# Properties of Convergence for a Class of Generalized *q*-Gamma Operators

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**Abstract.** In this paper, a generalization of *q*-Gamma operators based on the concept of *q*-integer is introduced. We investigate the moments and central moments of the operators by computation, obtain a local approximation theorem and get the pointwise convergence rate theorem and also obtain a weighted approximation theorem. Finally, a Voronovskaya type asymptotic formula was given.

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#### 1 Introduction

It is well known that the Gamma operators are given by

$$G_n(f;x) = \frac{1}{x^n \Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty f(t/n) t^{n-1} e^{-t/x} dt, \ x \in [0,\infty).$$
 (1.1)

In 2005, Zeng [9] obtained the approximation properties of  $G_n$  defined above, supposing f satisfies exponential growth condition. He studied the approximation properties to the locally bounded functions and the absolutely continuous functions and obtained some good properties.

Since the application of q-calculus in approximation theory is an active field, many researchers have performed studies in it, we mention some of them [3,5–8], these motivate us to introduce the q analogue of this kind of Gamma operators.

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Firstly, we recall some concepts of q-calculus. All of the results can be found in [4]. For any fixed real number  $0 < q \le 1$  and each nonnegative integer k, we denote q-integers by  $[k]_q$ , where

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

Also *q*-factorial and *q*-binomial coefficients are defined as follows:

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

and

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

The *q*-improper integrals are defined as

$$\int_0^{\infty/A} f(x)d_q x = (1-q)\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{q^n}{A}\right)\frac{q^n}{A}, \quad A > 0, \tag{1.2}$$

provided the sums converge absolutely.

The *q*-exponential function  $E_q(x)$  is given as

$$E_q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k(k-1)/2} \frac{x^k}{[k]_q!} = (1 + (1-q)x)_q^{\infty}, |q| < 1,$$

where  $(1-x)_q^{\infty} = \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1-q^j x)$ .

The *q*-Gamma integral is defined as

$$\Gamma_q(t) = \int_0^{\infty/A} x^{t-1} E_q(-qx) d_q x, \ t > 0, \tag{1.3}$$

which satisfies the following functional equations:  $\Gamma_q(t+1) = [t]_q \Gamma_q(t)$ ,  $\Gamma_q(1) = 1$ .

For  $f \in C[0,\infty)$ ,  $q \in (0,1)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we introduce a generalization of q-Gamma operators  $G_{n,q}(f,x)$  as

$$G_{n,q}(f;x) = \frac{1}{x^n \Gamma_q(n)} \int_0^{\infty/A} f\left(\frac{t}{[n]_q}\right) t^{n-1} E_q\left(-\frac{qt}{x}\right) d_q t. \tag{1.4}$$

Obviously,  $G_{n,q}(f;x)$  are positive linear operators. It is observed that for  $q \to 1^-$ ,  $G_{n,1^-}(f;x)$  become the Gamma operators defined in (1.1).

#### 2 Some preliminary results

In this section, we give the following lemmas, which are need to prove our theorems:

**Lemma 2.1.** *For*  $q \in (0,1)$ ,  $x \in [0,\infty)$  *and* k = 0,1,..., *we have* 

$$G_{n,q}(t^k;x) = \frac{[n+k-1]_q!}{[n-1]_q![n]_q^k} x^k.$$
(2.1)

*Proof.* From (1.3) and (1.4), we have

$$G_{n,q}(t^{k};x) = \frac{1}{x^{n}\Gamma_{q}(n)} \int_{0}^{\infty/A} \left(\frac{t}{[n]_{q}}\right)^{k} t^{n-1} E_{q}\left(-\frac{qt}{x}\right) d_{q}t$$

$$= \frac{x^{k}}{[n]_{q}^{k}\Gamma_{q}(n)} \int_{0}^{\infty/A} \left(\frac{t}{x}\right)^{n+k-1} E_{q}\left(-\frac{qt}{x}\right) d_{q}\left(\frac{t}{x}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma_{q}(n+k)x^{k}}{[n]_{q}^{k}[n-1]_{q}!} = \frac{[n+k-1]_{q}!}{[n-1]_{q}![n]_{q}^{k}} x^{k}.$$

Lemma 2.1 is proved.

