

# $(p, q)$ -Baskakov-Kantorovich Operators

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**Abstract:** In the last decade the applications of quantum calculus in the field of approximation theory is an active area of research. The  $(p, q)$ -calculus is further extension of  $q$ -calculus, which provides a new direction for researchers. In the present article, we propose the  $(p, q)$ -variant of the Baskakov-Kantorovich operators, using  $(p, q)$ -integrals. We estimate moments and establish direct results, using linear approximating methods viz. Steklov mean and  $K$ -functionals in terms of modulus of continuity. Also, in a weighted space, we obtain a direct estimate.

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## 1 Introduction

The quantum calculus ( $q$ -calculus) in the field of approximation theory was discussed widely in the last two decades. Several generalizations to the  $q$  variants were recently presented in the books [5] and [11] related to convergence behaviours of different operators. Quantum calculus has many applications in special functions and many other areas (see [2], [6]). Also, Araci et al. [1] studied on the fermionic  $p$ -adic  $q$ -integral representation associated with weighted  $q$ -Bernstein and  $q$ -Genocchi polynomials. Further there is possibility of extension of the  $q$ -calculus to post-quantum calculus, namely the  $(p, q)$ -calculus. Actually such extension of quantum calculus can not be obtained directly by substitution of  $q$  by  $q/p$  in  $q$ -calculus. The  $q$ -calculus may be obtained by substituting  $p = 1$  in  $(p, q)$ -calculus. Sahai and Yadav [15] established some basic properties of  $(p, q)$ -calculus based on two parameters. Recently Mursaleen et al. [14] discussed some approximation properties of  $(p, q)$ -Bernstein-Stancu operators. Very recently the author [10] defined  $(p, q)$ -Szász-Mirakyan-Baskakov operators and established some approximation results. Some basic notations of  $(p, q)$ -calculus are mentioned below:

The  $(p, q)$ -numbers are defined as

$$[n]_{p,q} := p^{n-1} + p^{n-2}q + p^{n-3}q^2 + \cdots + pq^{n-2} + q^{n-1} \\ = \frac{p^n - q^n}{p - q}.$$

Obviously, it may be seen that  $[n]_{p,q} = p^{n-1}[n]_{q/p}$ , where  $[n]_{q/p}$  is the  $q$ -integer in quantum-calculus given by  $[n]_{q/p} = \frac{1-(q/p)^n}{1-(q/p)}$ . The  $(p, q)$ -factorial is defined by

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

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

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

The  $(p, q)$ -power basis is defined by

$$(x \oplus a)_{p,q}^n = (x+a)(px+qa)(p^2x+q^2a) \cdots (p^{n-1}x+q^{n-1}a).$$

**Definition 1.** The  $(p, q)$ -derivative of the function  $f$  is defined as

$$D_{p,q}f(x) = \frac{f(px) - f(qx)}{(p-q)x}, x \neq 0$$

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As a special case when  $p = 1$ , the  $(p, q)$ -derivative reduces to the  $q$ -derivative. The  $(p, q)$ -derivative fulfils the following product rules:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{p,q}(f(x)g(x)) &= f(px)D_{p,q}g(x) + g(qx)D_{p,q}f(x) \\ D_{p,q}(f(x)g(x)) &= g(px)D_{p,q}f(x) + f(qx)D_{p,q}g(x). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.** Let  $f$  be an arbitrary function and  $a$  be a real number. The  $(p, q)$ -integral of  $f(x)$  on  $[0, a]$  is defined as

$$\int_0^a f(x) d_{p,q}x = (q-p)a \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{p^k}{q^{k+1}} f\left(\frac{p^k}{q^{k+1}}a\right) \quad \text{if } \left|\frac{p}{q}\right| < 1$$

and

$$\int_0^a f(x) d_{p,q}x = (p-q)a \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^k}{p^{k+1}} f\left(\frac{q^k}{p^{k+1}}a\right) \quad \text{if } \left|\frac{q}{p}\right| < 1$$

In the year 2011, Aral and Gupta [3] proposed  $q$ -Baskakov operators, which was further extended to Durrmeyer variant in [12] by using  $q$ -integral. The  $(p, q)$ -analogue of Baskakov operators for  $x \in [0, \infty)$  and  $0 < q < p \leq 1$  may be defined as

$$B_{n,p,q}(f, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) f\left(\frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}}\right), \quad (1)$$

where

$$b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} n+k-1 \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} p^{k+n(n-1)/2} q^{k(k-1)/2} \frac{x^k}{(1 \oplus x)_{p,q}^{n+k}}.$$

In case  $p = 1$ , we get the  $q$ -Baskakov operators [3], [8]. If  $p = q = 1$ , we get at once the well known Baskakov operators.

