

# On convergence of a kind of complex nonlinear Bernstein operators

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**Abstract.** The present article deals with the approximation properties and Voronovskaja type results with quantitative estimates for a certain class of complex nonlinear Bernstein operators  $(NB_n f)$  of the form

$$(NB_n f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right), \quad |z| \leq 1$$

attached to analytic functions on compact disks.

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## 1. Introduction

Approximation properties of complex Bernstein polynomials were initially studied by Lorentz [6]. Recently S. G. Gal has done a commendable work in this direction and he compiled the important papers in his recent book [2]. Concerning the convergence of the Bernstein polynomials in the complex plane, Bernstein proved that if  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic in the open set  $G \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  with  $\overline{D}_1 \subset G$  where  $\overline{D}_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$  then the complex Bernstein polynomials

$$(B_n f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} z^k (1-z)^{n-k} f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right)$$

converge uniformly to  $f$  in  $\overline{D}_1$ . In the present paper we study the rate of approximation of analytic functions and give a Voronovskaja type result for the nonlinear

complex Bernstein operator  $(NB_n f)$ . Nonlinear Bernstein operator of complex variable is defined as

$$(NB_n f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) \tag{1.1}$$

where  $G_n : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies the Hölder condition i.e,

$$|G_n(u) - G_n(v)| \leq R |u - v|^\gamma$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$  and suitable constant  $R > 0$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [G_n(u) - u] = 0 \tag{1.2}$$

for every  $u \in \overline{D}_1$  where  $\overline{D}_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$ .

## 2. Convergence Results

We will consider the following nonlinear version of complex Bernstein operator,

$$(NB_n f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right), \quad |z| \leq 1$$

defined for every  $f \in \overline{D}_1$  for which  $(NB_n f)$  is well-defined, where

$$D_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$$

The real case of above operator (1.1) and some of its properties can be found in [5].

We are now ready to establish the main results of this study:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose that  $f : D_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic in  $D_1$ , that is*

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$$

for all  $z \in D_1$ . For all  $|z| \leq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$|(NB_n f)(z) - f(z)| \leq R \left( \frac{3}{n} C(f) \right)^\gamma,$$

where  $0 < C(f) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) |c_k| < \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Suppose that  $f : D_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic in  $D_1$ . We can write*

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$$

for all  $z \in D_1$ . The following Voronovskaja-type result in the closed unit disk holds,

$$\left| (NB_n f)(z) - f(z) - \frac{z(1-z)}{n} f''(z) \right| \leq R \left( \frac{|z(1-z)|}{2n} \frac{10}{n} M(f) \right)^\gamma$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z \in \overline{D}_1$ , where  $0 < M(f) = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} k(k-1)(k-2)^2 c_k < \infty$  and  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ .

The linear counterpart of Theorem 2.2 is given by Gal [4]. Notice that our theorems contain appropriate result of Gal [4] as a special case.

### 3. Auxiliary Result

In this section we give a certain result, which is necessary to prove our theorems.

**Lemma 3.1.** (Lorentz [7, p. 40, Theorem 4]) *For polynomials  $P_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$  with complex coefficients on the disk  $|z| \leq 1$  we put*

$$\|P_n\|_1 = \max_{|z| \leq 1} |P_n(z)|.$$

Then

$$\|P'_n\| \leq n \|P_n\|.$$

### 4. Proof of the Theorems

**Proof of Theorem 2.1.** We consider

$$\begin{aligned} |(NB_n f)(z) - f(z)| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - f(z) \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \left\{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - f(z) \right\} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \left\{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(f(z)) + G_n(f(z)) - f(z) \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \left\{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(f(z)) \right\} \right| + \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \{ G_n(f(z)) - f(z) \} \right| \end{aligned}$$

the last term in the last inequality goes to zero because of (1.2). Then we will estimate

$$\text{the first sum } I_1 = \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(f(z)) \} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \left\{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(f(z)) \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^n |p_{k,n}(z)| \left| G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(f(z)) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