**Lemma 2.2.** *For*  $q \in (0,1)$ ,  $x \in [0,\infty)$ , *we have* 

$$G_{n,q}(1;x) = 1$$
,  $G_{n,q}(t;x) = x$ ,  $G_{n,q}(t^2;x) = \left(1 + \frac{q^n}{[n]_q}\right)x^2$ , (2.2)

$$G_{n,q}(t^3;x) = \left[1 + \frac{q^n(2+q)}{[n]_q} + \frac{[2]_q q^{2n}}{[n]_q^2}\right] x^3, \tag{2.3}$$

$$G_{n,q}\left(t^{4};x\right) = \left[1 + \frac{\left(1 + [2]_{q} + [3]_{q}\right)q^{n}}{[n]_{q}} + \frac{\left([2]_{q} + [3]_{q} + [2]_{q}[3]_{q}\right)q^{2n}}{[n]_{a}^{2}} + \frac{[2]_{q}[3]_{q}q^{3n}}{[n]_{a}^{3}}\right]x^{4}.$$
 (2.4)

Proof. From Lemma 2.1, we get (2.2) easily. Next,

$$G_{n,q}(t^{3};x) = \frac{[n+2]_{q}!}{[n-1]_{q}![n]_{q}^{3}}x^{3} = \frac{[n+2]_{q}[n+1]_{q}}{[n]_{q}^{2}}x^{3} = \frac{([n]_{q}+[2]_{q}q^{n})([n]_{q}+q^{n})}{[n]_{q}^{2}}x^{3}$$

$$= \frac{[n]_{q}^{2}+([2]_{q}+1)q^{n}[n]_{q}+[2]_{q}q^{2n}}{[n]_{q}^{2}}x^{3} = \left[1+\frac{q^{n}(2+q)}{[n]_{q}}+\frac{[2]_{q}q^{2n}}{[n]_{q}^{2}}\right]x^{3}.$$

Finally,

$$G_{n,q}\left(t^{4};x\right) = \frac{[n+3]_{q}!}{[n-1]_{q}![n]_{q}^{4}}x^{4} = \frac{[n+3]_{q}[n+2]_{q}[n+1]_{q}}{[n]_{q}^{3}}x^{4}$$

$$= \frac{\left([n]_{q} + [3]_{q}q^{n}\right)\left([n]_{q} + [2]_{q}q^{n}\right)\left([n]_{q} + q^{n}\right)}{[n]_{q}^{3}}x^{4}$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{\left(1 + [2]_{q} + [3]_{q}\right)q^{n}}{[n]_{q}} + \frac{\left([2]_{q} + [3]_{q} + [2]_{q}[3]_{q}\right)q^{2n}}{[n]_{q}^{2}} + \frac{[2]_{q}[3]_{q}q^{3n}}{[n]_{q}^{3}}\right]x^{4}.$$

Lemma 2.2 is proved.

**Remark 2.1.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , then for every  $q \in (0, 1)$ , by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$G_{n,q}(1+t;x) = 1+x.$$
 (2.5)

**Lemma 2.3.** For every  $q \in (0,1)$  and  $x \in [0,\infty)$ , we have

$$G_{n,q}((t-x)^2;x) = \frac{q^n}{[n]_q}x^2,$$
 (2.6)

$$G_{n,q}\left((t-x)^4;x\right) = \frac{q^n(1-q)^2}{[n]_q}x^4 + \frac{q^{2n}\left(q^3+3q^2-1\right)}{[n]_q^2}x^4 + \frac{q^{3n}[2]_q[3]_q}{[n]_q^3}x^4. \tag{2.7}$$

*Proof.* Since  $G_{n,q}((t-x)^2;x) = G_{n,q}(t^2;x) - 2xG_{n,q}(t;x) + x^2$  and  $G_{n,q}((t-x)^4;x) = G_{n,q}(t^4;x) - 4xG_{n,q}(t^3;x) + 6x^2G_{n,q}(t^2;x) - 4x^3G_{n,q}(t;x) + x^4$ , and from Lemma 2.2, We get Lemma 2.3 easily.

