



# Hyers-Ulam stability of some positive linear operators

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**Abstract.** The present article deals with the Hyers-Ulam stability of positive linear operators in approximation theory. We discuss the HU-stability of Bernstein-Schurer type operators, Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators and find the HU-stability constant for these operators. Also, we show that the beta operators with Jacobi weights are HU-unstable.

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## 1. Introduction

In a conference at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Ulam asked a question regarding the stability of an equation in a metric group. The question posed by Ulam was whether,

“Given a metric group  $(G, \rho)$ , a number  $\epsilon > 0$ , and a mapping  $f : G \rightarrow G$  that satisfies the inequality

$$\rho(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) < \epsilon \text{ for all } x, y \in G,$$

does there exist a homomorphism  $a$  of  $G$  and a constant  $k > 0$  (dependent only on  $G$ ) such that


$$\rho(a(x), f(x)) \leq k\epsilon \text{ for all } x \in G?”$$

This question is concerned with finding an exact solution close to every approximate solution. If the answer to this question is positive, then the equation  $a(xy) = a(x)a(y)$  is called HU-stable, indicating the existence of a unique exact solution close to the

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approximate solution.

In 1941, Hyers [8] provided a proof for a specific equation of the form

$$f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

in Banach spaces, known as the Cauchy functional equation. This equation is fundamental in Mathematics. Further developments in this field can be found in the references: [3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 21]. For unbounded Cauchy difference equations, Aoki [1] and Rassias [19] introduced another type of stability for functional equations, where the parameter  $\epsilon$  is replaced by a function depending on  $x$  and  $y$ .

The Hyers-Ulam stability of linear operators was first observed in the papers by Miura et al. [2, 6, 7, 13], who provided characterizations of HU-stability and its constants for linear operators.

To the best of our knowledge, the HU-stability of positive linear operators in approximation theory was first investigated by Popa and Raşa [17], who examined the HU-stability of both discrete and integral operators. They established the general result that every positive linear operator with finite-dimensional range is HU-stable. Additionally, they determined the HU-stability constant for Bernstein operators and showed that Szász-Mirakyan and beta operators are unstable. In another article [18], the authors obtained stability constants for more general operators and improved the constant for Bernstein operators.

In 2015, Mursaleen and Ansari [14] found the best constant in terms of HU-stability for Kantorovich-Stancu and King's operators. They also demonstrated the instability of Szász-Mirakyan type operators.

Positive linear operators have many applications in various areas of Mathematics, including functional analysis, approximation theory, and numerical analysis. Hyers-Ulam stability helps us to see the change in behavior of positive linear operators under perturbations. This implies that the operators  $T$  has a stable behavior with respect to small perturbations in the function it operates on.

Motivated by the applications of positive linear operators and behavior of their solution with Hyers-Ulam stability, in the present article, we determine the stability and the best constant for Bernstein-Stancu type operators and Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators. We also establish the instability of beta operators with Jacobi weights. The paper is organized as: Section 1 includes introduction that provides an overview of the problem and the motivation behind studying HU-stability of operators in approximation theory. In section 2, we provide basic definitions and results useful in the subsequent sections. In next section, we discuss the HU-stability of two specific types of operators: Bernstein-Schurer type operators and Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators and determine the HU-stability constants for these operators, which quantify how close the approximate solutions are to the exact solutions. Section 4 investigates the instability of beta operators with Jacobi weights.

## 2. Basic definitions and results

**Definition 2.1.** [20] Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two normed spaces and  $L : X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping. We say that  $L$  has the Hyers-Ulam stability property or  $L$  is HU-stable if there exists

a constant  $K$  such that

(i) for any  $g \in L(X)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $f \in X$  with  $\|Lf - g\| \leq \epsilon$ , there exists a  $f_0 \in X$  such that  $Lf_0 = g$  and  $\|f - f_0\| \leq K\epsilon$ .

The condition expresses the Hyers-Ulam stability of the equation

$$Lf = g,$$

where  $g \in R(L)$  is given and  $f \in X$  is unknown. The number  $K$  is called Hyers-Ulam stability (HUS) constant of  $L$ , and the infimum of all HUS constants is denoted by  $K_L$ , which, in general, is not a HUS constant.

For any bounded linear operator  $L$  with kernel  $N(L)$  and the range space  $R(L)$ , we can consider a one-to-one operator  $\tilde{L}$  from the quotient space  $X/N(L)$  into  $Y$  defined as:

$$\tilde{L}(f + N(L)) = Lf, \quad f \in X.$$

The inverse of this operator is  $\tilde{L}^{-1} : R(L) \rightarrow X/N(L)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** [20] *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $L : X \rightarrow Y$  be a bounded linear operator. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (I)  $L$  is HU-stable;
- (II)  $R(L)$  is closed;
- (III)  $\tilde{L}^{-1}$  is bounded.

