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# Approximation properties of complex $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators in compact disks

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## Abstract

This paper deals with approximating properties and convergence results of the complex  $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators attached to analytic functions on compact disks. The order of convergence and the Voronovskaja-type theorem with quantitative estimate of these operators and the exact degree of their approximation are given. Our study extends the approximation properties of the complex  $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators from real intervals to compact disks in the complex plane with quantitative estimate.

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## 1 Introduction

In the recent years, applications of  $q$ -calculus in the area of approximation theory and number theory have been an active area of research. Details on  $q$ -calculus can be found in [1–3]. Several researchers have purposed the  $q$ -analogue of Stancu, Kantorovich and Durrmeyer type operators. Gal [4] studied some approximation properties of the complex  $q$ -Bernstein polynomials attached to analytic functions on compact disks.

Also very recently, some authors [5–7] have studied the approximation properties of some complex operators on complex disks. Balázs [8] defined the Bernstein-type rational functions and gave some convergence theorems for them. In [9], Balázs and Szabados obtained an estimate that had several advantages with respect to that given in [8]. These estimates were obtained by the usual modulus of continuity. The  $q$ -form of these operator was given by Dođru. He investigated statistical approximation properties of  $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators [10].

The rational complex Balázs-Szabados operators were defined by Gal [4] as follows:

$$R_n(f; z) = \frac{1}{(1 + a_n z)^n} \sum_{j=0}^n f\left(\frac{j}{b_n}\right) \binom{n}{j} (a_n z)^j,$$

where  $D_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$  with  $R > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a function,  $a_n = n^{\beta-1}$ ,  $b_n = n^\beta$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $z \neq -\frac{1}{a_n}$ .

He obtained the uniform convergence of  $R_n(f; z)$  to  $f(z)$  on compact disks and proved the upper estimate in approximation of these operators. Also, he obtained the Voronovskaja-type result and the exact degree of its approximation.

The goal of this paper is to obtain convergence results for the complex  $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators given by

$$R_n(f; q, z) = \frac{1}{\prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (1 + q^s a_n z)} \sum_{j=0}^n q^{j(j-1)/2} f\left(\frac{[j]_q}{b_n}\right) \begin{bmatrix} n \\ j \end{bmatrix}_q (a_n z)^j,$$

where  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is uniformly continuous and bounded on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $a_n = [n]_q^{\beta-1}$ ,  $b_n = [n]_q^\beta$ ,  $q \in (0, 1)$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $z \neq -\frac{1}{q^s a_n}$  for  $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

These operators are obtained simply replacing  $x$  by  $z$  in the real form of the  $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators introduced in Dođru [10].

The complex  $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators  $R_n(f; q, z)$  are well defined, linear, and these operators are analytic for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $|z| \leq r < [n_0]_q^{1-\beta}$  since  $|\frac{1}{a_n}| \leq |\frac{1}{q a_n}| \leq \dots \leq |\frac{1}{q^{n-1} a_n}|$ .

In this paper, we obtain the following results:

- the order of convergence for the operators  $R_n(f; q, z)$ ,
- the Voronovskaja-type theorem with quantitative estimate,
- the exact degree of the approximation for the operators  $R_n(f; q, z)$ .

Throughout the paper, we denote with  $\|f\|_r = \max\{|f(z)| \in \mathbb{R} : z \in \bar{D}_r\}$  the norm of  $f$  in the space of continuous functions on  $\bar{D}_r$  and with  $\|f\|_{B[0, \infty)} = \sup\{|f(x)| \in \mathbb{R} : x \in [0, \infty)\}$  the norm of  $f$  in the space of bounded functions on  $[0, \infty)$ .

Also, the many results in this study are obtained under the condition that  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic in  $D_R$  for  $r < R$ , which assures the representation  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$  for all  $z \in D_R$ .

## 2 Convergence results

The following lemmas will help in the proof of convergence results.

**Lemma 1** *Let  $n_0 \geq 2$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < r < R \leq \frac{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta}}{2}$ . Let us define  $\alpha_{k,n,q}(z) = R_n(e_k; q, z)$  for all  $z \in \bar{D}_r$ , where  $e_k(z) = z^k$ . If  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is uniformly continuous, bounded on  $[0, \infty)$  and analytic in  $D_R$ , then we have the form*

$$R_n(f; q, z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \alpha_{k,n,q}(z)$$

for all  $z \in \bar{D}_r$ .

