

## ON THE CONVERGENCE OF $(p, q)$ -BERNSTEIN OPERATORS OF THE RATIONAL FUNCTIONS WITH POLES IN $[0, 1]$

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ABSTRACT. In the present paper, we obtain the approximation results of  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators  $B_{p,q}^n(h; x)$  to a rational function for  $q > p > 1$  and investigate convergence properties of  $B_{p,q}^n(h; x)$  for the function  $h(x) = (x - p^m q^{-m})^{-\eta}$  with  $\eta > 2$ . Here, we observe that the approximation properties for the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators are more precise in nature than the previously obtained results given in [23, 25].

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The development of  $q$ -calculus and  $(p, q)$ -calculus [4, 11, 12, 26] plays an important role in the field of approximation theory, number theory, quantum physics and other branches of physical sciences. Mursaleen et.al. were the first to apply the concept of  $(p, q)$ -calculus in approximation theory [15, 18, 19]. After that  $(p, q)$ -analogue of well known operators were studied by many authors (see [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 21]). We recall certain definitions and well known notations of  $(p, q)$ -calculus:

The  $(p, q)$ -integers  $[n]_{p,q}$  is defined as

$$[n]_{p,q} := \frac{p^n - q^n}{p - q}, \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, p > q \geq 1).$$

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The  $(p, q)$ -binomial expansion is given as

$$(x + y)_{p,q}^n := \prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (p^s x + q^s y) \quad \text{and} \quad (x, p; q)_k := \prod_{s=0}^{k-1} (p^s - q^s x).$$

It can be easily verified by induction that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (p^s + q^s x) &:= (1 + x) (p + qx) (p^2 + q^2 x) \cdots (p^{n-1} + q^{n-1} x) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^k p^{\frac{(n-r)(n-r-1)}{2}} q^{\frac{r(r-1)}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} x^r, \end{aligned}$$

and the  $(p, q)$ -binomial coefficients are defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} := \frac{[n]_{p,q}!}{[r]_{p,q}! [n-r]_{p,q}!}.$$

Let  $h \in \mathbb{C}[0, 1]$  be such that  $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $q > p > 1$ . Then the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators [18] of  $h$  are defined as:

$$B_{p,q}^n(h; x) := \sum_{k=0}^n h \left( p^{n-k} \frac{[k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,k}(p, q; x) \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where, polynomial  $p_{n,k}(p, q; x)$  is given by

$$p_{n,k}(p, q; x) = \frac{1}{p^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} p^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}} x^k \prod_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (p^s - q^s x), \quad x \in [0, 1], 0 < q < p < 1. \quad (1)$$

If we set  $p = 1$ ,  $B_{p,q}^n(h; x)$  reduces to  $q$ -Bernstein operators [24] and note that they are used only for the case  $q \neq 1$ .

The end point interpolation property of  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators is given by (see [23]).

$$B_{p,q}^n(h; 0) = h(0), \quad B_{p,q}^n(h; 1) = h(1). \quad (2)$$

The  $(p, q)$ -divided difference of Bernstein operators  $B_{p,q}^n(h; x)$  (see [20]) is defined as:

$$B_{p,q}^n(h; x) := \sum_{r=0}^n \lambda_{p,q}^n h \left[ 0, \frac{p^{n-1}[1]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}, \dots, \frac{p^{n-r}[r]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right] x^r, \quad (3)$$

where, the coefficients  $\lambda_{p,q}^n$  are given by

$$\lambda_{p,q}^n = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} \frac{[r]_{p,q}!}{[n]_{p,q}^r} p^{\frac{(n-r)(n-r-1)}{2}} q^{\frac{r(r-1)}{2}},$$

and the  $k$ -th order divided-difference of the function  $h$  with pairwise distinct nodes are given by

$$\begin{aligned} h[x_0] &= h(x_0), \quad h[x_0, x_1] = \frac{h(x_1) - h(x_0)}{x_1 - x_0}, \dots \\ \dots h[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] &= \frac{h[x_1, \dots, x_k] - h[x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}]}{[x_k - x_0]}, \\ &= \left( 1 - \frac{p^{n-1}[1]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{p^{n-2}[2]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) \dots \left( 1 - \frac{p^{n-r+1}[r-1]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and  $\lambda_{p,q}^0 = \lambda_{p,q}^1 = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda_{p,q}^r \leq 1$ ,  $r = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Let  $\mathbb{T}_{p,q}$  denote the time scale defined as

$$\mathbb{T}_{p,q} = \{0\} \cup \{p^k q^{-k}\}_{k=0}^{\infty}.$$

In our present study we mainly focus on the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators with  $q > p > 1$ . We consider the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators of the rational function  $\frac{M(x)}{N(x)}$  and it can be seen that the approximation properties for the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators are more precise in nature than the previously obtained results [8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22]. Some known results lead to the following conclusion:

- If  $\alpha = 0$ , that is  $h(x) = \frac{1}{x^\eta}$ ,  $x \neq 0$  and  $h(0) = b$  ( $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ), then, for  $q \geq 2$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h; x) = \begin{cases} h(x) & x \in \mathbb{T}_{p,q} \\ \infty & x \notin \mathbb{T}_{p,q}. \end{cases}$$

- If  $\alpha \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{T}_{p,q}$ , that is  $h(x) = \frac{1}{(x-\alpha)^\eta}$  ( $x \neq \alpha$ ) and  $f(\alpha) = b$  ( $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ), then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h; x) = h(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{T}_{p,q}.$$

## 2. STATEMENT OF MAIN RESULTS

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  with  $\eta \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $h_m : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$h_m(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(x-p^m q^{-m})^\eta} & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{p^m q^{-m}\} \\ b & x = p^m q^{-m}. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

The first result shows that for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function in (5) is uniformly approximated by its  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators on any compact set in  $(-p^{(m+\eta)} q^{-(m+\eta)}, p^{(m+\eta)} q^{-(m+\eta)})$ . The sharpness of this result is demonstrated in part (ii) of Theorem 2.1, which claims that outside of the interval, the sequence of operators  $\{B_{p,q}^n(h; x)\}$  diverges everywhere, except for a finite number of indicated points.

**Theorem 2.1.** (i). For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_m; x) = h_m(x)$  uniformly on any compact subset of  $(-p^{(m+\eta)} q^{-(m+\eta)}, p^{(m+\eta)} q^{-(m+\eta)})$ .

(ii). For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_m; x) = \infty$  with  $|x| > p^{(m+1)} q^{-(m+1)}$ ,  $x \neq p^{(m+1)} q^{-(m+1)}$ ,  $x \neq p^{(m-1)} q^{-(m-1)}$ ,  $x \neq p^{(m-2)} q^{-(m-2)}, \dots, 1$ .

Since, the function  $h_m$  given by (5) is continuous at all the nodes  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ , when  $n$  is large enough. At  $m = 0$  the function  $h_0$  has infinite discontinuity at the nodes  $x_n = \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} = 1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $h_0$  be given by (5) with  $m = 0$ . Then

(i) For all  $x \in (-1, 1]$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_0; x) = h_0(x)$$

uniformly on any compact subset of  $(-1, 1)$ .

(ii) For all  $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, \infty)$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_0; x) \rightarrow \infty.$$

Using the above result, the following phenomenon can be established:  
Let  $h(x) = \frac{1}{(x-\alpha)^\eta}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , and

$$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} |\alpha|, & \alpha \notin \{pq^{-1}, p^2q^{-2}, \dots\} \\ \frac{p^\eta \alpha}{q^\eta}, & \alpha \in \{pq^{-1}, p^2q^{-2}, \dots\}. \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Then,  $B_{p,q}^n(h_m; x) \rightarrow h_m(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly on any compact set in  $\{x : |x| < \mathcal{T}(\alpha)\}$ . Since, sequence of operators  $\{B_{p,q}^n(h; x)\}$  does not converge uniformly on any interval in  $\{x : |x| > \mathcal{T}(\alpha)\}$ . It is noticed that the set of convergence for the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators  $B_{p,q}^n(h_m; x)$  depends not only on the distance of pole from the origin but also on whether or not the pole  $\alpha$  belongs to the sequence  $\{p^l q^{-l}\}_{l=1}^\infty$ . If  $\alpha \in \{p^l q^{-l}\}_{l=1}^\infty$  then the set of convergence of  $B_{p,q}^n(h_m; x)$  also depends on the multiplicity of the pole.

Finally, let  $h(x)$  be the rational function with poles  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  having multiplicities  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_s$  respectively. Set  $\mathcal{T} = \min_{1 \leq k \leq s} \{\mathcal{T}(\alpha_k)\}$ . Then,  $h(x)$  is uniformly approximated by  $\{B_{p,q}^n(h; x)\}$  on any compact set in  $\{x : |x| < \mathcal{T}\}$ .

### 3. SOME AUXILIARY RESULTS

To prove the main theorems, we present here some technical lemmas. The first of which describe the behavior of  $B_{p,q}^n(h_m; \cdot)$  on the time scale  $\mathbb{T}_{p,q}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $h_m$  be a function defined by (5)*

(a) *If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_m; p^l q^{-l}) = \begin{cases} h_m(p^l q^{-l}) & \eta \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \setminus \{m, m+1, \dots, m+\eta\} \\ \infty & l \in \{m, m+1, \dots, m+\eta-1\} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_m; p^{(m+\eta)} q^{-(m+\eta)}) = h_m(p^{m+\eta} q^{-(m+\eta)}) + \mathcal{D}, \quad \mathcal{D} \neq 0, \eta \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

(b) *If  $m = 0$ , then the following holds*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_0; p^l q^{-l}) = h_0(p^l q^{-l}), \quad l \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},$$

that is,  $B_{p,q}^n(h_0; \cdot)$  approximates  $h_0$  on  $\mathbb{T}_{p,q}$ .

