

# Some approximation properties of Lupaş $q$ -analogue of Bernstein operators

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## Abstract

In this paper, we discuss rates of convergence for the Lupaş  $q$ -analogue of Bernstein polynomials  $R_{n,q}$ . We prove a quantitative variant of Voronovskaja's theorem for  $R_{n,q}$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $q > 0$ . For any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , the  $q$ -integer  $[n] = [n]_q$  is defined by

$$[n] := 1 + q + \dots + q^{n-1}, \quad [0] := 0;$$

and the  $q$ -factorial  $[n]! = [n]_q!$  by

$$[n]! := [1][2] \dots [n], \quad [0]! := 1.$$

For integers  $0 \leq k \leq n$ , the  $q$ -binomial is defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} := \frac{[n]!}{[k]![n-k]}.$$

In the last two decades interesting generalizations of Bernstein polynomials were proposed by Lupaş [6]

$$R_{n,q}(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{[k]}{[n]}\right) \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{q^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}}{(1-x+qx) \dots (1-x+q^{n-1}x)}$$

and by Phillips [10]

$$B_{n,q}(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{[k]}{[n]}\right) \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} x^k \prod_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (1 - q^s x).$$

The Phillips  $q$ -analogue of the Bernstein polynomials ( $B_{n,q}$ ) attracted a lot of interest and was studied widely by a number of authors. A survey of the obtained results and references on the subject can be found in [8]. The Lupaş operators ( $R_{n,q}$ ) are less known. However, they have an advantage of generating positive linear operators for all  $q > 0$ , whereas Phillips polynomials generate positive linear operators only if  $q \in (0, 1)$ . Lupaş [6] investigated approximating properties of the operators  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$  with respect to the uniform norm of  $C[0, 1]$ . In particular, he obtained some sufficient conditions for a sequence  $\{R_{n,q}(f, x)\}$  to be approximating for any function  $f \in C[0, 1]$  and estimated the rate of convergence in terms of the modulus of continuity. He also investigated behavior of the operators  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$  for convex functions. In [9] several results on convergence properties of the sequence  $\{R_{n,q}(f, x)\}$  is presented. In particular, it is proved that the sequence  $\{R_{n,q}(f, x)\}$  converges uniformly to  $f(x)$  on  $[0, 1]$  if and only if  $q_n \rightarrow 1$ . On the other hand, for any  $q > 0$  fixed,  $q \neq 1$ , the sequence  $\{R_{n,q}(f, x)\}$  converges uniformly to  $f(x)$  if and only if  $f(x) = ax + b$  for some  $a, b \in R$ .

In the paper, we investigate the rate of convergence for the sequence  $\{R_{n,q}(f, x)\}$  by the moduli of continuity. We discuss Voronovskaja-type theorems for Lupaş operators for arbitrary fixed  $q > 0$ . Moreover, for the Voronovskaja's asymptotic formula we obtain the estimate of the remainder term.

## 2 Auxiliary results

It will be convenient to use for  $x \in [0, 1)$  the following transformations

$$v = v(q, x) := \frac{qx}{1 - x + qx}, \quad v(q^j, v) = \frac{q^j v}{1 - v + q^j v}.$$

Let  $0 < q < 1$ . We set

$$b_{nk}(q; x) := \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{q^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}}{(1-x+qx)\dots(1-x+q^{n-1}x)}, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

$$b_{\infty k}(q; x) := \frac{q^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}} (x/1-x)^k}{(1-q)^k [k]! \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1+q^j(x/1-x))}, \quad x \in [0, 1).$$

It was proved in [6] and [9] that for  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $x \in [0, 1)$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n b_{nk}(q; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{\infty k}(q; x) = 1.$$

**Definition 1** *Lupaş [6]. The linear operator  $R_{n,q} : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  defined by*

$$R_{n,q}(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{[k]}{[n]}\right) b_{nk}(q; x)$$

*is called the  $q$ -analogue of the Bernstein operator.*

**Definition 2** *The linear operator defined on  $C[0, 1]$  given by*

$$R_{\infty,q}(f, x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(1 - q^k) b_{\infty k}(q; x) & \text{if } x \in [0, 1), \\ f(1) & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$$