*Proof* For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$f_m(z) = \sum_{k=0}^m c_k e_k(z) \quad \text{if } |z| \leq r \quad \text{and} \quad f_m(z) = f(z) \quad \text{if } z \in (r, \infty).$$

From the hypothesis on  $f$ , it is clear that each  $f_m$  is bounded on  $[0, \infty)$ , that is, there exist  $M(f_m) > 0$  with  $|f_m(z)| \leq M(f_m)$ , which implies that

$$|R_n(f_m; q, z)| \leq \frac{1}{|\prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (1 + q^s a_n z)|} \sum_{j=0}^n q^{j(j-1)/2} M(f_m) \begin{bmatrix} n \\ j \end{bmatrix}_q (a_n |z|)^j < \infty,$$

that is all  $R_n(f_m; q, z)$  with  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $r < \frac{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta}}{2}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  are well defined for all  $z \in \bar{D}_r$ .

Defining

$$f_{m,k}(z) = c_k e_k(z) \quad \text{if } |z| \leq r \quad \text{and} \quad f_{m,k}(z) = \frac{f(z)}{m+1} \quad \text{if } z \in (r, \infty),$$

it is clear that each  $f_{m,k}$  is bounded on  $[0, \infty)$  and that  $f_m(z) = \sum_{k=0}^m f_{m,k}(z)$ .

From the linearity of  $R_n(f; q, z)$ , we have

$$R_n(f_m; q, z) = \sum_{k=0}^m c_k \alpha_{k,n,q}(z) \quad \text{for all } |z| \leq r.$$

It suffices to prove that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} R_n(f_m; q, z) = R_n(f; q, z)$$

for any fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq n_0$  and  $|z| \leq r$ .

We have the following inequality for all  $|z| \leq r$ :

$$|R_n(f_m; q, z) - R_n(f; q, z)| \leq M_{r,n,q} \|f_m - f\|_r, \tag{1}$$

where  $M_{r,n,q} = \prod_{s=0}^{n-1} \frac{(1+q^s a_n r)}{(1-q^s a_n r)}$ .

Using (1),  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|f_m - f\|_r = 0$  and  $\|f_m - f\|_{B[0,\infty)} \leq \|f_m - f\|_r$ , the proof of the lemma is finished.  $\square$

**Lemma 2** *If we denote  $(\beta + z)_q^n = \prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (\beta + q^s z)$ , then the following formula holds:*

$$D_q \left[ \frac{1}{(\beta + z)_q^n} \right] = - \frac{[n]_q}{(\beta + z)_q^{n+1}},$$

where  $\beta$  is a fixed real number and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof* We can write  $(\beta + z)_q^n$  as follows:

$$(\beta + z)_q^n = q^{n(n-1)/2} (z + q^{-n+1} \beta)_q^n. \tag{2}$$

In [3] (see p.10, Proposition 3.3), we already have the following formula:

$$D_q [(\beta + z)_q^n] = [n]_q (\beta + z)_q^{n-1}. \tag{3}$$

Using (2) and (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_q [(\beta + z)_q^n] &= q^{n(n-1)/2} [n]_q (z + q^{-n+1} \beta)_q^{n-1} \\ &= [n]_q q^{n-1} q^{(n-1)(n-2)/2} (z + q^{-n+2} (q^{-1} \beta))_q^{n-1} \\ &= [n]_q q^{n-1} (q^{-1} \beta + z)_q^{n-1} \\ &= [n]_q (\beta + qz)_q^{n-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

From (4), we obtain the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 3** We have the following recurrence formula for the complex  $q$ -Balázs-Szabados operators  $R_n(f; q, z)$ :

$$\alpha_{k+1,n,q}(z) = \frac{(1 + q^n a_n z)z}{(1 + a_n z)b_n} D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)] + \frac{z}{1 + a_n z} \alpha_{k,n,q}(z),$$

where  $\alpha_{k,n,q}(z) = R_n(e_k; q, z)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