**Definition 3.** For  $x \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $0 < q < p \leq 1$  the  $(p, q)$ -variant of Baskakov-Kantorovich operators are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} K_n^{p,q}(f, x) &= [n]_{p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \\ &\quad \int_{[k]_{p,q}/q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}}^{[k+1]_{p,q}/q^k[n]_{p,q}} f(t) d_{p,q}t \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x)$  is as defined in (1). For the special case of the operators (2), one may see [13].

In the present paper, we estimate the recurrence formula for moments of the  $(p, q)$ -Baskakov operators. For  $(p, q)$ -Baskakov-Kantorovich operators we estimate direct results using linear approximating methods viz. Steklov mean,  $K$ -functionals and also obtain approximation estimate in weighted space.

## 2 Moments

First we estimate the following Lorentz type lemma for  $(p, q)$ -Baskakov basis, which will be used in the sequel.

**Lemma 1.** For  $n, k \geq 0$ , we have

$$x(1+px)D_{p,q}b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) = \left(\frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}} - qx\right) \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{qp^{n-1}} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(qx).$$

*Proof.* By simple computation using the definition of  $(p, q)$ -derivative, we have

$$D_{p,q}\left(\frac{1}{(1 \oplus x)_{p,q}^{n+k}}\right) = -\frac{p[n+k]_{p,q}}{(1 \oplus px)_{p,q}^{n+k+1}}, D_{p,q}x^k = [k]_{p,q}x^{k-1}.$$

Applying product rule

$$D_{p,q}(f(x)g(x)) = f(px)D_{p,q}g(x) + g(qx)D_{p,q}f(x),$$

for  $(p, q)$ -derivative, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} &D_{p,q}\left(\frac{x^k}{(1 \oplus x)_{p,q}^{n+k}}\right) \\ &= [k]_{p,q} \frac{x^{k-1}}{(1 \oplus qx)_{p,q}^{n+k}} - p^{k+1}[n+k]_{p,q} \frac{x^k}{(1 \oplus px)_{p,q}^{n+k+1}} \\ &= [k]_{p,q} \frac{x^{k-1}}{(1 \oplus qx)_{p,q}^{n+k}} - [n+k]_{p,q} \frac{x^k}{(1+px)p^{n-1}(1 \oplus qx)_{p,q}^{n+k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus using  $[n+k]_{p,q} = p^n[k]_{p,q} + q^k[n]_{p,q}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &x(1+px)D_{p,q}\left(\frac{x^k}{(1 \oplus x)_{p,q}^{n+k}}\right) \\ &= \left([k]_{p,q}(1+px)p^{n-1} - [n+k]_{p,q}x\right) \frac{x^k}{p^{n-1}(1 \oplus qx)_{p,q}^{n+k}} \\ &= \left([k]_{p,q} - \frac{q^k[n]_{p,q}x}{p^{n-1}}\right) \frac{x^k}{(1 \oplus qx)_{p,q}^{n+k}} \\ &= \left[\frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}} - qx\right] \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{qp^{n-1}} \frac{(qx)^k}{(1 \oplus qx)_{p,q}^{n+k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$x(1+px)D_{p,q}b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) = \left(\frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}} - qx\right) \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{qp^{n-1}} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(qx).$$

*Remark.* We may note here that for the special case  $p = q = 1$  of the above lemma, we may capture at once the Lorentz type relation of the Baskakov operators, viz.

$$x(1+x)\frac{d}{dx}[b_{n,k}(x)] = (k-nx)b_{n,k}(x),$$

where the Baskakov basis is given by

$$b_{n,k}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} n+k-1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{x^k}{(1+x)^{n+k}}.$$

The moments of  $(p, q)$ -Baskakov operators, satisfy the following:

**Lemma 2.** If we define

$$T_{n,m}^{p,q}(x) := B_{n,p,q}(e_m, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \left( \frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}} \right)^m,$$

where  $e_i = t^i, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , then for  $m \geq 1$ , we have the following recurrence relation:

$$\begin{aligned} & [n]_{p,q} T_{n,m+1}^{p,q}(qx) \\ &= qp^{n-1}x(1+px)D_{p,q}[T_{n,m}^{p,q}(x)] + [n]_{p,q}qxT_{n,m}^{p,q}(qx). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, we have

$$B_{n,p,q}(e_0, x) = 1, B_{n,p,q}(e_1, x) = x$$

and

$$B_{n,p,q}(e_2, x) = x^2 + \frac{p^{n-1}x}{[n]_{p,q}} \left( 1 + \frac{p}{q}x \right).$$

*Proof.* Using Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & qx(1+px)D_{p,q}[T_{n,m}^{p,q}(x)] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} qx(1+px)D_{p,q}b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \left( \frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}} \right)^m \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}} - qx \right) \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{p^{n-1}} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(qx) \left( \frac{p^{n-1}[k]_{p,q}}{q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}} \right)^m \\ &= \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{p^{n-1}} T_{n,m+1}^{p,q}(qx) - \frac{[n]_{p,q}}{p^{n-1}} qx T_{n,m}^{p,q}(qx). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the recurrence relation. Obviously  $(p, q)$ -calculus may be related with the  $q$ -calculus and we may write

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} n+k-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} = p^{k(n-1)} \left[ \begin{matrix} n+k-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_{q/p}$$

and

$$(x \oplus a)_{p,q}^n = p^{n(n-1)/2} (x+a)_{q/p}^n.$$

Using the definition of  $q$ -Baskakov operators (see [3], [5]), we get  $B_{n,p,q}(e_0, x) = 1$ . The other consequences follow from recurrence relation.

**Lemma 3.** For  $x \in [0, \infty]$ ,  $0 < q < p \leq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1. & K_n^{p,q}(e_0, x) = 1 \\ 2. & K_n^{p,q}(e_1, x) = \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} \\ 3. & K_n^{p,q}(e_2, x) = \frac{[n+1]_{p,q}x^2}{[n]_{p,q}q^3p^{2n-2}} + \frac{x}{p^{n-1}q[n]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{1}{q} + \frac{(2p+q)p}{[3]_{p,q}} \right] + \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By (2), using  $[k+1]_{p,q} = p^k + q[k]_{p,q}$  and Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_n^{p,q}(e_0, x) &= [n]_{p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \\ &= [n]_{p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \int_{[k]_{p,q}/q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}}^{[k+1]_{p,q}/q^k[n]_{p,q}} d_{p,q}t \\ &= [n]_{p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \left[ \frac{[k+1]_{p,q} - q[k]_{p,q}}{q^k[n]_{p,q}} \right] \\ &= B_{n,p,q}(e_0, x) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

By (2), using the identity

$$[k+1]_{p,q} = p^k + q[k]_{p,q} = q^k + p[k]_{p,q}$$

and applying Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & K_n^{p,q}(e_1, x) \\ &= [n]_{p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{[k+1]_{p,q}^2 - q^2[k]_{p,q}^2}{q^{2k}[n]_{p,q}^2} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{([k+1]_{p,q} - q[k]_{p,q})([k+1]_{p,q} + q[k]_{p,q})}{q^k[n]_{p,q}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{p^k(q^k + p[k]_{p,q} + q[k]_{p,q})}{q^k[n]_{p,q}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{(q^k + [2]_{p,q}[k]_{p,q})}{q^k[n]_{p,q}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} B_{n,p,q}(e_0, x) + \frac{1}{qp^{n-1}} B_{n,p,q}(e_1, x) \\ &= \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Again, using the identity