*is called the limit  $q$ -Lupaş operator.*

It follows directly from the definition that operators  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$  possess the end-point interpolation property, that is,

$$R_{n,q}(f, 0) = f(0), \quad R_{n,q}(f, 1) = f(1)$$

for all  $q > 0$  and all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

**Lemma 3** *We have*

$$b_{nk}(q; x) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-1} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)), \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

$$b_{\infty k}(q; x) = \frac{1}{(1 - q)^k [k]!} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)), \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

It was proved in [6] and [9] that  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$ ,  $R_{\infty,q}(f, x)$  reproduce linear functions and  $R_{n,q}(t^2, x)$  and  $R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x)$  were explicitly evaluated. Using Lemma 3 we may write formulas for  $R_{n,q}(t^2, x)$  and  $R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x)$  in the compact form.

**Lemma 4** *We have*

$$R_{n,q}(1, x) = 1, R_{n,q}(t, x) = x, R_{\infty,q}(1, x) = 1, R_{\infty,q}(t, x) = x,$$

$$R_{n,q}(t^2, x) = xv(q, x) + \frac{x(1 - v(q, x))}{[n]},$$

$$R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x) = xv(q, x) + (1 - q)x(1 - v(q, x)) = x - qx(1 - v(q, x)).$$

Now define

$$L_{n,q}(f, x) := R_{n,q}(f, x) - R_{\infty,q}(f, x).$$

**Lemma 5** *The following recurrence formulae hold*

$$R_{n,q}(t^{m+1}, x) = R_{n,q}(t^m, x) - (1-x) \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} R_{n-1,q}(t^m, v), \quad (2.1)$$

$$R_{\infty,q}(t^{m+1}, x) = R_{\infty,q}(t^m, x) - (1-x) R_{\infty,q}(t^m, v), \quad (2.2)$$

$$L_{n,q}(t^{m+1}, x) = L_{n,q}(t^m, x) + (1-x) \times \left( \left( 1 - \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} \right) R_{\infty,q}(t^m, v) - \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} L_{n-1,q}(t^m, v) \right). \quad (2.3)$$

**Proof.** First we prove (2.1). We write explicitly

$$R_{n,q}(t^{m+1}, x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{[k]^{m+1}}{[n]^{m+1}} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-1} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)) \quad (2.4)$$

and rewrite the first two factor in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{[k]^{m+1}}{[n]^{m+1}} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{[k]^m}{[n]^m} \left( 1 - q^k \frac{[n-k]}{[n]} \right) \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{[k]^m}{[n]^m} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} - \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} \frac{[k]^m}{[n-1]^m} \begin{bmatrix} n-1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} q^k. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Finally, if we substitute (2.5) in (2.4) we get (2.1):

$$\begin{aligned} R_{n,q}(t^{m+1}, x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{[k]^m}{[n]^m} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-1} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)) \\ &\quad - \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} (1-x) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{[k]^m}{[n-1]^m} \begin{bmatrix} n-1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, v(q, x)) \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-2} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, v(q, x))) \\ &= R_{n,q}(t^m, x) - \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} (1-x) R_{n-1,q}(t^m, v(q, x)). \end{aligned}$$

Next we prove (2.3)

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{n,q}(t^{m+1}, x) &= R_{n,q}(t^{m+1}, x) - R_{\infty,q}(t^{m+1}, x) \\
&= R_{n,q}(t^m, x) - (1-x) \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} R_{n-1,q}(t^m, v(q, x)) \\
&\quad - R_{\infty,q}(t^m, x) + (1-x) R_{\infty,q}(t^m, v(q, x)) \\
&= L_{n,q}(t^m, x) + (1-x) \\
&\quad \times \left( \left( 1 - \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} \right) R_{\infty,q}(t^m, v(q, x)) - \frac{[n-1]^m}{[n]^m} L_{n-1,q}(t^m, v(q, x)) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Formula (2.2) can be obtained from (2.1), by taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . ■

Moments  $R_{n,q}(t^m, x)$ ,  $R_{\infty,q}(t^m, x)$  are of particular importance in the theory of approximation by positive operators. In what follows we need explicit formulas for moments  $R_{n,q}(t^3, x)$ ,  $R_{\infty,q}(t^3, x)$ .