*Proof* Firstly, we calculate  $D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)]$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)] \\ &= D_q \left[ \frac{1}{\prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (1 + q^s a_n z)} \right] \sum_{j=0}^n q^{j(j-1)/2} \left( \frac{[j]_q}{b_n} \right)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ j \end{bmatrix}_q (a_n z)^j \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (1 + q^{s+1} a_n z)} \sum_{j=0}^n q^{j(j-1)/2} \left( \frac{[j]_q}{b_n} \right)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ j \end{bmatrix}_q (a_n)^j D_q[z^j]. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Considering Lemma 2 and using  $D_q[z^j] = [j]_q z^{j-1}$  in (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)] &= -\frac{b_n}{1 + q^n a_n z} \frac{1}{\prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (1 + q^s a_n z)} \alpha_{k,n,q}(z) \\ & \quad + \frac{b_n(1 + a_n z)}{z(1 + q^n a_n z)} \alpha_{k+1,n,q}(z). \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

From (6), the proof of the lemma is finished. □

**Corollary 1** ([11], p.143, Corollary 1.10.4) Let  $f(z) = \frac{p_k(z)}{\prod_{j=1}^k (z - a_j)}$ , where  $p_k(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq k$ , and we suppose that  $|a_j| \geq R > 1$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . If  $1 \leq r < R$ , then for all  $|z| \leq r$  we have

$$|f'(z)| \leq \frac{R+r}{R-r} \cdot \frac{k}{r} \|f\|_r.$$

Under hypothesis of the corollary above, by the mean value theorem [12] in complex analysis, we have

$$|D_q[f(z)]| \leq \frac{R+r}{R-r} \cdot \frac{k}{r} \|f\|_r. \tag{7}$$

**Lemma 4** Let  $n_0 \geq 2$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < r < R \leq \frac{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta}}{2}$ . For all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $|z| \leq r$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we have

$$|\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)| \leq k!(20r)^k.$$

*Proof* Taking the absolute value of the recurrence formula in Lemma 3 and using the triangle inequality, we get

$$|\alpha_{k+1,n,q}(z)| \leq \frac{(1 + q^n a_n |z|)|z|}{|1 - a_n |z||b_n} |D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)]| + \frac{|z|}{|1 - a_n |z||} |\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)|. \tag{8}$$

In order to get an upper estimate for  $|D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)]|$ , by using (7), we obtain

$$|D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)]| \leq \frac{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta} + r}{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta} - r} \cdot \frac{k}{r} \|\alpha_{k,n,q}\|_r.$$

Under the condition  $r < \frac{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta}}{2}$ , it holds  $\frac{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta} + r}{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta} - r} < 3$ , which implies

$$|D_q[\alpha_{k,n,q}(z)]| \leq \frac{3k}{r} \|\alpha_{k,n,q}\|_r. \tag{9}$$

Applying (9) to (8) and passing to norm, we get

$$\|\alpha_{k+1,n,q}\|_r \leq \frac{(1 + q^n a_n r) 3k}{(1 - a_n r) b_n} \|\alpha_{k,n,q}\|_r + \frac{r}{1 - a_n r} \|\alpha_{k,n,q}\|_r.$$

From the hypothesis of the lemma, we have  $\frac{1}{1 - a_n r} < 2$ ,  $1 + q^n a_n r < \frac{3}{2}$ , and  $\frac{1}{b_n} < 1$ , which implies

$$\|\alpha_{k+1,n,q}\|_r \leq 20r(k + 1) \|\alpha_{k,n,q}\|_r.$$

Taking step by step  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we obtain

$$\|\alpha_{k+1,n,q}\|_r \leq (20r)^{k+1} (k + 1)!.$$

Using  $|\alpha_{k+1,n,q}| \leq \|\alpha_{k+1,n,q}\|_r$  and replacing  $k + 1$  with  $k$ , the proof of the lemma is finished.  $\square$

Let  $q = \{q_n\}$  be a sequence satisfying the following conditions:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n^n = c \quad (0 \leq c < 1). \tag{10}$$