Moreover, if any of the above conditions are satisfied, then  $K_L = \|\tilde{L}^{-1}\|$ .

**Remark 2.3.** If  $L : X \rightarrow Y$  is bounded linear operator, then (i) in Definition 2.1 is equivalent to:

for any  $f \in X$  with  $\|Lf\| \leq 1$  there exists an  $f_0 \in N(L)$  such that

$$\|f - f_0\| \leq K. \tag{2.1}$$

It is clear from Remark 2.3 that, to study the HU-stability of a bounded linear operator  $L : X \rightarrow Y$ , we need to show either the existence of a constant  $K$  for (2.1) or the boundedness of the operators  $\tilde{L}^{-1}$ .

Let  $g \in \Pi_n$ , where  $\Pi_n$  is the set of all polynomials of degree at most  $n$  with real coefficients. Then  $g$  has a unique Lorentz representation of the form

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k (1-x)^{n-k}, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Let  $T_n$  denotes the usual  $n$ th degree Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind. Then the following representation [11] holds:

$$T_n(2x - 1) = \sum_{k=0}^n d_{n,k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} (-1)^{n-k}, \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$d_{n,k} := \sum_{j=0}^{\min\{k, n-k\}} \binom{n}{2j} \binom{n-2j}{k-j} 4^j, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

It is proved in [17] that

$$d_{n,k} = \binom{2n}{2k}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n. \tag{2.4}$$

Therefore,

$$T_n(2x - 1) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n}{2k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} (-1)^{n-k}.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** [11] *Let  $g(x)$  has the representation (2.2) and  $0 \leq k \leq n$ . Then*

$$|c_k| \leq d_{n,k} \cdot \|g\|_\infty,$$

where equality holds if and only if  $g$  is a constant multiple of  $T_n(2x - 1)$ .

### 3. HU-stability of Bernstein-Schurer type Operators and Bernstein-Durrmeyer Operators

#### 3.1. Bernstein-Schurer type operators

For any integer  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $\Pi_n$  denote the space of all polynomials of degree  $\leq n$ , which is a subspace of  $C[0, 1]$ , a space consisting all continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ . Consider  $C[0, 1 + p]$  be the linear space of all continuous functions  $f : [0, 1 + p] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  having supremum norm. Let  $0 \leq a \leq b$ , the Bernstein-Schurer type operators  $S_{n,p} : C[0, 1 + p] \rightarrow \Pi_{n+p}$  are defined by

$$S_{n,p}(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+p} \binom{n+p}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n+p-k} f\left(\frac{k+a}{n+b}\right).$$

These operators are HU-stable being finite dimensional operators. Here, we find the HUS constant for Bernstein-Schurer type operators.

The kernel of  $S_{n,p}$  is given as:

$$N(S_{n,p}) = \left\{ f \in C[0, 1 + p]; f\left(\frac{k+a}{n+b}\right) = 0, 0 \leq k \leq n+p \right\}.$$

$N(S_{n,p})$  is closed subspace of  $C[0, 1 + p]$  and  $R(S_{n,p}) = \Pi_{n+p}$ .

Thus,  $S_{n,p} : \frac{C[0, 1 + p]}{N(S_{n,p})} \rightarrow \Pi_{n+p}$  is bijective. Hence,  $\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1} : \Pi_{n+p} \rightarrow \frac{C[0, 1 + p]}{N(S_{n,p})}$  exists and bijective.

Now, to find the HUS constant, we need to find the  $\|\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1}\|$ .

Let  $g \in \Pi_{n+p}$  with  $\|g\| \leq 1$  has its Lorentz representation as

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+p} c_k(g) x^k (1-x)^{n+p-k}, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

Consider a piecewise function

$$f_g(x) = \begin{cases} c_0(g), & x \in \left[0, \frac{a}{n+b}\right) \\ \frac{c_k(g)}{\binom{n+p}{k}}, & x \in \left[\frac{k+a}{n+b}, \frac{k+a+1}{n+b}\right) \\ c_{n+p}(g), & x \in \left[\frac{n+a}{n+b}, 1\right]. \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq k \leq n-1 \quad (3.1)$$

Clearly,  $S_{n,p}(f_g; x) = g(x)$  that is  $\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1}(g(x)) = f_g + N(S_{n,p})$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1}\| &= \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \|\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1}(g)\| = \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \inf_{h \in N(S_{n,p})} \|f_g + h\| \\ &= \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \|f_g\| = \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} \frac{|c_k(g)|}{\binom{n+p}{k}} \\ &\leq \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} \frac{d_{n+p,k} \|g\|}{\binom{n+p}{k}} \quad [\text{Using Theorem 2.4}] \\ &\leq \max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} \frac{d_{n+p,k}}{\binom{n+p}{k}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Now, let  $q(x) = T_n(2x - 1)$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$  be Chebyshev polynomials. Then  $\|q\| = 1$  and from Theorem 2.4  $|c_k(q)| = d_{n+p,k}$ . So,

$$\|\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1}\| \geq \max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} \frac{|c_k(q)|}{\binom{n+p}{k}} = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} \frac{d_{n+p,k}}{\binom{n+p}{k}}. \quad (3.3)$$