**Lemma 6** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{n,q}(t^3, x) &= xv(q, x) + \frac{x(1-v(q, x))}{[n]^2} - \frac{[n-1][n-2]q^2}{[n]^2} x(1-v(q, x))v(q^2, x), \\
R_{\infty,q}(t^3, x) &= xv(q, x) + (1-q)^2 x(1-v(q, x)) - q^2 x(1-v(q, x))v(q^2, x).
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Note that explicit formulas for  $R_{n,q}(t^m, x)$ ,  $R_{\infty,q}(t^m, x)$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2$  were proved in [6], [9]. Now we prove an explicit formula for  $R_{n,q}(t^3, x)$ , since formula for  $R_{\infty,q}(t^3, x)$  can be obtained by taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The proof is based on the recurrence formula (2.1). Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{n,q}(t^3, x) &= R_{n,q}(t^2, x) - (1-x) \frac{[n-1]^2}{[n]^2} R_{n-1,q}(t^2, v) \\
&= xv(q, x) + \frac{x(1-v(q, x))}{[n]} - (1-x) \frac{[n-1]^2}{[n]^2} v(q, x)v(q^2, x) \\
&\quad - (1-x) \frac{[n-1]}{[n]^2} v(q, x) + (1-x) \frac{[n-1]}{[n]^2} v(q, x)v(q^2, x) \\
&= xv(q, x) + \frac{x(1-v(q, x))}{[n]} \left( 1 - \frac{q[n-1]}{[n]} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{[n-1]}{[n]^2} ([n-1] - 1) qx(1-v(q, x))v(q^2, x) \\
&= xv(q, x) + \frac{x(1-v(q, x))}{[n]^2} - \frac{[n-1][n-2]q^2}{[n]^2} x(1-v(q, x))v(q^2, x).
\end{aligned}$$

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In order to prove Voronovskaja type theorem for  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$  we also need explicit formulas and inequalities for  $L_{n,q}(t^m, x)$ ,  $m = 2, 3, 4$ .

**Lemma 7** *Let  $0 < q < 1$ . Then*

$$L_{n,q}(t^2, x) = \frac{q^n}{[n]} x (1 - v(q, x)), \quad (2.6)$$

$$L_{n,q}(t^3, x) = \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)) \times [2 - q^n + [n - 1] (1 + q) v(q^2, x) + [n] qv(q^2, x)], \quad (2.7)$$

$$L_{n,q}(t^4, x) = \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)) M(q, v(q^2, x), v(q^3, x)), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $M$  is a function of  $(q, v(q^2, x), v(q^3, x))$ .

**Proof.** First we find a formula for  $L_{n,q}(t^3, x)$ . To do this we use the recurrence formula (2.3):

$$\begin{aligned} & L_{n,q}(t^3, x) \\ &= L_{n,q}(t^2, x) + (1 - x) \\ & \times \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{[n-1]^2}{[n]^2} \right) R_{\infty,q}(t^2, v(q, x)) - \frac{[n-1]^2}{[n]^2} L_{n-1,q}(t^2, v(q, x)) \right] \\ &= \frac{q^n}{[n]} x (1 - v(q, x)) + (1 - x) \left( 1 - \frac{[n-1]^2}{[n]^2} \right) [(1 - q) v(q, x) + qv(q, x) v(q^2, x)] \\ & - (1 - x) \frac{[n-1]^2}{[n]^2} \frac{q^{n-1}}{[n-1]} v(q, x) (1 - v(q^2, x)) \\ &= \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)) \\ & \times \left[ [n] + \left( \frac{[n]^2 - [n-1]^2}{q^{n-1}} \right) (1 - q + qv(q^2, x)) - [n-1] (1 - v(q^2, x)) \right] \\ &= \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)) \\ & \times \left[ [n] + ([n-1] + [n]) (1 - q + qv(q^2, x)) - [n-1] (1 - v(q^2, x)) \right] \\ &= \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)) \\ & \times \left[ [n] + 1 - q^{n-1} + 1 - q^n + [n-1] (1 + q) v(q^2, x) + [n] qv(q^2, x) - [n-1] \right] \\ &= \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)) [2 - q^n + [n-1] (1 + q) v(q^2, x) + [n] qv(q^2, x)]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the equation (2.8) is also elementary, but tedious and complicated. Just notice that we use recurrence formula for  $L_{n,q}(t^4, x)$  and clearly each term of the formula contains  $\frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x))$ . ■