$$[k+1]_{p,q} = p^k + q[k]_{p,q} = q^k + p[k]_{p,q}$$

and by Lemma 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & K_n^{p,q}(e_2, x) \\ &= [n]_{p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{[k+1]_{p,q}^3 - q^3[k]_{p,q}^3}{q^{3k}[n]_{p,q}^3} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{([k+1]_{p,q}^2 + q[k+1]_{p,q}[k]_{p,q} + q^2[k]_{p,q}^2)}{q^{2k}[n]_{p,q}^2} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{(p^2 + q^2 + pq)[k]_{p,q}^2 + q^k(2p+q)p[k]_{p,q} + q^{2k}}{q^{2k}[n]_{p,q}^2} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{[3]_{p,q}[k]_{p,q}^2 + q^k(2p+q)p[k]_{p,q} + q^{2k}}{q^{2k}[n]_{p,q}^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{q^2p^{2n-2}} B_{n,p,q}(e_2, x) + \frac{(2p+q)}{qp^{n-2}[3]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} B_{n,p,q}(e_1, x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}^2} B_{n,p,q}(e_0, x) \\ &= \frac{1}{q^2p^{2n-2}} \left[ x^2 + \frac{p^{n-1}x}{[n]_{p,q}} \left( 1 + \frac{p}{q}x \right) \right] + \frac{(2p+q)x}{qp^{n-2}[3]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}^2} \\ &= \frac{[n+1]_{p,q}x^2}{[n]_{p,q}q^3p^{2n-2}} + \frac{x}{p^{n-1}q[n]_{p,q}} \left[ \frac{1}{q} + \frac{(2p+q)p}{[3]_{p,q}} \right] + \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Direct Estimates

By  $C_B[0, \infty)$  we denote the class of all real valued continuous and bounded functions  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$ . The norm  $\| \cdot \|_{C_B}$  is defined as

$$\|f\|_{C_B} = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x)|.$$

For  $f \in C_B[0, \infty)$  the Steklov mean is defined as

$$f_h(t) = \frac{4}{h^2} \int_0^{\frac{h}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{h}{2}} [2f(t+u+v) - f(t+2(u+v))] du dv \quad (3)$$

By simple computation, it is observed that

(i)  $\|f_h - f\|_{C_B} \leq \tilde{\omega}_2(f, h)$ .

(ii) If  $f$  is continuous and  $f'_h, f'' \in C_B$  then

$$\|f'_h\|_{C_B} \leq \frac{5}{h} \tilde{\omega}(f, h), \|f''_h\|_{C_B} \leq \frac{9}{h^2} \tilde{\omega}_2(f, h),$$

where the first and second order modulus of continuity for  $\delta \geq 0$  are respectively defined as

$$\tilde{\omega}(f, \delta) = \sup_{\substack{x, u, v \geq 0 \\ |u-v| \leq \delta}} |f(x+u) - f(x+v)|$$

and

$$\tilde{\omega}_2(f, \delta) = \sup_{\substack{x, u, v \geq 0 \\ |u-v| \leq \delta}} |f(x+2u) - 2f(x+u+v) + f(x+2v)|.$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $p \in (q, 1]$ . The operator  $K_n^{p,q}$  maps space  $C_B$  into  $C_B$  and

$$\|K_n^{p,q}(f)\|_{C_B} \leq \|f\|_{C_B}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $p \in (q, 1]$ . From Lemma 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |K_n^{p,q}(f, x)| \\ & \leq [n]_{p,q} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \int_{[k]_{p,q}/q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}}^{[k+1]_{p,q}/q^k[n]_{p,q}} |f(t)| d_{p,q}t \\ & \leq \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x)| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n,k}^{p,q}(x) p^{-k} q^k \int_{[k]_{p,q}/q^{k-1}[n]_{p,q}}^{[k+1]_{p,q}/q^k[n]_{p,q}} d_{p,q}t \\ & = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x)| K_n^{p,q}(1, x) = \|f\|_{C_B}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $p \in (q, 1]$ . If  $f \in C_B$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & |K_n^{p,q}(f, x) - f(x)| \\ & \leq 5\tilde{\omega}\left(f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{[n]_{p,q}}}\right) \left( \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}\sqrt{[n]_{p,q}}} + \left( \frac{1}{qp^{n-1}} - 1 \right) x \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{9}{2} \tilde{\omega}_2\left(f, \frac{1}{\sqrt{[n]_{p,q}}}\right) \left[ \left( \frac{[n+1]_{p,q}}{q^3 p^{2n-2}} - \frac{2[n]_{p,q}}{qp^{n-1}} + [n]_{p,q} \right) x^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{1}{p^{n-1}q} \left[ \frac{1}{q} + \frac{(2p+q)p}{[3]_{p,q}} \right] - \frac{2}{[2]_{p,q}} \right) x + \frac{1}{[3]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + 2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For  $x \geq 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and using the Steklov function  $f_h$  defined by (3), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & |K_n^{p,q}(f, x) - f(x)| \\ & \leq K_n^{p,q}(|f - f_h|, x) + |K_n^{p,q}(f_h - f_h(x), x)| + |f_h(x) - f(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

