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## Approximation by $(p, q)$ Szász-beta–Stancu operators

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**Abstract** Motivated by recent investigations, in this paper we introduce  $(p, q)$ -Szász-beta–Stancu operators and investigate their local approximation properties in terms of modulus of continuity. We also obtain a weighted approximation and Voronovskaya-type asymptotic formula.

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### 1 Introduction

During the period of 1997–2017, the application of quantum-calculus came out as a new area of research in the field of approximation of functions by positive linear operators. Lupas [11] presented the first  $q$ -analogue of the Bernstein polynomials using  $q$ -integers, after a decade Phillips [21] gave another  $q$ -analogue of the Bernstein polynomials. Since then diverse operators have been generalized to their quantum variants and their approximation properties were discussed in [5, 10, 12, 13, 22].

Post-quantum calculus is an advanced extension of quantum-calculus and symbolized by  $(p, q)$ -calculus. Mursaleen et al. [19] introduced the Bernstein polynomials using  $(p, q)$ -calculus, which was further improved in [18].

Gupta and Aral introduced the Durrmeyer-type generalization of  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators in [9]. The quantum variant and post-quantum variant of Szász–Mirakyan operators were introduced and studied in [14] and [1]. Some approximation properties on  $(p, q)$ -analogue of Stancu-type generalization of linear positive operators were studied in [6, 15, 20].

We also consider some more results on approximation of functions by positive linear operators using  $(p, q)$ -calculus given in [2, 16, 17].

We mention some notations, definitions of  $(p, q)$ -calculus as follows (see for details [24, 25]).

The  $(p, q)$ -bracket is defined as

$$[d]_{p,q} = \frac{p^d - q^d}{p - q}, \quad d = 0, 1, 2, \dots, [0]_{p,q} = 0.$$

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The  $(p, q)$ -factorial is defined as

$$[d]_{p,q}! = \prod_{k=1}^d [k]_{p,q}, \quad d \geq 1, \quad [0]_{p,q}! = 1.$$

The  $(p, q)$ -binomial coefficient is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} d \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} = \frac{[d]_{p,q}!}{[d-k]_{p,q}! [k]_{p,q}!}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq d.$$

**Definition 1.1** The  $(p, q)$ -power basis is defined below:

$$\begin{aligned} (x \oplus y)_{p,q}^d &= (x+y)(px+qy)(p^2x+q^2y) \cdots (p^{d-1}x+q^{d-1}y) \\ (x \ominus y)_{p,q}^d &= (x-y)(px-qy)(p^2x-q^2y) \cdots (p^{d-1}x-q^{d-1}y). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.2** [23] For  $d \geq 0$ , the  $(p, q)$ -gamma function is given as

$$\Gamma_{p,q}(d+1) = \frac{(p \ominus q)_{p,q}^d}{(p-q)^d} = [d]_{p,q}!, \quad 0 < q < p.$$

**Definition 1.3** The  $(p, q)$  derivative of the function  $f$  is defined as

$$D_{p,q}f(y) = \frac{f(py) - f(qy)}{(p-q)y}, \quad y \neq 0$$

and  $D_{p,q}f(0) = f'(0)$ , provided that  $f$  is differentiable at zero.

**Proposition 1.4** [23] The  $(p, q)$ -integration by parts is given by

$$\int_a^b g(px) D_{p,q}h(x) d_{p,q}x = g(b)h(b) - g(a)h(a) - \int_a^b h(qx) D_{p,q}g(x) d_{p,q}x.$$

The  $(p, q)$ -beta function of second kind [4] is given by

$$B_{p,q}(m, n) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1 \oplus px)_{p,q}^{m+n}} d_{p,q}x,$$

where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The relation between  $(p, q)$ -beta and  $(p, q)$ -gamma functions is given as

$$B_{p,q}(m, n) = q^{\frac{2-m(m-1)}{2}} p^{-\frac{m(m+1)}{2}} \frac{\Gamma_{p,q}m \Gamma_{p,q}n}{\Gamma_{p,q}(m+n)}.$$

For  $0 \leq x < \infty$ ,  $0 < q < p \leq 1$ , Aral and Gupta [3] defined the  $(p, q)$ -analogue of Szász-beta operators as follows:

$$D_n^{p,q}(f; x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{B_{p,q}(k, n+1)} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{k-1}}{(1 \oplus pt)_{p,q}^{k+n+1}} f(p^{k+1}qt) d_{p,q}t + \frac{f(0)}{E_{p,q}([n]_{p,q}x)}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$s_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) = \frac{1}{E_{p,q}([n]_{p,q}x)} \frac{q^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}}}{[k]_{p,q}!} ([n]_{p,q}x)^k.$$