Now we are in a position to prove the following convergence result.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $\{q_n\}$  be a sequence satisfying the conditions (10) with  $q_n \in (0, 1]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $n_0 \geq 2$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < r < R \leq \frac{[n_0]_{q_n}^{1-\beta}}{2}$ . If  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is uniformly continuous, bounded on  $[0, \infty)$  and analytic in  $D_R$  and there exist  $M > 0$ ,  $0 < A < \frac{1}{20r}$  with  $|c_k| \leq M \frac{A^k}{k!}$  (which implies  $|f(z)| \leq Me^{A|z|}$  for all  $z \in D_R$ ), then the sequence  $\{R_n(f; q_n, z)\}_{n \geq n_0}$  is uniformly convergent to  $f$  in  $\bar{D}_r$ .*

*Proof* From Lemma 2 and Lemma 6, for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $|z| \leq r$ , we have

$$|R_n(f; q_n, z)| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k| |\alpha_{k,n,q_n}(z)| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M \frac{A^k}{k!} k! (20r)^k = M \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (20Ar)^k,$$

where the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (20Ar)^k$  is convergent for  $0 < A < \frac{1}{20r}$ .

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n(f; q_n, x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, r]$  (see [10]), by Vitali's theorem (see [13], p.112, Theorem 3.2.10), it follows that  $\{R_n(f; q_n, z)\}$  uniformly converges to  $f(z)$  in  $\bar{D}_r$ .  $\square$

We can give the following upper estimate in the approximation of  $R_n(f; q_n, z)$ .

**Theorem 2** Let  $\{q_n\}$  be a sequence satisfying the conditions (10) with  $q_n \in (0, 1]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $n_0 \geq 2$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < r < R \leq \frac{[n_0]_{q_n}^{1-\beta}}{2}$ . If  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is uniformly continuous, bounded on  $[0, \infty)$  and analytic in  $D_R$  and there exist  $M > 0$ ,  $0 < A < \frac{1}{20r}$  with  $|c_k| \leq M \frac{A^k}{k!}$  (which implies  $|f(z)| \leq Me^{A|z|}$  for all  $z \in D_R$ ), then the following upper estimate holds:

$$|R_n(f; q_n, z) - f(z)| \leq C_r^1(f) \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right),$$

where  $C_r^1(f) = \max\{9MA \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)(20Ar)^{k-1}, 2r^2MAe^{2Ar}\}$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)(20Ar)^{k-1} < \infty$ .

*Proof* Using the recurrence formula in Lemma 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_{k+1, n, q_n}(z) - z^{k+1}| &\leq \frac{(1 + q_n^n a_n |z|)|z|}{|1 - a_n |z||b_n} |D_{q_n}[\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z) - z^k]| \\ &\quad + \frac{|z|}{|1 - a_n |z||} |\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z) - z^k| + \frac{1}{b_n} \frac{(1 + q_n^n a_n |z|)}{|1 - a_n |z||} [k]_{q_n} |z|^k \\ &\quad + \frac{a_n}{|1 - a_n |z||} |z|^{k+2}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $|z| \leq r$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha_{k+1, n, q_n}(z) - z^{k+1}| &\leq \frac{(1 + q_n^n a_n r)r}{(1 - a_n r)b_n} |D_{q_n}[\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z)]| + \frac{r}{1 - a_n r} |\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z) - z^k| \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{b_n} \frac{(1 + q_n^n a_n r)}{(1 - a_n r)} [k]_{q_n} r^k + \frac{a_n}{1 - a_n r} r^{k+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (9),  $\frac{1}{1 - a_n r} < 2$ , and  $1 + q_n^n a_n r < \frac{3}{2}$ , we obtain

$$|\alpha_{k+1, n, q_n}(z) - z^{k+1}| \leq \frac{9k \cdot k!}{b_n} (20r)^k + 2r |\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z) - z^k| + \frac{6}{b_n} [k]_{q_n} r^k + 2a_n r^{k+2}.$$

Since  $6[k]_{q_n} r^k \leq 9k \cdot k!(20r)^k$  for all  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , we can write

$$|\alpha_{k+1, n, q_n}(z) - z^{k+1}| \leq \frac{18k \cdot k!}{b_n} (20r)^k + 2r |\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z) - z^k| + 2a_n r^{k+2}.$$

