

# Gamma Distribution and Gamma Approximation

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## Abstract

The Gamma distribution and related approximation properties of this distribution to certain of classes of functions are discussed. Two asymptotic estimate formulas are given.

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## 1 Introduction and Main Results

Probability distributions and related approximation properties have played a central role in several areas of *computer aided geometric design* (CAGD) and *numerical analysis*. For instance, the (Bernstein) basis functions of Bézier curves and surfaces are taken from a binomial distribution, and the basis functions of B-spline curves and surfaces model a simple stochastic process [1, 2]. Properties of these curves and surfaces are closely related to the approximation features of the corresponding basis functions. Therefore studying probability distributions and related approximation properties is important both in theory and applications.

The aim of this paper is to do a study in that direction. In this paper we shall consider the following Gamma random variable  $\xi$  with probability density function:

$$p_{\xi}(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{u^{x-1}}{\Gamma(x)} \exp(-u), & \text{if } u \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } u < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $x$  is a fixed number in  $(0, \infty)$  and  $\Gamma(x)$  is the Gamma function of  $x$  defined as follows:

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{x-1} e^{-u} du,$$

and study related approximation process based on the above Gamma distribution. We first prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of independent random variables with the same Gamma distribution as  $\xi$ , and let  $\eta_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$ . Then the probability distribution of the random variable  $\eta_n$  is

$$P(\eta_n \leq y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^y u^{nx-1} e^{-u} du. \quad (2)$$

*Proof.* Let the distribution functions of the random variables  $\xi_i$  be  $F_i(x)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , and let the distribution function of  $\eta_n$  be  $F_{\eta_n}(x)$ . We have

$$F_i(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y p_{\xi_i}(u) du = \int_0^y \frac{u^{x-1}}{\Gamma(x)} e^{-u} du$$

and

$$F_{\eta_n}(y) = (F_1 * F_2 * \dots * F_n)(y),$$

where

$$(F_1 * F_2)(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F_2(y-u) dF_1(u),$$

and  $(F_1 * F_2 * \dots * F_n)(y)$  is defined recursively. By convolution of probability distributions we obtain

$$P(\eta_n \leq y) = F_{\eta_n}(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^y u^{nx-1} e^{-u} du.$$

Hence, Lemma 1 is proved.

In this paper we consider the following Gamma approximation process  $G_n^*$ :

$$G_n^*(f, x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t/n) dF_{\eta_n}(t) = \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^{\infty} f(u) u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du \quad (3)$$

where  $f$  belongs to the class of function  $\Phi_B$  or the class of function  $\Phi_{DB}$ , which are defined respectively by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_B &= \{f \mid f \text{ is bounded on every finite subinterval of } [0, \infty), \\ &\text{and } |f(t)| \leq M e^{\beta t}, \quad (M > 0; \beta \geq 0; t \rightarrow \infty)\}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{DB} &= \{f \mid f(x) - f(0) = \int_0^x h(t) dt; x \geq 0; h \text{ is bounded on every finite} \\ &\text{subinterval of } [0, \infty), \text{ and } |f(t)| \leq M e^{\beta t}, \quad (M > 0; \beta \geq 0; t \rightarrow \infty)\}. \end{aligned}$$

For a function  $f \in \Phi_B$ , we introduce the following metric form:

$$\Omega_x(f, \lambda) = \sup_{t \in [x-\lambda, x+\lambda]} |f(t) - f(x)|,$$

where  $x \in [0, \infty)$  is fixed,  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

It is clear that

$\Omega_x(f, \lambda)$  is non-decreasing with respect to  $\lambda$ ;

$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \Omega_x(f, \lambda) = 0$ , if  $f$  is continuous at the point  $x$ ;

If  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , and  $\bigvee_a^b(f)$  denotes the total variation of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\Omega_x(f, \lambda) \leq \bigvee_{x-\lambda}^{x+\lambda}(f)$$

For further properties of  $\Omega_x(f, \lambda)$ , refers to Zeng and Cheng [8].

