



## GEOMETRIC PROPERTIES OF THE LUPAŞ $q$ -TRANSFORM

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ABSTRACT. The *Lupaş  $q$ -transform* emerges in the study of the limit  $q$ -Lupaş operator. This transform is closely connected to the theory of positive linear operators of approximation theory, the  $q$ -boson operator calculus, the methods of summation of divergent series, and other areas.

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$$(\Lambda_q f)(z) := \frac{1}{(-z; q)_\infty} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(1 - q^k) q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} z^k,$$

where

$$(a; q)_k := \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (1 - aq^j), \quad (a; q)_\infty := \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^j), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad a \in \mathbb{C}.$$

The analytical and approximation properties of  $\Lambda_q$  have already been examined. In this paper, some properties of the Lupaş  $q$ -transform related to continuous linear operators in normed linear spaces are investigated.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The *Lupaş  $q$ -transform* emerges in the study of the *limit  $q$ -Lupaş operator*. The latter comes out naturally as a limit for a sequence of the Lupaş  $q$ -analogues of the Bernstein operator (cf. [8] and [11]). The various properties of this operator have been discussed in [1], [9], and [16].

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As it turns out, the Lupaş  $q$ -transform is closely connected to various subjects, including the theory of positive operators,  $q$ -deformed probability distributions, the  $q$ -boson operator calculus, the methods of summation of divergent series, and the theory of analytic functions. See [4], [5], [10], and [12].

In general,  $\Lambda_q f$  is a meromorphic function, whose simple poles are contained in the set  $J_q := \{-q^{-j}\}_{j=0}^{\infty}$ . The function  $(-z; q)_\infty$  is an entire function, Taylor's expansion of which is given by Euler's identity (cf., e.g. [2], Ch.10, §10.2):

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{C} \quad \forall |q| < 1 \quad (-z; q)_\infty = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} z^k. \quad (1.1)$$

It implies immediately that  $\Lambda_q(\mathbf{1}_{[0,1]}) = \mathbf{1}_{[0,\infty)}$  for the indicator functions, and that

$$|\Lambda_q f(x)| \leq \|f\|_{C[0,1]} \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0.$$

Therefore,  $\Lambda_q$  can be viewed as a positive linear operator  $C[0, 1] \rightarrow C_B[0, \infty)$ , where by  $C_B[0, \infty)$  we denote the space of bounded continuous functions on  $[0, \infty)$  equipped with the norm  $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in [0, \infty)} |f(x)|$ . In this context,  $\Lambda_q$  is a positive bounded linear operator with  $\|\Lambda_q\| = 1$ .

Some of the analytical and approximation properties of  $\Lambda_q$  have been examined in [12] and [16]. In distinction, the present work is focused on the geometric properties of the Lupaş  $q$ -transform.

The following terminology is adopted in the text. The word *operator* is used for a continuous linear operator between normed linear spaces. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called an *isomorphic embedding* if there exists a constant  $m > 0$  such that  $\|Tx\| \geq m\|x\|$  for each  $x \in X$ . The *range* of an operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is the set  $\{y \in Y : \exists x \in X \quad Tx = y\}$ . The space of all bounded sequences of real numbers with the supremum modulus norm is denoted by  $\ell_\infty$ , while the subspace of the convergent sequences is denoted by  $c$  and the subspace of those sequences converging to 0 is denoted by  $c_0$ . The other related terminology can be found in [7] or [14].

## 2. THE GEOMETRIC PROPERTIES OF THE LUPAŞ $q$ -TRANSFORM

Our first goal is to prove the following theorem showing that there is a subspace  $L$  of  $C[0, 1]$  isomorphic to  $c$ , such that the restriction of  $\Lambda_q$  on  $L$  is an isomorphic embedding.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $L$  be the subspace of  $C[0, 1]$  consisting of functions, which are linear on the intervals  $[1 - q^{k-1}, 1 - q^k]$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $q \in (0, 1)$  is sufficiently close to 0, then the restriction of the Lupaş  $q$ -transform  $\Lambda_q : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C_B[0, \infty)$  to  $L$  is an isomorphic embedding.*

*Proof.* It is easy to see that the map  $T : L \rightarrow c$  given by  $Tf = \{f(1 - q^k)\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is an isomorphism.