Taking  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  step by step, finally we arrive at

$$|\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z) - z^k| \leq \frac{9}{b_n} (k-1)k!(20r)^{k-1} + 2a_n r^2 k(2r)^{k-1}, \tag{11}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} |R_n(f; q_n, z) - f(z)| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k| |\alpha_{k, n, q_n}(z) - z^k| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M \frac{A^k}{k!} \left\{ \frac{9}{b_n} (k-1)k!(20r)^{k-1} + 2a_n r^2 k(2r)^{k-1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{9MA}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)(20Ar)^{k-1} + 2a_n r^2 MA \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(20Ar)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\
 &= \frac{9MA}{b_n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)(20Ar)^{k-1} + 2a_n r^2 MA e^{2Ar}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $C_r^1(f) = \max\{9MA \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)(20Ar)^{k-1}, 2r^2 MA e^{2Ar}\}$ , we obtain the desired result.

Here the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (20Ar)^k$  is convergent for  $0 < A < \frac{1}{20r}$  and the series is absolutely convergent in  $\bar{D}_r$ , it easily follows that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)(20Ar)^{k-1} < \infty$ .  $\square$

The following lemmas will help in the proof of the next theorem.

**Lemma 5** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$R_n(e_0; q, z) = 1, \tag{12}$$

$$R_n(e_1; q, z) = \frac{z}{1 + a_n z}, \tag{13}$$

$$R_n(e_2; q, z) = \frac{(1 - \frac{a_n}{b_n})qz^2}{(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n qz)} + \frac{z}{b_n(1 + a_n z)}, \tag{14}$$

where  $e_k(z) = z^k$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .

*Proof* (12) and (13) are obtained simply replacing  $x$  by  $z$  in Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 3.2 in [10]. Also, using  $[n]_q = 1 + q[n-1]_q$  and  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{1}{[n]_q}$  and replacing  $x$  by  $z$  in Lemma 3.3 in [10], (14) is obtained.  $\square$

**Lemma 6** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following equalities for the operators  $R_n(f; q, z)$  hold:

$$\psi_{n,q}^1(z) = \frac{-a_n z^2}{1 + a_n z}, \tag{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_{n,q}^2(z) &= \frac{z}{b_n(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n qz)} - \frac{(1-q)z^2}{(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n qz)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{a_n(1-q)z^3}{(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n qz)} + \frac{a_n^2 qz^4}{(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n qz)},
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

where  $\psi_{n,q}^i(z) = R_n((t - e_1)^i; q, z)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

*Proof* From Lemma 5, the proof can be easily got, so we omit it.  $\square$

Now, we present a quantitative Voronovskaja-type formula.

Let us define

$$A_{k,n,q_n}(z) = R_n(f; q_n, z) - f(z) - \psi_{n,q}^1(z)f'(z) - \frac{1}{2}\psi_{n,q}^2(z)f''(z). \tag{17}$$

**Theorem 3** Let  $\{q_n\}$  be a sequence satisfying the conditions (10) with  $q_n \in (0, 1]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_0 \geq 2$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < r < R \leq \frac{[n_0]_{q_n}^{1-\beta}}{2}$ . If  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is uniformly continuous,

bounded on  $[0, \infty)$  and analytic in  $D_R$  and there exist  $M > 0$ ,  $0 < A < \frac{1}{20r}$  with  $|c_k| \leq M \frac{A^k}{k!}$  (which implies  $|f(z)| \leq Me^{A|z|}$  for all  $z \in D_R$ ), then for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $|z| \leq r$ , we have

$$|A_{k,n,q_n}(z)| \leq C_r^2(f) \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right)^2,$$

where  $C_r^2(f) = C_* M r^3 \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-2)(k-1)k(k+1)(20rA)^{k-3} < \infty$  and  $C_*$  is a fixed real number.

