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# APPROXIMATION PROPERTIES OF BIVARIATE COMPLEX q-BERNSTEIN POLYNOMIALS IN THE CASE q>1

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Abstract. In the paper, we discuss convergence properties and Voronovskaja type theorem for bivariate q-Bernstein polynomials for a function analytic in the polydisc  $D_{R_1} \times D_{R_2} = \{z \in C \colon |z| < R_1\} \times \{z \in C \colon |z| < R_1\}$  for arbitrary fixed q > 1. We give quantitative Voronovskaja type estimates for the bivariate q-Bernstein polynomials for q > 1. In the univariate case the similar results were obtained by S. Ostrovska: q-Bernstein polynomials and their iterates. J. Approximation Theory 123 (2003), 232–255, and S. G. Gal: Approximation by Complex Bernstein and Convolution Type Operators. Series on Concrete and Applicable Mathematics 8. World Scientific, New York, 2009.

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### 1. Introduction and Main results

For each integer  $k \ge 0$ , the q-integer  $[k]_q$  and the q-factorial  $[k]_q$ ! are defined by

$$[k]_q := \begin{cases} \frac{1 - q^k}{1 - q} & \text{if } q \in \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{1\}, \\ k & \text{if } q = 1 \end{cases}$$
 for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $[0]_q = 0$ , 
$$[k]_q! := [1]_q[2]_q \dots [k]_q \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } [0]! = 1.$$

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

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

For fixed q > 1, we denote the q-derivative  $D_q f(z)$  of f by

$$D_q f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(qz) - f(z)}{(q-1)z}, & z \neq 0, \\ f'(0), & z = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $1 \leq r < R/q$ , q > 1,  $\mathbb{D}_R := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$ ,  $H(\mathbb{D}_R)$  denote the set of all analytic functions on  $\mathbb{D}_R$ . For  $f \in H(\mathbb{D}_R)$  and |z| < R/q we introduce an operator  $L_q$  defined in [8]

$$L_q(f;z) := \frac{(1-z)(D_q f(z) - f'(z))}{q-1}$$
 for  $q > 1$ .

It is clear that for  $f \in H(\mathbb{D}_R)$ 

$$L_q(f;z) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m \frac{[m]_q - m}{q - 1} z^{m-1} (1 - z) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} [i]_q \right) z^{m-1} (1 - z),$$

$$L_q(e_m;z) = \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} [i]_q z^{m-1} (1 - z),$$

where 
$$f(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m z^m$$
,  $e_m(z) = z^m$ .

In several recent papers, convergence properties of complex q-Bernstein polynomials, proposed by Phillips [7] for real variables, defined by

$$B_{n,q}(f;z) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} f\left(\frac{[k]_q}{[n]_q}\right) \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q z^k \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-1} (1 - q^j z)$$

and attached to an analytic function f in a closed disk, were intensively studied by many authors, see [2] and the references theirin. It is known that the cases 0 < q < 1 and q > 1 are not similar to each other. This difference is caused by the fact that, for 0 < q < 1,  $B_{n,q}$  are positive linear operators on C[0,1] while for q > 1, the positivity fails ([5], [4]). The lack of positivity makes the investigation of convergence in the case q > 1 essentially more difficult than for 0 < q < 1. There are few papers ([5], [6], [8], and [9]) studying systematically the convergence in the case q > 1. If  $q \ge 1$  then qualitative Voronovskaja-type and saturation results for complex q-Bernstein polynomials were obtained in Wang-Wu [8]. Wu [9] studied saturation of convergence on the interval [0,1] for the q-Bernstein polynomials of a continuous function f for arbitrary fixed q > 1. Notice that the results for the complex univariate q-Bernstein operators can be extended to the case of several complex variables. For simplicity, the results are presented for bivariate case, but from the proofs it is easy to see that they remain valid for several complex variables.

We consider the bivariate complex q-Bernstein polynomials of tensor product kind given by

$$B_{n,m,q}(f;(z_1,z_2)) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{m} f\left(\frac{[k]_q}{[n]_q}, \frac{[j]_q}{[m]_q}\right) p_{n,k}(q;z_1) p_{m,j}(q;z_2),$$

where 
$$p_{n,k}(q;z) = {n \brack k}_q z^k \prod_{j=0}^{n-k-1} (1-q^j z)$$
. If  $f \in H(\mathbb{D}_{R_1} \times \mathbb{D}_{R_2})$  we assume that  $f(z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} z_1^k z_2^j$  for all  $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{D}_{R_1} \times \mathbb{D}_{R_2}$ .