Since the functions in  $L$  satisfying the conditions  $f(1 - q^n) = 1$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $|f(1 - q^k)| \leq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  are dense in the unit sphere of  $L$ , it suffices to show that, for  $q$  sufficiently close to 0, there exists  $m_q > 0$  such that for each sequence  $\{f(1 - q^k)\}$  satisfying  $f(1 - q^n) = 1$  and  $|f(1 - q^k)| \leq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there holds:

$$\|\Lambda_q(f)\|_{C_B[0, \infty)} \geq m_q.$$

By virtue of Euler's identity (1.1), to achieve this goal it suffices, for each number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  to pick a real number  $x_n \in [0, \infty)$  in such a way that:

$$\frac{q^{n(n-1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} x_n^n - \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x_n^k \geq m_q \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x_n^k,$$

or, equivalently,

$$(1 - m_q) \frac{q^{n(n-1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} x_n^n \geq (1 + m_q) \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x_n^k. \quad (2.1)$$

Indeed, in this case, for any  $f$  satisfying  $f(1 - q^n) = 1$  and  $|f(1 - q^k)| \leq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda_q(f)\|_{C_B[0, \infty)} &\geq |(\Lambda_d(f))(x_n)| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{(-x_n; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(1 - q^k) q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x_n^k \right| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{(-x_n; q)_\infty} \left( \frac{q^{n(n-1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} x_n^n - \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x_n^k \right) \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{1}{(-x_n; q)_\infty} \left( m_q \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x_n^k \right) = m_q. \end{aligned}$$

To satisfy (2.1),  $x_n$  has to be chosen in a suitable way. When  $x_n = q^{-n+\frac{1}{2}}$ , the left-hand side of (2.1) becomes:

$$(1 - m_q) \frac{q^{n(n-1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} q^{n(-n+\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{(1 - m_q) q^{-\frac{n^2}{2}}}{(q; q)_n}.$$

Meanwhile, the right-hand side is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1 + m_q) \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} (q^{-n+\frac{1}{2}})^k &= q^{-\frac{n^2}{2}} (1 + m_q) \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{1}{(q; q)_k} q^{\frac{1}{2}(k-n)^2} \\
 &\leq q^{-\frac{n^2}{2}} (1 + m_q) \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{1}{(q; q)_k} q^{\frac{1}{2}|k-n|} \\
 &\leq q^{-\frac{n^2}{2}} (1 + m_q) \frac{2\sqrt{q}}{(q; q)_\infty (1 - \sqrt{q})}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The desired inequality would follow from:

$$\frac{1 - m_q}{(q; q)_n} \geq (1 + m_q) \frac{2\sqrt{q}}{(q; q)_\infty (1 - \sqrt{q})}. \tag{2.2}$$

It is clear that picking  $q > 0$  small enough to yield  $(q; q)_\infty > \frac{2\sqrt{q}}{(1-\sqrt{q})}$  and, then, taking  $m_q$  sufficiently close to 0, it can be achieved that inequality (2.2) is satisfied for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . □

*Remark 2.2.* The restriction of  $\Lambda_q$  to any subspace of  $C[0, 1]$  which does not contain a subspace isomorphic to  $c_0$  is strictly singular, and as such, is not an isomorphic embedding. To see this, observe that  $\Lambda_q$  factors through  $L$ , which itself is isomorphic to  $c_0$ . Applying the well-known results on the Banach space geometry (see [7, Ch. 2] or [14]), we derive the statement as in the previous sentence.