*Proof* From Lemma 1 and the analyticity of  $f$ , we can write

$$|A_{k,n,q_n}(z)| \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |c_k| |E_{k,n,q_n}(z)|, \tag{18}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E_{k,n,q_n}(z) = & \alpha_{k,n,q_n}(z) - z^k + \frac{a_n k z^{k+1}}{1 + a_n z} - \frac{(k-1)kz^{k-1}}{2b_n(1+a_n z)(1+a_n q_n z)} \\ & + \frac{(1-q_n)(k-1)kz^k}{2(1+a_n z)(1+a_n q_n z)} + \frac{a_n(1-q_n)(k-1)kz^{k+1}}{2(1+a_n z)(1+a_n q_n z)} \\ & - \frac{a_n^2 q_n (k-1)kz^{k+2}}{2(1+a_n z)(1+a_n q_n z)}. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Using Lemma 5, we easily obtain that  $E_{0,n,q}(z) = E_{1,n,q}(z) = E_{2,n,q}(z) = 0$ .

Combining (19) with the recurrence formula in Lemma 3, a simple calculation leads us to the following recurrence formula:

$$E_{k+1,n,q_n}(z) = \frac{(1 + q_n^n a_n z)z}{b_n(1 + a_n z)} D_{q_n} [E_{k,n,q_n}(z)] + \frac{z}{1 + a_n z} E_{k,n,q_n}(z) + F_{k,n,q_n}(z), \tag{20}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F_{k,n,q_n}(z) = & -\frac{(k - [k]_{q_n})z^k}{b_n(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} + \frac{a_n^2 k z^{k+3}}{(1 + a_n z)^2} - \frac{(1 - q_n)kz^{k+1}}{(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\ & + \frac{a_n(1 - q_n)kz^{k+2}}{(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} - \frac{a_n^2 q_n k z^{k+3}}{(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\ & - \frac{a_n k(k+1)z^{k+1}}{2b_n(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} + \frac{a_n(1 - q_n)k(k+1)z^{k+2}}{2(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\ & + \frac{a_n^2(1 - q_n)k(k+1)z^{k+3}}{2(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} - \frac{a_n^3 q_n k(k+1)z^{k+4}}{2(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\ & - \frac{a_n(1 + q_n^n a_n z)((k-1)[k+1]_{q_n} - q_n[k-1]_{q_n})z^{k+1}}{b_n(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\ & - \frac{a_n^2(1 + q_n^n a_n z)(k-1)q_n[k]_{q_n}z^{k+2}}{b_n(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} + \frac{a_n q_n^n [k]_{q_n}z^{k+1}}{b_n(1 + a_n z)^2(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\ & - \frac{(1 + q_n^n a_n z)[k-1]_{q_n}(k-1)kz^{k-1}}{2b_n^2(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n q_n z)(1 + a_n q_n^2 z)} \\ & + \frac{(1 - q_n)(1 + q_n^n a_n z)[k]_{q_n}(k-1)kz^k}{2b_n(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n q_n z)(1 + a_n q_n^2 z)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{a_n(1-q_n)(1+q_n^n a_n z)[k+1]_{q_n}(k-1)kz^{k+1}}{2b_n(1+a_n z)(1+a_n q_n z)(1+a_n q_n^2 z)} \\
 & - \frac{a_n^2 q_n(1+q_n^n a_n z)[k+2]_{q_n}(k-1)kz^{k+2}}{2b_n(1+a_n z)(1+a_n q_n z)(1+a_n q_n^2 z)} \\
 & + \frac{a_n(1+q_n^n a_n z)(1+q_n)(k-1)kz^k}{2b_n^2(1+a_n z)^2(1+a_n q_n z)(1+a_n q_n^2 z)} \\
 & - \frac{a_n(1-q_n)(1+q_n)(1+q_n^n a_n z)(k-1)kz^{k+1}}{2b_n(1+a_n z)^2(1+a_n q_n z)(1+a_n q_n^2 z)} \\
 & - \frac{a_n^2(1-q_n)(1+q_n)(1+q_n^n a_n z)(k-1)kz^{k+2}}{2b_n(1+a_n z)^2(1+a_n q_n z)(1+a_n q_n^2 z)} \\
 & - \frac{a_n^3 q_n(1+q_n)(1+q_n^n a_n z)(k-1)kz^{k+3}}{2b_n(1+a_n z)^2(1+a_n q_n z)(1+a_n q_n^2 z)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In the following results,  $C_i$  will denote fixed real numbers for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Under the hypothesis of Theorem 3, we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{1+q_n^s a_n z} \right| \leq \frac{1}{1-q_n^s a_n r} < 2 \quad \text{for } s = 0, 1, 2, \tag{21}$$

$$a_n r < \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad 1+q_n^n a_n r < \frac{3}{2}, \tag{22}$$

$$1-q_n \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n} \quad \text{and} \quad k-[k]_{q_n} \leq \frac{a_n(k-1)k}{b_n 2}, \tag{23}$$

$$[k]_{q_n} \leq k, \quad a_n < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{b_n} < 1. \tag{24}$$