**Proof.** From (1), we see that  $p_{n,n-k}(p, q; p^l q^{-l}) = 0$ , for  $k > l$  whence

$$B_{p,q}^n(h; p^{-l} q^l) = \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{k,l\}} h \left( \frac{[n-k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,n-k}(p, q; p^l q^{-l}). \quad (7)$$

Besides

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{n,n-k}(p, q; p^n q^{-l}) = \delta_{k,l} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[n-k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} = p^k q^{-k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}. \quad (8)$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h \left( \frac{[n-k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,n-k}(p, q; p^l q^{-l}) = h_m(p^k q^{-k}) \delta_{l,k}, \text{ for all } k \neq m$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_m; p^l q^{-l}) = h_m(p^l q^{-l}) \text{ for } l < m.$$

Now consider,

$$\begin{aligned} h_m \left( \frac{[n-m]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) &= \left( \frac{[n-m]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} - \frac{1}{[q]^m} \right)^{-l} \\ &= \frac{p^{-nl} q^{ml} (p^{-n} q^n - 1)^l}{(1 - p^{-m} q^m)^l} \sim \frac{p^{-nl} q^{nl}}{(p^m q^{-m} - 1)^l}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty \\ h_m \left( \frac{[n-m]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,n-m}(q; q^{-l}) &\sim \mathcal{D} p^{-(m+l-l)n} q^{(m+l-l)n}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(l)$ . It follows that,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h \left( \frac{[n-k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,n-k}(p, q; p^l q^{-l}) = \begin{cases} \infty & m \leq l \leq m + \eta - 1, \\ \mathcal{D} \neq 0 & l = m + \eta, \\ 0 & l \geq m + \eta + 1. \end{cases}$$

As a result, for  $l > m$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_m; p^l q^{-l}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ h_m \left( \frac{[n-l]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,n-l}(p, q; p^l q^{-l}) \right\} \\ &+ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ h_m \left( \frac{[n-k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,n-l}(p, q; p^l q^{-l}) \right\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \infty, & m < l \leq m + \eta - 1, \\ h_m(p^{(m+\eta)} q^{-(m+\eta)}) + \mathcal{D} & l = m + \eta \\ h_m(p^l q^{-l}) & l \geq m + \eta + 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

with the observation

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_{p,q}^n(h_m; p^m q^{-m}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_m \left( \frac{[n-m]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,n-m}(p, q; p^m q^{-m}) = \infty.$$

This completes the proof.

(b) As we know that  $h_0$  is continuous at all points  $p^l q^{-l}, l \in \mathbb{N}$  and with the help of end-point interpolation property (2) and formula (8), the statement follows.

**Lemma 3.2.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denote  $x_k = p^{n-k} \frac{[k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  with  $0 \leq i \leq k \leq n$ , then following relation holds:

$$\prod_{0 \leq s \leq k, s \neq i} \left( \frac{1}{x_i - x_s} \right) = \frac{(-1)^{k-i} p^{-nk} q^{nk} (1 - p^n q^{-n})^k}{p^{\frac{-k(k+1)}{2} - \frac{i(i-1)}{2}} q^{\frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{i(i-1)}{2}} \left( \frac{p}{q}, \frac{p}{q} \right)_i \left( \frac{p}{q}, \frac{p}{q} \right)_{k-i}}. \quad (10)$$

**Proof.** It can be easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{0 \leq s \leq k, s \neq i} \left( \frac{1}{x_i - x_s} \right) &= \frac{[n]_{p,q}^k}{p^{n-i} [i]_{p,q} ([i]_{p,q} - p^{i-1} [1]_{p,q}) \cdots ([i]_{p,q} - p^{i-2} [2]_{p,q}) \cdots} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{([i]_{p,q} - p[i-1]_{p,q}) \cdots ([i]_{p,q} - p^{i-k} [k]_{p,q})} \\ &= \frac{p^{-k(n-i)} [n]_{p,q}}{p^{k(i-1)} (p^{-i} q^i - 1) \cdots (p^{-i} q^i - p^{-(i-1)} q^{i-1}) \cdots (p^{-i} q^i - p^{-k} q^k)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{k-i} p^{-nk} q^{nk} (1 - p^n q^{-n})^k}{p^{\frac{-k(k+1)}{2} - \frac{i(i-1)}{2}} q^{\frac{k(k+1)}{2} + \frac{i(i-1)}{2}} \left( \frac{p}{q}, \frac{p}{q} \right)_i \left( \frac{p}{q}, \frac{p}{q} \right)_{k-i}}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.1.** For integers  $0 \leq u \leq v \leq m$ , the following estimate holds:

$$\prod_{\substack{0 \leq s \leq n-m+v, \\ s \neq n-m+u}} \left( \frac{1}{x_{n-m+u} - x_s} \right) \sim \mathcal{D} p^{-n(m-u)} q^{n(m-u)}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(u, v) = \frac{(-1)^{v-u} p^{-n(m-u)} q^{n(m-u)} q^{-m^2+m(u+v) - \frac{u^2+v^2}{2} - \frac{(v-u)}{2}} (1 - p^n q^{-n})^{n-m+u}}{\left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{v-u} \left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{\infty}}.$$