By using Hölder condition  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$ ,

$$\leq R \sum_{k=0}^n |p_{k,n}(z)| \left| f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) - f(z) \right|^\gamma$$

if we use Hölder inequality then we have

$$\leq R \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |p_{k,n}(z)| \left| f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) - f(z) \right| \right)^\gamma.$$

Denoting  $e_k(z) = z^k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $\pi_{k,n}(z) = B_n(e_k)(z)$ , we evidently have

$$(B_n f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \pi_{k,n}(z)$$

and by using this representation we get

$$= R \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k| |\pi_{k,n}(z) - e_k(z)| \right)^{\gamma}.$$

So that we need an estimate for

$$|\pi_{k,n}(z) - e_k(z)|.$$

For this purpose we use the recurrence proved for the real variable case in Andrica [1]. It is valid for complex variable as well in [2] and [3]:

$$\pi_{k+1,n}(z) = \frac{z(1-z)}{n} \pi'_{k,n}(z) + z \pi_{k,n}(z)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

From this recurrence we easily obtain that  $\text{degree}(\pi_{k,n}(z)) = k$ . Also, by replacing  $k$  with  $k - 1$ , we get

$$\pi_{k,n}(z) - z^k = \frac{z(1-z)}{n} [\pi_{k-1,n}(z) - z^{k-1}]' + \frac{(k-1)z^{k-1}(1-z)}{n} + z[\pi_{k-1,n}(z) - z^{k-1}]$$

which by Bernstein's inequality for complex polynomials where  $|z| \leq r \leq 1$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} |\pi_{k,n}(z) - e_k(z)| &\leq (k-1) \frac{1+r}{n} \|\pi_{k-1,n}(z) - e_{k-1}(z)\|_1 \\ &\quad + \frac{r^{k-1}(1+r)(k-1)}{n} + r |\pi_{k-1,n}(z) - e_{k-1}(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

As a conclusion, for all  $|z| \leq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |(NB_n f)(z) - f(z)| &\leq R \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k| |\pi_{k,n}(z) - e_k(z)| \right)^{\gamma} \\ &\leq R \left( \frac{r(1+r)(1+2r)}{2n} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) |c_k| \right)^{\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$  is absolutely and uniformly convergent in  $|z| \leq 1$ , then one has

$f''(z) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k z^{k-2}$ . Note that  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)c_k z^{k-2}$  is also absolutely convergent

for  $|z| \leq 1$ , which implies  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)|c_k| < \infty$ .

**Proof of Theorem 2.2.** Denoting  $h(z) := f(z) + \frac{z(1-z)}{n} f''(z)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (NB_n f)(z) - f(z) - \frac{z(1-z)}{n} f''(z) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - f(z) - \frac{z(1-z)}{n} f''(z) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - h(z) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \left\{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(h(z)) \right\} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \{ G_n(h(z)) - h(z) \} \right| \end{aligned}$$

it is clearly seen that the last term in the last inequality goes to zero because of (1.2).

Then we will estimate  $I_1 = \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(h(z)) \} \right|$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n p_{k,n}(z) \left\{ G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(h(z)) \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^n |p_{k,n}(z)| \left| G_n \left( f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) - G_n(h(z)) \right| \end{aligned}$$

by using Hölder condition  $0 < \gamma \leq 1$

$$\leq \sum_{k=0}^n |p_{k,n}(z)| R \left| f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) - h(z) \right|^\gamma.$$

Substituting  $h(z)$  and using the Hölder inequality,

$$\leq R \left( \sum_{k=0}^n |p_{k,n}(z)| \left| f \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) - f(z) - \frac{z(1-z)}{n} f''(z) \right| \right)^\gamma$$

