



The Impact of the Limit q -Durrmeyer Operator on Continuous Functions

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Abstract

The limit q -Durrmeyer operator, $D_{\infty,q}$, was introduced and its approximation properties were investigated by Gupta (Appl. Math. Comput. 197(1):172–178, 2008) during a study of q -analogues for the Bernstein–Durrmeyer operator. In the present work, this operator is investigated from a different perspective. More precisely, the growth estimates are derived for the entire functions comprising the range of $D_{\infty,q}$. The interrelation between the analytic properties of a function f and the rate of growth for $D_{\infty,q}f$ are established, and the sharpness of the obtained results are demonstrated.

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1 Introduction

The significant influence of the Bernstein polynomials on modern mathematics—both theoretical, but also applied and computational—brought about the emergence

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of its numerous versions and modifications. See, for example, [2, 3, 12]. While the Bernstein polynomials serve to approximate the continuous functions on $[0, 1]$, the Kantorovich polynomials constructed with respect to the Bernstein basis are applicable for the approximation of integrable functions. Kantorovich’s breakthrough idea was further developed by Durrmeyer [7] and Derriennic [6]. The latter proved that the Bernstein–Durrmeyer polynomials approximate functions in $L_1[0, 1]$, and also generate self-adjoint operators in $L_2[0, 1]$.

With the increasing role of the q -Calculus (see, e.g. [1, 4, 5, 14]), the q -analogues of various Bernstein-type operators have come to the fore. The reader is referred to [3, 8, 15]. New versions of these operators, targeting a wide spectrum of various problems, are continuously coming out.

In 2008, Gupta [9] introduced a simple q -analogue of the Bernstein–Durrmeyer operators, denoted by $D_{n,q}$, and studied its approximation properties. One of the properties that he proved was that $\{D_{n,q}\}$ converges to the limit operator $D_{\infty,q}$ in the strong operator topology on $C[0, 1]$. More results on the q -Durrmeyer operator have been obtained in [10, 13].

In the present work, further investigation is carried out concerning the limit q -Bernstein–Durrmeyer operator. Distinct from the preceding studies on the subject, this paper is focused on the analytic properties that the image of $f \in C[0, 1]$ possesses under the operator $D_{\infty,q}$. Here, it is proved that, for each $f \in C[0, 1]$, the function $D_{\infty,q}f$ admits an analytic continuation from $[0, 1]$ to the whole complex plane \mathbb{C} . The growth estimates of the entire function $D_{\infty,q}f$ are provided, along with the interconnection between the growth of $D_{\infty,q}f$ and the behaviour of f . The sharpness of the obtained results is demonstrated.

To present the results, let us recall the necessary notation and definitions. The q -Pochhammer symbol denotes, for each $a \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$(a; q)_0 := 1, \quad (a; q)_n = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^j), \quad (a; q)_\infty = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^j).$$

The Euler Identities

$$(z; q)_\infty = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} z^k, \quad |q| < 1, \tag{1.1}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{(z; q)_\infty} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k}, \quad |q| < 1, \quad |z| < 1, \tag{1.2}$$

will be used throughout. See [1, Ch. 10, Cor. 10.2.2].

The q -integral over an interval $[0, a]$, first introduced by Thomae [16] and later by Jackson [11], is defined as

$$\int_0^a f(t) d_q t := (1 - q)a \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^j f(aq^j). \tag{1.3}$$

Definition 1.1 [9] Let $q \in (0, 1)$, $f \in C[0, 1]$. The limit q -Durrmeyer operator is defined by

$$(D_{\infty,q} f)(x) := D_{\infty,q}(f; x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_{\infty k}(f) p_{\infty k}(q; x), & x \in [0, 1), \\ f(1), & x = 1. \end{cases}$$

where

$$A_{\infty k}(f) := \frac{q^{-k}}{1 - q} \int_0^1 f(t) p_{\infty k}(q; qt) d_q t, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \tag{1.4}$$

and

$$p_{\infty k}(q; x) = \frac{(x; q)_{\infty} x^k}{(q; q)_k}, \quad k = 0, \dots. \tag{1.5}$$

As coefficients (1.4) form a bounded sequence whenever $f \in C[0, 1]$, the function $D_{\infty,q} f$ admits an analytic continuation from $[0, 1]$ to the open disc $\{z : |z| < 1\}$. Taking into account (1.3), $A_{\infty k}(f)$ can also be expressed as

$$A_{\infty k}(f) = \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}}{(q; q)_k} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j) q^{(k+1)j}}{(q; q)_j}. \tag{1.6}$$

Throughout the paper, the letter C —with or without subscripts—denotes a positive constant whose specific value is of no importance. Subscripts, when used, indicate the dependence of C on certain parameters. It should be pointed out that the same letter may stand for different values. Moreover, if f is analytic in the closed disc $\Delta_r := \{z : |z| \leq r\}$, the notation

$$M(r; f) := \max_{z \in \Delta_r} |f(z)|$$

will be employed.

