



On Stancu modification of (p, q) -Bernstein polynomials.

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce the generalized (p, q) -Bernstein-Stancu polynomials based on the (p, q) -integers. We study approximation properties of these operators. In special cases, we obtain (p, q) -Bernstein operators, Stancu operators or Phillips polynomials.

1 Introduction

In recent years, (p, q) -integers have been introduced into classical linear positive operators to construct new approximation processes. A sequence of (p, q) -analogue of Bernstein operators was first introduced by Mursaleen [17, 18]. Besides, (p, q) -analogues of Szasz-Mirakyany [1], Baskakov Kantorovich [2], Bleimann-Butzer-Hahn [3] and Kantorovich type Bernstein-Stancu-Schurer [5] operators were also considered. For further developments, one can also refer to [19, 20, 21, 22, 4, 12]. These operators are double parameters corresponding to p and q versus single parameter q -Bernstein-type operators [26, 27, 28, 24, 25]. The aim of these generalizations is to provide appropriate and powerful tools for application areas such as numerical analysis, computer-aided geometric design and solutions of differential equations (see, [14, 15, 11, 31, 30]).

For any fixed real numbers $p > 0, q > 0$ and for nonnegative integer r , the (p, q) -integers of the number $[r]_{p,q}$ is defined by

$$[r]_{p,q} \equiv [r] = p^{r-1} + p^{r-2}q + p^{r-3}q^2 + \dots + pq^{r-2} + q^{r-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{p^r - q^r}{p - q}, & \text{when } p \neq q \\ np^{n-1}, & \text{when } p = q \end{cases}$$

The (p, q) -factorial $[r]_{p,q}!$ for $r \in N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, is defined in the following way

$$[r]_{p,q}! = [1]_{p,q}[2]_{p,q}\dots[r]_{p,q} \quad (r = 1, 2, \dots), \quad [0]_{p,q}! = 1.$$

For the integers $n, k, (n \geq k \geq 0)$, the (p, q) -binomial or the Gaussian coefficients is defined by

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} = \frac{[n]_{p,q}!}{[k]_{p,q}![n-k]_{p,q}!}$$

For $f \in C[0; 1]$, $0 < q < p < 1$, $\alpha \geq 0$ and each positive integer n , we introduce the following generalized (p, q) -Bernstein-Stancu operators:

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

where

$$b_{n,k}^{p,q,\alpha}(x) = \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \frac{\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]_{p,q}) \prod_{s=0}^{n-1-k} (p^s - q^s x + \alpha p[s]_{p,q})}{\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]_{p,q})}. \quad (2)$$

Note, that an empty product in (2) denotes 1.

Let $j \in N_0$. For $f \in C[0, 1]$, we define the (p, q) -differences as follows

$$\Delta_{p,q}^0 f(x_j) = f(x_j), \quad (3)$$

and recursively,

$$\Delta_{p,q}^{k+1} f(x_j) = p^k \Delta_{p,q}^k f(x_{j+1}) - q^k \Delta_{p,q}^k f(x_j) \quad (4)$$

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for $k \in N_0$ and $f_j = f\left(\frac{[j]_{p,q}}{p^{j-n}[n]_{p,q}}\right)$.

It is easily established by induction [23] that (p, q) -differences satisfy the relation

$$\Delta_{p,q}^k f(x_j) = \sum_{r=0}^k (-1)^r \begin{bmatrix} k \\ r \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} p^{(k-r)(k-r-1)/2} q^{r(r-1)/2} f(x_{j+k-r}). \quad (5)$$

In this paper, we prove that the operators $B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(f; x)$ defined by the formula (1) can be expressed in terms of (p, q) -differences

$$B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p^{-k(2n-k-1)/2} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} \Delta_{p,q}^k f_0 \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{p^i x + \alpha p[i]}{p^i + \alpha p[i]},$$

which generalizes the well known result [23] for the (p, q) -Bernstein polynomial. Moreover, we present some properties of these operators.