Using (21)-(24), for  $|z| \leq r$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |F_{k,n,q_n}(z)| & \leq C_1 \left( a_n^2 + \frac{a_n}{b_n} + \frac{1}{b_n^2} \right) k(k+1)(k+2) \\
 & \quad \times \max \{ r^{k-1}, r^k, r^{k+1}, r^{k+2}, r^{k+3}, r^{k+4} \} \\
 & \leq C_1 \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right)^2 k(k+1)(k+2)(2r)^{k+4}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

On the other hand, for  $|z| \leq r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \frac{(1+q_n^n a_n z)z}{b_n(1+a_n z)} D_{q_n} [E_{k,n,q_n}(z)] \right| & \leq \frac{(1+q_n^n a_n r)r}{b_n(1-a_n r)} \frac{3k}{r} \|E_{k,n,q_n}\|_r \\
 & \leq \frac{3k(1+q_n^n a_n r)}{b_n(1-a_n r)} \left\{ \|\alpha_{k,n,q_n} - e_k\|_r \right. \\
 & \quad + \frac{a_n k r^{k+1}}{1-a_n r} + \frac{(k-1)k r^{k-1}}{2b_n(1-a_n r)(1-a_n q_n r)} \\
 & \quad + \frac{(1-q_n)(k-1)k r^k}{2(1-a_n r)(1-a_n q_n r)} \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{a_n(1-q_n)(k-1)k r^{k+1}}{2(1-a_n r)(1-a_n q_n r)} + \frac{a_n^2 q_n(k-1)k r^{k+2}}{2(1-a_n r)(1-a_n q_n r)} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account (11) in the proof of Theorem 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{(1 + q_n^n a_n z)z}{b_n(1 + a_n z)} D_{q_n} [E_{k,n,q_n}(z)] \right| &\leq C_2 \frac{1}{b_n} \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right) (k-1)k(k+1) \\ &\quad \times (k!)(20r)^{k+2} \\ &\leq C_2 \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right)^2 (k-1)k(k+1)(k!)(20r)^{k+2}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Considering (25) and (26) in (20), we get

$$|E_{k+1,n,q_n}(z)| \leq 2r |E_{k,n,q_n}(z)| + C_3 \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right)^2 k(k+1)(k+2)(k+1)!(20r)^{k+4}.$$

Since  $E_{0,n,q}(z) = E_{1,n,q}(z) = E_{2,n,q}(z) = 0$ , taking  $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  in the last inequality step by step, finally we arrive at

$$|E_{k,n,q_n}(z)| \leq C_3 \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right)^2 (k-2)(k-1)k(k+1)(k!)(20r)^{k+3}. \quad (27)$$

Finally, considering (27) in (18) and using  $20rA < 1$ , the proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 1** For  $0 < q \leq 1$ , since  $\frac{1}{[n]_q} \rightarrow 1 - q$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , therefore  $a_n = \left(\frac{1}{[n]_q}\right)^{1-\beta} \rightarrow (1-q)^{1-\beta}$  and  $\frac{1}{b_n} = \left(\frac{1}{[n]_q}\right)^\beta \rightarrow (1-q)^\beta$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If a sequence  $\{q_n\}$  satisfies the conditions (10), then  $\frac{1}{[n]_q} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; therefore  $a_n = \left(\frac{1}{[n]_q}\right)^{1-\beta} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{1}{b_n} = \left(\frac{1}{[n]_q}\right)^\beta \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Under the conditions (10), Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 show that  $\{R_n(f; q_n, z)\}_{n \geq n_0}$  uniformly converges to  $f(z)$  in  $\bar{D}_r$ .

From Theorem 2 and Theorem 3, we get the following consequence.