**Proof.** On using  $i = n - m + u$  and  $k = n - m + v$  into (10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{\substack{0 \leq s \leq n-m+v, \\ s \neq n-m+u}} \left( \frac{1}{x_{n-m+u} - x_s} \right) &= \frac{p^{-n(m-u)} q^{n(m-u)} (-1)^{v-u} q^{-m^2+m(u+v) - \frac{(u^2+v^2)}{2} - \frac{(v-u)}{2}}}{\left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{n-m+u}} \\ &\quad \times \frac{(1 - q^{-n})^{n-m+v}}{\left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{v-u}} \\ &\sim p^{-n(m-u)} q^{n(m-u)} \frac{(-1)^{v-u} q^{-m^2+m(u+v) - \frac{(u(u-1))}{2} - \frac{v(v+1)}{2}}}{\left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{v-u}} \\ &=: \mathcal{D}(u, v) p^{-n(m-u)} q^{n(m-u)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.3.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denote  $x_k = p^{n-k} \frac{[k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Then, for  $0 \leq v \leq m$ , the following estimates holds:

$$\sum_{u=0}^v \frac{h_m(x_{n-m+u})}{\prod_{0 \leq s \leq n-m+v, s \neq n-m+u} (x_{n-m+u} - x_s)} \sim \mathcal{D} p^{-n(m+\eta)} q^{n(m+\eta)}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

where,

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(v) = \frac{(-1)^v p^{\frac{v(v+1)}{2} + mv - m^2} q^{-\frac{v(v+1)}{2} - mv + m^2}}{(q^{-m} - 1)^{\eta} (p^m - 1)^{\eta} \left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_v \left(\frac{p}{q}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{\infty}} \quad (11)$$

**Proof.** As we know that for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $h_m(x_{n-m}) \rightarrow \infty$  while  $h_m(x_{n-m+u}) \rightarrow h_m(q^{-m+u} p^{m-u}) \in \mathbb{R}$ . For  $u > 0$ , Corollary 2.5 implies that,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{h_m(x_{n-m+u})}{\prod_{0 \leq s \leq n-m+v, s \neq n-m+u} (x_{n-m+u} - x_s)} &\sim h_m(x_{n-m+u}) \mathcal{D}(u, v) p^{-n(m-u)} q^{n(m-u)} \\ &= o(h_m(x_{n-m}) p^{-nm} q^{nm}), \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{u=0}^v \frac{h_m(x_{n-m+u})}{\prod_{0 \leq s \leq n-m+v, s \neq n-m+u} (x_{n-m+u} - x_s)} \sim \frac{h_m(x_{n-m})}{\prod_{0 \leq s \leq n-m+v, s \neq n-m+u} (x_{n-m} - x_s)}. \quad (12)$$

On substituting  $u = 0$  in Corollary 2.5, we get

$$\frac{1}{\prod_{0 \leq s \leq n-m+v, s \neq n-m+u} (x_{n-m} - x_s)} \sim \mathcal{D}(0, v) p^{-nm} q^{nm}. \quad (13)$$

Finally, by using (9) and (13) into (12), we get our desired result.

**Lemma 3.4.** For  $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $k \leq n - m - 1$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a positive constant  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(\varepsilon)$ , then the following estimate holds:

$$\left| D_{k,n}^{p,q} \right| \leq \mathcal{D} p^{-k(m+\varepsilon)} q^{k(m+\varepsilon)}. \quad (14)$$

**Proof.** It is assumed that the function  $h$  is analytic in and on the contour  $\mathcal{L}$  encircling the  $k$  distinct nodes  $x_0, \dots, x_k$ , then the  $k$ -th order divided difference of the function  $h$  can be seen as:

$$h[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\tau|=\rho} \frac{h(\tau) d\tau}{(\tau - x_0)(\tau - x_1) \cdots (\tau - x_k)}.$$