The aim of this paper is to generalize the operator in (1) using Stancu-type parameters, (i.e. assuming  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$ ), we define:

$$D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(f; x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{B_{p,q}(k, n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{k-1}}{(1 \oplus pt)_{p,q}^{k+n+1}} f\left(\frac{p^{k+1}qt[n]_{p,q} + \alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}\right) d_{p,q}t + \frac{f\left(\frac{\alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}\right)}{E_{p,q}([n]_{p,q}x)}, \tag{2}$$

where  $s_{n,k}^{p,q}(x)$  is given in (1).

In particular case, if  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , then the operators  $D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(f; x)$  turn out to be the one defined by (1).

### 2 Moments

**Lemma 2.1** [3] For the operator defined in (1),  $x \geq 0$  and for  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , the following equalities hold for  $0 < q < p \leq 1$

- (i)  $D_n^{p,q}(1; x) = 1,$
- (ii)  $D_n^{p,q}(t; x) = x,$
- (iii)  $D_n^{p,q}(t^2; x) = \frac{[2]_{p,q}qx}{p[n-1]_{p,q}} + \frac{p[n]_{p,q}x^2}{[n-1]_{p,q}}.$

**Lemma 2.2** For  $x \in [0, \infty), 0 < q < p \leq 1$ , then for the operator in (2), we have the following moments.

- (i)  $D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(1; x) = 1,$
- (ii)  $D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t; x) = \frac{[n]_{p,q}x + \alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta},$
- (iii)  $D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t^2; x) = \frac{1}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2} \left( \frac{p[n]_{p,q}^3}{[n-1]_{p,q}} x^2 + \left( \frac{q[n]_{p,q}^2 [2]_{p,q}}{p[n-1]_{p,q}} + 2\alpha[n]_{p,q} \right) x + \alpha^2 \right).$

*Proof* By the definition of operator (2) and Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (i) D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(1; x) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{B_{p,q}(k, n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{k-1}}{(1 \oplus pt)_{p,q}^{k+n+1}} d_{p,q}t + \frac{1}{E_{p,q}([n]_{p,q}x)} \\ &= D_n^{p,q}(1; x) \\ &= 1. \\ (ii) D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t; x) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{B_{p,q}(k, n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{k-1}}{(1 \oplus pt)_{p,q}^{k+n+1}} \left( \frac{p^{k+1}qt[n]_{p,q} + \alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} \right) d_{p,q}t \\ &\quad + \frac{\frac{\alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}}{E_{p,q}([n]_{p,q}x)} \\ &= \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} D_n^{p,q}(t; x) + \frac{\alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} D_n^{p,q}(1; x) \\ &= \frac{[n]_{p,q}x + \alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}. \\ (iii) D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t^2; x) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{B_{p,q}(k, n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{k-1}}{(1 \oplus pt)_{p,q}^{k+n+1}} \left( \frac{p^{k+1}qt[n]_{p,q} + \alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} \right)^2 d_{p,q}t \\ &\quad + \frac{\left( \frac{\alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} \right)^2}{E_{p,q}([n]_{p,q}x)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{[n]_{p,q}^2}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2} D_n^{p,q}(t^2; x) + \frac{2\alpha[n]_{p,q}}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2} D_n^{p,q}(t; x) \\
&\quad + \frac{\alpha^2}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2} D_n^{p,q}(1; x) \\
&= \frac{1}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2} \left( \frac{p[n]_{p,q}^3}{[n-1]_{p,q}} x^2 + \left( \frac{q[n]_{p,q}^2 [2]_{p,q}}{p[n-1]_{p,q}} + 2\alpha[n]_{p,q} \right) x + \alpha^2 \right).
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

Using Lemma 2.2, we can obtain

$$D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}((t-x); x) = \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta},$$

and

$$D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}((t-x)^2; x) = \beta_1(n)x^2 + \beta_2(n)x + \beta_3(n),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_1(n) &= \left( \frac{p[n]_{p,q}^3}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2 [n-1]_{p,q}} - \frac{2[n]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} + 1 \right), \\
\beta_2(n) &= \left( \frac{q[2]_{p,q} [n]_{p,q}^2}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2 p [n-1]_{p,q}} + \frac{2\alpha[n]_{p,q}}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2} - \frac{2\alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} \right), \\
\beta_3(n) &= \frac{(\alpha)^2}{([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $\beta^*(n) = \max[\beta_1(n), \frac{\beta_2(n)}{2}, \beta_3(n)]$ , we can write

$$D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}((t-x)^2; x) \leq \beta^*(n)(1+x)^2. \quad (3)$$

### 3 Local approximation

Let us consider the space of all real valued continuous and bounded functions on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  and denote this space by  $C_B(\mathbb{R}_+)$  under the norm:

$$\|f\| = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}_+} |f(x)|,$$

where  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$ .