**Theorem 4** Let  $\{q_n\}$  be a sequence satisfying the conditions (10) with  $q_n \in (0, 1]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_0 \geq 2$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} < r < R \leq \frac{[n_0]_q^{1-\beta}}{2}$ . Suppose that  $f : D_R \cup [R, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is uniformly continuous, bounded on  $[0, \infty)$  and analytic in  $D_R$  and there exist  $M > 0$ ,  $0 < A < \frac{1}{20r}$  with  $|c_k| \leq M \frac{A^k}{k!}$  (which implies  $|f(z)| \leq Me^{A|z|}$  for all  $z \in D_R$ ). If  $f$  is not a polynomial of degree  $\leq 1$ , then for all  $n \geq n_0$  we have

$$\|R_n(f; q_n, \cdot) - f\|_r \sim \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right).$$

*Proof* We can write

$$R_n(f; q_n, z) - f(z) = \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right) \{G(z) + H_n(z)\}, \quad (28)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= -\frac{a_n}{a_n + 1/b_n} \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{1 + a_n z} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{a_n b_n + 1} \frac{z f''(z)}{2(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n q_n z)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{1 - q_n}{a_n + 1/b_n} \frac{z^2 f''(z)}{2(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\
 & - \frac{a_n(1 - q_n)}{a_n + 1/b_n} \frac{z^3 f''(z)}{2(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n q_n z)} \\
 & + \frac{a_n^2}{a_n + 1/b_n} \frac{q_n z^4 f''(z)}{2(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n q_n z)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

and

$$H_n(z) = \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right)^2} A_{k,n,q_n}(z) \right], \tag{30}$$

and also  $(H_n(z))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of analytic functions uniformly convergent to zero for all  $|z| \leq r$ .

Since  $a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and taking into account Theorem 3, it remains only to show that for sufficiently large  $n$  and for all  $|z| \leq r$ , we have  $|G(z)| > \rho > 0$ , where  $\rho$  is independent of  $n$ .

If  $2\beta - 1 < 0$ , then the term  $\frac{1}{a_n b_n + 1} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , while the other terms converge to zero, so there exists a natural number  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n_1 \geq n_0$  so that for all  $n \geq n_1$  and  $|z| \leq r$ , we have

$$|G(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{z f''(z)}{2(1 + a_n z)(1 + a_n q_n z)} \right| \geq \frac{1}{4} \frac{|z f''(z)|}{(1 + r)^2}. \tag{31}$$

If  $2\beta - 1 > 0$ , then the term  $\frac{a_n}{a_n + 1/b_n} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , while the other terms converge to zero. So, there exists a natural number  $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n_2 \geq n_0$  so that for all  $n \geq n_2$  and  $|z| \leq r$ , we have

$$|G(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{z^2 f'(z)}{1 + a_n z} \right| \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{|z^2 f'(z)|}{1 + r}. \tag{32}$$

In the case of  $2\beta - 1 = 0$ , that is,  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ , we obtain  $\frac{a_n^2}{a_n + 1/b_n} = [n]_{q_n}^{1/2} \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so that the case  $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$  remains unsettled.

Choosing  $n_3 = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$ , considering (31) and (32), for all  $n \geq n_3$ , we get

$$\|R_n(f; q_n, \cdot) - f\|_r \geq \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right) \|G\|_r - \|H_n\|_r \geq \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right) \frac{1}{2} \|G\|_r.$$

For all  $n \in \{n_0, \dots, n_3 - 1\}$ , we get

$$\|R_n(f; q_n, \cdot) - f\|_r \geq \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right) M_{r,n,q_n}(z)$$

with  $M_{r,n,q_n}(z) = \frac{1}{a_n + 1/b_n} \|R_n(f; q_n, \cdot) - f\|_r > 0$ , which finally implies

$$\|R_n(f; q_n, \cdot) - f\|_r \geq \left( a_n + \frac{1}{b_n} \right) C_r(f) \tag{33}$$

for all  $n \geq n_0$ , with  $C_r(f) = \min\{M_{r,n_0,q_n}(z), \dots, M_{r,n_3-1,q_n}(z), \frac{1}{2} \|G\|_r\}$ .

From (33) and Theorem 3, the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 2** Recently, it is much more interesting to study these operators in the case  $q > 1$ . Authors continue to study that case.

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