Denoting  $e_k(z) = z^k, k = 0, 1, \dots$  and  $\pi_{k,n}(z) = B_n(e_k)(z)$ , we can write

$$(B_n f)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty c_k \pi_{k,n}(z)$$

which immediately implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (NB_n f)(z) - f(z) - \frac{z(1-z)}{n} f''(z) \right| \\ &\leq R \left( \sum_{k=0}^\infty |c_k| \left| \pi_{k,n}(z) - e_k(z) - \frac{z^{k-1}(1-z)k(k-1)}{2n} \right| \right)^\gamma \end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in \overline{D}_1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In what follows, we will use the recurrence obtained in the proof of Theorem 1.1.2 [2].

$$\pi_{k+1,n}(z) = \frac{z(1-z)}{n} \pi'_{k,n}(z) + z\pi_{k,n}(z)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

If we denote

$$E_{k,n}(z) = \pi_{k,n}(z) - e_k(z) - \frac{z^{k-1}(1-z)k(k-1)}{2n}$$

then it is clear that  $E_{k,n}(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq k$  and by a simple calculation and the use of the above recurrence we obtain the following relationship

$$\begin{aligned} E_{k,n}(z) &= \frac{z(1-z)}{n} E'_{k,n}(z) + zE_{k-1,n}(z) \\ &\quad + \frac{z^{k-2}(1-z)(k-1)(k-2)}{2n^2} [(k-2) - z(k-1)] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $z \in \overline{D}_1$ .

According to Bernstein's inequality  $\|E'_{k-1,n}(z)\| \leq (k-1) \|E_{k-1,n}(z)\|$  the above relationship implies for all  $|z| \leq 1$ ,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} |E_{k,n}(z)| &\leq \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} [2\|E'_{k-1,n}(z)\|] + |E_{k-1,n}(z)| \\ &\quad + \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} \frac{|z|^{k-3}(k-1)(k-2)}{n} (2k-3) \\ &\leq |E_{k-1,n}(z)| + \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} [2(k-1)\|\pi_{k-1,n}(z) - e_{k-1}(z)\| \\ &\quad + 2(k-1) \left\| \frac{(k-1)(k-2)[e_{k-2}(z) - e_{k-1}(z)]}{2n} \right\| + \frac{2k(k-1)(k-2)}{n}] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the uniform norm in  $C(\overline{D}_1)$ .

It follows

$$\|\pi_{k,n}(z) - e_k(z)\| \leq \frac{3}{n} k(k-1)$$

and as a consequence, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |E_{k,n}(z)| &\leq |E_{k-1,n}(z)| + \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} \left[ 2(k-1) \frac{3(k-1)(k-2)}{n} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2(k-1) \left\| \frac{(k-1)(k-2)[e_{k-2}(z) - e_{k-1}(z)]}{2n} \right\| + \frac{2k(k-1)(k-2)}{n} \right] \end{aligned}$$

which by simple calculation implies

$$|E_{k,n}(z)| \leq |E_{k-1,n}(z)| + \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} \frac{10}{n} k(k-1)(k-2).$$

Since  $E_{0,n}(z) = E_{1,n}(z) = E_{2,n}(z) = 0$ , for any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  it follows that from the last inequality for  $k = 3, 4, \dots$  we easily obtain, step by step the following

$$|E_{k,n}(z)| \leq \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} \frac{10}{n} \sum_{j=3}^k j(j-1)(j-2) \leq \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} \frac{10}{n} k(k-1)(k-2)^2$$

In conclusion

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (NB_n f)(z) - f(z) - \frac{z(1-z)}{n} f''(z) \right| &\leq R \left( \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} |c_k| |E_{k,n}(z)| \right)^{\gamma} \\ &\leq R \left( \frac{|z||1-z|}{2n} \frac{10}{n} \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} |c_k| k(k-1)(k-2)^2 \right)^{\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that since  $f^{(4)}(z) = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} c_k k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3)z^{k-4}$  and the series is absolutely convergent in  $\bar{D}_1$ , it easily follows that  $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} |c_k| k(k-1)(k-2)^2 < \infty$ .

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