The article is organized as follows: In Sect. 2, the main results are stated, while Sect. 3 contains the auxiliary technical lemmas. Finally, the proofs of the main results appear in Sect. 4.

2 Statement of Results

Theorem 2.1 For each $f \in C[0, 1]$, the function $(D_{\infty,q}f)(x)$ admits an analytic continuation from $[0, 1]$ as an entire function given by

$$(D_{\infty,q}f)(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^j}{(q; q)_j} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} (z; q)_{n+j}. \tag{2.1}$$

The proof of Theorem 2.1 presented in Sect. 4 yields, apart from (2.1), the following corollary:

Corollary 2.2 The growth of $D_{\infty,q}f$, for each $f \in C[0, 1]$, enjoys the following estimate:

$$M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) = O((-r; q)_{\infty}), \quad r \rightarrow \infty. \tag{2.2}$$

It is worth pointing out that coefficients (1.6) can be viewed as the values of the function $g(z) := (qz; q)_{\infty} \rho(z)$ at points $z = q^k, k = 0, 1, \dots$, where

$$\rho(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^j}{(q; q)_j} z^j. \tag{2.3}$$

Since $(qz; q)_{\infty}$ is entire and the series converges in the disc $\{z : |z| < 1/q\}$ for any $f \in C[0, 1]$, it follows that g is analytic in that disc. Clearly, the radius of convergence for ρ can be greater than $1/q$. The representation below of $D_{\infty,q}$ with the help of divided differences of g is important.

Theorem 2.3 Given $f \in C[0, 1]$, let $g(z) = (qz; q)_{\infty} \rho(z)$, where ρ is defined by (2.3). Then,

$$(D_{\infty,q}f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(k-1)/2} g[1; q; \dots; q^k] z^k, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Here, $g[x_0; \dots; x_k]$ stands for the divided difference of g at the distinct nodes x_0, \dots, x_k .

This representation allows us to not only refine the estimate of Corollary 2.2, but also establish a connection between the behaviour of f and the growth of its image under $D_{\infty,q}$.

Theorem 2.4 Let $R > 1$ be such that ρ is analytic in Δ_R . Then,

$$M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) = o\left(\frac{(-r; q)_{\infty}}{r^{\lambda}}\right), \quad r \rightarrow \infty,$$

for every $\lambda < (\ln R) / \ln(1/q)$.

As a consequence of Theorem 2.4, the crude estimate (2.2) can be improved. Since ρ is analytic in $\{z : |z| < 1/q\}$, it is possible to assume $\lambda = 0$ in Theorem 2.4 and obtain the following result.

Corollary 2.5 For any $f \in C[0, 1]$,

$$M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) = o((-r; q)_{\infty}), \quad r \rightarrow \infty.$$

Corollary 2.6 If $f(q^j) = O(q^{\alpha j})$, $j \rightarrow \infty$, for some $\alpha > 0$, then

$$M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) = o(r^{-\lambda}(-r; q)_{\infty}), \quad r \rightarrow \infty, \tag{2.4}$$

for all $\lambda < 1 + \alpha$.

Indeed, in this case, ρ is analytic in $\{z : |z| < q^{-1-\alpha}\}$.

Corollary 2.7 If, for every $\alpha > 0$, the estimate $f(q^j) = o(q^{\alpha j})$, $j \rightarrow \infty$ holds, then, for every $\lambda \geq 0$, (2.4) is true.

The estimate in Theorem 2.4 is sharp as demonstrated by the assertion below.

Theorem 2.8 For every $\lambda > 1$, there exists $f \in C[0, 1]$ such that

$$M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) \geq Cr^{-\lambda}(-r; q)_{\infty}, \quad r \rightarrow \infty.$$

Theorem 2.4 and Corollaries 2.5–2.7 establish the connection between the radius of convergence for the series (2.3) and the rate of growth for $D_{\infty,q}f$. In a general sense, the greater the radius is, the slower the growth becomes. Approaching the problem from a different angle, the dependence of the growth on the differentiability of f at the origin is addressed in the next assertion. The statement makes it possible to obtain better estimates for $M(r; D_{\infty,q}f)$ than those guaranteed by Theorem 2.4 when f is differentiable at 0 even though the series (2.3) converges only in the smallest admissible disc.

