## Remark on Voronovskaja theorem for q-Bernstein operators

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**Abstract.** We establish quantitative Voronovskaja type theorems for the q-Bernstein operators introduced by Phillips in 1997. Our estimates are given with the aid of the first order Ditzian-Totik modulus of smoothness.

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## 1. Introduction

Let q > 0 and n be a non-negative integer. Then the q-integers  $[n]_q$  and the q-factorials  $[n]_q!$  are defined by

$$[n]_q = \begin{cases} 1 + q + \dots + q^{n-1}, & \text{if } n \ge 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$[n]_q! = \begin{cases} [1]_q[2]_q \dots [n]_q, & \text{if } n \ge 1\\ \\ 1, & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

For integers  $0 \le k \le n$ , the q-binomial coefficients are defined by

$$\left[\begin{array}{c}n\\k\end{array}\right]_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q![n-k]_q!}.$$

The so-called q-Bernstein operators were introduced by G.M. Phillips [3] and they are defined by  $B_{n,q}: C[0,1] \to C[0,1]$ ,

$$(B_{n,q}f)(x) \equiv B_{n,q}(f,x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} f\left(\frac{[k]_q}{[n]_q}\right) p_{n,k}(q,x),$$

where

$$p_{n,k}(q,x) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q x^k (1-x)(1-qx)\dots(1-q^{n-k-1}x), \quad x \in [0,1],$$

and an empty product denotes 1. Note that for q = 1, we recover the classical Bernstein operators. It is well-known that Voronovskaja's theorem [5] deals with the asymptotic behaviour of Bernstein operators. Then naturally raises the following question: can we state a similar Voronovskaja theorem for the q-Bernstein operators? The positive answer was given in [3] as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $q = q_n$  satisfy  $0 < q_n < 1$  and let  $q_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ . If f is bounded on [0, 1], differentiable in some neighborhood of x and has second derivative f''(x) for some  $x \in [0, 1]$ , then the rate of convergence of the sequence  $\{(B_{n,q_n}f)(x)\}$  is governed by

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} [n]_{q_n} \left\{ (B_{n,q_n} f)(x) - f(x) \right\} = \frac{1}{2} x (1-x) f''(x).$$
 (1.1)

In [4], the convergence (1.1) was given in quantitative form as follows.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $q = q_n$  satisfy  $0 < q_n < 1$  and let  $q_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Then for any  $f \in C^2[0,1]$  the following inequality holds

$$[n]_{q_n}\left\{(B_{n,q_n}f)(x) - f(x)\right\} - \frac{1}{2}x(1-x)f''(x) \left| \le c x(1-x) \omega\left(f'', [n]_{q_n}^{-1/2}\right),\right.$$

where c is an absolute positive constant,  $x \in [0,1]$ , n = 1, 2, ... and  $\omega$  is the first order modulus of continuity.

The goal of this note is to obtain new quantitative Voronovskaja type theorems for the q-Bernstein operators. Our results will be formulated with the aid of the first order Ditzian-Totik modulus of smoothness (see [1]), which is given for  $f \in C[0, 1]$  by

$$\omega_{\varphi}^{1}(f,\delta) = \sup_{0 < h \le \delta} \|\Delta_{h\varphi(\cdot)}^{1}f(\cdot)\|, \qquad (1.2)$$

where  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1-x)}, x \in [0,1], \|\cdot\|$  is the uniform norm and

$$\Delta_{h\varphi(x)}^{1}f(x) = \begin{cases} f\left(x + \frac{1}{2}h\varphi(x)\right) - f\left(x - \frac{1}{2}h\varphi(x)\right), & \text{if } x \pm \frac{1}{2}h\varphi(x) \in [0, 1] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Further, the corresponding K-functional to (1.2) is defined by

$$K_{1,\varphi}(f,\delta) = \inf\{\|f - g\| + \delta\|\varphi g'\| : g \in W^1(\varphi)\},\$$

where  $W^1(\varphi)$  is the set of all  $g \in C[0, 1]$  such that g is absolutely continuous on every interval  $[a, b] \subset [0, 1]$  and  $\|\varphi g'\| < +\infty$ . Then, in view of [1, p.11], there exists C > 0 such that

$$K_{1,\varphi}(f,\delta) \le C\omega_{\varphi}^{1}(f,\delta).$$
(1.3)

Here we mention that throughout this paper C denotes a positive constant independent of n and x, but it is not necessarily the same in different cases.