**Lemma 8** *We have*

$$L_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^2, x \right) = \frac{q^n}{[n]} x (1 - v(q, x)), \quad (2.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^3, x \right) &= \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)) \\ &\times \left[ 2 - q^n + [n-1](1+q)v(q^2, x) + [n]qv(q^2, x) - 3[n]x \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$$L_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^4, x \right) \leq K_1 \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x (1 - v(q, x)), \quad (2.11)$$

where  $K_1$  is a positive constant.

**Proof.** Proofs of (2.10) and (2.11) are based on (2.7), (2.8) and on the following identities.

$$\begin{aligned} L_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^3, x \right) &= L_{n,q} \left( t^3, x \right) - 3xL_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^2, x \right), \\ L_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^4, x \right) &= L_{n,q} \left( t^4, x \right) - 4xL_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^3, x \right) - 6x^2L_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^2, x \right). \end{aligned}$$

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### 3 Convergence properties

For  $f \in C[0, 1]$ ,  $t > 0$ , the modulus of continuity  $\omega(f, t)$  and the second modulus of smoothness  $\omega_2(f, t)$  of  $f$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(f, t) &= \sup_{|x-y| \leq t} |f(x) - f(y)|, \\ \omega_2(f, t) &= \sup_{0 \leq h \leq t} \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1-2h} |f(x+2h) - 2f(x+h) + f(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

In [9], it is proved that  $b_{nk}(q; x) \rightarrow b_{\infty k}(q; x)$  uniformly in  $x \in [0, 1]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In the next lemma we show that this convergence is uniform on  $(0, q_0] \times [0, 1]$  and give some estimates for  $|b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)|$ .

**Lemma 9** *Let  $0 < q \leq q_0 < 1$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .*

(i) *For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $M > 0$  such that*

$$|b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \leq b_{nk}(q; x) M(\varepsilon) \frac{(q_0 + \varepsilon)^n}{1 - (q_0 + \varepsilon)} + b_{\infty k}(q; x) \frac{q_0^{n-k+1}}{1 - q_0}$$

*for all  $(q, x) \in (0, q_0] \times [0, 1]$ . In particular,  $b_{nk}(q; x)$  converges to  $b_{\infty k}(q; x)$  uniformly in  $(q, x) \in (0, q_0] \times [0, 1]$ .*

(ii) For any  $x \in [0, 1)$  we have

$$|b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \leq b_{nk}(q; x) \frac{x}{1-x} \frac{q^n}{1-q} + b_{\infty k}(q; x) \frac{q^{n-k+1}}{1-q}.$$

In particular,  $b_{nk}(q; x)$  converges to  $b_{\infty k}(q; x)$  uniformly in  $(q, x) \in (0, q_0] \times [0, a]$ ,  $0 < a < 1$ .

