

COMMUTATIVITY OF OPERATORS FROM BASKAKOV-DURRMEYER TYPE

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1. Introduction and definition of the operators

For a function $f \in L_1[0,1]$ the n -th, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, Bernstein-Durrmeyer operator B_n is given by

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

where

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

These operators B_n were first defined and considered by Durrmeyer [6] and studied by Derriennic [4]. The saturation class was determined by the author [8]. Direct and inverse results for these operators, their derivatives and linear combinations were discussed by Ditzian and Ivanov [5]. With the aid of the representation of $B_n f$ in terms of the eigenfunctions of the operator (see [4]) they stated the commutativity, i.e.

$$B_n(B_m f) = B_m(B_n f)$$

for all $f \in L_1[0,1]$, $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, which was very useful for the proof of an inverse result for the derivatives of $B_n f$ (see [5], Theorem 7.1). Since neither the classical Bernstein-, Szász-Mirakjan- and Baskakov operators nor their Kantorovič variants possesses this nice property it is interesting to consider the Durrmeyer construction from a more general point of view. Following Baskakov [2] we consider a sequence $(\phi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of real valued functions with the following properties on an interval $[0, b]$, $b > 0$.

$$(1.2) \quad \phi_n \in C^\infty$$

$$(1.3) \quad \phi_n(0) = 1$$

$$(1.4) \quad (-1)^k \phi_n^{(k)} \geq 0 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

$$(1.5) \quad \exists c \in \mathbb{Z} : \phi_n^{(k+1)} = -n \phi_{n+c}^{(k)} \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ and } n+c > 0$$

In [11], Chapter 4.1 suitable sequences of functions $(\phi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are stated. For $c = 0$, $\phi_n(x) = e^{-nx}$ and $c > 0$, $\phi_n(x) = (1+cx)^{-n/c}$ the conditions (1.2) - (1.5) hold for all $x \in [0, \infty)$. From this we obtain the following definition of operators from Baskakov-Durrmeyer Type for $c \geq 0$.

Definition 1.1

For $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $M_n f$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > c$ is defined by

$$(M_n f)(x) = (n-c) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{nk}(x) \int_0^{\infty} p_{nk}(t) f(t) dt, \quad x \in [0, \infty)$$

where

$$p_{nk}(x) = \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \cdot x^k \phi_n^{(k)}(x),$$

$$\phi_n(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-nx} & \text{for } c = 0 \\ (1+cx)^{-n/c} & \text{for } c > 0 \end{cases}.$$

We notice that the analogous definition for $c = -1$, $\phi_n(x) = (1-x)^n$ for the interval $[0, 1]$ leads to the Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators (1.1). For $c = 0$ the operator was defined by Mazhar and Totik in [10].

2. The commutativity result

We are now able to state the commutativity result for the operators of Baskakov-Durrmeyer type.

Theorem 2.1

For every $f \in L_p[0, \infty)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$

$$M_n(M_m f) = M_m(M_n f)$$

holds for arbitrary $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $n, m > c$.

Proof

We first sketch out the main steps of our proof.

(2.1) 1. step: For $x \in [0, \infty)$ we show the integral representations

$$M_n(M_m f)(x) = \frac{(n-c)(m-c)}{(n+m-c)} \int_0^{\infty} f(y) G_{nm}(x, y) dy$$

and

$$M_m(M_n f)(x) = \frac{(n-c)(m-c)}{(n+m-c)} \int_0^\infty f(y) G_{mn}(x, y) dy$$

respectively with

$$G_{nm}(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_{nk}(x) p_{mj}(y) \binom{k+j}{j} \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{k+j-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1}$$

and

$$G_{mn}(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_{nk}(y) p_{mj}(x) \binom{k+j}{j} \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{k+j-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1}$$

respectively.

(2.2) 2.step: We consider G_{nm} and G_{mn} as functions of two complex variables and show that they are holomorphic in a certain region.

(2.3) 3.step: We show the equality of G_{nm} and G_{mn} in an open neighbourhood of $(0,0)$ by considering the Taylor series at $(0,0)$.

(2.4) 4.step: We finish our proof by using the identity theorem for analytic functions from which we conclude the equality $G_{nm}(x, y) = G_{mn}(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in [0, \infty)$.

Proof of (2.1)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(M_m f)(x) &= (n-c) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{nk}(x) \int_0^\infty p_{nk}(t) \left\{ (m-c) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_{mj}(t) \int_0^\infty p_{mj}(y) f(y) dy \right\} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(y) \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_{nk}(x) p_{mj}(y) (n-c)(m-c) \int_0^\infty p_{nk}(t) p_{mj}(t) dt \right\} dy \end{aligned}$$

where the interchanging of integration and summation is allowed by a corollary of Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem (see [9], Corollary 12.33).

By the definition of p_{nk} and p_{mj} we have

$$p_{nk}(t)p_{mj}(t) = \prod_{l=0}^{k+j} \frac{k-1}{(n+cl)} \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} \frac{j-1}{(m+cl)} \prod_{l=0}^{k+j-1} \frac{k+j-1}{(n+m+cl)}^{-1} p_{n+m, k+j}(t)$$

and

$$\int_0^{\infty} p_{n+m, k+j}(t) dt = (n+m-c)^{-1}.$$

Hence the integral representation for $M_n(M_m f)$ in (2.1) is valid and the analogous term for $M_n(M_m f)$ follows in the same manner.