The main results of this paper are as follows:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f \in \Phi_B$ . If  $f(x+)$  and  $f(x-)$  exist at a fixed point  $x \in (0, \infty)$ , then for  $n > 3\beta$ , we have*

$$\left| G_n^*(f, x) - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} + \frac{f(x+) - f(x-)}{3\sqrt{2\pi n x}} \right| \leq \frac{x+4}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^n \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{k}) + O(n^{-1}), \quad (4)$$

where

$$g_x(u) = \begin{cases} f(u) - f(x+), & x < u < \infty; \\ 0, & u = x; \\ f(u) - f(x-), & 0 \leq u < x. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

We point out that Theorem 1 subsumes the case of approximation of functions of bounded variation. From Theorem 1 we get immediately

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $f$  be a function of bounded variation on every subinterval of  $[0, \infty)$  and let  $f(t) = O(e^{\beta t})$  for some  $\beta \geq 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . then for  $x \in (0, \infty)$  and  $n > 3\beta$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \left| G_n^*(f, x) - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} + \frac{f(x+) - f(x-)}{3\sqrt{2\pi n x}} \right| &\leq \frac{x+4}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^n \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{k}) + O(n^{-1}) \\ &\leq \frac{x+4}{nx} \sum_{k=1}^n \bigvee_{x-x/\sqrt{k}}^{x+x/\sqrt{k}}(g_x) + O(n^{-1}), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

**Corollary 2.** *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, if  $\Omega_x(g_x, \lambda) = o(\lambda)$ , then*

$$G_n^*(f, x) = \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} - \frac{f(x+) - f(x-)}{3\sqrt{2\pi n x}} + o(n^{-1/2}). \quad (7)$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f$  be a function in  $\Phi_{DB}$  and let  $f(t) \leq Me^{\beta t}$  for some  $M > 0$  and  $\beta \geq 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $h(x+)$  and  $h(x-)$  exist at a fixed point  $x \in (0, \infty)$ , then for  $n > 3\beta$  we have*

$$\left| G_n^*(f, x) - f(x) - \rho \sqrt{\frac{x}{2\pi n}} \right| \leq \frac{4x+2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor} \Omega_x(\psi_x, x/k) + \frac{|\rho|x^{5/2} + 7M(x+1)^{3/2}e^{3\beta x}}{x^3 n^{3/2}}, \quad (8)$$

where  $\rho = h(x+) - h(x-)$ , and

$$\psi_x(t) = \begin{cases} h(t) - h(x+), & x < t < \infty; \\ 0, & t = x; \\ h(t) - h(x-), & 0 \leq t < x. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

*Remark .* If  $f$  is a function with derivative of bounded variation, then  $f \in \Phi_{DB}$ . Thus the approximation of functions with derivatives of bounded variation is a special case of Theorem 2.

## 2 Auxiliary Results

To prove Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 we need some auxiliary results.

**Lemma 2.** For a fixed  $x \in (0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*(1, x) &= 1, \\ G_n^*(u^k, x) &= \frac{(nx + k - 1)(nx + k - 2) \dots (nx + 1)nx}{n^k}, \quad k > 1 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

*Proof.* Direct computations give  $G_n^*(1, x) = 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*(u^k, x) &= \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^\infty u^{nx+k-1} e^{-nu} du \\ &= \frac{n^{nx}}{n^{nx+k} \Gamma(nx)} \int_0^\infty t^{nx+k-1} e^{-t} dt \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(nx + k)}{n^k \Gamma(nx)} \\ &= \frac{(nx + k - 1)(nx + k - 2) \dots (nx + 1)nx}{n^k}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.** For  $x \in (0, \infty)$  there hold

$$G_n^*((u - x)^2, x) = \frac{x}{n}; \quad (11)$$

$$G_n^*((u - x)^4, x) \leq \frac{3(x + 1)^2}{n^2}; \quad (12)$$

$$G_n^*((u - x)^6, x) \leq \frac{49(x + 1)^3}{n^3}; \quad (13)$$

$$G_n^*(e^{2\beta u}, x) \leq e^{6\beta x}, \quad \text{for } n > 3\beta. \quad (14)$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 2 and direct computations we get

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*((t - x)^2, x) &= \frac{x}{n}; \\ G_n^*((t - x)^4, x) &= \frac{3x^2}{n^2} + \frac{6x}{n^3} \leq \frac{3(x + 1)^2}{n^2}; \\ G_n^*((t - x)^6, x) &= \frac{15n^2x^3 + 130nx^2 + 120x}{n^5} \leq \frac{49(x + 1)^3}{n^3}; \end{aligned}$$