First by Theorem 1 and property (i) of Steklov mean, we have

$$K_n^{p,q}(|f - f_h|, x) \leq \|K_n^{p,q}(f - f_h)\|_{C_B} \leq \|f - f_h\|_{C_B} \leq \tilde{\omega}_2(f, h).$$

Also, by Taylor's expansion, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |K_n^{p,q}(f_h - f_h(x), x)| \\ & \leq |f'_h(x)| K_n^{p,q}(t - x, x) + \frac{1}{2} \|f''_h\|_{C_B} K_n^{p,q}((t - x)^2, x). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |K_n^{p,q}(f_h - f_h(x), x)| & \leq \frac{5}{h} \tilde{\omega}(f, h) \left( \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} - x \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{9}{2h^2} \tilde{\omega}_2(f, h) K_n^{p,q}((t - x)^2, x), \end{aligned}$$

where

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

for  $x \geq 0$ ,  $h > 0$ . Setting  $h = \sqrt{\frac{1}{[n]_{p,q}}}$ , we get the desired result.

A different form to obtain the direct result is the applications of  $K$ -functional. The Peetre's  $K$ -functional is defined by

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

where  $W^2 = \{g \in C_B[0, \infty) : g', g'' \in C_B[0, \infty)\}$ . By [7, p. 177, Theorem 2.4], there exists a positive constant  $C > 0$  such that  $K_2(f, \delta) \leq C \omega_2(f, \sqrt{\delta})$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , where

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

is the second order modulus of continuity of function  $f \in C_B[0, \infty)$ .

Also, for  $f \in C_B[0, \infty)$  the first order modulus of continuity is given by

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

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f \in C_B[0, \infty)$ . Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists an absolute constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|K_n^{p,q}(f, x) - f(x)| \leq C\omega_2(f, \delta_n(x)) + \omega(f, \alpha_n(x)),$$

where

$$\delta_n(x) = \{K_n^{p,q}((t-x)^2, x) + (K_n^{p,q}((t-x), x))^2\}^{1/2}$$

and

$$\alpha_n(x) = \left| \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \left( \frac{1}{qp^{n-1}} - 1 \right) x \right|.$$

*Proof.* For  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , we consider the auxiliary operators  $\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(f, x)$  defined by

$$\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(f, x) = K_n^{p,q}(f, x) + f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}\right).$$

It is observed that  $\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(f, x)$  preserve linear functions. Let  $x \in [0, \infty)$  and  $g \in W^2$ . Applying the Taylor's formula

$$g(t) = g(x) + g'(x)(t-x) + \int_x^t (t-u)g''(u)du,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{K}_n^{p,q}(g, x) - g(x) \\ &= \bar{K}_n^{p,q}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)g''(u)du, x\right) \\ &= K_n^{(p,q)}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)g''(u)du, x\right) \\ &\quad - \int_x^{\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}} \left(\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} - u\right) g''(u)du \\ &= K_n^{(p,q)}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)g''(u)du, x\right) \\ &\quad - \int_x^{\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}} \left(\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} - u\right) g''(u)du. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\left| \int_x^t (t-u)g''(u)du \right| \leq \|g''\| \int_x^t |t-u|du \leq (t-x)^2 \|g''\|,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_x^{\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}} \left(\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} - u\right) g''(u)du \right| \\ & \leq \left( \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} - x \right)^2 \|g''\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(g, x) - g(x)| \\ &= \left| K_n^{p,q}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)g''(u)du, x\right) \right| \\ &+ \left| \int_x^{\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}} \left(\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} - u\right) g''(u)du \right| \\ &\leq \|g''\| K_n^{(p,q)}((t-x)^2, x) + \left( \frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}} - x \right)^2 \|g''\| \\ &= \delta_n^2(x) \|g''\|. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

$$|\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(f, x)| \leq |K_n^{p,q}(f, x)| + 2\|f\| \leq 3\|f\|.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & |K_n^{p,q}(f, x) - f(x)| \\ &\leq |\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(f-g, x) - (f-g)(x)| + \left| f\left(\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}\right) - f(x) \right| \\ &+ |\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(g, x) - g(x)| \\ &\leq |\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(f-g, x)| + |(f-g)(x)| + \left| f\left(\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \frac{x}{qp^{n-1}}\right) - f(x) \right| \\ &+ |\bar{K}_n^{p,q}(g, x) - g(x)| \\ &\leq 4\|f-g\| + \omega\left(f, \left|\frac{1}{[2]_{p,q}[n]_{p,q}} + \left(\frac{1}{qp^{n-1}} - 1\right)x\right|\right) + \delta_n^2(x) \|g''\|. \end{aligned}$$