Note that in the case of several real variables, the tensor product Bernstein polynomial was first introduced and studied in Hildebrandt-Schoenberg [3] and Butzer [1]. In the next theorem, approximation properties of the above bivariate complex polynomials will be proved.

**Theorem 1.** Let q > 1,  $f \in H(\mathbb{D}_{R_1} \times \mathbb{D}_{R_2})$ . For all  $|z_1| < r_1$ ,  $|z_2| < r_2$ , with  $1 \le r_1 < R_1/q$ ,  $1 \le r_2 < R_2/q$  and  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$|B_{n,m,q}(f;(z_1,z_2)) - f(z_1,z_2)| \le C_{r_1,r_2,n,m}(f),$$

where

$$C_{r_1,r_2,n,m}(f) = \frac{3r_2(1+r_2)}{2[m]_q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_{k,j}| j(j-1)q^{j-2}r_2^{j-2}r_1^k$$
$$+ \frac{3r_1(1+r_1)}{2[n]_q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_{k,j}| k(k-1)q^{k-2}r_1^{k-2}r_2^j.$$

**Remark 2.** It is worth mentioning that in the univariate case the results similar to Theorem 1 were obtained by Ostrovska [5] and Gal [2]. On the other hand in the classical case (q = 1) the similar result is given in [2].

Next a Voronovskaja type result for  $B_{n,m,q}$  is presented. It is the product of the parametric extensions generated by the Voronovskaja formula in the univariate case. Indeed, for  $f(z_1, z_2)$  defining the parametric extensions of the Voronovskaja formula by

$$L_{n,q}^{1}(f(\cdot,z_{2});z_{1}):=B_{n,q}(f(\cdot,z_{2});z_{1})-f(z_{1},z_{2})-\frac{1}{[n]_{q}}L_{q}(f(\cdot,z_{2});z_{1}),$$

$$L_{m,q}^{2}(f(z_{1},\cdot);z_{2}):=B_{m,q}(f(z_{1},\cdot);z_{2})-f(z_{1},z_{2})-\frac{1}{[m]_{q}}L_{q}(f(z_{1},\cdot);z_{2}),$$

their composition gives

(1) 
$$(L_{m,q}^2 \circ L_{n,q}^1)(f;(z_1,z_2)) := B_{m,q}(L_{n,q}^1(f(\cdot,z_2);z_1);z_2) - L_{n,q}^1(f(\cdot,z_2);z_1)$$
$$- \frac{1}{[m]_q} L_q(L_{n,q}^1(f;(z_1,\cdot));z_2) =: E_1 - E_2 - E_3.$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f \in H(\mathbb{D}_{R_1} \times \mathbb{D}_{R_2})$ , q > 1,  $1 \leq r_1 < R_1/q^2$ ,  $1 \leq r_2 < R_2/q^2$ . The following Voronovskaja-type result holds

$$|(L_{m,q}^2 \circ L_{n,q}^1)(f;(z_1,z_2))| \le C_{r_1,r_2}(f) \left(\frac{1}{[n]_q^2} + \frac{1}{[m]_q^2}\right),$$

where

$$C_{r_1,r_2}(f) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(2\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_{k,j}| r_2^j + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2|c_{k,j}| \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} [i]_q r_2^j\right) \frac{3r_1(1+qr_1)^2}{2} (q^2r_1)^{k-3} (k-1)^2 (k-2)^2,$$

 $|z_1| < r_1, |z_2| < r_2 \text{ and } n, m \in \mathbb{N}, m \geqslant 3.$ 

**Remark 4.** It should be mentioned that in the univariate case the Voronovskaja type results were obtained in [8]. Our result is new even for the univariate case since the estimate given in Theorem 3 has quantitative character. The classical case was studied by Gal [2].

## 2. Proofs of the main results

**Lemma 5.** Let  $f \in H(\mathbb{D}_{R_1})$ ,  $1 \leqslant r < R_1/q$  and q > 1. Then we have

$$|B_{n,q}(e_k;z) - e_k(z)| \le \frac{3r(1+r)}{2[n]_q} k(k-1)(qr)^{k-2}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|z| \leqslant r$ .

