



## ON THE MONOTONICITY OF $q$ -SCHURER-STANCU TYPE POLYNOMIALS

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*Abstract.* Some properties of monotonicity and convexity of the  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators are considered. The paper contains also numerical examples based on Matlab algorithms, which verify these properties.

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### 1. PRELIMINARIES

In the last decades, the application of  $q$ -calculus represents one of the most interesting areas of research in approximation theory. Lupaș [12] introduced in 1987 a  $q$ -type of the Bernstein operators and in 1997 another generalization of these operators based on  $q$ -integers was introduced by Phillips [16]. Their approximation properties were studied by Videnskii [18], N. Mahmudov [13], T. Acar and A. Aral [1] and O. Dalmanoglu [9, 10]. In time, many authors have been studied new classes of  $q$ -generalized operators ([2–4, 6, 7, 17]).

Before proceeding further, we mention some basic definitions and notations from  $q$ -calculus. For any fixed real number  $q > 0$ , the  $q$ -integer  $[k]_q$ , for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  is defined as

$$[k]_q = \begin{cases} \frac{1-q^k}{1-q}, & q \neq 1, \\ k, & q = 1. \end{cases}$$

The  $q$ -factorial integer and the  $q$ -binomial coefficients are :

$$[k]_q! = \begin{cases} [k]_q [k-1]_q \dots [1]_q, & k = 1, 2, \dots \\ 1, & k = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q! [n-k]_q!}, \quad (n \geq k \geq 0).$$

The  $q$ -analogue of  $(x - a)_q^n$  is the polynomial

$$(x - a)_q^n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ (x - a)(x - qa) \dots (x - q^{n-1}a), & \text{if } n \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Let  $p$  be a non-negative integer and let  $\alpha, \beta$  be some real parameters satisfying the conditions  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$ . In 2003, D. Bărbosu [8] introduced for any  $f \in C[0, 1 + p]$  and  $x \in [0, 1]$  the Schurer-Stancu operators as follows

$$S_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} p_{m,k}(x) f\left(\frac{k + \alpha}{m + \beta}\right),$$

where  $p_{m,k}(x) = \binom{m+p}{k} x^k (1-x)^{m+p-k}$ .

Recently, P.N. Agrawal, V. Gupta and A.S. Kumar [5] introduced the class of  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators. For any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p$  a fixed non negative integer number and  $\alpha, \beta$  some real parameters satisfying the conditions  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$ , they constructed the class of generalized  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators

$$\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)} : C[0, 1 + p] \rightarrow C[0, 1],$$

as follows

$$\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \tilde{p}_{m,k}(x) f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right), \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\tilde{p}_{m,k}(x) = \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q x^k (1-x)_q^{m+p-k}$ .

If  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  the above operators reduce to the Bernstein-Schurer operators introduced by Muraru in [14].

**Lemma 1** ([5]). *For the operators defined in (1.1) the following properties hold*

1.  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(e_0, q, x) = 1$ ,
2.  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(e_1, q, x) = \frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta} + \frac{[m+p]_q}{[m]_q + \beta} x$ ,
- 3.

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(e_2, q, x) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^2}{([m]_q + \beta)^2} + \frac{[m+p]_q^2}{([m]_q + \beta)^2} x^2 + \frac{2\alpha[m+p]_q x}{([m]_q + \beta)^2} + \frac{[m+p]_q x(1-x)}{([m]_q + \beta)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The next result is based on Popoviciu's technique and it is expressed in terms of the first order modulus of continuity.

**Theorem 1** ([5]). *If  $f \in C[0, 1 + p]$  and  $q \in (0, 1)$  then*

$$\left\| \tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{5}{4} \omega_f(\delta_m) \quad (1.2)$$

holds, where

$$\delta_m = \frac{1}{[m]_q + \beta} \sqrt{[m+p]_q + 4(q^m [p]_q + \alpha - \beta)^2}.$$