In addition, if  $n > 3\beta$ , putting  $u = \frac{t}{n - 2\beta}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*(e^{2\beta u}, x) &= \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^\infty e^{2\beta u} u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du \\ &= \frac{n^{nx}}{(n - 2\beta)^{nx} \Gamma(nx)} \int_0^\infty t^{nx-1} e^{-t} dt \\ &= \left( \frac{n}{n - 2\beta} \right)^{nx} \\ &\leq e^{6\beta x}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.** [3, Chapter 2] Let  $\{\xi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with the expectation  $E\xi$ , the variance  $E(\xi - E\xi)^2 = \sigma^2 > 0$ ,  $E(\xi - E\xi)^4 < \infty$ , and let  $F_n$  stand for the distribution function of  $\sum_{k=1}^n (\xi_k - E\xi)/\sigma\sqrt{n}$ . If  $F_n$  is not a lattice distribution, then the following equation holds for all  $t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

$$F_n(t) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-u^2/2} du = \frac{E(\xi - E\xi)^3}{6\sigma^3\sqrt{n}} (1 - t^2) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} + O(n^{-1}). \quad (15)$$

**Lemma 5.** Let

$$K_n(x, u) = \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^u v^{nx-1} e^{-nv} dv.$$

If  $0 \leq v \leq u < x$ , then

$$K_n(x, u) \leq \frac{x}{n(x - u)^2}. \quad (16)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\xi$  be a Gamma random variable with probability density function defined as in (1). Let  $\{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of independent random variables with the same Gamma distribution as  $\xi$ . Then by direct computation we have

$$E(\xi) = x, \quad E(\xi - E\xi)^2 = \sigma^2 = x, \quad (17)$$

$$E(\xi - E\xi)^3 = 2x, \quad E(\xi - E\xi)^4 = 3x^2 + 6x < \infty. \quad (18)$$

Let  $\eta_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$ . By the addition operation of random variables, we obtain

$$E(\eta_n) = nx, \quad E(\eta_n - E\eta_n)^2 = nx$$

through simple computation. Thus by Chebyshev inequality it follows that

$$K_n(x, u) = P(|\eta_n - nx| \geq nx - nu) \leq \frac{x}{n(x - u)^2}.$$

### 3 Proof of Theorem 1

Let  $f$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1, then  $f$  can be expressed as

$$f(u) = \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} + g_x(u) + \frac{f(x+) - f(x-)}{2} \operatorname{sgn}(u - x) + \delta_x(u) \left[ f(x) - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} \right], \quad (19)$$

where  $g_x(u)$  is defined in (5),  $\operatorname{sgn}(u)$  is sign function and  $\delta_x(u) = \begin{cases} 1, & u = x \\ 0, & u \neq x \end{cases}$ .

Obviously,

$$G_n^*(\delta_x, x) = 0. \quad (20)$$

Let  $\{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of independent random variables with the same Gamma distribution and their probability density functions are

$$p_{\xi_i}(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{u^{x-1}}{\Gamma(x)} \exp(-u), & \text{if } u \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } u < 0. \end{cases}$$

where  $x \in (0, \infty)$  is a parameter. Let  $\eta_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$  and  $F_n^*$  stand for the distribution function of  $\sum_{i=1}^n (\xi_i - E\xi_i) / \sigma \sqrt{n}$ . Then by Lemma 1, the probability distribution of the random variable  $\eta_n$  is

$$P(\eta_n \leq y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^y u^{nx-1} e^{-u} du.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*(\operatorname{sgn}(u - x), x) &= \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_x^\infty u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du - \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^x u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du \\ &= 1 - 2P(\eta_n \leq nx) = 1 - 2F_n^*(0). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

By Lemma 4, (17), (18) and straightforward computation, we have

$$1 - 2F_n^*(0) = -\frac{2E(\xi_1 - a_1)^3}{6\sigma^3\sqrt{n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + O(n^{-1}) = \frac{-2}{3\sqrt{2\pi nx}} + O(n^{-1}). \quad (22)$$

It follows from (19)–(22) that

$$\left| G_n^*(f, x) - \frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} + \frac{f(x+) - f(x-)}{3\sqrt{2\pi nx}} \right| \leq |G_n^*(g_x, x)| + O(n^{-1}). \quad (23)$$

We need to estimate  $|G_n^*(g_x, x)|$ . Let

$$K_n(x, u) = \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^u v^{nx-1} e^{-nv} dv.$$

Then by Lebesgue-Stieltjes integral representation, we have

$$G_n^*(g_x, x) = \int_0^\infty g_x(u) d_u K_n(x, u) \quad (24)$$

Decompose the integral of (24) into four parts, as

$$\int_0^\infty g_x(u) d_u K_n(x, u) = \Delta_{1,n}(g_x) + \Delta_{2,n}(g_x) + \Delta_{3,n}(g_x) + \Delta_{4,n}(g_x),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{1,n}(g_x) &= \int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} g_x(u) d_u K_n(x, u), & \Delta_{2,n}(g_x) &= \int_{x-x/\sqrt{n}}^{x+x/\sqrt{n}} g_x(u) d_u K_n(x, u), \\ \Delta_{3,n}(g_x) &= \int_{x+x/\sqrt{n}}^{2x} g_x(u) d_u K_n(x, u), & \Delta_{4,n}(g_x) &= \int_{2x}^\infty g_x(u) d_u K_n(x, u). \end{aligned}$$