## 2. Main result

Our result is the following.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\{q_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $0 < q_n < 1$  and  $q_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Then for every  $f \in C^2[0,1]$  the following inequalities hold

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} [n]_{q_n} \left\{ (B_{n,q_n}f)(x) - f(x) \right\} - \frac{1}{2}x(1-x)f''(x) \\ \leq C \,\omega_{\varphi}^1 \left( f'', \sqrt{[n]_{q_n}^{-1}x(1-x)} \right), \end{array} \right.$$
(2.1)

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} [n]_{q_n} \left\{ (B_{n,q_n}f)(x) - f(x) \right\} - \frac{1}{2}x(1-x)f''(x) \\ \leq C \sqrt{x(1-x)} \,\omega_{\varphi}^1 \left( f'', \sqrt{[n]_{q_n}^{-1}} \right), \end{array} \right.$$
(2.2)

where  $x \in [0, 1]$  and n = 1, 2, ...

*Proof.* We recall some properties of the q-Bernstein operators (see [3]):

$$B_{n,q_n}(1,x) = 1, \ B_{n,q_n}(t,x) = x, \ B_{n,q_n}(t^2,x) = x^2 + [n]_{q_n}^{-1}x(1-x)$$
(2.3)

and  $B_{n,q_n}$  are positive.

Let  $f \in C^2[0,1]$  be given and  $t, x \in [0,1]$ . Then, by Taylor's formula,  $f(t) = f(x) + f'(x)(t-x) + \int_x^t f''(u)(t-u) \, du$ . Hence

$$f(t) - f(x) - f'(x)(t - x) - \frac{1}{2}f''(x)(t - x)^2$$
  
=  $\int_x^t f''(u)(t - u) \, du - \int_x^t f''(x)(t - u) \, du$   
=  $\int_x^t [f''(u) - f''(x)](t - u) \, du.$ 

In view of (2.3), we obtain

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} B_{n,q_n}(f,x) - f(x) - \frac{1}{2} [n]_{q_n}^{-1} x(1-x) f''(x) \right| \\ = \left| \begin{array}{c} B_{n,q_n} \left( \int_x^t \left[ f''(u) - f''(x) \right] (t-u) \, du, x \right) \right| \\ \leq B_{n,q_n} \left( \left| \begin{array}{c} \int_x^t \left| f''(u) - f''(x) \right| \left| t-u \right| \, du \right|, x \right). \end{array} \right)$$
(2.4)

In what follows we estimate  $\Big| \int_x^t |f''(u) - f''(x)| |t - u| du \Big|$ . For  $g \in W^1(\varphi)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{x}^{t} |f''(u) - f''(x)| |t - u| \, du \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{x}^{t} |f''(u) - g(u)| |t - u| \, du \right| + \left| \int_{x}^{t} |g(u) - g(x)| |t - u| \, du \right| \\ &+ \left| \int_{x}^{t} |g(x) - f''(x)| |t - u| \, du \right| \\ &\leq 2 \|f'' - g\|(t - x)^{2} + \left| \int_{x}^{t} \left| \int_{x}^{u} |g'(v)| \, dv \right| |t - u| \, du \right| \\ &\leq 2 \|f'' - g\|(t - x)^{2} + \|\varphi g'\| \left| \int_{x}^{t} \left| \int_{x}^{u} \frac{dv}{\varphi(v)} \right| |t - u| \, du \right| \\ &\leq 2 \|f'' - g\|(t - x)^{2} + \|\varphi g'\| \left| \int_{x}^{t} \left| \int_{x}^{u} \frac{|u - x|^{1/2}}{\varphi(x)} \frac{dv}{|u - v|^{1/2}} \right| |t - u| \, du \right| \\ &= 2 \|f'' - g\|(t - x)^{2} + 2 \|\varphi g'\| \varphi^{-1}(x) \left| \int_{x}^{t} |u - x| \, |t - u| \, du \right| \\ &\leq 2 \|f'' - g\|(t - x)^{2} + 2 \|\varphi g'\| \varphi^{-1}(x) \left| \int_{x}^{t} |u - x| \, |t - u| \, du \right| \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the inequality  $\frac{|u-v|}{\varphi^2(v)} \leq \frac{|u-x|}{\varphi^2(x)}$ , v is between u and x (see [1, p. 141]).