## 2. MONOTONICITY OF THE $q$ -SCHURER-STANCU OPERATORS

Oruc and Philips [15] showed that for a convex function  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$ , the  $q$ -Bernstein polynomials are monotonic decreasing. In this section we will prove a similar result for  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f$  be a convex and increasing function on  $[0, p + 1]$ . Then, for  $0 < q \leq 1$  and  $\beta \leq \frac{[p]_q}{q^p}$ ,*

$$\tilde{S}_{m-1,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) \geq \tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x), \quad (2.1)$$

for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $m \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* For  $0 < q < 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{s=0}^{m+p-1} (1 - q^s x)^{-1} \left[ \tilde{S}_{m-1,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) - \tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+p-1} \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q x^k \prod_{s=m+p-k-1}^{m+p-1} (1 - q^s x)^{-1} f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q x^k \prod_{s=m+p-k}^{m+p-1} (1 - q^s x)^{-1} f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$\psi_k(x) = x^k \prod_{s=m+p-k}^{m+p-1} (1 - q^s x)^{-1} \quad (2.2)$$

and using the following relation

$$x^k \prod_{s=m+p-k-1}^{m+p-1} (1 - q^s x)^{-1} = \psi_k(x) + q^{m+p-k-1} \psi_{k+1}(x)$$

we find

$$\prod_{s=0}^{m+p-1} (1 - q^s x)^{-1} \left[ \tilde{S}_{m-1,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) - \tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=0}^{m+p-1} f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \left\{ \psi_k(x) + q^{m+p-k-1} \psi_{k+1}(x) \right\} \\
&- \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \psi_k(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+p-1} f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \psi_k(x) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{m+p} q^{m+p-k} f\left(\frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p-1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \right]_q \psi_k(x) \\
&- \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \psi_k(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{m+p-1} \left\{ f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \right. \\
&\quad \left. + q^{m+p-k} f\left(\frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p-1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \right]_q - f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right) \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \right\} \psi_k(x) \\
&\quad + \left\{ f\left(\frac{[m+p-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) - f\left(\frac{[m+p]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right) \right\} \psi_{m+p}(x) \\
&\quad + \left\{ f\left(\frac{\alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) - f\left(\frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right) \right\} \psi_0(x) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{m+p-1} \left[ \begin{matrix} m+p \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q a_k \psi_k(x) + \left\{ f\left(\frac{[m+p-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) - f\left(\frac{[m+p]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right) \right\} \psi_{m+p}(x) \\
&\quad + \left\{ f\left(\frac{\alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) - f\left(\frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right) \right\} \psi_0(x),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
a_k &= f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \frac{[m+p-k]_q}{[m+p]_q} + q^{m+p-k} f\left(\frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) \frac{[k]_q}{[m+p]_q} \\
&\quad - f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

From (2.2) it is clear that each  $\psi_k(x)$  is non-negative on  $[0, 1]$  for  $0 \leq q \leq 1$  and thus, it suffices to show that each  $a_k$  is non-negative.

Since  $f$  is convex on  $[0, p+1]$ , for any  $t_0, t_1$  such that  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 \leq p+1$  and any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ , we have

$$f(\lambda t_0 + (1-\lambda)t_1) \leq \lambda f(t_0) + (1-\lambda)f(t_1). \quad (2.3)$$

Let  $t_0 = \frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}$ ,  $t_1 = \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}$  and  $\lambda = q^{m+p-k} \frac{[k]_q}{[m+p]_q}$ . Then  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 \leq p+1$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$  for  $1 \leq k \leq m+p-1$ . If we replace them in the relation (2.3), it follows

$$q^{m+p-k} \frac{[k]_q}{[m+p]_q} f\left(\frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right) + \frac{[m+p-k]_q}{[m+p]_q} f\left(\frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta}\right)$$

$$\geq f \left( q^{m+p-k} \frac{[k]_q}{[m+p]_q} \cdot \frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta} + \frac{[m+p-k]_q}{[m+p]_q} \cdot \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right).$$

Using the inequality  $[k]_q([k-1]_q + \alpha) \geq ([k]_q + \alpha)[k-1]_q$  and  $f$  increasing function, it follows

$$\begin{aligned} & q^{m+p-k} \frac{[k]_q}{[m+p]_q} f \left( \frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right) + \frac{[m+p-k]_q}{[m+p]_q} f \left( \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right) \quad (2.4) \\ & \geq f \left( \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m+p]_q} \cdot \frac{q^{m+p-k} [k-1]_q + [m+p-k]_q}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right) = f \left( \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m+p]_q} \cdot \frac{[m+p-1]_q}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is increasing on  $[0, p+1]$  and