**Remark 2.2.** Let the sequence  $q = \{q_n\}$  satisfies  $q_n \in (0,1)$  and  $q_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ , then for any fixed  $x \in [0,\infty)$ , by Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} L_{n,q_n} \left( (t-x)^2; x \right) = 0, \ \lim_{n \to \infty} [n]_q \sqrt{L_{n,q_n} \left( (t-x)^4; x \right)} = O(1). \tag{2.8}$$

### 3 Local approximation

In this section, we establish direct and local approximation theorems in connection with the operators  $L_{n,q}(f;x)$ .

We denote the space of all real valued continuous bounded functions f defined on the interval  $[0,\infty)$  by  $C_B[0,\infty)$ . The norm  $||\cdot||$  on the space  $C_B[0,\infty)$  is given by  $||f|| = \sup\{|f(x)|: x \in [0,\infty)\}$ .

Further let us consider Peetre's *K*—functional:

$$K_2(f;\delta) = \inf_{g \in W^2} \{||f-g|| + \delta||g''||\},$$

where  $\delta > 0$  and  $W^2 = \{ g \in C_B[0, \infty) : g', g'' \in C_B[0, \infty) \}.$ 

For  $f \in C_B[0,\infty)$ , the modulus of continuity of second order is defined by

$$\omega_2(f;\delta) = \sup_{0 < h \le \delta} \sup_{x \in [0,\infty)} |f(x+2h) - 2f(x+h) + f(x)|,$$

by [1, p.177], there exists an absolute constant C > 0 such that

$$K_2(f;\delta) \le C\omega_2(f;\sqrt{\delta}), \ \delta > 0.$$
 (3.1)

Our first result is a direct local approximation theorem for the operators  $G_{n,q}(f;x)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** For  $q \in (0,1)$ ,  $x \in [0,\infty)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f \in C_B[0,\infty)$ , we have

$$|L_{n,q}(f,x)-f(x)| \le C\omega_2\left(f; \frac{q^{n/2}}{\sqrt{[n]_q}}x\right),\tag{3.2}$$

where C is a positive constant.

*Proof.* Let  $g \in W^2$ , by Taylor's expansion, we have

$$g(t) = g(x) + g'(x)(t-x) + \int_{x}^{t} (t-u)g''(u)du, \ x,t \in [0,\infty).$$

Using (2.5), we get

$$G_{n,q}(g;x) = g(x) + G_{n,q}\left(\int_x^t (t-u)g''(u)du;x\right).$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|G_{n,q}(g;x) - g(x)| &= \left| G_{n,q} \left( \int_{x}^{t} (t - u) g''(u) du; x \right) \right| \leq G_{n,q} \left( \left| \int_{x}^{t} (t - u) |g''(u)| du \right|; x \right) \\
&\leq \frac{q^{n}}{[n]_{q}} x^{2} ||g''||.
\end{aligned} (3.3)$$

On the other hand, using Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\left|G_{n,q}(f;x)\right| \le \frac{1}{x^n \Gamma_q(n)} \int_0^{\infty/A} \left| f\left(\frac{t}{[n]_q}\right) \right| t^{n-1} E_q\left(-\frac{qt}{x}\right) d_q t \le ||f||. \tag{3.4}$$

Now (3.3) and (3.4) imply

$$|G_{n,q}(f;x)-f(x)| \le |G_{n,q}(f-g;x)-(f-g)(x)|+|G_{n,q}(g;x)-g(x)|$$

$$\le 2||f-g||+\frac{q^n}{|n|_q}x^2||g''||.$$

Hence taking infimum on the right hand side over all  $g \in W^2$ , we get

$$|G_{n,q}(f;x)-f(x)| \le 2K_2\left(f;\frac{q^n}{[n]_q}x^2\right).$$

By (3.1), for every  $q \in (0,1)$ , we have

$$|L_{n,q}(f,x)-f(x)| \le C\omega_2\left(f;\frac{q^{n/2}}{\sqrt{[n]_q}}x\right).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