On the other hand, by [2, p. 440], we have the following property: for any m = 1, 2, ... and 0 < q < 1, there exists a constant C(m) > 0 such that

$$|B_{n,q}((t-x)^m, x)| \le C(m) \, \frac{\varphi^2(x)}{[n]_q^{\lfloor (m+1)/2 \rfloor}},\tag{2.6}$$

where  $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{x(1-x)}$ ,  $x \in [0,1]$  and  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  is the integer part of  $a \ge 0$  (see also [4, (4.2) and (5.6)]).

Now combining (2.4), (2.5), (2.6) and the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
(B_{n,q_n}f)(x) - f(x) - \frac{1}{2}[n]_{q_n}^{-1}x(1-x)f''(x) \\
&\leq 2\|f'' - g\|B_{n,q_n}((t-x)^2, x) + 2\|\varphi g'\|\varphi^{-1}(x)B_{n,q_n}(|t-x|^3, x) \\
&\leq 2\|f'' - g\|B_{n,q_n}((t-x)^2, x) \\
&+ 2\|\varphi g'\|\varphi^{-1}(x)(B_{n,q_n}((t-x)^2, x))^{1/2}(B_{n,q_n}((t-x)^4, x))^{1/2} \\
&\leq C\left\{\|f'' - g\|\frac{1}{[n]_{q_n}}\varphi^2(x) + \|\varphi g'\|\varphi^{-1}(x)\frac{\varphi(x)}{[n]_{q_n}^{1/2}}\frac{\varphi(x)}{[n]_{q_n}}\right\} \\
&= \frac{C}{[n]_{q_n}}\left\{\|f'' - g\|\varphi^2(x) + \|\varphi g'\|\frac{\varphi(x)}{[n]_{q_n}^{1/2}}\right\}.
\end{aligned}$$
(2.7)

Because  $\varphi^2(x) \le \varphi(x) \le 1$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ , we obtain, in view of (2.7),

$$\left| [n]_{q_n} \left\{ (B_{n,q_n} f)(x) - f(x) \right\} - \frac{1}{2} x (1-x) f''(x) \right| \\ \leq C \left\{ \|f'' - g\| + \frac{\varphi(x)}{[n]_{q_n}^{1/2}} \|\varphi g'\| \right\}$$
(2.8)

and

$$\left| [n]_{q_n} \left\{ (B_{n,q_n} f)(x) - f(x) \right\} - \frac{1}{2} x (1-x) f''(x) \right| \\ \leq C \varphi(x) \left\{ \|f'' - g\| + \frac{1}{[n]_{q_n}^{1/2}} \|\varphi g'\| \right\},$$
(2.9)

respectively. Taking the infimum on the right hand side of (2.8) and (2.9) over all  $g \in W^1(\varphi)$ , we obtain

$$[n]_{q_n} \{ (B_{n,q_n}f)(x) - f(x) \} - \frac{1}{2}x(1-x)f''(x) \mid \leq \begin{cases} C K_{1,\varphi}(f'',\varphi(x)[n]_{q_n}^{-1/2}) \\ C \varphi(x)K_{1,\varphi}(f'',[n]_{q_n}^{-1/2}). \end{cases}$$

Hence, by (1.3), we find the estimates (2.1) and (2.2). Thus the theorem is proved.  $\hfill \Box$ 

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