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= f \left( \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right) \frac{[m+p-k]_q}{[m+p]_q} + q^{m+p-k} f \left( \frac{[k-1]_q + \alpha}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right) \frac{[k]_q}{[m+p]_q} \\ & - f \left( \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m+p]_q} \cdot \frac{[m+p-1]_q}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right) + \left\{ f \left( \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m+p]_q} \cdot \frac{[m+p-1]_q}{[m-1]_q + \beta} \right) - f \left( \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta} \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

from the inequality (2.4) we obtain  $a_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 1, m+p-1$ .

Therefore  $\tilde{S}_{m-1,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x) \geq \tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x)$ .

For  $q = 1$  and  $0 \leq x < 1$  in a similar way the property (2.1) is verified.

For  $q = 1$  and  $x = 1$  we have

$$\tilde{S}_{m-1,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,1,1) - \tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,1,1) = f \left( \frac{m+p-1+\alpha}{m-1+\beta} \right) - f \left( \frac{m+p+\alpha}{m+\beta} \right) \geq 0.$$

□

**Theorem 3.** If  $f$  is convex, then for all  $m \geq 1$  and  $0 < q \leq 1$  it follows

- i)  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x) \geq f(x)$ , for  $x \in [0,1]$ ,  $f$  increasing on  $[0,1]$  and  $\beta = \alpha + \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [0, q^m [p]_q]$ ;
- ii)  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x) \geq f(x)$ , for  $x \in \left[ 0, \frac{\alpha}{\beta - q^m [p]_q} \right]$ ,  $f$  increasing on  $[0,1]$  and  $\beta > \alpha + q^m [p]_q$ ;
- iii)  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x) \geq f(x)$ , for  $x \in \left( \frac{\alpha}{\beta - q^m [p]_q}, 1 \right]$ ,  $f$  decreasing on  $[0,1]$  and  $\beta > \alpha + q^m [p]_q$ .

*Proof.* We consider the knots  $x_k = \frac{[k]_q + \alpha}{[m]_q + \beta}$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq m+p$ . From Lemma 1 it follows

$$\sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \tilde{p}_{m,k}(x) = 1, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \tilde{p}_{m,k}(x)x_k = \frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta} + \frac{[m+p]_q}{[m]_q + \beta}x.$$

Using the convexity of function  $f$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \tilde{p}_{m,k}(x) f(x_k) \geq f\left(\sum_{k=0}^{m+p} \tilde{p}_{m,k}(x) x_k\right) \\ &= f\left(\frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta} + \frac{[m+p]_q}{[m]_q + \beta} x\right).\end{aligned}$$

The following inequalities hold

- a)  $\frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta} + \frac{[m+p]_q}{[m]_q + \beta} x \geq x$  for  $\beta = \alpha + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon \in [0, q^m[p]]$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ ;
- b)  $\frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta} + \frac{[m+p]_q}{[m]_q + \beta} x \geq x$  for  $\beta > \alpha + q^m[p]_q$ ,  $x \in \left[0, \frac{\alpha}{\beta - q^m[p]_q}\right]$ ;
- c)  $\frac{\alpha}{[m]_q + \beta} + \frac{[m+p]_q}{[m]_q + \beta} x \leq x$  for  $\beta > \alpha + q^m[p]_q$ ,  $x \in \left[\frac{\alpha}{\beta - q^m[p]_q}, 1\right]$ .

The theorem is proved using the monotony of function  $f$  and the inequalities a)-c).  $\square$

### 3. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

Davis [11] proved that for any convex function  $f$ , the classical Bernstein polynomial is convex and the sequence of Bernstein polynomials is monotonic decreasing. Oruc and Philips [15] extend these results for the Bernstein operators in  $q$ -calculus for  $0 < q \leq 1$ . In this section we will verify numerically these properties for the  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators.

