



The eigenstructure of Beta operators with Jacobi weights¹

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Abstract

This paper investigates the eigenstructure of Beta-type operators belonging to a general family parameterized by $\alpha > -1$ and $\beta > -1$. Explicit expressions for the eigenvalues are derived, and a recurrence relation for the coefficients of the corresponding eigenpolynomials is provided.

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1 Introduction

This study deals with the eigenstructure of certain positive linear operators. First of all we will recall the results obtained by Cooper and Waldron [1] concerning the eigenstructures for the classical Bernstein operators

Bernstein operator $B_n : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, defined

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

reproduces the linear polynomials, which are therefore eigenfunctions corresponding to the eigenvalue 1. Its eigenvalues are (see [1])

$$\lambda_k^{(n)} := \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^k}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n,$$

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and the corresponding eigenfunctions $p_k^{(n)}$ are monic polynomials of degrees k , which have k simple zeros in $[0, 1]$.

Denote by $(x)_j := x(x+1)\dots(x+j-1)$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$, $(x)_0 := 1$ the shifted factorial function and

$$S(k, j) = \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{i=0}^j \binom{j}{i} (-1)^{j-i} i^k, \quad 0 \leq j \leq k$$

the Stirling numbers of the second kind.

The eigenfunction for $\lambda_k^{(n)}$ is polynomial of degree k given by (see [1])

$$p_k^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k c(j, k, n) \cdot x^j = x^k - \frac{k}{2}x^{k-1} + \text{lower order terms},$$

where the coefficients can be computed using the recurrence formula

$$c(k, k, n) := 1, \quad c(k-1, k, n) := -k/2,$$

$$c(k-j, k, n) := \frac{1}{(n-k+1)_j - n^j} \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} n^i \cdot S(k-i, k-j) \cdot c(k-i, k, n),$$

$j = 2, \dots, k$.

2 Main Results

In this section we investigate the eigenstructure of the operators introduced by Muhlbach [5] and Lupaş [4]. In order to obtain these results we use a technique similar as in [1] and [2].

Definition 1 ([3]) For $f \in C[0, 1]$ and $x \in [0, 1]$ these operators are defined as

(i) in case $\alpha = \beta = -1$:

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{-1, -1}(f; x) = \begin{cases} f(0), & x = 0, \\ \frac{\int_0^1 t^{nx-1} (1-t)^{n(1-x)-1} f(t) dt}{B(nx, n(1-x))}, & x \in (0, 1), \\ f(1), & x = 1; \end{cases}$$

(ii) in case $\alpha = -1, \beta > -1$:

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{-1, \beta}(f; x) = \begin{cases} f(0), & x = 0, \\ \frac{\int_0^1 t^{nx-1} (1-t)^{n(1-x)+\beta} f(t) dt}{B(nx, n(1-x) + \beta + 1)}, & 0 < x \leq 1; \end{cases}$$

(iii) in case $\alpha > -1$, $\beta = -1$:

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha, -1}(f; x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\int_0^1 t^{nx+\alpha}(1-t)^{n(1-x)-1} f(t) dt}{B(nx+\alpha+1, n(1-x))}, & 0 \leq x < 1; \\ f(1), & x = 1; \end{cases}$$

(iv) in case $\alpha, \beta > -1$:

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha, \beta}(f; x) = \frac{\int_0^1 t^{nx+\alpha}(1-t)^{n(1-x)+\beta} f(t) dt}{B(nx+\alpha+1, n(1-x)+\beta+1)}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Remark 1 The case $\alpha = \beta = -1$ were considered by Muhlbach [5] and Lupaş [4]. For this particular case the operators are denoted by $\mathbb{B}_n$. For $\alpha = \beta = 0$ the operators were introduced by Lupaş [4] and it is used the notation $\mathbb{B}_n$.

In the following we study the eigenstructure of the operators $\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha, \beta}$ for the case $\alpha, \beta > -1$.