Combining (3.2) and (3.3), we get

$$\|\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1}\| = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} \frac{d_{n+p,k}}{\binom{n+p}{k}} = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} \frac{\binom{2n+2p}{2k}}{\binom{n+p}{k}} \quad [\text{By (2.4)}]$$

Let  $a_k = \frac{\binom{2n+2p}{2k}}{\binom{n+p}{k}}$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n+p$ . Then,  $\frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \frac{2n+2p-2k-1}{2k+1}$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n+p-1$ .

The inequality  $\frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \geq 1$  is satisfied if and only if  $k \leq \left[\frac{n+p-1}{2}\right]$ , where  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer function. So, maximum value of  $a_k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n+p$  will be at  $\left[\frac{n+p-1}{2}\right] + 1$ .

i.e.  $\max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} a_k = a_{\left[\frac{n+p-1}{2}\right] + 1} = \begin{cases} a_{\left[\frac{n+p}{2}\right]}, & \text{if } n+p \text{ is even} \\ a_{\left[\frac{n+p}{2}\right] + 1} = a_{\left[\frac{n+p}{2}\right]}, & \text{if } n+p \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Hence,  $\max_{0 \leq k \leq n+p} a_k = a_{\left[\frac{n+p}{2}\right]}$ .

Finally, using (3.3),  $\|\tilde{S}_{n,p}^{-1}\| = \frac{\binom{2(n+p)}{2\lfloor \frac{n+p}{2} \rfloor}}{\binom{n+p}{\lfloor \frac{n+p}{2} \rfloor}}$ .

When  $p = 0$ , it will reduce to HUS constant for Bernstein-Stancu operators. Also, when  $p = a = b = 0$ , it will reduce the HUS constant for Bernstein operators.

**3.2. Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators**

Durrmeyer [5] in 1967 defined Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators  $D_n : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  as:

$$D_n(f; x) = \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k}(x) \int_0^1 p_{n,k}(t) f(t) dt, \quad x \in [0, 1], n \geq 1. \tag{3.4}$$

As the range of the operators (3.4) is  $\Pi_n$ , which is finite dimensional. Hence, the operators are HU-stable. Now, we will find the HUS constant for these operators. Therefore, we will check that boundedness of its inverse operators. The kernel of  $D_n(\cdot; x)$  is:

$$N(D_n) = \left\{ f \in C[0, 1]; \int_0^1 p_{n,k}(t) f(t) dt = 0 \right\}.$$

$N(D_n)$  is closed subspace of  $C[0, 1]$  and  $R(D_n) = \Pi_n$ .

Hence,  $\tilde{D}_n : \frac{C[0, 1]}{N(D_n)} \rightarrow \Pi_n$  is bijective. So,  $\tilde{D}_n^{-1}$  exists and bijective, where

$$\tilde{D}_n^{-1} : \Pi_n \rightarrow \frac{C[0, 1]}{N(D_n)}.$$

Let Lorentz representation of  $g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n x^k(1-x)^{n-k} c_k(g)$  such that  $g \in \Pi_n$  and  $\|g\| \leq 1$ .

Define a function  $f_g \in C[0, 1]$  as:  $f_g(x) = \frac{c_k(g)}{\binom{n}{k}}, 0 \leq k \leq n$ .

Clearly,  $D_n(f_g; x) = g(x)$ , therefore  $\tilde{D}_n^{-1}(g(x)) = f_g + N(D_n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{D}_n^{-1}\| &= \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \|\tilde{D}_n^{-1}(g)\| = \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \inf_{h \in N(D_n)} \|f_g + h\| \\ &= \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \|f_g\| \leq \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} \frac{|c_k(g)|}{\binom{n}{k}} \\ &\leq \sup_{\|g\| \leq 1} \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} \frac{d_{n,k} \|g\|}{\binom{n}{k}} \leq \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} \frac{d_{n,k}}{\binom{n}{k}} \quad [\text{Using Theorem 2.4}]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Now, choose  $q(x) = T_n(2x - 1), x \in [0, 1]$ . Clearly,  $\|q\| = 1$  and  $|c_k(q)| = d_{n,k}$ .

$$\|\tilde{D}_n^{-1}\| \geq \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} \frac{|c_k(q)|}{\binom{n}{k}} = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} \frac{d_{n,k}}{\binom{n}{k}}. \tag{3.6}$$