TABLE 1. The  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators

$x$	$\tilde{S}_{30,6}^{(3,5)}(f,q,x)$	$\tilde{S}_{90,6}^{(3,5)}(f,q,x)$
0	0.029115231597413	0.026565252311249
0.1	0.089811163243826	0.083383934253406
0.2	0.191687642176340	0.179475155093384
0.3	0.347058215579779	0.326749960898829
0.4	0.570050753689721	0.538887425606676
0.5	0.876786656660820	0.831510780091276
0.6	1.285573442130916	1.222376845885256
0.7	1.817111513724159	1.731579581814080
0.8	2.494715950321931	2.381768592612226
0.9	3.344554197167635	3.198383491142964
1	4.395900582819147	4.209905050209471

In Table 1 are calculated the values of the  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators  $\tilde{S}_{30,6}^{(3,5)}(f, q, x)$  and  $\tilde{S}_{90,6}^{(3,5)}(f, q, x)$  for  $f(x) = x^3 e^{x+1}$  and  $q = 0.9$ . Also, in the Figure 1 are given the graphics of these operators.

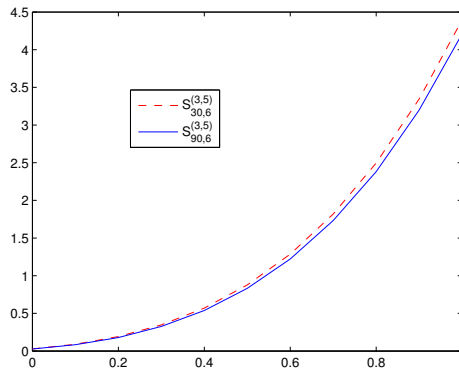


FIGURE 1. The monotonicity of the  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators

In the next part of this section we will give some numerical examples which verify the inequalities proved in Theorem 3.

*Example 1.* If  $n = 50$ ,  $p = 5$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $\beta = 3.0211$ ,  $q = 0.9$ ,  $f(x) = x^3 e^{x+1}$ , it follows  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f, q, x) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

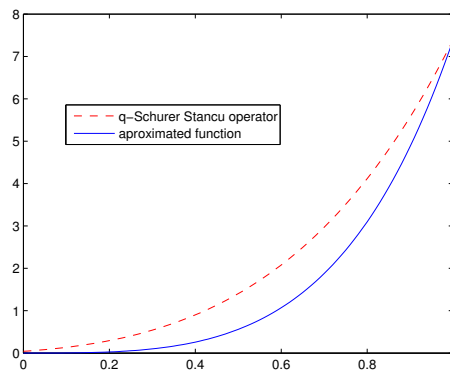


FIGURE 2. The  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators for increasing function and  $\beta = \alpha + \epsilon$

*Example 2.* If  $n = 50$ ,  $p = 5$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $q = 0.9$ ,  $\beta = 8.0211$ ,  $f(x) = x^3 e^{x+1}$ , it follows  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 0.375]$ .

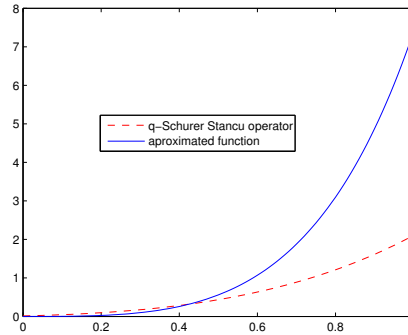


FIGURE 3. The  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators for increasing function and  $\beta > \alpha + q^m [p]_q$

*Example 3.* If  $n = 50$ ,  $p = 5$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $q = 0.9$ ,  $\beta = 8.0211$ ,  $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$ , it follows  $\tilde{S}_{m,p}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(f,q,x) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0.375, 1]$ .

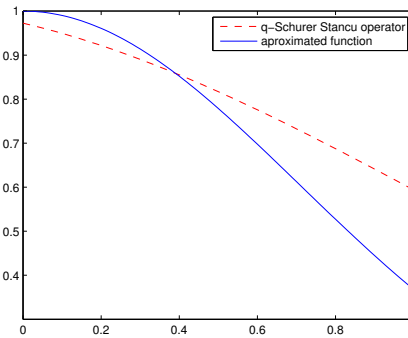


FIGURE 4. The  $q$ -Schurer-Stancu operators for decreasing function

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