Proof. Let us start with the recurrence formulas

(2) 
$$B_{n,q}(e_k; z) = \frac{z(1-z)}{[n]_q} D_q B_{n,q}(e_{k-1}; z) + z_1 B_{n,q}(e_{k-1}; z),$$

$$B_{n,q}(e_k; z) - e_k(z) = \frac{z(1-z)}{[n]_q} D_q (B_{n,q}(e_{k-1}; z) - e_{k-1}(z) + z(B_{n,q}(e_{k-1}; z) - e_{k-1}(z)) + \frac{[k-1]_q}{[n]_q} z^{k-1} (1-z).$$

It is known that by a linear transformation, the Bernstein inequality in the closed unit disk becomes

$$|P'_k(z)| \leqslant \frac{k}{qr} ||P_k||_{qr}$$
, for all  $|z| \leqslant qr$ ,  $r \geqslant 1$ ,

which combined with the mean value theorem in complex analysis implies

$$|D_q P_k(z)| \le ||P_k'||_{qr} \le \frac{k}{qr} ||P_k||_{qr},$$

for all  $|z| \leq r$ , where  $P_k(z)$  is a complex polynomial of degree  $\leq k$ . From the above recurrence formula we get

$$|B_{n,q}(e_k;z) - e_k(z)| \leq \frac{r(1+r)}{[n]_q} \frac{k-1}{qr} ||B_{n,q}(e_{k-1}) - e_{k-1}||_{qr}$$

$$+ r|B_{n,q}(e_{k-1};z) - e_{k-1}(z)| + \frac{[k-1]_q}{[n]_q} r^{k-1} (1+r)$$

$$\leq \frac{r(1+r)}{[n]_q} \frac{k-1}{qr} (||B_{n,q}(e_{k-1})||_{qr} + ||e_{k-1}||_{qr})$$

$$+ r|B_{n,q}(e_{k-1};z) - e_{k-1}(z)| + \frac{[k-1]_q}{[n]_q} r^{k-1} (1+r)$$

$$\leq 2(k-1) \frac{r(1+r)}{[n]_q} (qr)^{k-2} + r|B_{n,q}(e_{k-1};z) - e_{k-1}(z)|$$

$$+ \frac{[k-1]_q}{[n]_q} r^{k-1} (1+r)$$

$$\leq r|B_{n,q}(e_{k-1};z) - e_{k-1}(z)| + \frac{3(k-1)}{[n]_q} r(1+r)(qr)^{k-2}.$$

By writing the last inequality for k = 1, 2, ..., we easily obtain, step by step, the following

$$|B_{n,q}(e_k;z) - e_k(z)| \le \frac{3r(1+r)}{[n]_q} (qr)^{k-2} (k-1+k-2+\ldots+1)$$

$$= \frac{3r(1+r)}{2[n]_q} k(k-1) (qr)^{k-2}.$$

Proof of Theorem 1. Denote  $e_{k,j}(z_1,z_2)=e_k(z_1)e_j(z_2)=z_1^kz_2^j$ . Clearly we get

$$|B_{n,m,q}(f;(z_1,z_2)) - f(z_1,z_2)|$$

$$\leqslant \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_{k,j}| |B_{n,m,q}(e_{k,j};(z_1,z_2)) - e_{k,j}(z_1,z_2)|.$$

But taking into account the estimate in Lemma 5, for all  $|z_1| < r_1$ ,  $|z_2| < r_2$  we obtain

$$|B_{n,m,q}(e_{k,j};(z_1,z_2)) - e_{k,j}(z_1,z_2)|$$

$$= |B_{n,q}(e_k;z_1)B_{m,q}(e_j;z_2) - z_1^k z_2^j|$$

$$\leq |B_{n,g}(e_k;z_1)B_{m,g}(e_i;z_2) - B_{n,g}(e_k;z_1)z_2^j| + |B_{n,g}(e_k;z_1)z_2^j - z_1^k z_2^j|$$

$$\leq |B_{n,q}(e_k; z_1)||B_{m,q}(e_j; z_2) - z_2^j| + |z_2^j||B_{n,q}(e_k; z_1) - z_1^k|$$

$$\leq r_1^k \frac{3r_2(1+r_2)}{2[m]_q} j(j-1)q^{j-2}r_2^{j-2} + r_2^j \frac{3r_1(1+r_1)}{2[n]_q} k(k-1)q^{k-2}r_1^{k-2}$$

which immediately implies the estimate in Theorem 1.