For  $k \leq n - m - 1$ , the nodes  $x_s = p^{n-s} \frac{[s]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}$  and the function  $h(z) = h_m(z) = \frac{1}{z - p^m q^{-m}}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} h_m[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k] &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\tau|=\rho} \frac{h_m(\tau) d\tau}{\tau(\tau - x_1) \cdots (\tau - x_k)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\tau|=\rho} \frac{h_m(\tau) d\tau}{\tau^{k+1} \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{\tau}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_k}{\tau}\right)}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where  $\rho = p^{(m+\varepsilon)} q^{-(m+\varepsilon)}$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ . Here we choose  $\varepsilon$  in such a way that all the poles  $\alpha = p^m q^{-m}$  are outside of  $\{z : |z| = \rho\}$  and nodes  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k$  are inside the circle  $\{z : |z| = \rho\}$ . To estimate (14), let us consider

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{\tau}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_k}{\tau}\right) \right| &\geq \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{\rho}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_k}{\rho}\right) \\ &\geq \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{\rho}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-(m+1)}}{\rho}\right) \\ &\geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\rho p^{-(n-1)} q^{n-1}}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{\rho p^{-(m+1)} q^{m+1}}\right) \\ &\geq \left(\frac{p^{m+1}}{\rho q^{m+1}}; \frac{p}{q}\right) = \mathcal{D} \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

From equations (15) and (16), we get

$$|h_m[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k]| \leq \frac{M(h_m; \rho)}{\mathcal{D} \rho^k} =: \mathcal{D}(\varepsilon) p^{-(m+\varepsilon)k} q^{(m+\varepsilon)k}.$$

Since  $h_m(z) = h_m(x)$  for  $z = x \in [0, 1]$ , the statement follows from the divided difference representation (3).

**Lemma 3.5.** For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $v = 0, 1, \dots, m$  and  $x_k = p^{n-k} \frac{[k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - m + v$ , the following asymptotic relation hold good:

$$h_m[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-m+v}] \sim \mathcal{D} p^{-(m+\eta)n} q^{(m+\eta)n}, \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(v)$  is given by (11).

**Proof.** By using well-known representation for the divided difference analogue, we have

$$h_m[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-m+v}] = \sum_{r=0}^{n-m+\nu} \frac{h_m(x_r)}{(x_r - x_0) \cdots (x_r - x_{n-m+v})} =: \sum_{r=0}^{n-m-1} + \sum_{r=n-m}^{n-m+\nu}.$$

For very large  $n$ , it can be easily seen that,

$$\sum_{r=0}^{n-m-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\tau|=\rho} \frac{h_m(\tau) d\tau}{(\tau - x_0)(\tau - x_1) \cdots (\tau - x_{n-m+v})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\tau|=\rho} \frac{h(\tau)d\tau}{\tau^{n-m+v+1} \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{\tau}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m-1}}{\tau}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m}}{\tau}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m+v}}{\tau}\right)}$$

where  $\rho = p^{(m+\varepsilon)}q^{-(m+\varepsilon)}$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ . By using (15) and taking modulus of denominator, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{\tau}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m-1}}{\tau}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m}}{\tau}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m+v}}{\tau}\right) \right| \\ & \geq \left(1 - \frac{x_1}{\rho}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m-1}}{\rho}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m}}{\rho}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{x_{n-m+v}}{\rho}\right) \\ & \geq \left(\frac{p^{(m+1)}}{\rho q^{(m+1)}}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{\infty} \cdot \left(\frac{x_{n-m}}{\rho} - 1\right) \cdots \left(\frac{x_{n-m+v}}{\rho} - 1\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_{n-m} \rightarrow p^m q^{-m}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it can be seen that  $x_{n-m} > p^{(m+\varepsilon)/2} q^{-(m+\varepsilon)/2}$  for  $n$  large enough, whence for these values of  $n$ ,  $\left(\frac{x_{n-m}}{\rho} - 1\right) \geq q^{\varepsilon/2} - 1$ .

Now, for remaining factor, it can be seen that

$$\left(\frac{x_{n-m+r}}{\rho} - 1\right) > \left(\frac{x_{n-m}}{\rho} - 1\right) \geq q^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} - 1 > 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\left(\frac{x_{n-m}}{\rho} - 1\right) \cdots \left(\frac{x_{n-m+v}}{\rho} - 1\right) \geq (q^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} - 1)^{v+1} =: \mathcal{D}(\varepsilon, v) > 0.$$

Aggregating all the estimates above, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{r=0}^{n-m-1} \right| \leq \frac{M(\rho; h_m)}{\rho^{n-m} \left(\frac{p^{m+1}}{\rho q^{m+1}}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{\infty} \mathcal{D}(\varepsilon, v)} \\ & =: \mathcal{D} p^{-(m+\varepsilon)n} q^{(m+\varepsilon)n} = o\left(p^{-(m+\varepsilon)n} q^{(m+\varepsilon)n}\right), \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Also, with the help of Lemma 3.4

$$\left| \sum_{r=n-m}^{n-m+v} \right| \sim \mathcal{D} p^{-(m+\eta)n} q^{(m+\eta)n}.$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(v)$  is expressed by (11), This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.2.** For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $\mathcal{D} > 0$  independent of  $k$  and  $n$  such that the estimation

$$\left| D_{k,n}^{p,q} \right| \leq \mathcal{D} p^{-(m+\eta)n} q^{(m+\eta)n}$$

is valid for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** For  $v = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , the coefficients of  $B_{p,q}^n(h_m; x)$  satisfy the following relation

