

## ON APPROXIMATION OF INTEGRABLE FUNCTIONS BY MODIFIED BERNSTEIN POLYNOMIALS

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**Abstract.** We introduce a class of positive linear operators defined for functions integrable on the simplex  $\Delta = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_1 + x_2 \leq 1\}$  and study some approximations theorems on it.

**1. Introduction.** Recently Derriennic [2] gave some results on approximations of a function  $f$  integrable on  $[0,1]$  by the modified Bernstein polynomials of order  $n$  defined by

$$(B_n f)(x) = (n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n P_{nk}(x) \int_0^1 P_{nk}(t) f(t) dt, \quad (1.1)$$

$$P_{nk}(x) = \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}.$$

Denoting by  $X = X(x_1, x_2)$ , a point in the simplex  $\Delta = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_1 + x_2 \leq 1\}$  and writing  $f(V)$  for  $f(v_1, v_2)$ , we define a new class of positive linear operators of order  $n$  by

$$(L_n f)(X) = \frac{(n+2)!}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} p_{nkl}(X) \iint_{\Delta} p_{nkl}(V) dv_1 dv_2, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $p_{nkl}(X) = \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{l} x_1^k x_2^l (1-x_1-x_2)^{n-k-l}$ . In this paper we prove some results on approximation of a function  $f$  integrable on the simplex  $\Delta$  by the polynomials (1.2).

**2. Basic Propositions.** PROPOSITION 1. For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $(p, q = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ , one obtains

$$(L_n v_1^p v_2^q)(X) = \frac{(n-2)!}{(n+p+q+2)!} \sum_{r=0}^p \binom{p}{r} x_1^r \left[ \sum_{l=0}^q \binom{q}{l} \frac{q!}{l!} x_2^l \cdots \frac{n!}{(n-r-l)!} \right].$$

In particular we get

$$\begin{aligned} (L_n l)(X) &= 1, \quad (L_n v_i)(X) = (l + nx_i)/(n+3) \\ (L_n v_i^2)(X) &= (2 + 4nx_i + n(n-1)x_i^2)/(n+3)(n+4); \quad (i = 1, 2). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* From definition (1.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (L_n v_1^p v_2^q)(X) = \frac{(n+2)!}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} p_{nkl}(X) \iint_{\Delta} p_{nkl}(V) v_1^p v_2^q dv_1 dv_2 \\ &= \frac{(n+2)!}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} p_{nkl}(X) \frac{n!}{k!l!(n-k-l)!} \iint_{\Delta} v_1^{k+p} v_2^{l+q} (1-v_1-v_2)^{n-k-l} dv_1 dv_2 \end{aligned}$$

Now the transformation  $v_1 = t_1 t_2$ ,  $v_2 = t_1(1-t_2)$ , so that

$$dv_1, dv_2 = |\partial(v_1, v_2)/\partial(t_1, t_2)| dt_1 dt_2$$

reduces  $I$  to

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{(n+2)!}{(n+p+q+2)!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} p_{nkl}(X) \frac{n!}{k!(n-k-l)!} \\ &\quad \cdot \int_0^1 \int_0^1 t_1^{k+l+p+q+1} (1-t_1)^{n-k-l} dt_1 t_2^{k+p} (1-t_2)^{k+q} dt_2, \quad (2.4) \\ &= \frac{(n+2)!}{(n+p+q+2)!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} p_{nkl}(X) \frac{(k+p)!(l+q)!}{k!q!}, \\ &= ((n+2)!/(n+p+q+2)!) S \quad (\text{say}) \end{aligned}$$

Now we use the expression

$$(\partial^{p+q}/\partial x_1^p \partial x_2^q) x_1^p x_2^q (x_1 + x_2 + y)^n \quad (2.5)$$

to evaluate (2.4) Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} &(\partial^{p+q}/\partial x_1^p \partial x_2^q) x_1^p x_2^q (x_1 + x_2 + y)^n \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x_1^k \frac{(k+p)!}{k!} \left[ \frac{\partial^q}{\partial x_2^q} \{x_2^q (x_2 + y)^{n-k}\} \right] \quad (2.6) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x_1^k \frac{(k+p)!}{k!} \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} \binom{n-k}{l} x_2^l y^{n-k-l} \frac{(l+q)!}{l!}. \end{aligned}$$

Again differentiating (2.5) by Leibnitz theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &(\partial^{p+q}/\partial x_1^p \partial x_2^q) x_1^p x_2^q (x_1 + x_2 + y)^n \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^p \binom{p}{r} \frac{p!}{r!} x_1^r \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \left\{ \frac{\partial^q}{\partial x_2^q} x_2^q (x_1 + x_2 + y)^{n-r} \right\} \quad (2.7) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^p \binom{p}{r} \frac{p!}{r!} x_1^r \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \left[ \sum_{l=0}^q \binom{q}{l} \frac{q!}{l!} x_2^l \frac{(n-r)!}{(n-r-l)!} (x_1 + x_2 + y)^{n-r-l} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now putting  $y = l - x_1 - x_2$  in the expressions (2.6) and (2.7) and thus putting the value of  $S$  in (2.4), we get the required result.

PROPOSITION 2. For  $n \geq 1$  and  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  we have

$$L_n(v_i - x_i)(X) = 1 - 3x_i/(n + 3), \tag{2.8}$$

$$L_n(v_i - x_i)^2(X) = 2nx_i(1 - x_i)/(n + 3)(n + 4) + O(n^{-2}), \tag{2.9}$$

$$L_n(v_i - x_i)(v_j - x_j)(X) = -2x_i x_j n / (n + 3)(n + 4) + O(n^{-2}), \quad i \neq j \tag{2.10}$$

$$L_n(v_i - x_i)^2(v_j - x_j)(X) = O(n^{-2}), \quad i \neq j \tag{2.11}$$

$$L_n(v_i - x_i)^4(X) = O(n^{-2}) \tag{2.12}$$

*Proof.* Applying (2.1), by easy calculations we get the results (2.8) to (2.12).