2 Main result

Lemma 2.1. *For any fixed real numbers $p > 0$, $q > 0$, $\alpha \geq 0$ and for nonnegative integer n , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{s=0}^{n-1} (p^s - q^s x + \alpha p[s]) = p^{-n(n-1)/2} \\ & \cdot \sum_{s=0}^n (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ s \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^{s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Proof. We use induction on n . The base case for $n = 1$ is evident. Assuming the lemma holds for a given $n \in N$, we then proceed to demonstrate it for $n + 1$, following through the algebraic manipulations to uphold the induction principle. Then, using (6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & p^{n(n-1)/2} \prod_{s=0}^n (p^s - q^s x + \alpha p[s]) = (p^n - q^n x + \alpha p[n]) \\ & \cdot \sum_{s=0}^n (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ s \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^{s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\ & = \sum_{s=0}^n (p^n + p\alpha[n] + q^n \alpha p^{-s+1}[s]) (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2} \\ & \cdot \begin{bmatrix} n \\ s \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^{s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\ & - q^n \sum_{s=0}^n (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2-s} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ s \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^s (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\ & = \sum_{s=0}^n (p^n + p\alpha[n] + q^n \alpha p^{-s+1}[s]) (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2} \\ & \cdot \begin{bmatrix} n \\ s \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^{s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\ & + q^n \sum_{s=1}^{n+1} (-1)^s q^{(s-1)(s-2)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s+1)/2-s+1} \\ & \cdot \begin{bmatrix} n \\ s-1 \end{bmatrix}_{p,q} (p^{s-1} + \alpha p[s-1]) \prod_{i=0}^{s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\ & = (p^n + p\alpha[n]) p^{-n(n-1)/2} \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\ & + (-1)^{n+1} q^{n(n+1)/2} p^n (p^n + p\alpha[n]) \prod_{i=0}^n (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \\ & + \sum_{s=1}^n R_s (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2} \prod_{i=0}^{s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_s &= (p^n + \alpha p[n] + \alpha q^n p^{-s+1}[s]) \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \\ &\quad + q^{n-s+1} p^{n-2s+1} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} (p^{s-1} + \alpha p[s-1]) \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to obvious equalities

$$q^{s-1}[s] \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} + p^{n-s}[s-1] \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} = [n] \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q}$$

and

$$p^s \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} + q^{n-s+1} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} = \left[\begin{array}{c} n+1 \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_s &= (p^n + \alpha p[n]) \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \\ &\quad + \alpha \left(q^n p^{-s+1}[s] \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} + q^{n-s+1} p^{n-2s+2} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} p[s-1] \right) + q^{n-s+1} p^{n-s} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \\ &= (p^n + \alpha p[n]) \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} + \alpha q^{n-s+1} p^{-s+1}[n] \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} + q^{n-s+1} p^{n-s} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \\ &= (p^n + \alpha p[n]) \left(\left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} + \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s-1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} p^{-s} q^{n-s+1} \right) \\ &= (p^n + \alpha p[n]) p^{-s} \left[\begin{array}{c} n+1 \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q}. \end{aligned}$$

Collecting the results we obtain Lemma.

Theorem 2.2. *The generalized Bernstein-Stancu polynomial can be expressed in the form as follows:*

$$B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p^{-k(2n-k-1)/2} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \Delta_{p,q}^k f_0 \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{p^i x + \alpha p[i]}{P^i + \alpha p[i]}, \quad (7)$$

where $\Delta_{p,q}^k f_0$ is defined by the earlier stated recursive formula (4).

Proof. Using (1), (2) and (6) we have

$$B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(f; x) \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (p^i + \alpha p[i]) = \sum_{k=0}^n \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} f \left(\frac{[k]}{p^{k-n}[n]} \right) S_k, \quad (8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_k &= p^{-(n-k)(n-k-1)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s)(n-k-s-1)/2} \left[\begin{array}{c} n-k \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \\ &\quad \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} (p^j x + \alpha p[j]) \prod_{l=s}^{n-k-1} (p^l + \alpha p[l]). \end{aligned}$$

First we prove that

$$\begin{aligned} S_k &= p^{k(k-1)/2 - n(n-1)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s)(n-k-s-1)/2} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\begin{array}{c} n-k \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^{k+s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

for all $n \in N$ and $(x \in [0; 1])$.