Theorem 2.9 Let f be m times differentiable at 0 from the right. Then,

$$M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) = o(r^{-\lambda}(-r; q)_{\infty}), \quad r \rightarrow \infty, \tag{2.5}$$

for all $\lambda < 1 + m$.

Corollary 2.10 If f is infinitely differentiable at 0 from the right, then (2.5) holds for all $\lambda > 0$. In particular, (2.5) is valid whenever f is analytic in a neighbourhood of 0.

3 Auxiliary Results

In what comes next, the function τ given by

$$\tau(z) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k^2}, \quad |z| < 1,$$

plays a key role.

Lemma 3.1 *The function τ admits an analytic continuation from the open unit disc as an entire function.*

Proof Consider

$$\sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k^2} = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k} \frac{(q^{k+1}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}.$$

By (1.1), with $z = q^{k+1}$, one has

$$(q^{k+1}; q)_\infty = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} (q^{k+1})^n,$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k^2} &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2} q^{(k+1)n}}{(q; q)_n} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(q^n z)^k}{(q; q)_k}. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (1.2), it follows that

$$\sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k^2} = \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} \frac{1}{(q^n z; q)_\infty}, \quad |z| < 1.$$

Consequently, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(z) &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} \frac{(z; q)_\infty}{(q^n z; q)_\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} (z; q)_n, \quad |z| < 1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Now, if $z \in \Delta_R$, then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} (z; q)_n \right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} (1+R)^n < \infty.$$

Hence, $\tau(z)$ is analytic in Δ_R for each $R > 0$ and (3.1) is valid for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Therefore, $\tau(z)$ is an entire function. \square

Lemma 3.2 *Let $R > 1$ be such that ρ given by (2.3) is analytic in $\{z : |z| \leq R\}$. Then,*

$$\left| g[1; q; \dots; q^k] \right| \leq Cq^{\lambda k}$$

for every $\lambda < (\ln R)/\ln(1/q)$.

Proof It is known that (see for example, [12, Sect. 2.7., p.44, Eq. (4)])

$$g[a_0; \dots; a_k] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_L \frac{g(\zeta)d\zeta}{(\zeta - a_0)\dots(\zeta - a_k)},$$

where L is a positively-oriented, simple and closed curve encircling the distinct points a_0, \dots, a_k and g is analytic everywhere on and inside L .

Therefore,

$$g[1; q; \dots; q^k] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\zeta|=R} \frac{g(\zeta)d\zeta}{(\zeta - 1)(\zeta - q)\dots(\zeta - q^k)}.$$

Now, assume that $0 < \lambda_0 < (\ln R)/\ln(1/q)$, that is, $1 < q^{-\lambda_0} < R$. Two cases will be considered:

Case 1. If $q^{-\lambda_0} \leq R - 1$, then $g[1; q; \dots; q^k]$ can be estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} \left| g[1; q; \dots; q^k] \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{M(R; g)}{(R - 1)(R - q)\dots(R - q^k)} \cdot 2\pi R \\ &\leq \frac{M(R; g)R}{(R - 1)^{k+1}} \leq 2M(R; g)q^{\lambda_0 k}. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. If $R - 1 < q^{-\lambda_0} \leq R$, then opt for $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that $R - q^m > q^{-\lambda_0}$ whenever $m \geq m_0$. Then, for $k \geq m_0$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \left| g[1; q; \dots; q^k] \right| &\leq \frac{M(R; g)R}{(R - 1)\dots(R - q^{m_0-1})(R - q^{m_0})\dots(R - q^k)} \\ &\leq \frac{M(R; g)R}{(R - 1)\dots(R - q^{m_0-1})} \cdot \frac{1}{(R - q^{m_0})^{k-m_0+1}} \\ &\leq C_{R,q,s} \frac{1}{(R - q^{m_0})^k} < Cq^{\lambda_0 k}, \quad k \geq m_0. \end{aligned}$$

As a result, $|g[1; q; \dots; q^k]| \leq Cq^{\lambda_0 k}$ for all k , possibly with a different C .