**Proof.** We only prove part (i), since the proof of (ii) is similar to that of (i). Standard computations show that

$$\begin{aligned} & |b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \\ &= \left| \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-1} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{(1-q)^k [k]!} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)) \right| \\ &= \left| \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \left( \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-1} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)) - \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} v(q^j, x) \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - v(q^{k+j}, x)) \left( \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] - \frac{1}{(1-q)^k [k]!} \right) \right| \\ &\leq b_{nk}(q; x) \left| 1 - \prod_{j=n}^{\infty} (1 - v(q^j, x)) \right| + b_{\infty k}(q; x) \left| \prod_{j=n-k+1}^n (1 - q^j) - 1 \right|. \quad (3.1) \end{aligned}$$

Now using the inequality

$$1 - \prod_{j=1}^k (1 - a_j) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k a_j, \quad (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in (0, 1), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \infty),$$

we get from (3.1) that

$$|b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \leq b_{nk}(q; x) \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} v(q^j, x) + b_{\infty k}(q; x) \sum_{j=n-k+1}^n q^j. \quad (3.2)$$

On the other hand,  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v(q^{j+1}, x)}{v(q^j, x)} = q < 1$  and observe for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $q_0 + \varepsilon < 1$  there exists  $n^* \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{v(q^{j+1}, x)}{v(q^j, x)} < q_0 + \varepsilon = \frac{(q_0 + \varepsilon)^{j+1}}{(q_0 + \varepsilon)^j}$$

for all  $j > n^*$ . Hence, the sequence  $v(q^j, x) / (q_0 + \varepsilon)^j$  is decreasing for large  $j$



and thus uniformly bounded in  $(q, x) \in (0, q_0] \times [0, 1)$  by

$$M(\varepsilon) = \max \left\{ \frac{v(q^{n^*+1}, x)}{(q_0 + \varepsilon)^{n^*+1}}, \frac{v(q^{n^*}, x)}{(q_0 + \varepsilon)^{n^*}}, \dots, \frac{v(q, x)}{q_0 + \varepsilon} \right\}.$$

So, for such  $M(\varepsilon) > 0$  we have  $|v(q^j, x)| \leq M(\varepsilon)(q_0 + \varepsilon)^j$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $(q, x) \in (0, q_0] \times [0, 1)$ .

Now from (3.2) we get the desired inequality

$$|b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \leq b_{nk}(q; x)M(\varepsilon) \frac{(q_0 + \varepsilon)^n}{1 - (q_0 + \varepsilon)} + b_{\infty k}(q; x) \frac{q_0^{n-k+1}}{1 - q_0}.$$

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Before proving the main results notice that the following theorem proved in [9] will allow us to reduce the case  $q \in (1, \infty)$  to the case  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

**Theorem 10** *Let  $f \in C[0, 1]$ ,  $g(x) := f(1 - x)$ . Then for any  $q > 1$ ,*

$$R_{n,q}(f, x) = R_{n, \frac{1}{q}}(g, 1 - x) \quad \text{and} \quad R_{\infty,q}(f, x) = R_{\infty, \frac{1}{q}}(g, 1 - x).$$

Using Lemma 9 we prove the following quantitative result for the rate of local convergence of  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$  in terms of the first modulus of continuity.

**Theorem 11** *Let  $0 < q < 1$  and  $f \in C[0, 1]$ . Then for all  $0 \leq x < 1$  we have*

$$|R_{n,q}(f, x) - R_{\infty,q}(f, x)| \leq \frac{2}{1 - q} \frac{1}{1 - x} \omega(f, q^n).$$

**Proof.** Consider

$$\Delta(x) := R_{n,q}(f, x) - R_{\infty,q}(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{[k]}{[n]}\right) b_{nk}(q; x) - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(1 - q^k) b_{\infty k}(q; x).$$

Since  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$  and  $R_{\infty,q}(f, x)$  possess the end point interpolation property  $\Delta(0) = \Delta(1) = 0$ . For all  $x \in (0, 1)$  we rewrite  $\Delta$  in the following form

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left[ f\left(\frac{[k]}{[n]}\right) - f(1 - q^k) \right] b_{nk}(q; x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^n \left[ f(1 - q^k) - f(1) \right] (b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left[ f(1 - q^k) - f(1) \right] b_{\infty k}(q; x) =: I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned}$$