As for $\alpha, \beta > -1$, for all $k \geq 0$,

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha, \beta} e_0 = e_0,$$

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha, \beta} e_k(x) = \frac{(nx+\alpha+1)^{\bar{k}}}{(n+\alpha+\beta+2)^{\bar{k}}}, \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad k \geq 1.$$

From this we get

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha, \beta} e_k(x) = \frac{1}{(n+\alpha+\beta+2)^{\bar{k}}} \sum_{j=0}^k s_{k-j}(k, \alpha) n^j x^j,$$

where $s_{k-j}(k, \alpha)$ are elementary symmetric sums of the numbers $\alpha+1, \alpha+2, \dots, \alpha+k$; in particular $s_0(k, \alpha) = 1$ and

$$s_1(k, \alpha) = (\alpha+1) + \dots + (\alpha+k) = k\alpha + \frac{k(k+1)}{2}.$$

It follows that the numbers

$$\lambda_{n,k} := \frac{n^k}{(n+\alpha+\beta+2)^{\bar{k}}}, \quad k \geq 0,$$

are the eigenvalues of $\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha, \beta}$, and to each of them there corresponds a monic eigenpolynomial $q_{n,k}$ with $\deg q_{n,k} = k$.

By direct computation it is easy to find the first eigenpolynomials of $\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta}$. Starting from the relations

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta} q_{n,0} &= \lambda_{n,0}^{\alpha,\beta} \cdot q_{n,0}, \\ \mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta} q_{n,1} &= \lambda_{n,1}^{\alpha,\beta} \cdot q_{n,1}, \\ \mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta} q_{n,2} &= \lambda_{n,2}^{\alpha,\beta} \cdot q_{n,2},\end{aligned}$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}q_{n,0}(x) &= 1, \\ q_{n,1}(x) &= x - \frac{\alpha + 1}{\alpha + \beta + 2}, \\ q_{n,2}(x) &= x^2 - \frac{2\alpha + 3}{\alpha + \beta + 3}x \\ &\quad + \frac{(\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + 2\alpha n + 4\alpha + \beta + 3n + 3)(\alpha + 1)}{(\alpha + \beta + 3)(\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + 2\alpha n + \beta^2 + 2n\beta + 5\alpha + 5\beta + 5n + 6)}.\end{aligned}$$

Let $k \geq 2$ and $n \geq 1$. We want to determine $q_{n,k} \in \Pi_k$ such that

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta} q_{n,k} = \lambda_{n,k} \cdot q_{n,k}.$$

We put

$$q_{n,k}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k a(n, k, j) x^j, \quad \text{with } a(n, k, k) = 1.$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta}(q_{n,k}; x) = \sum_{j=0}^k a(n, k, j) \mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta}(e_j; x).$$

From (1) we derive

$$\begin{aligned}(2) \quad \mathcal{B}_n^{\alpha,\beta}(q_{n,k}; x) &= \sum_{j=0}^k a(n, k, j) \frac{(nx + \alpha + 1)^{\bar{j}}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} \\ &= \frac{n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}} \sum_{j=0}^k a(n, k, j) x^j.\end{aligned}$$

From the definition of the Stirling numbers of the first kind $s(j, i)$, we obtain immediately

$$\begin{aligned}(nx + \alpha + 1)^{\bar{j}} &= (nx + \alpha + 1)(nx + \alpha + 2) \dots (nx + \alpha + 1 + j - 1) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^j s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i} (nx + \alpha + 1)^i,\end{aligned}$$

so that (2) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^k a(n, k, j) \frac{\sum_{i=0}^j s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i} (nx + \alpha + 1)^i}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} &= \\ \frac{n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}} \sum_{j=0}^k a(n, k, j) x^j. & \\ \sum_{i=0}^k \left\{ \sum_{j=i}^k \frac{s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} a(n, k, j) \right\} (nx + \alpha + 1)^i &= \\ \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{a(n, k, i) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}} x^i. & \end{aligned}$$