We use the induction on k . First, we see that equality (9) holds for $k = 0$ and $n \in N$. Let us assume that (9) holds for a given k , $0 \leq k \leq n$, and for all $n \in N$. Then from (9), we obtain

$$S_{k+1} = p^{-(n-k-1)(n-k-2)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2} \left[\begin{array}{c} n-k-1 \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \prod_{i=0}^k (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} (p^j x + \alpha p[j]) \prod_{l=s}^{n-k-2} (p^l + \alpha p[l]) \\
& = (p^k x + \alpha p[k]) p^{k(k-1)/2 - (n-1)(n-2)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2} \\
& \quad \cdot \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^{k+s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s}^{n-2} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\
& = p^{k(k-1)/2 - (n-1)(n-2)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2-s} \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} \\
& \quad \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{k+s} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s}^{n-2} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\
& + p^{k(k-1)/2 - (n-1)(n-2)/2} \alpha \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2-s} \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} \\
& \quad \cdot (p^{s+1}[k] - p[k+s]) \prod_{i=0}^{k+s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s}^{n-2} (p^j + \alpha p[j]).
\end{aligned}$$

We see that

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

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{k+1} & = p^{k(k-1)/2 - (n-1)(n-2)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2-s} \\
& \quad \cdot \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} \prod_{i=0}^{k+s} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s}^{n-2} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\
& \quad - \alpha p^{k(k-1)/2 - (n-1)(n-2)/2} \sum_{s=1}^{n-k-1} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2-s} \\
& \quad \cdot \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s-1 \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} [n-k-s] pq^k \prod_{i=0}^{k+s-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s}^{n-2} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\
& = (-1)^{n-k-1} q^{(n-k-1)(n-k-2)/2} p^{k(k+1)/2 - n(n-1)/2} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \\
& \quad + p^{k(k-1)/2 - (n-1)(n-2)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-2} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2-s} \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} \\
& \quad \cdot (p^{k+s} + \alpha p[k+s] + \alpha q^{k+s} p^{-n+k+s+2} [n-k-s-1]) \prod_{i=0}^{k+s} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s+1}^{n-2} (p^j + \alpha p[j]).
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to verify that

$$p^{k+s} + \alpha p[k+s] + \alpha q^{k+s} p^{-n+k+s+2} [n-k-s-1] = p^{-n+k+s+1} (p^{n-1} + \alpha p[n-1])$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{k+1} & = (-1)^{n-k-1} q^{(n-k-1)(n-k-2)/2} p^{k(k+1)/2 - n(n-1)/2} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \\
& \quad + p^{k(k+1)/2 - n(n-1)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-2} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2} \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q} \\
& \quad \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{k+s} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s+1}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j]) \\
& = p^{k(k+1)/2 - n(n-1)/2} \sum_{s=0}^{n-k-1} (-1)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} p^{(n-k-s-1)(n-k-s-2)/2} \left[\begin{matrix} n-k-1 \\ s \end{matrix} \right]_{p,q}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot \prod_{i=0}^{k+s} (p^i x + \alpha p[i]) \prod_{j=k+s+1}^{n-1} (p^j + \alpha p[j])$$

Therefore (9) is evident. Consequently, in view of (8) and (9) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(f; x) \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (p^i + \alpha p[i]) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} f_k p^{k(k-1)/2 - n(n-1)/2} \sum_{s=k}^{n-1} (-1)^{s-k} q^{(s-k)(s-k-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2} \\ & \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} n-k \\ s-k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} (p^j x + \alpha p[j]) \prod_{i=s}^{n-1} (p^i + \alpha p[i]). \end{aligned}$$