Finally taking the infimum on the right-hand side over all  $g \in W^2$ , we get

$$|K_n^{p,q}(f, x) - f(x)| \leq 4K_2(f, \delta_n^2(x)) + \omega(f, \alpha_n(x)).$$

By the property of  $K$ -functional, we have

$$|K_n^{p,q}(f, x) - f(x)| \leq C\omega_2(f, \delta_n(x)) + \omega(f, \alpha_n(x)).$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

## 4 Weighted Approximation

We consider the following class of functions:

Let  $H[0, \infty)$  be the set of all functions  $f$  defined on  $[0, \infty)$  satisfying  $|f(x)| \leq M_f(1+x^2)$ , where  $M_f$  is certain constant depending only on  $f$ . By  $C_{x^2}[0, \infty)$ , we denote the subspace of all continuous functions belonging to  $H[0, \infty)$ . Also, let  $C_{x^2}^*[0, \infty)$  be the subspace of all functions  $f \in C_{x^2}[0, \infty)$ , for which  $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{1+x^2}$  is finite.

The norm on  $C_{x^2}^*[0, \infty)$  is  $\|f\|_{x^2} = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x)| (1+x^2)^{-1}$ .

Finally, we discuss the weighted approximation theorem, where the approximation formula holds true on the interval  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $p = p_n$  and  $q = q_n$  satisfies  $0 < q_n < p_n \leq 1$  and for  $n$  sufficiently large  $p_n \rightarrow 1$ ,  $q_n \rightarrow 1$  and  $q_n^n \rightarrow 1$  and  $p_n^n \rightarrow 1$ . For each  $f \in C_{x^2}^*[0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|K_n^{p_n, q_n}(f) - f\|_{x^2} = 0.$$

*Proof.* Using the methods of [9], in order to complete the proof of theorem, it is sufficient to verify the following three conditions

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|K_n^{p_n, q_n}(e_v, x) - x^v\|_{x^2} = 0, \quad v = 0, 1, 2. \quad (4)$$

Since  $K_n^{p_n, q_n}(e_0, x) = 1$  the first condition of (4) is fulfilled for  $v = 0$ . We can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \|K_n^{p_n, q_n}(e_1, x) - x\|_{x^2} \\ & \leq \left( \frac{1}{[2]_{p_n, q_n} [n]_{p_n, q_n}} + \frac{(1 - q_n p_n^{n-1})x}{q_n p_n^{n-1}} \right) \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} \frac{1}{1 + x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|K_n^{p_n, q_n}(e_2, x) - x^2\|_{x^2} \\ & \leq \left( \frac{[n+1]_{p_n, q_n} x^2}{[n]_{p_n, q_n} q_n^3 p_n^{2n-2}} + \frac{x}{p_n^{n-1} q_n [n]_{p_n, q_n}} \left[ \frac{1}{q_n} + \frac{(2p_n + q_n)p_n}{[3]_{p_n, q_n}} \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{[3]_{p_n, q_n} [n]_{p_n, q_n}^2} - x^2 \right) \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|K_n^{p_n, q_n}(e_v, x) - x^v\|_{x^2} = 0, \quad v = 1, 2.$$

Thus the proof is completed.

*Remark.* For  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $p \in (q, 1]$  it is seen that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p, q} = 1/(p - q)$ . In order to obtain convergence estimates of  $(p, q)$ -Baskakov-Kantorovich operators, we assume  $p = (p_n)$ ,  $q = (q_n)$  such that  $0 < q_n < p_n \leq 1$  and for  $n$  sufficiently large  $p_n \rightarrow 1$ ,  $q_n \rightarrow 1$  and  $p_n^n \rightarrow 1$  and  $q_n^n \rightarrow 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n]_{p_n, q_n} = \infty$ .

## 5 Conclusion

By considering the  $(p, q)$ -variant of the Baskakov-Kantorovich operators, we may have better results for suitable choices of  $p$  and  $q$ . Also, for special case  $p = q = 1$  of our operators, we capture the approximation properties of the usual Baskakov-Kantorovich operators. One may consider the other form of  $(p, q)$ -Baskakov-Kantorovich operators by extending the results of [4] to  $(p, q)$  setting, as the analysis is different, we may discuss it elsewhere.

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