### 4 Rate of convergence

Let  $B_{x^2}[0,\infty)$  be the set of all functions f defined on  $[0,\infty)$ , satisfying the condition  $|f(x)| \le M_f(1+x^2)$ , where  $M_f$  is a constant depending only on f. We denote the subspace of all continuous functions belonging to  $B_{x^2}[0,\infty)$  by  $C_{x^2}[0,\infty)$ . Also, let  $C_{x^2}^*[0,\infty)$  be the subspace of all functions  $f \in C_{x^2}[0,\infty)$ , for which  $\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{f(x)}{1+x^2}$  is finite. The norm on  $C_{x^2}^*[0,\infty)$  is  $||f||_{x^2} = \sup_{x\in[0,\infty)} \frac{|f(x)|}{1+x^2}$ . We denote the usual modulus of continuity of f on the closed interval [0,a], (a>0) by

$$\omega_a(f,\delta) = \sup_{|t-x| < \delta x, t \in [0,a]} |f(t) - f(x)|.$$

Obviously, for the function  $f \in C_{x^2}[0,\infty)$ , the modulus of continuity  $\omega_a(f,\delta)$  tends to zero.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $f \in C_{x^2}[0,\infty)$ ,  $q \in (0,1)$  and  $\omega_{a+1}(f,\delta)$  be the modulus of continuity on the finite interval  $[0,a+1] \subset [0,\infty)$ , where a > 0. Then we have

$$||G_{n,q}(f) - f||_{C[0,a]} \le 4M_f \left(1 + a^2\right) \frac{q^n a^2}{[n]_q} + 2\omega_{a+1} \left(f, \frac{q^{n/2} a}{\sqrt{[n]_q}}\right). \tag{4.1}$$

*Proof.* For  $x \in [0,a]$  and t > a+1, we have  $t-x \ge t-a > 1$ . Hence  $(t-x)^2 > 1$ . Thus  $2+3x^2+2(t-x)^2 \le (2+3x^2)(t-x)^2 + 2(t-x)^2 = (4+3x^2)(t-x)^2 \le (4+3a^2)(t-x)^2 \le 4(1+a^2)(t-x)^2$ . Hence, we obtain

$$|f(t) - f(x)| \le 4M_f(1+a^2)(t-x)^2.$$
 (4.2)

For  $x \in [0,a]$  and  $t \le a+1$ , we have

$$|f(t) - f(x)| \le \omega_{a+1}(f; |t - x|) \le \left(1 + \frac{|t - x|}{\delta}\right) \omega_{a+1}(f; \delta), \ \delta > 0.$$
 (4.3)

From (4.2) and (4.3), we get

$$|f(t) - f(x)| \le 4M_f (1 + a^2)(t - x)^2 + \left(1 + \frac{|t - x|}{\delta}\right) \omega_{a+1}(f;\delta).$$
 (4.4)

For  $x \in [0,a]$  and  $t \ge 0$ , by Schwarz's inequality and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|G_{n,q}(f;x) - f(x)| \\ &\leq G_{n,q}(|f(t) - f(x)|;x) \\ &\leq 4M_f(1+a^2)G_{n,q}\left((t-x)^2;x\right) + \omega_{a+1}(f;\delta)\left[1 + \frac{1}{\delta}\sqrt{G_{n,q}((t-x)^2;x)}\right] \\ &\leq 4M_f\left(1+a^2\right)\frac{q^na^2}{[n]_q} + \omega_{a+1}(f,\delta)\left(1 + \frac{1}{\delta}\frac{q^{n/2}a}{\sqrt{[n]_q}}\right), \end{aligned}$$

by taking  $\delta = \frac{q^{n/2}a}{\sqrt{[n]_q}}$ , we get the assertion of Theorem 4.1.