Next, in view of the equality

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \left[\begin{array}{c} n-k \\ s-k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} = \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \left[\begin{array}{c} s \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & B_n^{p,q,\alpha} f(x) \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (p^i + \alpha p[i]) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n f_k p^{k(k-1)/2 - n(n-1)/2} \sum_{s=k}^{n-1} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \left[\begin{array}{c} s \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} (-1)^{s-k} q^{(s-k)(s-k-1)/2} p^{(n-s)(n-s-1)/2} \\ & \quad \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} (p^j x + \alpha p[j]) \prod_{i=s}^{n-1} (p^i + \alpha p[i]) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^n p^{-s(2n-s-1)/2} \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ s \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \prod_{j=0}^{s-1} (x + \alpha[j]) \prod_{i=s}^{n-1} (1 + \alpha[i]) \\ & \quad \cdot \sum_{k=0}^s (-1)^{s-k} q^{(s-k)(s-k-1)/2} p^{k(k-1)/2} \left[\begin{array}{c} s \\ k \end{array} \right]_{p,q} f_k. \end{aligned}$$

The condition (6) completes the proof.

Remark 1. It should be noted that when $\alpha = 0$, this result coincides with that obtained by Mursaleen [23] for the (p, q) -Bernstein polynomial. Moreover, when $p = 1$, this result corresponds to what Nowak [24] obtained for the q -Bernstein-Stancu operators.

Theorem 2.3. For $f(x) = x^s$, $s \in \{0, 1, 2\}$, we have

$$B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(1; x) = 1, \quad B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(t; x) = x, \quad (10)$$

and

$$B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(t^2; x) = \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \left(x(x+\alpha) + \frac{p^{n-1}}{[n]} x(1-x) \right),$$

for all $n \in N$ and $x \in [0; 1]$.

Proof. This proof involves estimating $B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(t^s; x)$ for $s = 0, 1, 2$. The result can be easily verified for $s = 0$ based on the last theorem. Utilizing the definition of $B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(t^s; x)$, the properties of (p, q) -differences, and previous theorem results, one can show that these identities hold. For $s = 2$, the detailed computation of $B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(t^2; x)$ involves using the (p, q) -difference formulas to arrive at the stated expression.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{p,q}^0 f_0 &= f_0 = 0, \quad \Delta_{p,q}^1 f_0 = f_1 - f_0 = \frac{1}{p^{2-2n}[n]^2}, \\ \Delta_{p,q}^2 f_0 &= p f_2 - (p+q) f_1 + q f_0 \\ &= p \left(\frac{[2]}{p^{2-n}[n]} \right)^2 - (p+q) \left(\frac{1}{p^{1-n}[n]} \right)^2 = \frac{p^{2n-3} q [2]}{[n]^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(t^2; x) &= \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ 0 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \Delta_{p,q}^0 f_0 + \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ 1 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \frac{1}{p^{n-1}} \Delta_{p,q}^1 f_0 x + \left[\begin{array}{c} n \\ 2 \end{array} \right]_{p,q} \frac{1}{p^{2n-3}} \Delta_{p,q}^2 f_0 x \frac{x(x+\alpha)}{1+\alpha} \\ &= \frac{p^{n-1}}{[n]} x + \frac{q[n-1]}{[n]} \frac{x(x+\alpha)}{1+\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\alpha} \left(x(x+\alpha) + \frac{p^{n-1}}{[n]} x(1-x) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The following remark is a consequence of Bohman and Korovkin Theorem

Remark 2. Let the sequences (p_n) , (q_n) and (α_n) be such that $0 < q_n < p_n \leq 1$, $\alpha_n \geq 0$. Then, for any $f \in C[0; 1]$, the sequence $B_n^{p,q,\alpha}(f; x)$ converges uniformly to $f(x)$ on $[0; 1]$, if and only if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = 0$, where $B_n^{q,\alpha}(f; x)$ is defined by (1) with $p = p_n$, $q = q_n$ and $\alpha = \alpha_n$.

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