Lemma 6. We have

(3) 
$$(L_{m,q}^{2} \circ L_{n,q}^{1})(f;(z_{1},z_{2}))$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} B_{m,q}(e_{j};z_{2}) - f_{k}(z_{2}) - \frac{1}{[m]_{q}} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} c_{k,j} L_{q}(e_{j};z_{2}) \right)$$

$$\times \left[ B_{n,q}(e_{k};z_{1}) - e_{k}(z_{1}) - \frac{1}{[n]_{q}} L_{q}(e_{k};z_{1}) \right].$$

Proof. By the hypothesis we can write

$$f(z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} z_1^k z_2^j = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(z_2) z_1^k,$$

where  $f_k(z_2) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} z_2^j$ . The second term of (1) can be written as follows.

$$\begin{split} E_2 &= L_{n,q}^1(f(\cdot,z_2);z_1) \\ &= B_{n,q}(f(\cdot,z_2);z_1) - f(z_1,z_2) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} L_q(f(\cdot,z_2);z_1) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(z_2) \Big[ B_{n,q} t(e_k;z_1) - e_k(z_1) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} L_q(e_k;z_1) \Big]. \end{split}$$

Applying now  $B_{m,q}$  to the last expression with respect to  $z_2$ , we obtain the expression for the first term of (1)

$$E_{1} = B_{m,q}(L_{n,q}^{1}(f(\cdot,z_{2});z_{1});z_{2})$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_{m,q}(f_{k};z_{2}) \Big[ B_{n,q}(e_{k};z_{1}) - e_{k}(z_{1}) - \frac{1}{[n]_{q}} L_{q}(e_{k};z_{1}) \Big]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Big( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} B_{m,q}(e_{j};z_{2}) \Big) \Big[ B_{n,q}(e_{k};z_{1}) - e_{k}(z_{1}) - \frac{1}{[n]_{q}} L_{q}(e_{k};z_{1}) \Big].$$

For the third term we have

$$\begin{split} [m]_q E_3 &= L_q(L_{n,q}^1(f;(z_1,\cdot));z_2) \\ &= \frac{(1-z_2) \left(D_q L_{n,q}^1(f;(z_1,z_2)) - \left(L_{n,q}^1(f;(z_1,z_2))\right)'\right)}{q-1} \\ &= B_{n,q}(L_q(f(\cdot,z_2);z_2);z_1) - L_q(f(z_1,z_2);z_2) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} L_q \circ L_q(f(\cdot,z_2);z_1), \end{split}$$

where

$$L_{q}(f(\cdot, z_{2}); z_{2}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} L_{q}(f_{k}(z_{2}); z_{2}) z_{1}^{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} c_{k,j} L_{q}(e_{j}; z_{2}) z_{1}^{k},$$

$$B_{n,q}(L_{q}(f(\cdot, z_{2}); z_{2}); z_{1}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} c_{k,j} L_{q}(e_{j}; z_{2}) B_{n,q}(e_{k}; z_{1}),$$

$$(L_{q} \circ L_{q})(f(\cdot, z_{2}); z_{1}) = L_{q} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} c_{k,j} L_{q}(e_{j}; z_{2}) z_{1}^{k}; z_{1} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} c_{k,j} L_{q}(e_{j}; z_{2}) L_{q}(e_{k}; z_{1}).$$

Introducing the expressions of  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  in (1), we arrive at (3).

**Lemma 7.** Let  $f \in H(\mathbb{D}_{R_1})$ ,  $1 \leq r_1 < R_1/q^2$  and q > 1. Then we have

$$\left| B_{n,q}(e_m; z_1) - e_m(z_1) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} L_q(e_m; z_1) \right| \\
\leqslant \frac{3r_1(1 + qr_1)^2}{2[n]_q^2} (q^2 r_1)^{m-3} (m-1)^2 (m-2)^2$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geqslant 3$ ,  $|z_1| \leqslant r_1$ .