We start with estimation of  $I_1$  and  $I_3$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{[k]}{[n]} - (1 - q^k) = \frac{1 - q^k}{1 - q^n} - (1 - q^k) = q^n \frac{1 - q^k}{1 - q^n} \leq q^n, \\ 0 &\leq 1 - (1 - q^k) = q^k \leq q^n, \quad k > n, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$|I_1| \leq \omega(f, q^n) \sum_{k=0}^n b_{nk}(q; x) = \omega(f, q^n), \quad (3.3)$$

$$|I_3| \leq \omega(f, q^n) \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} b_{\infty k}(q; x) \leq \omega(f, q^n). \quad (3.4)$$

Finally we estimate  $I_2$ . Using the property of the modulus of continuity

$$\omega(f, \lambda t) \leq (1 + \lambda) \omega(f, t), \quad \lambda > 0$$

and Lemma 9 we get

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^n \omega(f, q^k) |b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \\ &\leq \omega(f, q^n) \sum_{k=0}^n (1 + q^{k-n}) |b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \\ &\leq 2\omega(f, q^n) \frac{1}{q^n} \sum_{k=0}^n q^k |b_{nk}(q; x) - b_{\infty k}(q; x)| \\ &\leq 2\omega(f, q^n) \frac{1}{q^n} \sum_{k=0}^n q^k \left( b_{nk}(q; x) \frac{x}{1-x} \frac{q^n}{1-q} + b_{\infty k}(q; x) \frac{q^{n-k+1}}{1-q} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{1-q} \left( \frac{x}{1-x} + 1 \right) \omega(f, q^n) = \frac{2}{1-q} \frac{1}{1-x} \omega(f, q^n). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

From (3.3), (3.4), and (3.5), we conclude the desired estimation. ■

**Corollary 12** *Let  $q > 1$  and  $f \in C[0, 1]$ . Then for all  $0 < x \leq 1$  we have*

$$|R_{n,q}(f, x) - R_{\infty,q}(f, x)| \leq \frac{2q}{q-1} \frac{1}{x} \omega(g, q^{-n}).$$

**Proof.** Proof follows from Theorems 11 and 10. ■

Next corollary gives quantitative result for the rate of uniform convergence of  $R_{n,q}(f, x)$  in  $C[0, a]$  and  $C[a, 1]$ ,  $0 < a < 1$ .

**Corollary 13** *Let  $f \in C[0, 1]$ ,  $0 < a < 1$ .*

(1) *If  $0 < q < 1$ , then*

$$\|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\|_{C[0,a]} \leq \frac{2}{1-q} \frac{1}{1-a} \omega(f, q^n).$$

(2) If  $q > 1$ , then

$$\|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\|_{C[a,1]} \leq \frac{2q}{q-1} \frac{1}{a} \omega(g, q^{-n}).$$

In order to prove the estimation in terms of the second modulus of continuity we need the following theorem proved in [16].

**Theorem 14** [16] *Let  $\{T_n\}$  be a sequence of positive linear operators on  $C[0, 1]$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (A) *the sequence  $\{T_n(t^2)(x)\}$  converges uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ ;*
- (B) *the sequence  $\{T_n(f)(x)\}$  is nonincreasing in  $n$  for any convex function  $f$  and any  $x \in [0, 1]$ .*

*Then there exists an operator  $T_\infty$  on  $C[0, 1]$  such that*

$$T_n(f)(x) \rightarrow T_\infty(f)(x)$$

*as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ . In addition, the following estimation holds:*

$$|T_n(f)(x) - T_\infty(f)(x)| \leq C\omega_2\left(f; \sqrt{\lambda_n(x)}\right),$$

*where  $\omega_2$  is the second modulus of smoothness,  $\lambda_n(x) = |T_n(t^2)(x) - T_\infty(t^2)(x)|$ , and  $C$  is a constant depending only on  $T_1(1)$ .*

**Theorem 15** *Let  $0 < q < 1$ . Then*

$$\|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\| \leq c\omega_2\left(f, \sqrt{q^n}\right). \quad (3.6)$$

*Moreover,*

$$\sup_{0 < q \leq 1} \|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\| \leq c\omega_2\left(f, n^{-1/2}\right), \quad (3.7)$$