This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^k \left\{ \sum_{j=i}^k \frac{s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} a(n, k, j) \right\} \sum_{\nu=0}^i \binom{i}{\nu} n^{\nu} x^{\nu} (\alpha + 1)^{i-\nu} &= \\ \sum_{\nu=0}^k \frac{a(n, k, \nu) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}} x^{\nu}. & \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$E_{i,k} := \sum_{j=i}^k \frac{s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} a(n, k, j).$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{\nu=0}^i E_{i,k} \binom{i}{\nu} n^{\nu} x^{\nu} (\alpha + 1)^{i-\nu} = \sum_{\nu=0}^k \frac{a(n, k, \nu) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}} x^{\nu}.$$

Changing the order of summation we can write

$$\sum_{\nu=0}^k \left(\sum_{i=\nu}^k E_{i,k} \binom{i}{\nu} n^{\nu} (\alpha + 1)^{i-\nu} \right) x^{\nu} = \sum_{\nu=0}^k \frac{a(n, k, \nu) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}} x^{\nu}.$$

Equating the coefficients of x^{ν} one gets

$$\sum_{i=\nu}^k E_{i,k} \binom{i}{\nu} n^{\nu} (\alpha + 1)^{i-\nu} = \frac{a(n, k, \nu) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}},$$

for all $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k$. Recalling the signification of $E_{i,k}$ it follows that

$$\sum_{i=\nu}^k \sum_{j=i}^k \frac{s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} a(n, k, j) \binom{i}{\nu} n^{\nu} (\alpha + 1)^{i-\nu} = \frac{a(n, k, \nu) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}},$$

for all $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k$.

Once again changing the order of summation we have

$$\sum_{j=\nu}^k \sum_{i=\nu}^j \frac{s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} a(n, k, j) \binom{i}{\nu} n^{\nu} (\alpha + 1)^{i-\nu} = \frac{a(n, k, \nu) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}}.$$

Denote

$$U_{j,\nu} := \sum_{i=\nu}^j s(j, i) (-1)^{j-i} \binom{i}{\nu} (\alpha + 1)^{i-\nu}.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{j=\nu}^k \frac{U_{j,\nu} n^{\nu}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} a(n, k, j) = \frac{a(n, k, \nu) n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}},$$

for all $\nu = 0, 1, \dots, k$.

This can be written as

$$a(n, k, \nu) \left[\frac{n^k}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{k}}} - \frac{U_{\nu,\nu} n^{\nu}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{\nu}}} \right] = \sum_{j=\nu+1}^k \frac{U_{j,\nu} n^{\nu}}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)^{\bar{j}}} a(n, k, j),$$

i.e.,

$$(3) \quad a(n, k, \nu) = \frac{\sum_{j=\nu+1}^k U_{j,\nu} (n + \alpha + \beta + 2 + j) \dots (n + \alpha + \beta + 2 + k - 1) a(n, k, j)}{n^{k-\nu} - U_{\nu,\nu} (n + \alpha + \beta + 2 + \nu) \dots (n + \alpha + \beta + 2 + k - 1)},$$

for $\nu \in \{k-1, k-2, \dots, 0\}$.

Recall that n and k are given and $a(n, k, k) = 1$. So we have obtained the following result.

Proposition 1 *The relation (3) represents a recurrence relation for computing $a(n, k, \nu)$, $\nu = k-1, k-2, \dots, 0$.*

In particular, using

$$s(k, k-1) = -\frac{k(k-1)}{2},$$

we get

$$a(n, k, k-1) = -\frac{k(k-1+2(\alpha+1))}{2(\alpha+\beta+2+k-1)}.$$

Remark 2 *In the limiting case when $\alpha \rightarrow -1$, $\beta \rightarrow -1$ the results recover several results from [2]. On the other hand the authors of [2] determined the limit of $a(n, k, \nu)$, when $n \rightarrow \infty$, in the case $\alpha = \beta = -1$.*

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