Proof. Let us consider the relationship given by

$$(4) E_{n,m}(z_1) := B_{n,q}(e_m; z_1) - e_m(z_1) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} [i]_q z_1^{m-1} (1 - z_1),$$

$$E_{n,m}(z_1) = \frac{z_1(1 - z_1)}{[n]_q} D_q(B_{n,q}(e_{m-1}; z_1) - e_{m-1}(z_1))$$

$$+ z_1 \left( B_{n,q}(e_{m-1}; z_1) - e_{m-1}(z_1) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} [i]_q z_1^{m-2} (1 - z_1) \right),$$

$$E_{n,m}(z_1) = \frac{z_1(1 - z_1)}{[n]_q} D_q(B_{n,q}(e_{m-1}; z_1) - e_{m-1}(z_1)) + z_1 E_{n,m-1}(z_1),$$

for all  $m \ge 2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Lemma 5 with  $r = qr_1$  and (4) imply for  $|z_1| \le r_1$ 

$$|E_{n,m}(z_1)| \leq r_1 |E_{n,m-1}(z_1)| + \frac{r_1(1+r_1)}{[n]_q} \frac{m-1}{qr_1} ||B_{n,q}(e_{m-1}) - e_{m-1}||_{qr_1}$$

$$\leq r_1 |E_{n,m-1}(z_1)| + \frac{3r_1(1+qr_1)^2}{2[n]_q^2} (m-1)^2 (m-2)(q^2r_1)^{m-3}.$$

By writing the last inequality for  $m=3,4,\ldots$  we easily obtain, step by step, the following

$$|E_{n,m}(z_1)| \leqslant \frac{3r_1(1+qr_1)^2}{2[n]_q^2} (q^2r_1)^{m-3} \sum_{j=3}^m (j-1)^2 (j-2)$$
  
$$\leqslant \frac{3r_1(1+qr_1)^2}{2[n]_q^2} (q^2r_1)^{m-3} (m-1)^2 (m-2)^2.$$

Proof of Theorem 3. By the hypothesis we can write

$$f(z_1, z_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} z_1^k z_2^j = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k(z_2) z_1^k,$$

where  $f_k(z_2) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} z_2^j$ . It follows, by Lemma 6 that

$$\begin{split} |(L_{m,q}^2 \circ L_{n,q}^1)(f;(z_1,z_2))| \\ \leqslant \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_{k,j} B_{m,q}(e_j;z_2) - f_k(z_2) - \frac{1}{[m]_q} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} c_{k,j} L_q(e_j;z_2) \right| \\ \times \left| B_{n,q}(e_k;z_1) - e_k(z_1) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} L_q(e_k;z_1) \right|. \end{split}$$

Using now Lemma 7 with  $|z_1| < r_1 < R_1/q^2$ ,  $|z_2| < r_2 < R_2/q^2$  and the inequalities

$$|B_{m,q}(e_j; z_2)| \leqslant r_2^j,$$

$$|f_k(z_2)| \leqslant \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |c_{k,j}| r_2^j,$$

$$|c_{k,j} L_q(e_j; z_2)| \leqslant 2|c_{k,j}| \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} [i]_q r_2^j$$

we have

$$\begin{split} |(L_{m,q}^2 \circ L_{n,q}^1)(f;(z_1,z_2))| \\ &\leqslant \sum_{k=0}^\infty \biggl(\sum_{j=0}^\infty |c_{k,j}| r_2^j + \sum_{j=0}^\infty |c_{k,j}| r_2^j + \frac{1}{[m]_q} \sum_{j=0}^\infty 2|c_{k,j}| \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} [i]_q r_2^j \biggr) \\ & \times \left| B_{n,q}(e_k;z_1) - e_k(z_1) - \frac{1}{[n]_q} L_q(e_k;z_1) \right| \\ &\leqslant \sum_{k=0}^\infty \biggl( 2 \sum_{j=0}^\infty |c_{k,j}| r_2^j + \frac{1}{[m]_q} \sum_{j=0}^\infty 2|c_{k,j}| \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} [i]_q r_2^j \biggr) \\ & \times \frac{3r_1(1+qr_1)^2}{2[n]_q^2} \left( q^2 r_1 \right)^{k-3} (k-1)^2 (k-2)^2. \end{split}$$

Note that if we estimate now  $|(L_{m,q}^2 \circ L_{n,q}^1)(f;(z_1,z_2))|$ , then by reasons of symmetry we get a similar order of approximation, simply interchanging above the places of n and m. In conclusion,

$$|(L_{m,q}^2 \circ L_{n,q}^1)(f;(z_1,z_2))| \le C_{r_1,r_2}(f) \left(\frac{1}{[n]_q^2} + \frac{1}{[m]_q^2}\right).$$

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