Let  $W^2 = \{s \in C_B(\mathbb{R}_+) : s', s'' \in C_B(\mathbb{R}_+)\}$ . Then, Peetre's K-functional is defined as

$$K_2(f, \delta) = \inf\{\|f - s\| + \delta \|g''\| : s \in W^2\}.$$

Then as in [7], there exists a positive constant C such that

$$K_2(f, \delta) \leq C \omega_2(f, \sqrt{\delta}), \quad \delta > 0. \quad (4)$$

The second-order modulus of smoothness of  $f \in C_B(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is

$$\omega_2(f, \sqrt{\delta}) = \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \delta} \sup_{0 \leq x < \infty} |f(x + 2h) - 2f(x + h) + f(x)|,$$

and the usual modulus of continuity is given by

$$\omega(f, \delta) = \sup_{0 \leq h \leq \delta} \sup_{0 \leq x < \infty} |f(x + h) - f(x)|.$$



**Lemma 3.1** For  $f \in C_B(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and for  $s \in W^2$ , we have

$$|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(s; x) - s(x)| \leq \|s''\| (\beta^*(n)(1+x)^2 + \mu_n^{*2}(p, q, x)),$$

where the auxiliary operators are given by

$$D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(s; x) = D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(s; x) + s(x) - s(D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t; x)), \tag{5}$$

and

$$\mu_n^*(p, q, x) = \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}. \tag{6}$$

*Proof* By the definition of auxiliary operators, it can be shown that

$$D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}((t-x); x) = 0. \tag{7}$$

Let  $s \in W^2$ . Then from the Taylor’s expansion, we have

$$s(t) = s(x) + s'(x)(t-x) + \int_x^t (t-u)s''(u)du. \tag{8}$$

Operating (8) with (5) and using (7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(s; x) &= s(x) + D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)s''(u)du; x\right) \\ (D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(s; x) - s(x)) &= D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)s''(u)du; x\right) - \int_x^{D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t;x)} (D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t; x) - u)s''(u)du \\ &= D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)s''(u)du; x\right) - \int_x^{D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t;x)} \left(\frac{[n]_{p,q} + \alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} - u\right) s''(u)du \\ |D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(s; x) - s(x)| &\leq D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}\left(\int_x^t |(t-u)||s''(u)|du; x\right) \\ &\quad + \int_x^{D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(t;x)} \left|\frac{[n]_{p,q} + \alpha}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} - u\right| |s''(u)|du \\ &\leq \|s''(u)\| (\beta^*(n)(1+x)^2 + \mu_n^{*2}(p, q, x)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(s; x) - s(x)| \leq \|s''(u)\| (\beta^*(n)(1+x)^2 + \mu_n^{*2}(p, q, x)). \tag{9}$$

Hence the proof is completed. □

**Theorem 3.2** For  $f \in C_B(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(f; x) - f(x)| \leq C\omega_2(f; \sqrt{\beta^*(n)(1+x)^2 + \mu_n^{*2}(p, q, x)}) + \omega(f; \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}).$$

*Proof* Using (2), (5) and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(f; x) - f(x)| \leq 4 \|f\|, \quad (10)$$

for any  $s \in W^2$  and using (5), (9) and (10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(f; x) - f(x)| &\leq |D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}((f-s); x) - (f-s)(x)| + |D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{*p,q}(s; x) - s(x)| \\ &\quad + \left| f\left(x + \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}\right) - f(x) \right| \\ &\leq 4 \|f-s\| + \left| f\left(x + \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}\right) - f(x) \right| \\ &\quad + \|s''\| (\beta^*(n)(1+x)^2 + \mu_n^{*2}(p, q, x)). \end{aligned}$$