*where  $c$  is a constant.*

**Proof.** From [6], we know that the  $q$ -Bernstein operators satisfy condition (B) of Theorem 14. On the other hand

$$0 \leq R_{n,q}(t^2, x) - R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x) = \frac{q^n}{[n]} x(1 - v(q, x)) \leq q^n \frac{x(1-x)}{1-x+qx} \leq q^n \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$\sup_{0 < q < 1} |R_{n,q}(t^2, x) - R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x)| = \sup_{0 < q < 1} \frac{q^n}{[n]} \frac{x(1-x)}{1-x+qx} = \frac{x(1-x)}{n}.$$

Since

$$|R_{n,1}(t^2, x) - x^2| = \frac{x(1-x)}{n},$$

we conclude that

$$\sup_{0 < q \leq 1} |R_{n,q}(t^2, x) - R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x)| \leq \frac{x(1-x)}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}. \quad (3.9)$$

Theorem follows from (3.9), (3.8) and Theorem 14. ■

**Theorem 16** *Let  $q > 1$ . Then*

$$\|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\| \leq c\omega_2\left(g, \sqrt{q^{-n}}\right).$$

Moreover,

$$\sup_{1 \leq q < \infty} \|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\| \leq c\omega_2\left(g, n^{-1/2}\right), \quad (3.10)$$

where  $c$  is a constant.

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Theorem 15. ■

**Remark 17** *From (3.7) and (3.10), we conclude that the rate of convergence  $\|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\|$  can be dominated by  $c\omega_2(f, n^{-1/2})$  uniformly with respect to  $q \neq 1$ .*

**Remark 18** *We may observe here that for  $f(x) = x^2$ , we have*

$$\|R_{n,q}(f) - R_{\infty,q}(f)\| \asymp q^n \asymp \omega_2\left(f, \sqrt{q^n}\right), \quad 0 < q < 1,$$

where  $A(n) \asymp B(n)$  means that  $A(n) \ll B(n)$  and  $A(n) \gg B(n)$ , and  $A(n) \ll B(n)$  means that there exists a positive constant  $c$  independent of  $n$  such that  $A(n) \leq cB(n)$ . Hence the estimate (3.6) is sharp in the following sense: the sequence  $q^n$  in (3.6) cannot be replaced by any other sequence decreasing to zero more rapidly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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**Theorem 19** *Let  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $f \in C^2[0, 1]$ . Then there exists a positive absolute constant  $K$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{[n]}{q^n} (R_{n,q}(f, x) - R_{\infty,q}(f, x)) - \frac{f''(x)}{2} x(1 - v(q, x)) \right| \\ & \leq Kx(1 - v(q, x))\omega(f'', [n]^{-\frac{1}{2}}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

**Proof.** Let  $x \in (0, 1)$  be fixed. We set

$$g(t) = f(t) - \left( f(x) + f'(x)(t - x) + \frac{f''(x)}{2}(t - x)^2 \right).$$

It is known that (see [6]) if the function  $h$  is convex on  $[0, 1]$ , then

$$R_{n,q}(h, x) \geq R_{n+1,q}(h, x) \geq \dots \geq R_{\infty,q}(h, x),$$

and therefore,

$$L_{n,q}(h, x) := R_{n,q}(h, x) - R_{\infty,q}(h, x) \geq 0.$$

Thus  $L_{n,q}$  is positive on the set of convex functions on  $[0, 1]$ . But in general  $L_{n,q}$  is not positive on  $C[0, 1]$ .