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_{n-m+v,n}^{p,q}}{D_{n-m,n}^{p,q}} = (-1)^v \begin{bmatrix} m \\ v \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} p^{\frac{(n-v)(n-v-1)}{2}} q^{\frac{v(v-1)}{2}}.$$



**Proof.** By using formula (11) and Lemma 2.10, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D_{n-m+v,n}^{p,q}}{D_{n-m,n}^{p,q}} &= \frac{(-1)^v q^{mv - \frac{v(v+1)}{2}} p^{-mv + \frac{v(v+1)}{2}} \lambda_{n-m+v,n}^{p,q}}{\left(\frac{p}{q}, \frac{p}{q}\right)_v \lambda_{n-m,n}^{p,q}}, \\ &= \frac{v q^{mv} p^{-mv} \left(1 - p^{n-m} \frac{[n-m]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}\right) \cdots \left(1 - p^{n-m+v-1} \frac{[n-m]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}\right)}{\left(\frac{p}{q}, \frac{p}{q}\right)_v}, \\ &\sim \frac{p^{-mv} q^{mv} (-1)^{m-v} (p^{-(m-v)} q^{m-v}; p^{-1} q)_v}{\left(\frac{p}{q}, \frac{p}{q}\right)_v q^{m+\cdots+m-v+1} p^{-(m+\cdots+m-v+1)}}, \\ &\rightarrow (-1)^v \begin{bmatrix} m \\ v \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} p^{\frac{(n-v)(n-v-1)}{2}} q^{\frac{v(v-1)}{2}} \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.3.** *The following relation holds good.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } g'_n(x) &=: \frac{D_{n-m,n} + \cdots + D_{n-m+\eta,n} x^\eta + \cdots + D_{n,n} x^n}{D_{n-m,n}}, \\ \text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g'_n(x) &= (x; p, q)_m. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

**Proof.** The statement follows from Rothe's Identity

$$(x; p, q)_m = \sum_{v=0}^m (-1)^v \begin{bmatrix} m \\ v \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} p^{\frac{(n-v)(n-v-1)}{2}} q^{\frac{v(v-1)}{2}}.$$

#### 4. PROOF OF THE THEOREMS

In this section we prove some results related to approximation of analytic function of sequence of  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators by using  $(p, q)$ -analogue of divided differences on compact disk  $\{z : |z| \leq \rho\}$  in the complex plane. Concerning the simultaneous approximation, we prove the following:

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** (i) Let us consider the complex  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators as:

$$B_{p,q}^n(h; z) = \sum_{k=0}^n h \left( p^{n-k} \frac{[k]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}} \right) p_{n,k}(p, q; z), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, z \in \mathbb{D} \quad (20)$$

and the function  $h_m(z) = \frac{1}{(z - p^m q^{-m})^\eta}$  analytic in  $z \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{p^m q^{-m}\}$ . As  $\rho \in (0, p^{(m+\eta)} q^{-(m+\eta)})$  with  $|z| \leq \rho$ , and by using Corollary 2.9, we seen that

$$|B_{p,q}^n(h_m; z)| \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \left| D_{k,n}^{p,q} \rho^k \right| \leq \mathcal{D}_{p,q,m} \sum_{k=0}^n \left( p^{-(m+1)} q^{(m+1)} \rho \right)^k \leq \mathcal{D}_{p,q,m} \frac{1}{(1 - p^{-(m+1)} q^{(m+1)} \rho)}.$$

Therefore, the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators  $\{B_{p,q}^n(h_m, z)\}$  are uniformly bounded in  $\{z : |z| \leq \rho\}$ . Also by Lemma 2.3, they converge to the sequence  $\{p^l q^{-l}\}_{l=\eta+1}^\infty$  which has a limit point 0 to the function  $h_m(z)$  analytic in this disk. Now, by using Vitali's Convergence Theorem,  $B_{p,q}^n(h_m; z) \rightarrow h_m(z)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  uniformly on any compact set in  $\{z : |z| \leq \rho\}$ . This completes the proof.