Now taking infimum on right-hand side over all  $s \in W^2$  and using (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(f; x) - f(x)| &\leq CK_2(f; \beta^*(n)(1+x)^2 + \mu_n^{*2}(p, q, x)) + \omega\left(f; \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}\right) \\ &\leq C\omega_2\left(f; \sqrt{\beta^*(n)(1+x)^2 + \mu_n^{*2}(p, q, x)}\right) + \omega\left(f; \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

*Remark* If  $f \in C[0, \infty)$ ,  $0 \leq x < \infty$  and  $\omega(f; \delta)$  is the modulus of continuity, then

$$|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(f; x) - f(x)| \leq \left[1 + \sqrt{\varphi_n(x)}\right] \omega(f; \delta_{n,\beta}),$$

where

$$\delta_{n,\beta} = \frac{1}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n(x) &= \frac{1}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta} \left[ \frac{p[n]_{p,q}^3}{[n-1]_{p,q}} x^2 + \left( \frac{[n]_{p,q}^2 [2]_{p,q} q}{p[n-1]_{p,q}} + 2\alpha[n]_{p,q} \right) x \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\alpha)^2 - 2x([n]_{p,q}x + \alpha)([n]_{p,q} + \beta) + ([n]_{p,q} + \beta)^2 x^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof* Let  $f \in C[0, \infty)$  and  $0 \leq x < \infty$ . Then using monotonicity of the operator defined in (2), we can easily obtain for every  $\delta > 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} |D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}(f; x) - f(x)| &\leq \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\delta_{n,\beta}} \sqrt{D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}((t-x)^2; x)} \right] \omega(f; \delta_{n,\beta}) \\ &\leq \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\varphi_n(x)} \right] \omega(f; \delta_{n,\beta}), \end{aligned}$$

which is obtained using Lemma 2.2 and choosing  $\delta_{n,\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{[n]_{p,q} + \beta}}$ . Hence we arrive at the result.  $\square$

If we put  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , we can find the similar results for the operators defined by (1):

$$|D_n^{p,q}(f; x) - f(x)| \leq \left[ 1 + \sqrt{\frac{p[n]_{p,q}^3}{[n-1]_{p,q}} x^2 + \frac{[n]_{p,q} [2]_{p,q} q}{p[n-1]_{p,q}} x - [n]_{p,q} x^2} \right] \omega(f; \delta_n),$$

where  $\delta_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{[n]_{p,q}}}$  and it is observed that  $\delta_{n,\beta} \leq \delta_n$ .

Therefore, rate of convergence of  $D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p,q}$  is better than  $D_n^{p,q}$ .



### 4 Weighted approximation

Let us consider the functions in weighted space defined as

- (1)  $H_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  denotes the set of all functions  $f$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$ , such that  $|f(x)| \leq M_f(1 + x^2)$  where  $M_f > 0$  depending only on  $f$ .
- (2)  $C(\mathbb{R}_+)$  be the set of all continuous functions  $f$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$ .
- (3)  $C_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  denotes the subspace of all continuous functions in  $H_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .
- (4)  $C_2^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$  means the subspace of all functions  $f \in C_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{1+x^2}$  is finite.

$H_2(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is a normed vector space under the norm:

$$\|f\|_2 = \sup_{x \geq 0} \frac{|f(x)|}{1+x^2}.$$

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $p = p_n$  and  $q = q_n$  such that  $0 < q_n < p_n \leq 1$  and  $p_n \rightarrow 1, q_n \rightarrow 1, p_n^n \rightarrow 1, q_n^n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for each  $f \in C_2^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p_n,q_n}(f; x) - f\|_2 = 0.$$

*Proof* By ([8], Theorem 4.1.4), it is sufficient to verify the following three conditions:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p_n,q_n}(t^\lambda; x) - x^\lambda\|_2 = 0, \quad \lambda = 0, 1, 2. \tag{11}$$

Applying Lemma 2.2, (11) is true for  $\lambda = 0$ .

Next by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p_n,q_n}(t; x) - x\|_2 &= \sup_{x \geq 0} \frac{|\mu_n^*(p_n, q_n, x)|}{1+x^2} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{[n]_{p_n,q_n} + \beta} \sup_{x \geq 0} \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \frac{\beta}{[n]_{p_n,q_n} + \beta} \sup_{x \geq 0} \frac{x}{1+x^2}; \end{aligned}$$

this means (11) is true for  $\lambda = 1$ .