Using (3.5) and (3.6), we get:

$$\|\tilde{D}_n^{-1}\| = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} \frac{d_{n,k}}{\binom{n}{k}} = \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} \frac{\binom{2n}{2k}}{\binom{n}{k}} \quad [\text{By (2.4)}]. \tag{3.7}$$

Consider  $a_k = \frac{\binom{2n}{2k}}{\binom{n}{k}}$  and  $a_{k+1} = \frac{\binom{2n}{2k+2}}{\binom{n}{k+1}}$ . By simple calculations, we get

$$\frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \frac{2n - 2k - 1}{2k + 1}.$$

For  $k \leq \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor$ , we have  $a_{k+1} \geq a_k$ .  
Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} a_k &= a_{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor + 1} \\ &= \begin{cases} a_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ a_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1} = a_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Thus,  $\max_{0 \leq k \leq n} a_k = a_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ , and by (3.7)

$$\|\tilde{D}_n^{-1}\| = \frac{\binom{2n}{2\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}}{\binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}},$$

which is the HUS constant for Bernstein-Durrmeyer operators.

#### 4. Unstability of Beta Operators with Jacobi Weights

For any  $\alpha, \beta \geq -1$ , the operators are defined as:

$$B_n^{\alpha, \beta}(f; x) = \frac{\int_0^1 t^{nx+\alpha}(1-t)^{n-nx+\beta} f(t) dt}{B(nx + \alpha + 1, n - nx + \beta + 1)}, \tag{4.1}$$

where  $B(m, n)$  is the beta function. For  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , these operators reduce to beta operators by Lupaş.

**Theorem 4.1.** *For each  $n \geq 1$ , the beta operators with Jacobi weights are HU-unstable.*

*Proof.* To define the inverse of the operators (4.1), firstly, we prove that the operators  $B_n^{\alpha, \beta}(\cdot; x)$  are injective.

Consider  $B_n^{\alpha, \beta} f = 0$ , for some  $f \in C[0, 1]$ .

Thus,

$$\int_0^1 t^{nx+\alpha}(1-t)^{n-nx+\beta} f(t) dt = 0.$$

Now, by changing the variable  $\frac{t}{1-t} = u$ , we get

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{u^{nx+\alpha}}{(1+u)^{n+\alpha+\beta+2}} f\left(\frac{u}{1+u}\right) du = 0.$$

As  $f \in C[0, 1]$ , therefore  $g$  defined as:

$$g(u) = \frac{1}{(1+u)^{n+\alpha+\beta+2}} f\left(\frac{u}{1+u}\right), \quad u \in [0, \infty).$$

is also continuous function on  $[0, \infty)$ .

Now, we have  $\int_0^\infty u^{nx+\alpha} g(u) du = 0$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,

Using Mellin transformation, we get:

$$M[g](nx + \alpha + 1) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

Put  $nx + \alpha + 1 = s$ , we have:  $M[g](s) = 0 \quad \forall s \in [\alpha + 1, n + \alpha + 1]$ , which gives  $g(u) = 0$  a.e. on  $[0, \infty)$ .

But  $g \in C[0, \infty)$ , which implies  $g(u) = 0$  on  $[0, \infty)$ . Therefore,  $f(t) = 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Hence,  $B_n^{\alpha, \beta}(\cdot; x)$  are injective.

Now, consider the inverse operators

$$(B_n^{\alpha, \beta})^{-1} : R(B_n^{\alpha, \beta}) \rightarrow C[0, 1].$$

Denote  $e_j(x) = x^j, j = 0, 1, \dots, x \in [0, 1]$ .

Clearly,  $B_n^{\alpha, \beta}(e_0; x) = 1$  and

$$B_n^{\alpha, \beta}(e_j; x) = \frac{(nx + \alpha + 1)(nx + \alpha + 2) \cdots (nx + \alpha + j)}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)(n + \alpha + \beta + 3) \cdots (n + \alpha + \beta + j + 1)}.$$

The eigenvalues of

$$B_n^{\alpha, \beta}(f; x) = \frac{n^j}{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)(n + \alpha + \beta + 3) \cdots (n + \alpha + \beta + j + 1)}.$$

Thus, eigenvalues of  $(B_n^{\alpha, \beta})^{-1}$  are

$$\frac{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)(n + \alpha + \beta + 3) \cdots (n + \alpha + \beta + j + 1)}{n^j}.$$

Since,  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n + \alpha + \beta + 2)(n + \alpha + \beta + 3) \cdots (n + \alpha + \beta + j + 1)}{n^j} = \infty$ .

We can say that  $(B_n^{\alpha, \beta})^{-1}$  is unbounded, so the operators  $B_n^{\alpha, \beta}(\cdot; x)$  are HU-unstable.  $\square$

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