## 5 Weighted approximation and Voronovskaya type asymptotic formula

Now we will discuss the weighted approximation theorems.

**Theorem 5.1.** Let the sequence  $q = \{q_n\}$  satisfies  $0 < q_n < 1$  and  $q_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ , for  $f \in C_{x^2}^*[0, \infty)$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||G_{n,q_n}(f) - f||_{x^2} = 0.$$
 (5.1)

*Proof.* By using the Korovkin theorem in [2], we see that it is sufficient to verify the following three conditions

$$\lim_{v \to \infty} ||G_{n,q_n}(t^v;x) - x^v||_{x^2}, \ v = 0,1,2.$$
 (5.2)

Since  $G_{n,q_n}(1;x) = 1$  and  $G_{n,q_n}(t;x) = x$ , (5.2) holds true for v = 0 and v = 1. Finally, for v = 2, we have

$$||G_{n,q_n}(t^2;x)-x^2||_{x^2} = \sup_{x \in [0,\infty)} \frac{|G_{n,q_n}(t^2;x)-x^2|}{1+x^2} \le \frac{q^n}{[n]_q} \sup_{x \in [0,\infty)} \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} \le \frac{q^n}{[n]_q},$$

since  $\lim_{n\to\infty} q_n = 1$ , we get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{q_n^n}{[n]_{q_n}} = 0$ , so the third condition of (5.2) holds for v=2 as  $n\to\infty$ , then the proof of Theorem 5.1 is completed.

Finally, we give a Voronovskaya type asymptotic formula for  $G_{n,q}(f;x)$  by means of the second and fourth central moments.

**Theorem 5.2.** Let the sequence  $q = \{q_n\}$  satisfies  $0 < q_n < 1$  and  $q_n \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Then for  $f \in C^2_{r^2}[0,\infty)$  and fix  $x \in [0,\infty)$ , the following equality holds

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} [n]_q \left( G_{n,q}(f;x) - f(x) \right) = \frac{f''(x)}{2} x^2. \tag{5.3}$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in [0,\infty)$  be fixed. By the Taylor formula, we may write

$$f(t) = f(x) + f'(x)(t-x) + \frac{1}{2}f''(x)(t-x)^2 + r(t;x)(t-x)^2,$$
 (5.4)

where r(t;x) is the Peano form of the remainder,  $r(t;x) \in C_{x^2}[0,\infty)$ , using L'Hopital's rule, we have

$$\lim_{t \to x} r(t;x) = \lim_{t \to x} \frac{f(t) - f(x) - f'(x)(t - x) - \frac{1}{2}f''(x)(t - x)^2}{(t - x)^2}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to x} \frac{f'(t) - f'(x) - f''(x)(t - x)}{2(t - x)} = \lim_{t \to x} \frac{f''(t) - f''(x)}{2} = 0.$$

Applying  $G_{n,q}(f;x)$  to (5.4), we obtain

$$[n]_q \left( G_{n,q}(f;x) - f(x) \right) = \frac{f''(x)}{2} [n]_q G_{n,q} \left( (t-x)^2; x \right) + [n]_q G_{n,q} \left( r(t;x)(t-x)^2; x \right).$$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$G_{n,q}(r(t;x)(t-x)^2;x) \le \sqrt{G_{n,q}(r^2(t;x);x)}\sqrt{G_{n,q}((t-x)^4;x)}.$$
 (5.5)

Since  $r^2(x;x) = 0$ , then it follows from Theorem 5.1 that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} K_{n,q}(r^2(t;x);x) = r^2(x;x) = 0.$$
 (5.6)

Now, from (5.5), (5.6) and (2.8), we get  $\lim_{n\to\infty} [n]_q G_{n,q}(r(t;x)(t-x)^2;x) = 0$ . Since

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} [n]_q K_{n,q} ((t-x)^2; x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} q^n x^2 = x^2,$$

we get the desired result.

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