Combining the outcomes of the two cases yields $|g[1; q; \dots; q^k]| \leq Cq^{\lambda_0 k}$, and, in turn, $|g[1; q; \dots; q^k]| \leq Cq^{\lambda k}$ for all $\lambda \leq \lambda_0$. Since λ_0 has been chosen arbitrarily, it follows that the latter inequality holds for all $\lambda < (\ln R) / \ln(1/q)$ as stated. \square

4 Proofs of Main Results

Proof of Theorem 2.1 Using (1.6), one obtains

$$(D_{\infty,q}f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(q, q)_{\infty}}{(q, q)_k} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^{(k+1)j}}{(q, q)_j} \right) p_{\infty k}(q; z), \quad |z| < 1.$$

Recalling (1.5) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{\infty,q}f)(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q, q)_{\infty}}{(q, q)_k} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^{(k+1)j}}{(q, q)_j} \frac{(z, q)_{\infty} z^k}{(q, q)_k} \\ &= (q, q)_{\infty}(z, q)_{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^j}{(q, q)_j} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^j z)^k}{(q, q)_k^2} \\ &= (q, q)_{\infty}(z, q)_{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^j}{(q, q)_j} \frac{\tau(q^j z)}{(q^j z, q)_{\infty}}, \\ &= (q, q)_{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^j}{(q, q)_j} (z, q)_j \tau(q^j z), \quad |z| < 1. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.1),

$$\tau(q^j z) = \frac{1}{(q, q)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q, q)_n} (q^j z, q)_n,$$

and, hence,

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{\infty,q}f)(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^j}{(q, q)_j} (z, q)_j \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q, q)_n} (q^j z, q)_n \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j)q^j}{(q, q)_j} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q, q)_n} (z, q)_{j+n}, \quad |z| < 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

Since, for $R > 0$ and $z \in \Delta_R$, one has $|(z; q)_{j+n}| \leq (-R; q)_\infty$ for all $j, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, the series in (4.1) converges uniformly in any closed disc Δ_R . Therefore,

$$\left| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} (z; q)_{j+n} \right| \leq (-R; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} = (-R; q)_\infty (-q; q)_\infty$$

which implies that, when $z \in \Delta_R$,

$$\begin{aligned} |(D_{\infty,q} f)(z)| &\leq (-R; q)_\infty (-q; q)_\infty \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{|f(q^j)| q^j}{(q; q)_j} \\ &\leq \|f\|_{C[0,1]} (-R; q)_\infty \frac{(-q; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} \\ &=: C_{f,q} (-R; q)_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $(D_{\infty,q} f)(z)$ is analytic in any disc of radius $R > 0$. Thus, $(D_{\infty,q} f)(z)$ is entire. This completes the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.3 Starting from (1.6), one arrives at

$$A_{\infty k}(f) = (q^{k+1}; q)_\infty \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(q^j) q^{(k+1)j}}{(q; q)_j} = [(qz; q)_\infty \rho(z)] \Big|_{z=q^k} = g(q^k).$$

Therefore,

$$(D_{\infty,q} f)(z) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g(q^k) \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k}, \quad |z| < 1/q.$$

Application of Euler’s identity (1.1) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{\infty,q} f)(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{k(k-1)/2} g(q^j) z^{k+j}}{(q; q)_k (q; q)_j} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{k-j} q^{(k-j)(k-j-1)/2} g(q^j) z^k}{(q; q)_{k-j} (q; q)_j} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(k-1)/2} \left(\sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{-j} g(q^j)}{q^{j(j-1)/2} (q; q)_j q^{j(k-j)} (q; q)_{k-j}} \right) z^k, \\ &\quad |z| < \frac{1}{q}. \end{aligned}$$

Employing [12, p. 44, Eq. (3)] with $x_j = q^j$, one arrives at

$$g[1; q; \dots; q^k] = \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{-j} g(q^j)}{q^{j(j-1)/2}(q; q)_j q^{j(k-j)}(q; q)_{k-j}}.$$

Therefore, formula

$$(D_{\infty, q} f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(k-1)/2} g[1; q; \dots; q^k] z^k$$

holds for $|z| < 1/q$ and also in every disc where $D_{\infty, q} f$ possess an analytic continuation. Applying Theorem 2.1, one completes the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.4 By Theorem 2.3,

$$(D_{\infty, q} f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(k-1)/2} g[1; q; \dots; q^k] z^k, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Select $\lambda < (\ln R)/\ln(1/q)$ and take μ such that $\lambda < \mu < (\ln R)/\ln(1/q)$. Now, the growth of $D_{\infty, q} f$ may be estimated with the help of Lemma 3.2, which implies $|g[1; q; \dots; q^k]| \leq Cq^{\mu k}$. Therefore,

$$|(D_{\infty, q} f)(z)| \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k(k-1)/2} (q^{\mu} |z|)^k \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} (q^{\mu} |z|)^k,$$

and, hence,

$$M(r; D_{\infty, q} f) \leq C(-q^{\mu} r; q)_{\infty}.$$

Recall [17, Eq. (2.6)] that, for r large enough,

$$C_1 \exp \left\{ \frac{\ln^2 r}{2 \ln \frac{1}{q}} + \frac{\ln r}{2} \right\} \leq (-r; q)_{\infty} \leq C_2 \exp \left\{ \frac{\ln^2 r}{2 \ln \frac{1}{q}} + \frac{\ln r}{2} \right\}.$$