(ii) Here we discuss for 'particular' points  $p^{(m-1)} q^{-(m-1)}, p^{(m-2)} q^{-(m-2)}, \dots, 1$  which can be analyzed in Lemma 2.3 (i). Let  $|x| > p^{(m-1)} q^{-(m-1)}$  be different from these values. By Lemma 2.7 one obtains:

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-m-1} \mathcal{D}_{k,n}^{p,q} x^k \right| \leq D_{m,p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{n-m-1} p^{-m(k+\varepsilon)} q^{m(k+\varepsilon)} x^k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \mathcal{D}_{m,p,q} \frac{(p^{-(m+\varepsilon)}q^{(m+\varepsilon)}x)^{n-m} - 1}{p^{-(m+\varepsilon)}q^{(m+\varepsilon)}x - 1} \\
 &= o\left((p^{-(m+1)}q^{(m+1)}x)^n\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{p,q}^n(h_m; x) &= \sum_{k=n-m}^n D_{k,n}^{p,q} x^k + o\left((p^{-(m+1)}q^{(m+1)}x)^n\right) \\
 &= D_{n-m}^{p,q} x^{n-m} g_n(x) + o\left((p^{-(m+1)}q^{(m+1)}x)^n\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

To calculate the coefficients  $D_{n-m,n}^{p,q}$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_{n-m,n}^{p,q} &= (1-x_0)(1-x_1)\cdots(1-x_{n-m-1}) \\
 &\geq (1-p^{(m+1)q^{-(m+1)}})\cdots(1-p^{(n-1)q^{-(n-1)}}) \\
 &\geq \left(\frac{p^{(m+1)}}{q^{(m+1)}}; \frac{p}{q}\right)_{\infty} > 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Therefore  $|D_{n-m}^{p,q}| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  whenever  $|x| > p^{(m+1)q^{-(m+1)}}$ . Since by (15)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) = (x; p, q)_{\infty} \neq 0$ , when  $x \notin \{p^{(m+1)q^{-(m+1)}}, \dots, 1\}$ . This completes the proof. The next lemma asserts about estimation of coefficient of  $B_{p,q}^n$ , which is used in the proof of Theorem 2.2.

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $B_{p,q}^n(h; x) = \sum_{k=0}^n D_{k,n}^{p,q} x^k$ , and  $h_0$  is defined by (5) with  $m = 0$ , then we have the following results:*

- (i)  $0 < \mathcal{D}_1(k+1)^{\eta-1} \leq |D_{k,n}^{p,q}| \leq \mathcal{D}_2(k+1)^{\eta-1}$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .
- (ii)  $0 < \mathcal{D}_1 n^{\eta} \leq |D_{n,n}^{p,q}| \leq \mathcal{D}_2 n^{\eta}$  for  $n$  large enough.
- (iii)  $|D_{k,n}^{p,q}| \leq |D_{k+1,n}^{p,q}|$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-2$ .

**Proof.** (i) For  $0 \leq k \leq n-1$  and  $x_s = p^{n-s} \frac{[s]_{p,q}}{[n]_{p,q}}, s = 0, 1, \dots, k, \lambda_{k,n}^{p,q} = \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (1-x_l)$  and by using (3), and also with the help of residue theorem with  $\rho \in (\frac{p}{q}; 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{k,n}^{p,q} &= \frac{\lambda_{k,n}^{p,q}}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\tau|=\rho} \frac{h_0(\tau) d\tau}{(\tau-x_0)(\tau-x_1)\cdots(\tau-x_k)} \\
 &= -\lambda_{k,n}^{p,q} \operatorname{Res}_{|z|=1} \left[ \frac{h_0(z) dz}{z(z-x_1)\cdots(z-x_k)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{-\lambda_{k,n}^{p,q}}{(\eta-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{1}{z(z-x_1)\cdots(z-x_k)} \right]^{(\eta-1)} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{\eta}}{(\eta-1)!} \sum_{s_0+\dots+s_k=\eta-1} \binom{\eta-1}{s_0, \dots, s_k} \frac{1}{(1-x_0)^{s_0} \cdots (1-x_{k-1})^{s_{k-1}} (1-x_k)^{1+s_k}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Therefore, we have

$$|D_{k,n}^{p,q}| \geq \frac{1}{(\eta-1)!} (k+1)^{\eta}.$$

Now,

$$|D_{k,n}^{p,q}| \leq \frac{1}{(\eta-1)!} \sum_{s_0+\dots+s_k=\eta-1} \binom{\eta-1}{s_0, \dots, s_k} \frac{1}{(1-x_{n-1})^{\eta}} \leq \frac{1}{(\eta-1)!} \left(\frac{q}{q-p}\right)^{\eta} (k+1)^{\eta}.$$