Finally, considering the same, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_{n,\alpha,\beta}^{p_n,q_n}(t^2; x) - x^2\|_2 &\leq \left( \frac{p_n [n]_{p_n,q_n}^3}{([n]_{p_n,q_n} + \beta)^2 [n-1]_{p_n,q_n}} - 1 \right) \sup_{x \geq 0} \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{q_n [2]_{p_n,q_n} [n]_{p_n,q_n}^2}{p_n ([n]_{p_n,q_n} + \beta)^2 [n-1]_{p_n,q_n}} + \frac{2\alpha [n]_{p_n,q_n}}{([n]_{p_n,q_n} + \beta)^2} \right) \sup_{x \geq 0} \frac{x}{1+x^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha^2}{([n]_{p_n,q_n} + \beta)^2} \sup_{x \geq 0} \frac{1}{1+x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence (11) holds for  $\lambda = 2$

Hence the theorem . □

### 5 Voronovskaya type asymptotic formula

**Theorem 5.1** *Let  $p = p_n$  and  $q = q_n$  such that  $0 < q_n < p_n \leq 1$  and  $p_n \rightarrow 1, q_n \rightarrow 1, p_n^n \rightarrow 1, q_n^n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for any  $f \in C_2^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , such that  $f', f'' \in C_2^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \left( D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} - f(x) \right) = (\alpha - \beta x) f'(x) + \frac{f''(x)}{2} [2x + x^2(1 + A)],$$

where

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \left( \frac{[n]_{p_n, q_n}^2 p_n^2}{([n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta)^2} - \frac{2[n]_{p_n, q_n}}{([n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta)} + 1 \right),$$

uniformly on any  $[0, L], L > 0$ .

*Proof* Let  $f, f', f'' \in C_2^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $x \geq 0$ . Then by Taylor’s formula

$$f(t) = f(x) + f'(x)(t - x) + \frac{1}{2} f''(x)(t - x)^2 + v(t, x)(t - x)^2, \tag{12}$$

where  $v(t, x)$  is the Peano form of the remainder.

Since  $v(\cdot, x) \in C_2^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , for sufficiently large  $n$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} v(t, x) = 0.$$

Applying the operator (2) on both sides of (12), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (f; x) - f(x) &= f'(x) D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} ((t - x); x) + \frac{1}{2} f''(x) D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} ((t - x)^2; x) \\ &\quad + D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (v(t, x)(t - x)^2; x). \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, we have

$$D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (v(t, x)(t - x)^2; x) \leq \sqrt{D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (v^2(t, x); x)} \sqrt{D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} ((t - x)^4; x)}. \tag{13}$$

We can see that  $v^2(x, x) = 0$  and  $v^2 \in C_2^*(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

Then using Theorem 4.1, we say that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (v^2(t, x); x) = v^2(x, x) = 0, \tag{14}$$

uniformly with respect to  $x \in [0, L]$ .

Therefore, from (13) and (14), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (v(t, x)(t - x)^2; x) = 0.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \left( D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (f; x) - f(x) \right) &= f'(x) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} ((t - x); x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} f''(x) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} ((t - x)^2; x). \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \left( D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} (f; x) - f(x) \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \frac{\alpha - \beta x}{[n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta} \\ &= \alpha - \beta x. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$



Using the equality  $[k]_{p_n, q_n} = q_n^{k-1} + p_n[k - 1]_{p_n, q_n}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n}((t-x)^2; x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \left[ \left( \frac{p_n [n]_{p_n, q_n}^3}{([n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta)^3 [n-1]_{p_n, q_n}} - \frac{2[n]_{p_n, q_n}}{[n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta} + 1 \right) x^2 \right. \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{q_n [2]_{p_n, q_n} [n]_{p_n, q_n}^2}{([n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta)^2 p_n [n-1]_{p_n, q_n}} + \frac{2\alpha [n]_{p_n, q_n}}{([n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta)^2} - \frac{2\alpha}{[n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta} \right) x \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{(\alpha)^2}{([n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta)^2} \right] \\ &= 2x + x^2 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \left( \frac{[n]_{p_n, q_n}^2 p_n^2}{([n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta)^2} - \frac{2[n]_{p_n, q_n}}{[n]_{p_n, q_n} + \beta} + 1 \right) x^2 \\ &= 2x + x^2(1 + A). \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Using (15), (16) and (17), we get the desired result,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} \left( D_{n, \alpha, \beta}^{p_n, q_n} - f(x) \right) = (\alpha - \beta x) f'(x) + \frac{f''(x)}{2} [2x + x^2(1 + A)].$$

□

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