Combining Remark 2.2 with the classical Banach-Mazur theorem [3, Ch. XI, §8] on the universality of  $C[0, 1]$ , it is concluded that there are many different subspaces of  $C[0, 1]$  on which the operator  $\Lambda_q$  is not an isomorphic embedding.

The following simple property of the Lupaş  $q$ -transform related to the regular method of summation holds.

**Lemma 2.3.** *The following equality is valid:*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \Lambda_q f(x) = f(1).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(1 - q^k) = f(1) + a_k$ , where  $\{a_k\} \rightarrow 0$  and  $|a_k| \leq M$ ,  $M > 0$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $N = N(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $|a_k| < \varepsilon$  for all  $k \geq N$ . Further, select  $x_0 > 0$  in such a way that:

$$\frac{1}{(-x; q)_\infty} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{N(\varepsilon)} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x^k < \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$$

for all  $x > x_0$ . Then, for all  $x > x_0$ , one has:

$$|\Lambda_q f(x) - f(1)| \leq \frac{M}{(-x; q)_\infty} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x^k + \frac{\varepsilon}{(-x; q)_\infty} \cdot \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x^k < 2\varepsilon.$$

□

Let us denote by  $C_L[0, \infty)$  the subspace of  $C_B[0, \infty)$  having a finite limit at  $\infty$ . By Lemma 2.3, the image  $\Lambda_q(C[0, 1])$  is contained in  $C_L[0, \infty)$ . It is easy to observe that the space  $C_L[0, \infty)$  is separable.

**Corollary 2.4.** *If  $q$  is sufficiently close to 0, the range of  $\Lambda_q$  is a closed complemented subspace of  $C_L[0, \infty)$ . There exists an operator  $\Theta_q : C_L[0, \infty) \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ , such that the composition  $\Theta_q \Lambda_q$  is the identity operator on  $L$ .*

*Proof.* The point that the range of  $\Lambda_q$  is closed follows from the general fact: the image of a Banach space under an isomorphic embedding is closed. The range of  $\Lambda_q$  is complemented because it is, in essence, the range of an isomorphic embedding of  $c$ , which is isomorphic to  $c_0$  and, by the Sobczyk theorem [15] - see also [7, p. 106] and [13] - the range of an isomorphic embedding of  $c_0$  in a separable Banach space is always complemented. Let  $P_q$  be a continuous linear projection of  $C_L[0, \infty)$  onto  $\Lambda_q(L)$ . We define  $\Theta_q$  as the composition  $\Lambda_q^{-1} P_q$ , where  $\Lambda_q^{-1} : \Lambda_q(L) \rightarrow L$  is the inverse defined in a natural way on the range of  $\Lambda_q$ .  $\square$

For the sequel, the following lemmas are needed.

**Lemma 2.5.** *For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $M > 0$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that if  $\|f\|_{C[0,1]} \leq 1$  and  $f(1 - q^k) = 0$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ , then  $|(\Lambda_q f)(x)| < \varepsilon$  for  $x \in [0, M]$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed, since  $\frac{1}{(-x; q)_\infty} \leq 1$  on  $[0, +\infty)$ , it follows for all  $x \in [0, M]$  that:

$$|\Lambda_q f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} q^{k(k-1)/2} M^k < \varepsilon$$

for sufficiently large  $n$ 's as the series converges for all  $M$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , consider the set of functions  $A_n = \{f \in C[0, 1] : \|f\| = 1 \text{ and } f(1 - q^k) = 0 \text{ for } k = 0, \dots, n\}$ . Then, for any  $\alpha > 0$  and any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists a function  $\tilde{f} \in A_n$  such that  $\|\Lambda_q \tilde{f}\| \geq \alpha$  and  $\tilde{f}(1 - q^k) = 0$  also for sufficiently large  $k$ .*