Consequently,

$$C_1 \frac{(-r; q)_{\infty}}{r^{\mu}} \leq (-q^{\mu} r; q)_{\infty} \leq C_2 \frac{(-r; q)_{\infty}}{r^{\mu}} \tag{4.2}$$

for r large enough.

As a result,

$$M(r; D_{\infty, q} f) = O \left(\frac{(-r; q)_{\infty}}{r^{\mu}} \right), \quad r \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$= o\left(\frac{(-r; q)_\infty}{r^\lambda}\right), \quad r \rightarrow \infty,$$

as stated. □

Proof of Theorem 2.8 For $\lambda > 1$, set $\alpha = q^{\lambda-1} \in (0, 1)$ and

$$s_j = \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{\alpha^k}{(q; q)_{j-k}}, \quad j \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Obviously, the sequence $\{s_j\}$ is bounded. In addition, it is increasing because, for $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$,

$$s_{j+1} - s_j = \sum_{k=0}^j \alpha^k \left(\frac{1}{(q; q)_{j+1-k}} - \frac{1}{(q; q)_{j-k}} \right) + \alpha^{j+1} > 0.$$

Consequently, $\{s_j\}$ converges. Now, let $f \in C[0, 1]$ be such that $f(q^j) = (q; q)_j s_j$. This is possible due to the fact that $\{(q; q)_j s_j\}$ is convergent as a product of two convergent sequences. For this f , one has

$$\rho(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} s_j (qz)^j.$$

Evidently, ρ is analytic in $\{z : |z| < 1/q\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^j \frac{\alpha^k}{(q; q)_{j-k}} \right) (qz)^j \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(qz)^j}{(q; q)_j} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\alpha qz)^k \\ &= \frac{1}{(qz; q)_\infty} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \alpha qz}, \quad |z| < \frac{1}{q}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $g(z) = \rho(z)(qz; q)_\infty = 1/(1 - \alpha qz)$, whence g is analytic in $\{z : |z| < 1/(\alpha q)\}$. Simple calculations reveal:

$$g^{(k)}(z) = \frac{(\alpha q)^k k!}{(1 - \alpha qz)^{k+1}}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

By the Intermediate Value Theorem,

$$g[1; q; \dots; q^k] = \frac{g^{(k)}(\xi)}{k!}, \quad \xi \in (q^k, 1).$$

Since all $g^{(k)}(x)$ are increasing on $[0, 1]$, there holds

$$g[1; q; \dots; q^k] \geq \frac{g^{(k)}(q^k)}{k!} = \frac{(\alpha q)^k}{(1 - \alpha q^{k+1})^{k+1}} \geq (\alpha q)^k, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

As a result,

$$\begin{aligned} M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k(k-1)/2} g[1; q; \dots; q^k] r^k \\ &\geq (q; q)_{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} (\alpha q r)^k \\ &= (q; q)_{\infty} (-\alpha q r; q)_{\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Writing $\alpha = q^{\lambda-1}$ and using (4.2), one obtains

$$M(r; D_{\infty,q}f) \geq Cr^{-\lambda}(-r; q)_{\infty}, \quad r \rightarrow \infty,$$

which completes the proof. □

Proof of Theorem 2.9 By Taylor’s Theorem, one can write

$$f(x) = T_m(x) + S_m(x)$$

where $T_m(x)$ is a polynomial of degree at most m and $S_m(x) = o(x^m)$ as $x \rightarrow 0^+$. Since $D_{\infty,q}$ maps a polynomial to a polynomial of the same degree (see [9, Rem. 3]), there holds

$$(D_{\infty,q}f)(z) = P_m(z) + (D_{\infty,q}S_m)(z),$$

where $P_m(z)$ is a polynomial of degree at most m and, as such,

$$M(r; P_m) = o(r^{-\lambda}(-r; q)_{\infty}), \quad r \rightarrow \infty,$$

for all $\lambda > 0$. As for $M(r; D_{\infty,q}S_m)$, it can be estimated by means of Corollary 2.6 with $\alpha = m$. □

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