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 g_{u_1})(z)|\right) dz \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda(n+k_1)}|g_{u_1}(z)|\right) dz \right] du_1. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by definition, we can deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_i^2(\mathbf{x}) D_i^2 g_{u_1}(\mathbf{x}) &= x_i(1+|\mathbf{x}|)(1+u_1) D_{i+1}^2 f(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{x}) \\ &= (\varphi_{i+1}^2 D_{i+1}^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

So, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}|T_1|\right) d\mathbf{x} \leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+k_1-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda(n+k_1)} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} |(\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{z})|\right) dz \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{C}{\lambda(n+k_1)}|f(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{z})|\right) dz \right] du_1 \\ & \leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \frac{1}{1+u_1} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi\left(\frac{Cn(n+k_1-1)}{(n+k_1)(n-1)(n-2)\lambda} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} |(\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{z})|\right) d((1+u_1)\mathbf{z}) \right] du_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi \left(\frac{Cn(n+k_1-1)}{(n+k_1)(n-1)(n-2)\lambda} |f(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{z})| \right) d((1+u_1)\mathbf{z}) du_1 \\
& \leq \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \int_{k_1/n}^{(k_1+1)/n} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} |(\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f)(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{z})| \right) d((1+u_1)\mathbf{z}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^r} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} |f(u_1, (1+u_1)\mathbf{z})| \right) d((1+u_1)\mathbf{z}) \right] du_1 \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} |(\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f)(\mathbf{u})| \right) d\mathbf{u} + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} |f(\mathbf{u})| \right) d\mathbf{u}.
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

By Lemma 2.2, the inequality (7), and the convexity of $\Phi(t)$, we acquire

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |T_2| \right) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |V_{n,1}(h(\cdot), x_1) - h(x_1)| \right) d\mathbf{x} \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} (|h'(x_1)| + \varphi^2(x_1)|h''(x_1)|) \right) d\mathbf{x} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} |h'(x_1)| \right) d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} \varphi^2(x_1)|h''(x_1)| \right) d\mathbf{x} \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} |h(x_1)| \right) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} \varphi^2(x_1)|h''(x_1)| \right) d\mathbf{x}.
\end{aligned}$$

Denoting $\varphi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{x_i x_j}$ for $1 \leq i < j < r+1$ and $D_{ij}^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \varphi^2(u)h''(u) = u(1+u) \left[D_1^2 f + \sum_{i=2}^{r+1} \frac{x_i}{1+x_1} D_{1i}^2 f + \sum_{i=2}^{r+1} \frac{x_i}{1+x_1} D_{i1}^2 f \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{i=2}^{r+1} \sum_{j=2}^{r+1} \frac{x_i x_j}{(1+x_1)^2} D_{ij}^2 f \right] \left(u, (1+u) \frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{1+x_1} \right) \\
& = \left(\frac{1+x_1}{1+|\mathbf{x}|} \varphi_1^2 D_1^2 f + \sum_{i=2}^{r+1} \varphi_{1i}^2 D_{1i}^2 f + \sum_{i=2}^{r+1} \varphi_{i1}^2 D_{i1}^2 f + \sum_{i=2}^{r+1} \frac{u}{1+u} \frac{x_i}{1+|\mathbf{x}|} \varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{i,j=2, i \neq j}^{r+1} \frac{u}{1+u} \varphi_{ij}^2 D_{ij}^2 f \right) \left(u, (1+u) \frac{\mathbf{x}^*}{1+x_1} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Recalling that $\varphi_{ij}(\mathbf{x})$ is not bigger than $\varphi_i(\mathbf{x})$ or $\varphi_j(\mathbf{x})$ and the fact

$$|D_{ij}^2 f(\mathbf{x})| \leq \sup_{1 \leq i \leq r+1} |D_i^2 f(\mathbf{x})|$$

in [7, Lemma 2.1], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} |T_2| \right) d\mathbf{x} \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} |f(\mathbf{x})| \right) d\mathbf{x} \\
& \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}_0^{r+1}} \Phi \left(\frac{C}{n\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} |(\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 f)(\mathbf{x})| \right) d\mathbf{x}. \tag{17}
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (15), (16), and (17) and paying attention to computation of norm and the inequality (1), we obtain the second estimate of (12) for any $m \geq 2$.

For $g \in W_{\varphi}^{2,\Phi}(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$, combining (12) with Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 3.1 gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|V_{n,m}(f) - f\|_{\Phi} &\leq \|V_{n,m}(f) - V_{n,m}(g)\|_{\Phi} + \|V_{n,m}(g) - g\|_{\Phi} + \|f - g\|_{\Phi} \\ &\leq C\|f - g\|_{\Phi} + \frac{C}{n} \left(\|g\|_{\Phi} + \sum_{i=1}^m \|\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 g\|_{\Phi} \right) \\ &\leq C \left(\|f - g\|_{\Phi} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^m \|\varphi_i^2 D_i^2 g\|_{\Phi} \right) + \frac{C}{n} \|f\|_{\Phi} \\ &\leq C \left[\omega_{2,\varphi} \left(f, \frac{1}{n^{1/2}} \right)_{\Phi} + \frac{1}{n} \|f\|_{\Phi} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Theorem 4.1 is complete. $\square$

5. Conclusions. In this paper, using K -functional and a decomposition technique and considering some properties of multivariate Baskakov–Kantorovich operators in the form of Lemmas 2.1 to 2.4, we presented two equivalent theorems, Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, between the K -functional and modulus of smoothness, and obtained a direct theorem, Theorem 4.1, in the Orlicz spaces $L_{\Phi}^*(\mathbb{R}_0^m)$.

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