*Proof.* Opt for any  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . As it has already been mentioned, the transform  $\Lambda_q$  maps  $\mathbf{1}_{[0,1]}$  to  $\mathbf{1}_{[0,\infty)}$ . Combining this fact with Lemma 2.5, one can conclude that any function  $f$  satisfying

$$f(1 - q^k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k = 0, \dots, n \\ 1 & \text{if } k > n \end{cases}$$

also fulfills  $(\Lambda_q f)(x) \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , whence there is  $x_0 \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $(\Lambda_q f)(x_0) > \alpha$ . Now, note that there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\frac{1}{(-x_0, q)_\infty} \sum_{k=m+1}^N \frac{q^{k(k-1)/2}}{(q; q)_k} x_0^k > \alpha.$$

The function  $\tilde{f} \in C[0, 1]$  given by

$$\tilde{f}(1 - q^k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k = 0, \dots, m; N + 1, N + 2, \dots \\ 1 & \text{if } k = m + 1, \dots, N \end{cases}$$

has the desired properties.  $\square$

Finally, the following assertion can be reached.

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $q$  is sufficiently close to 0, the range of  $\Lambda_q$  is a closed, uncomplemented subspace of  $C_B[0, \infty)$ .*

*Proof.* This proof is based on another theorem of Sobczyk [15]:  $c_0$  is uncomplemented in  $\ell_\infty$ . Here, we consider  $c_0$  as a subspace of  $\ell_\infty$  which is embedded in a natural way. It is worth mentioning that a much stronger result than this theorem of Sobczyk is known: Lindenstrauss [6] (see also [7, Theorem 2.a.7]) proved that each infinite-dimensional complemented subspace of  $\ell_\infty$  is isomorphic to  $\ell_\infty$ ; hence it cannot be separable and, for this reason, cannot be isomorphic to  $c_0$  either.

In what proceeds, Sobczyk's theorem is used as follows. Construct a sequence of norm-one functions  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $L$  and a sequence  $\{[a_n, b_n]\}_{n=1}^\infty$ ,  $a_n < b_n$ , of disjoint intervals in  $[0, \infty)$  in a way that, for some  $\alpha > 0$ , the conditions below hold:

- (1)  $\|\Lambda_q(f_n)\| \geq \alpha$ .
- (2)  $\|\Lambda_q(f_n) - g_n\| \leq \frac{\alpha}{2^n}$ , where  $\{g_n\}$  is a sequence of functions in  $C_B[0, \infty)$  with  $\text{supp}(g_n) \subset [a_n, b_n]$ .
- (3)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \infty$ .

The well-known perturbation argument (see, for example, [7, p. 6]) implies the existence of a continuous automorphism  $A : C_B[0, \infty) \rightarrow C_B[0, \infty)$  satisfying  $A(\Lambda_q(f_n)) = g_n$ .

Now, consider the subspace  $N \subset C_B[0, \infty)$  consisting of all the bounded functions which on  $[a_n, b_n]$  coincide with a multiple of  $g_n$ , and are equal to 0 on the complement of  $\cup_{n=1}^\infty [a_n, b_n]$ . Also, let  $D$  be the closed linear span of the functions  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . It is clear that  $N$  is isometric to  $\ell_\infty$  while  $D$  is isometric to  $c_0$ . Furthermore, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{I_D} & c_0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ N & \xrightarrow{I_N} & \ell_\infty \end{array}$$

commutes, where  $I_D$  and  $I_N$  are the above-mentioned isometries, and vertical arrows correspond to canonical embeddings. Therefore,  $D$  is uncomplemented in  $N$ , and, consequently,  $D$  is uncomplemented in  $C_B[0, \infty)$ . On the other hand,  $D$  is complemented in  $\Lambda_q(L)$  by the first theorem of Sobczyk, which claims that a subspace isomorphic to  $c_0$  is complemented in any separable Banach space. Therefore  $\Lambda_q(L)$  is uncomplemented in  $C_B[0, \infty)$ .  $\square$

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