(ii). To calculate the coefficients  $D_{n,n}^{p,q}$ , we use end-point interpolation property (2), such that

$$B_{p,q}^n(h_0; 1) = \sum_{k=0}^n D_{k,n}^{p,q} = h_0(1) = b$$

whence  $D_{n,n}^{p,q} = b - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_{k,n}^{p,q}$  and, since all  $D_{k,n}^{p,q}, k = 0, 1 \dots n-1$  are of the same sign, we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_{n,n}^{p,q} &\geq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |D_{k,n}^{p,q}| - |b| \geq \frac{1}{(\eta-1)!} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)^{\eta-1} - |b| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{(\eta-1)!} \int_0^n x^{\eta-1} dx = \frac{n^\eta}{\eta!} - |b| \geq \mathcal{D}_1 n^\eta > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for vary large value of  $n$ . Now we have,

$$|D_{n,n}^{p,q}| \leq |b| + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |D_{k,n}^{p,q}| \leq |b| \mathcal{D} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (k+1)^{\eta-1} \leq |b| + n \cdot (n)^{\eta-1} \leq \mathcal{D}_2 n^\eta.$$

(iii) By using (22), it can be easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta-1)! |D_{k+1,n}^{p,q}| &= \sum_{s_0+\dots+s_k=\eta-1} \binom{\eta-1}{s_0, \dots, s_k} \frac{1}{(1-x_0)^{s_0} \dots (1-x_{k-1})^{s_{k-1}} (1-x_k)^{1+s_k}} \\ &= \sum_{s_{k+1}=0} + \sum_{s_{k+1} \neq 0} \geq \sum_{s_{k+1}=0} \\ &= \sum_{s_0+\dots+s_k=\eta-1} \binom{\eta-1}{s_0, \dots, s_k} \frac{1}{(1-x_0)^{s_0} \dots (1-x_{k-1})^{s_{k-1}} (1-x_k)^{s_k} (1-x_{k+1})} \\ &= \sum_{s_0+\dots+s_k=\eta-1} \binom{\eta-1}{s_0, \dots, +s_k} \frac{1}{(1-x_0)^{s_0} \dots (1-x_{k-1})^{s_{k-1}} (1-x_k)^{1+s_k}} \cdot \frac{1-x_k}{1-x_{k+1}} \\ &\geq \sum_{s_0+\dots+s_k=\eta-1} \binom{\eta-1}{s_0, \dots, s_k} \frac{1}{(1-x_0)^{s_0} \dots (1-x_{k-1})^{s_{k-1}} (1-x_k)^{1+s_k}} \\ &= (\eta-1)! |D_{k,n}^{p,q}|, \quad \text{as } \frac{1-x_k}{1-x_{k+1}} > 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 2.2.** (i) We know that  $B_{p,q}^n(h_0; 1) = h_0(1)$ . Let us consider the complex  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators (20). As for any  $\rho \in (0, 1)$  and  $|z| \leq \rho$ , using Lemma 3.1 (i), we obtain

$$|B_{p,q}^n(h_0; z)| = \left| \sum_{k=0}^n D_{k,n}^{p,q} z^k \right| \leq \mathcal{D} \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1)^\eta \rho^k =: \mathcal{D} < \infty.$$

Therefore, the sequence of operators  $\{B_{p,q}^n(h; z)\}$  is uniformly bounded in any disk  $\{z : |z| \leq \rho\}$ . Again using Lemma 3.1 (ii) and with the help of Vitali's Convergence Theorem, we get the required result.

(ii). For  $|x| \geq 1$  and using Abel's inequality, we have

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_{k,n}^{p,q} x^k \right| \leq \frac{|x|^n - 1}{|x| - 1} (D_{0,n}^{p,q} + 2D_{n-1,n}^{p,q}) \leq \mathcal{D} n^{\eta-1} |x|^n, \quad \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(x).$$

Also,  $|D_{n,n}^{p,q}| \geq \mathcal{D} n^\eta |x|^n$  by Lemma 3.1 (ii). Therefore

$$|B_{p,q}^n(h_0; x)| \geq \mathcal{D} (n^\eta - n^{\eta-1}) |x|^n \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For  $x = -1$ , we have

$$B_{p,q}^n(h_0; -1) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_{k,n}^{p,q}(-1)^k + D_{n,n}^{p,q}(-1)^n.$$

Again applying Abel's inequality, we obtain

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_{k,n}^{p,q}(-1)^k \right| \leq \left| D_{0,n}^{p,q} \right| + 2 \left| D_{n-1,n}^{p,q} \right| \leq \mathcal{D}n^{\eta-1}.$$

Moreover,  $|D_{n,n}^{p,q}| \geq \mathcal{D}n^j$  lead to  $|B_{p,q}^n(h_0; -1)| \geq \mathcal{D}(n^\eta - n^{\eta-1}) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have studied the approximation results of  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators  $B_{p,q}^n(h; x)$  to a rational function for  $q > p > 1$  and investigated convergence properties of  $B_{p,q}^n(h; x)$  for the function  $h(x) = (x - p^m q^{-m})^{-\eta}$  with  $\eta > 2$ . We observed that the approximation properties for the  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein operators are more precise in nature than the previously obtained results for  $q$ -Bernstein operators.

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