Proof of (2.2)

Consider now G_{nm} and G_{mn} as functions of two complex variables x and y . Let $G = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < \frac{1}{2c} \text{ or } \left[\operatorname{Re}(z) \in [0, \infty) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z) \in \left(-\frac{1}{2c}, \frac{1}{2c}\right) \right] \right\}$ for $c > 0$ and $G = \mathbb{C}$ for $c = 0$ and $(x, y) \in G \times G$.

In the case $c = 0$ we have

$$\binom{k+j}{j} \frac{n^k m^j}{(n+m)^{k+j}} \leq 1$$

by using the binomial formula for $(n+m)^{k+j}$. From this we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_{nk}(x) p_{mj}(y) \binom{k+j}{j} \frac{n^k m^j}{(n+m)^{k+j}} \right| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |p_{nk}(x)| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |p_{mj}(y)| \\ & = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n|x|)^k}{k!} |e^{-nx}| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m|y|)^j}{j!} |e^{-my}| \\ & = e^{-n\operatorname{Re}(x)} \cdot e^{n|x|} \cdot e^{-m\operatorname{Re}(y)} \cdot e^{m|y|} \end{aligned}$$

For the case $c > 0$ let $N = n/c$ and $M = m/c$. By the definition of the r -function and by use of Stirling's formula and the binomial formula we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \binom{k+j}{j} \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{k+j-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1} \\
&= \binom{k+j}{j} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(N+k)\Gamma(M+j)}{\Gamma(N+M+k+j)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(N+M)}{\Gamma(N)\Gamma(M)} \\
&\leq \binom{k+j}{j} \cdot e^3 \cdot \frac{(N+k)^k (M+j)^j}{(N+M+k+j)^{k+j}} \cdot \frac{(N+M)^{N+M}}{N^N M^M} \\
&\leq e^3 \cdot \frac{(N+M)^{N+M}}{N^N M^M}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_{nk}(x) p_{mj}(y) \binom{k+j}{j} \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{k+j-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1} \right| \\
&\leq e^3 \cdot \frac{(N+M)^{N+M}}{N^N M^M} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |p_{nk}(x)| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |p_{mj}(y)| \\
&= e^3 \cdot \frac{(N+M)^{N+M}}{N^N M^M} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|x|^k}{k!} |1+cx|^{-\frac{n+kc}{c}} \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (n+cl) \\
&\quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{|y|^j}{j!} |1+cy|^{-\frac{m+jc}{c}} \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (m+cl) \\
&= e^3 \cdot \frac{(N+M)^{N+M}}{N^N M^M} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-c|x|)^k}{k!} |1+cx|^{-N-k} \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (-N-1) \\
&\quad \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-c|y|)^j}{j!} |1+cy|^{-M-j} \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (-M-1) \\
&= e^3 \cdot \frac{(N+M)^{N+M}}{N^N M^M} \left[|1+cx| - |cx| \right]^{-N} \cdot \left[|1+cy| - |cy| \right]^{-M}
\end{aligned}$$

by using the generalized binomial formula.

Hence $G_{n,m}(x,y)$ is absolutely uniformly convergent in a closed neighbourhood of every point $(x,y) \in G \times G$ for every $c \geq 0$. As the functions p_{nk} and p_{mj} are holomorphic in G we derive from the theorem of convergence by Weierstraß and Hartogs' theorem (see [3]) that G_{nm} is holomorphic in $G \times G$.

The same arguments hold for the holomorphy of G_{mn} in $G \times G$. That means that G_{nm} and G_{mn} respectively can be expanded in a power series at every point $(x, y) \in G \times G$, being convergent for a certain open neighbourhood of (x, y) and equaling the functions there.

Proof of (2.3)

From now on we consider again G_{nm} and G_{mn} respectively as functions of real variables. From (2.2) we know that the Taylor series are convergent in a certain neighbourhood $U(0,0)$ of the point $(0,0)$ and equal the functions there. Thus for $(x, y) \in U(0,0)$ we have

$$G_{nm}(x, y) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(s+r)!} \binom{s+r}{s} x^r y^s \left[\frac{\partial^{r+s}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} G_{nm}(x, y) \right] (0, 0) .$$

From this we see that for the equality of G_{nm} and G_{mn} in $U(0,0)$ it is enough to show that $\left[\frac{\partial^{r+s}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} G_{nm}(x, y) \right] (0, 0)$ is symmetric in n and m . Without loss of generality we consider the case $s \geq r$. With Leibniz's formula we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{\partial^r}{\partial x^r} P_{nk}(x) \right] (0) &= (-1)^k \sum_{\nu=0}^r \binom{r}{\nu} \left[\binom{k}{\nu} (\nu) (\phi_n^{(k)}(x))^{(r-\nu)} \right] (0) \\ &= \begin{cases} (-1)^k \phi_n^{(r)}(0) & \text{for } k \leq r \\ 0 & \text{for } k > r \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} (-1)^{k+r} \binom{r}{k} \prod_{l=0}^{r-1} (n+cl) & \text{for } k \leq r \\ 0 & \text{for } k > r \end{cases} . \end{aligned}$$