PROPOSITION 3. For  $n \geq 1$  and  $X \in \Delta$ , we have

$$L_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 (v_i - x_i)^2 \right) (X) \leq \frac{\max(8, n + 2)}{(n + 3)(n + 4)} = Cn \quad (\text{say}) \tag{2.13}$$

*Proof.* We get from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & L_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 (v_i - x_i)^2 \right) (X) \\ &= [(2n - 8)\{x_1(1 - x_1) + x_2(1 - x_2)\} + 4(1 + x_1^2 + x_2^2)] / (n + 3)(n + 4), \\ &= T / (n + 3)(n + 4) \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

The maximum of the expression  $T$  on the simplex  $\Delta$  for  $n \geq 6$  occurs at  $(1/2, 1/2)$  and it is  $(n + 2)$ . The maximum value of  $T$  for  $1 \leq n < 6$  is 8.

**3. Main Results.** THEOREM 1. If  $f$  is an integrable and bounded function on the simplex  $\Delta$  which has continuous derivatives up to the second order at a point  $X \in \Delta$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \{ (L_n f)(X) - f(X) \} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \{ (1 - 3x_i) f'_i + x_i(1 - x_i) f''_i \} - 2x_1 x_2 f''_{x_1 x_2}. \tag{3.1}$$

*Proof.* Using Taylors's formula [3] for two variables, we write

$$\begin{aligned} f(V) &= f(X) + \sum_{i=1}^2 (v_i - x_i) f'_i + \\ &+ (1/2) \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (v_i - x_i)(v_j - x_j) \{ f'_{ij} + \alpha_{i,j}((v_i - x_i)(v_i - x_j), (v_j - x_j)) \}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\alpha_{i,j}(0,0) = 0$ ;  $\alpha_{i,j}$  are integrable and bounded functions on the simplex  $\Delta$ . Consequently for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist positive numbers  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  such that  $|\alpha_{i,j}(v_i - x_i, v_j - x_j)| < \varepsilon$  when ever  $|v_i - x_i| < \delta_i$ ,  $|v_j - x_j| < \delta_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . Because of the boundedness of  $\alpha_{i,j}$  on  $\Delta$ , it follows that there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $|\alpha_{i,j}(v_i - x_i, v_j - x_j)| < M$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . Now for every  $\delta_i > 0$ , we define the function  $\lambda_{\delta_i}(v_i)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{\delta_i}(v_i) &= 1, \text{ when } |v_i - x_i| \geq \delta_i \\ &= 0, \text{ when } |v_i - x_i| < \delta_i\end{aligned}$$

Thus for all  $(v_i, v_j) \in \Delta$ , the inequalities

$$|\alpha_{i,j}(v_i - x_i, v_j - x_j)| \leq \varepsilon + M\lambda_{\delta_i}(v_i) + M\lambda_{\delta_j}(v_j), \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq 2) \quad (3.3)$$

hold. Now in view of (2.8) to (2.12), (3.2) and (3.3) we get

$$(L_n f)(X) = f(X) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \{(1 - 3x_i)f'_i + x_i(1 - x_i)f''_i\} - 2x_1x_2f''_{x_1x_2} + E_n(x_1, x_2),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}E_n(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{(n+2)!}{2n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} p_{nkl}(X) \\ &\cdot \iint_{\Delta} p_{nkl}(V) \left\{ \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} (v_i - x_i)(v_j - x_j) \alpha_{i,j}(v_i - x_i, v_j - x_j) \right\} dv_1 dv_2.\end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that  $|nE_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Clearly

$$\begin{aligned}|nEn(x_1, x_2)| &\leq (n/2)L_n[\varepsilon(v_1 - x_1)^2 + \varepsilon(v_2 - x_2)^2 + 2M(v_1 - x_1)^4\delta_1^{-2} + \\ &\quad + 2M(v_2 - x_2)^4\delta_2^{-2} + 2(v_1 - x_1)(v_2 - x_2)\{\varepsilon + (v_1 - x_1)^2\delta_1^{-2} + \\ &\quad + (v_2 - x_2)^2\delta_2^{-2}\}](X).\end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = n^{-1/4}$  and taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $|nEn(x_1, x_2)| \leq 2\varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, we have  $|nEn| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $f$  be continuous in  $\Delta$  and  $\omega(f; 1/\sqrt{n})$  be its modulus of continuity. Then for  $n \geq 1$ :*

$$\sup_{X \in \Delta} |(L_n f)(X) - f(X)| \leq (1 + nC_n) \cdot \omega(f; n^{-1/2}), \quad (3.4)$$

where  $C_n$  is given in (2.13).

*Proof.* We know that

$$(L_n f)(X) - f(X) = \frac{(n+2)!}{2n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} p_{nkl}(X) \iint_{\Delta} p_{nkl}(V) \{f(V) - f(X)\} dv_1 dv_2.$$

Using the inequality

$$\omega(f; \delta) = \sup |f(V) - f(X)|, \quad \delta > 0, \quad \sqrt{(v_1 - x_1)^2 + (v_2 - x_2)^2} \leq \delta$$

we get

$$|(L_n f)(X) - f(X)| \leq \omega(f; \delta) \left\{ (L_n 1)(X) + \delta^{-2} L_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 (v_i - x_i)^2 \right) (X) \right\}.$$

Taking  $\delta = n$  and using (2.13), we get the required result.

it Remark. The result (3.4) can be obtained directly from Proposition 3 and Theorem 1 due to Censor [1].

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