We will evaluate  $\Delta_{1,n}(g_x)$ ,  $\Delta_{2,n}(g_x)$ ,  $\Delta_{3,n}(g_x)$  and  $\Delta_{4,n}(g_x)$  separately. First, for  $\Delta_{2,n}(g_x)$ , note that  $g_x(x) = 0$ . Hence

$$|\Delta_{2,n}(g_x)| \leq \int_{x-x/\sqrt{n}}^{x+x/\sqrt{n}} |g_x(u) - g_x(x)| d_u K_n(x, u) \leq \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{n}). \quad (25)$$

To estimate  $|\Delta_{1,n}(g_x)|$ , note that  $\Omega_x(g_x, \lambda)$  is non-decreasing with respect to  $\lambda$ , thus it follows that

$$|\Delta_{1,n}(g_x)| = \left| \int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} g_x(u) d_u K_n(x, u) \right| \leq \int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} \Omega_x(g_x, x-u) d_u K_n(x, u).$$

Using integration by parts with  $y = x - x/\sqrt{n}$ , we have

$$\int_0^y \Omega_x(g_x, x-u) d_u K_n(x, u) \leq \Omega_x(g_x, x-y) K_n(x, y) + \int_0^y K_n(x, u) d_u (-\Omega_x(g_x, x-u)). \quad (26)$$

From (26) and Lemma 5 we get

$$|\Delta_{1,n}(g_x)| \leq \Omega_x(g_x, x-y) \frac{x}{n(x-y)^2} + \int_0^y \frac{x}{n(x-u)^2} d_u (-\Omega_x(g_x, x-u)). \quad (27)$$

Using integration by parts once again, from (26), (27) it follows that

$$|\Delta_{1,n}(g_x)| \leq \frac{1}{nx} \Omega_x(g_x, x) + \frac{2x}{n} \int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} \frac{\Omega_x(g_x, x-u)}{(x-u)^3} dt.$$

Putting  $u = x - x/\sqrt{t}$  for the last integral we get

$$\int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} \frac{\Omega_x(g_x, x-u)}{(x-u)^3} du = \frac{1}{nx} \int_1^n \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{t}) dt.$$

Consequently

$$|\Delta_{1,n}(g_x)| \leq \frac{1}{nx} \left( \Omega_x(g_x, x) + \int_1^n \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{t}) dt \right). \quad (28)$$

Using a similar method to estimate  $|\Delta_{3,n}(g_x)|$ , we get

$$|\Delta_{3,n}(g_x)| \leq \frac{1}{nx} \left( \Omega_x(g_x, x) + \int_1^n \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{t}) dt \right). \quad (29)$$

Finally, by assumption we know that  $g_x(t) \leq M(e^{\beta t})$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Using Hölder inequality and Lemma 3, we have, for  $n \geq 3\beta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\Delta_{4,n}(g_x)| &\leq M \int_{2x}^{\infty} e^{\beta u} d_u K_n(x, u) \\
&\leq \frac{M}{x^2} \int_0^{2x} (u-x)^2 e^{\beta u} d_u K_n(x, u) \\
&\leq \frac{M}{x^2} \left( \int_0^{\infty} (u-x)^4 d_u K_n(x, u) \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_0^{\infty} e^{2\beta u} d_u K_n(x, u) \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq \frac{2M(x+1)e^{3\beta x}}{n}.
\end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Equations (25) and (28)–(30) lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
|G_n^*(g_x, x)| &\leq |\Delta_{1,n}(g_x)| + |\Delta_{2,n}(g_x)| + |\Delta_{3,n}(g_x)| + |\Delta_{4,n}(g_x)| \\
&\leq \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{n}) + \frac{2}{nx} \left( \Omega_x(g_x, x) + \int_1^n \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{u}) du \right) + \frac{2M(x+1)e^{3\beta x}}{n} \\
&\leq \frac{x+4}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \Omega_x(g_x, x/\sqrt{k}) + \frac{2M(x+1)e^{3\beta x}}{n}.
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Theorem 1 now follows from (23) and (31).