Together with the definition of G_{nm} we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[\frac{\partial^{r+s}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} G_{nm}(x, y) \right] (0, 0) \\ &= \prod_{l=0}^{r-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{s-1} (m+cl) \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r}{k} (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \frac{(j+k)!}{j!} \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{k+j-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1} . \end{aligned}$$

We will show that this equals

$$(2.5) \quad \binom{r+s}{s} (-1)^{r+s} \prod_{l=0}^{r-1} (n+cl)(m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{s-1} (n+cl)(m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{r+s-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1},$$

which is symmetric in n and m , i.e. we prove the equality

$$(2.6) \quad \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r}{k} (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \frac{(j+k)!}{j!} \\ \cdot \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{j-1} (m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{k+j-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1} \\ = \binom{r+s}{s} \prod_{l=0}^{r-1} (m+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{s-1} (n+cl) \prod_{l=0}^{r+s-1} (n+m+cl)^{-1}.$$

We define

$$g_k(x) = \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \frac{(j+k)!}{j!} (1-x)^j.$$

With the binomial formula we have

$$x^s (x-1)^k = \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (x-1)^{j+k}$$

and

$$\frac{d^k}{dx^k} [x^s (x-1)^k] = \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \frac{(j+k)!}{j!} (1-x)^j = g_k(x).$$

By Leibniz's formula for the k -th derivative of the product of two functions we get

$$(2.7) \quad g_k(x) = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} [x^s (x-1)^k] = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \binom{s}{j} k! x^{s-j} (-1)^j (1-x)^j.$$

To prove (2.6) we consider the two cases $c = 0$ and $c > 0$.

c = 0

With $x = \frac{n}{m+n}$ and $(1-x) = \frac{m}{m+n}$ and the representation (2.7) for $g_k(x)$ (2.6) is reduced to the proposition

$$(2.8) \quad \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r}{k} (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} x^k \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \binom{s}{j} k! x^{s-j} (-1)^j (1-x)^j$$

$$= \binom{r+s}{s} x^s (1-x)^r .$$

Interchanging the order of summation, using the identity $\binom{r}{k} \binom{k}{j} = \binom{r}{j} \binom{r-j}{r-k}$ and indextransformation yield that the left hand side of (2.8) equals

$$x^s \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{s}{j} \binom{r}{j} (1-x)^j \sum_{k=0}^{r-j} \binom{r-j}{k} (-x)^{r-j-k}$$

$$= x^s \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{s}{j} \binom{r}{j} (1-x)^j (1-x)^{r-j}$$

$$= x^s (1-x)^r \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{s}{j} \binom{r}{j}$$

$$= \binom{r+s}{s} x^s (1-x)^r ,$$

where the last equations follow by the binomial formula and the identity $\sum_{j=0}^r \binom{s}{j} \binom{r}{j} = \binom{r+s}{s}$ (see [6], formula 3.1). Hence we have proved (2.8) and (2.6) respectively. That means (2.5) is true in the case $c = 0$.

c > 0

With $N = n/c$ and $M = m/c$, $N, M > 1$ as $n, m > c$, and the definition of the β -function (2.6) is reduced to the proposition

$$(2.9) \quad \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r}{k} (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \frac{(j+k)!}{j!} \beta(N+k, M+j)$$

$$= \binom{r+s}{s} \beta(M+r, N+s) .$$

By using the integral representation

$$\beta(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx$$

for the β -function (see [1]) we get that the left hand side of (2.9) equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r}{k} (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{k!} x^{N+k-1} (1-x)^{M-1} \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} (-1)^j \cdot \frac{(j+k)!}{j!} (1-x)^j \right\} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{r}{k} (-1)^k x^{N+k-1} (1-x)^{M-1} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \binom{s}{j} (-1)^j x^{s-j} (1-x)^j \right\} dx \end{aligned}$$

by our definition of the function g_k . With analogous transformations as in the case $c = 0$ we get that this equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \binom{r+s}{s} x^{N+s-1} (1-x)^{M+r-1} dx \\ &= \binom{r+s}{s} \beta(N+s, M+r) . \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have proved (2.9) and (2.6) respectively. That means (2.5) is also true for the case $c > 0$.

Proof of (2.4)

As $G_{nm}(x, y) = G_{mn}(x, y)$ in $U(0, 0)$ by (2.3) and $G_{nm}(x, y)$ and $G_{mn}(x, y)$ are analytic for all $x, y \in (-\infty, \infty)$ in the case $c = 0$ and $x, y \in (\frac{-1}{2c}, \infty)$ in the case $c > 0$ we can conclude $G_{nm}(x, y) = G_{mn}(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in [0, \infty)$ by use of the identity theorem for analytic functions (see [3]). Together with the integral representations (2.1) we get $M_n(M_m f)(x) = M_m(M_n f)(x)$ for all $x \in [0, \infty)$ what we wanted to prove.

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