Simple calculation gives

$$L_{n,q}(g, x) = (R_{n,q}(f, x) - R_{\infty,q}(f, x)) - \frac{q^n f''(x)}{[n]} x(1 - v(q, x)).$$

In order to prove the theorem, we need to estimate  $L_{n,q}(g, x)$ . To do this, it is enough to choose a function  $S(t)$  such that the functions  $S(t) \pm g(t)$  are convex on  $[0, 1]$ . Then  $L_{n,q}(S \pm g, x) \geq 0$ , and therefore,

$$|L_{n,q}(g(t), x)| \leq L_{n,q}(S(t), x).$$

So the first thing to do is to find such function  $S(t)$ . Using the well-known inequality  $\omega(f, \lambda\delta) \leq (1 + \lambda^2)\omega(f, \delta)$  ( $\lambda, \delta > 0$ ), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |g''(t)| &= |f''(t) - f''(x)| \leq \omega(f'', |t - x|) \\ &= \omega\left(f'', \frac{1}{[n]^{\frac{1}{2}}}|t - x|\right) \leq \omega\left(f'', \frac{1}{[n]^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right) \left((1 + [n](t - x)^2)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Define  $S(t) = \omega\left(f'', [n]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \left[\frac{1}{2}(t - x)^2 + \frac{1}{12}[n](t - x)^4\right]$ . Then

$$|g''(t)| \leq \frac{1}{6}\omega\left(f'', [n]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \left(3(t - x)^2 + \frac{1}{2}[n](t - x)^4\right)''_t = S''(t)$$

Hence the functions  $S(t) \pm g(t)$  are convex on  $[0, 1]$ , and therefore,

$$|L_{n,q}(g(t), x)| \leq L_{n,q}(S(t), x),$$

and

$$L_{n,q}(S(t), x) = \frac{1}{6}\omega\left(f'', [n]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \left(\frac{3q^n}{[n]}x(1 - v(q, x)) + \frac{1}{2}[n]L_{n,q}\left((t - x)^4, x\right)\right).$$

Since by the formula (2.11)

$$L_{n,q}\left((t - x)^4, x\right) \leq K_1 \frac{q^n}{[n]^2} x(1 - v(q, x)) \quad (4.2)$$

we have

$$L_{n,q}(S(t), x) \leq \frac{1}{6}\omega\left(f'', [n]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) \left(3\frac{q^n}{[n]}x(1 - v(q, x)) + \frac{1}{2}[n]K_1 \frac{q^n}{[n]^2}x(1 - v(q, x))\right). \quad (4.3)$$

By (4.2) and (4.3), we obtain (4.1). Theorem is proved. ■

**Corollary 20** *Let  $q > 1$ ,  $f \in C^2[0, 1]$ . Then there exists a positive absolute*

constant  $K$  such that

$$\left| q^n [n]_{\frac{1}{q}} (R_{n,q}(f, x) - R_{\infty,q}(f, x)) - \frac{f''(1-x)}{2} v(q, x) (1-x) \right| \leq K v(q, x) (1-x) \omega(g'', [n]_{\frac{1}{q}}^{-\frac{1}{2}}).$$

**Corollary 21** *If  $f \in C^2[0, 1]$  and  $q_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{q_n \uparrow 1} [n]_{q_n} (R_{n,q_n}(f, x) - f(x)) &= \frac{f''(x)}{2} x(1-x), \\ \lim_{q_n \downarrow 1} [n]_{\frac{1}{q_n}} (R_{n,q_n}(f, x) - f(x)) &= \frac{f''(1-x)}{2} x(1-x) \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

*uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ .*

**Remark 22** *When  $q_n \equiv 1$ , (4.4) reduces to the classical Voronovskaja's formula. For the function  $f(t) = t^2$ , the exact equality*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{[n]_q}{q^n} (R_{n,q}(t^2, x) - R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x)) &= x(1-v(q, x)), & 0 < q < 1, \\ q^n [n]_{\frac{1}{q}} (R_{n,q}(t^2, x) - R_{\infty,q}(t^2, x)) &= v(q, x)(1-x), & q > 1, \end{aligned}$$

*takes place without passing to the limit, but in contrast to the Phillips  $q$ -analogue of the Bernstein polynomials the right hand side depends on  $q$ . In contrast to the classical Bernstein polynomials and Phillips  $q$ -analogue of the Bernstein polynomials the exact equality*

$$[n] (B_{n,q}(t^2, x) - x^2) = (x^2)'' x(1-x)/2$$

*does not hold for the Lupaş  $q$ -analogue of the Bernstein polynomials.*

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