## 4 Proof of Theorem 2

By direct computation we find that

$$G_n^*(f, x) - f(x) = \frac{h(x+) - h(x-)}{2} G_n^*(|u-x|, x) - A_{n,x}(\psi_x) + B_{n,x}(\psi_x) + C_{n,x}(\psi_x), \tag{32}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{n,x}(\psi_x) &= \int_0^x \left( \int_t^x \psi_x(u) du \right) d_t K_n(x, t), \\
B_{n,x}(\psi_x) &= \int_x^{2x} \left( \int_x^t \psi_x(u) du \right) d_t K_n(x, t), \\
C_{n,x}(\psi_x) &= \int_{2x}^{+\infty} \left( \int_x^t \psi_x(u) du \right) d_t K_n(x, t),
\end{aligned}$$

Integration by parts derives

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{n,x}(\psi_x) &= \int_0^x \left( \int_t^x \psi_x(u) du \right) d_t K_n(x, t) \\
&= \int_t^x \psi_x(u) du K_n(x, t) \Big|_0^x + \int_0^x K_n(x, t) \psi_x(t) dt \\
&= \left( \int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} + \int_{x-x/\sqrt{n}}^x \right) K_n(x, v) \psi_x(v) dv
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $K_n(x, v) \leq 1$  and  $\psi_x(x) = 0$ , it follows that

$$\left| \int_{x-x/\sqrt{n}}^x K_n(x, nv) \psi_x(v) dv \right| \leq \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}} \Omega_x \left( \psi_x, \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \leq \frac{2x}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{[\sqrt{n}]} \Omega_x(\psi_x, x/k).$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 5 and using change of variable  $v = x - x/u$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} K_n(x, v) \psi_x(v) dv \right| &\leq \frac{x}{n} \int_0^{x-x/\sqrt{n}} \frac{\Omega_x(\psi_x, x-v)}{(x-v)^2} dv \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \int_1^{\sqrt{n}} \Omega_x(\psi_x, x/u) du \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{[\sqrt{n}]} \Omega_x(\psi_x, x/k). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it follows that

$$|A_{n,x}(\psi_x)| \leq \frac{2x+1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{[\sqrt{n}]} \Omega_x(\psi_x, x/k). \quad (33)$$

A similar evaluation gives

$$|B_{n,x}(\psi_x)| \leq \frac{2x+1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{[\sqrt{n}]} \Omega_x(\psi_x, x/k). \quad (34)$$

Next we estimate  $C_{n,x}(\psi_x)$ , by the assumption that  $f(t) \leq Me^{\beta t}$  ( $M > 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ), and using Lemma 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} |C_{n,x}(\psi_x)| &\leq M \int_{2x}^{+\infty} e^{\beta t} d_t K_n(x, t) \\ &\leq \frac{M}{x^3} \int_{2x}^{+\infty} (t-x)^3 e^{\beta t} d_t K_n(x, t) \\ &\leq \frac{M}{x^3} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} (t-x)^6 d_t K_n(x, t) \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{2\beta t} d_t K_n(x, t) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{7M(x+1)^{3/2} e^{3\beta x}}{x^3 n^{3/2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Finally, we estimate the first order absolute moment of the Gamma approximation process:  $G_n^*(|u-x|, x)$ . By direct calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_n^*(|u-x|, x) &= \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^\infty |u-x| u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du \\ &= \frac{n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \left( \int_0^x (x-u) u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du + \int_x^\infty (u-x) u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du \right) \\ &= \frac{2n^{nx}}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^x (x-u) u^{nx-1} e^{-nu} du \\ &= \frac{2x}{\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^{nx} t^{nx-1} e^{-t} dt - \frac{2}{n\Gamma(nx)} \int_0^{nx} t^{nx} e^{-t} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\int_0^{nx} t^{nx} e^{-t} dt = -(nx)^{nx} e^{-nx} + nx \int_0^{nx} t^{nx-1} e^{-t} dt,$$

thus

$$G_n^*(|u-x|, x) = \frac{2(nx)^{nx}}{ne^{nx}\Gamma(nx)}. \quad (36)$$

Now using Stirling's formula (cf. [4]):

$$\Gamma(z + 1) = \sqrt{2\pi z}(z/e)^z e^{c_z}, \quad (12z + 1)^{-1} < c_z < (12z)^{-1},$$

from (36) we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{2x}{n\pi}} - G_n^*(|u - x|, x) = \sqrt{\frac{2x}{n\pi}}(1 - e^{-c_x}), \quad (37)$$

and a simple calculation derives

$$\frac{1}{18\sqrt{x}n^{3/2}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2x}{n\pi}}(1 - e^{-c_x}) \leq \frac{1}{12\sqrt{x}n^{3/2}}. \quad (38)$$

Theorem 2 now follows from (32)–(38) combining with some simple calculations.

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