

q-Derivative of Basic Hypergeometric Series with Respect to Parameters

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Abstract

This article discusses the effect of the Difference operator D_q on the generalized hypergeometric series ${}_r\phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r; b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)$ with respect to parameters $a_1, \dots, a_r; b_1, \dots, b_s$ and gives some q-difference equations satisfied by ${}_r\phi_s$, u-exponential function and q-Appell's hypergeometric series. Moreover, I will prove that the basic hypergeometric functions ${}_r\Phi_s$ are basically completely monotonic with respect to parameters a_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ if the parameter a_i is less than or equal to unity and the functions ${}_r\Phi_s$ have positive q-derivative of all orders. Finally, the basic hypergeometric functions ${}_r\Phi_s$ are totally basically completely monotonic if all parameters are less than or equal to unity and the functions ${}_r\Phi_s$ have positive q-derivative of all orders.

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1 Preliminaries

In his fundamental paper [12] Jackson, introduced the q -difference operator

$$D_q f(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{x - qx}, \quad q \neq 1 \quad (1.1)$$

The formulas for the q -difference D_q of a product and a quotient of functions are

$$D_q(f(x)g(x)) = f(qx)D_q g(x) + g(x)D_q f(x) \quad (1.2)$$

$$D_q\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(x)D_q f(x) - f(x)D_q g(x)}{g(qx)g(x)}, \quad g(qx)g(x) \neq 0 \quad (1.3)$$

also, the general Leibniz rule for action of powers of the q -derivative operator on a product of functions is

$$D_q^{(n)}(fg)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q D_q^{(k)} f(xq^{n-k}) D_q^{(n-k)} g(x) \quad (1.4)$$

Here we use the q -binomial coefficients defined by

$$\binom{n}{k}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q! [n-k]_q!} \quad (1.5)$$

for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$, where

$$[n]_q = \sum_{k=1}^n q^{k-1}, \quad [0]_q = 0,$$

and

$$[n]_q! = \prod_{k=1}^n [k]_q, \quad [0]_q! = 1.$$

are the q -analogue of the natural numbers and the factorial function. The q -binomial coefficient $\binom{n}{k}_q$ are polynomials in q with integer coefficients. If $q = 1$, then $[n]_q = n$. If $q \neq 1$, then $[n]_q = \frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q}$. For more properties of the difference operator D_q see [6, 9, 14]. The generalized hypergeometric series is defined by [9]

$${}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \dots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \quad (1.6)$$

where the q -shifted factorial $(a; q)_n$ is defined by

$$(a; q)_n = \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^m)$$

The series ${}_r\Phi_s$ terminates if one of the numerator parameters is of the form q^{-m} , $m=0,1,\dots$ and $q \neq 0$. When $0 < |q| < 1$, the series ${}_r\Phi_s$ converges absolutely for all z if $r \leq s$, and for $|z| < 1$ if $r = s + 1$. If $|q| > 1$ and $|z| < \frac{|b_1 \dots b_s|}{|a_1 \dots a_r|}$, then also ${}_r\Phi_s$ converges absolutely. The series ${}_r\Phi_s$ diverges for $z \neq 0$ when $0 < |q| < 1$ and $r > s + 1$, and when $|q| > 1$ and $|z| > \frac{|b_1 \dots b_s|}{|a_1 \dots a_r|}$, unless it terminates. A function f is completely monotonic if for all n , $(-1)^n f^{(n)}(x) \geq 0$ on $(0, \infty)$; see Widder[18], Ismail et al[11], Feller [8], Choquet[5] and Berg[4] for properties of completely monotonic functions. Bernstein's theorem asserts that f is completely monotonic if and only if

$f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-xt} d\mu(t)$ where μ is a positive measure supported on a subset of $[0, \infty)$. The work described in this article is intended to add to the known collection of q -difference formulas for the generalized hypergeometric functions ${}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)$, the q -analogues of Appell's series $\Phi^{(1)}, \Phi^{(2)}, \Phi^{(3)}$ and $\Phi^{(4)}$ and also for some functions related to the so called u -exponential function. This paper organized as follows: In section two we discuss the q -derivative of basic hypergeometric series with respect to parameters and prove some parametric q -difference equations satisfied by ${}_r\Phi_s$. In section three we introduce classes of basically completely monotonic functions (CM_q) on \mathbb{R} and totally basically completely monotonic functions (TM_q) on \mathbb{R}^m then we give some results satisfied by the elements of these classes. In the fourth and fifth sections we verify some q -parametric difference equations satisfied by u -exponential functions[10] and the q -analogue of Appell's hypergeometric series in two variables[14].

2 Initial Computations

In this section, we shall prove some useful formulas related to q -parametric difference equations, by studying the effect of the operators $D_{a_i, q}, \quad i = 1, \dots, r$ and $D_{b_i, q}, \quad i = 1, \dots, s$ on the basic hypergeometric series ${}_r\phi_s$, where

$$D_{a_i, qr} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{{}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) - {}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, qa_i, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)}{a_i - qa_i}$$

and

$$D_{b_i, qr} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{{}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_i, \dots, b_s; q, z) - {}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, qb_i, \dots, b_s; q, z)}{b_i - qb_i}$$

For the aim of avoiding confusion we replace the notation of the q -difference operator D_q by $D_{z, q}$ to indicate that the operator D_q acts on the variable z .

Theorem 2.1.

The basic hypergeometric series ${}_r\Phi_s$ satisfies the following difference equations

$$D_{a_i, qr}^{(n)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} z^n}{(a_i; q)_n} D_{z, qr}^{(n)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z), \quad n \geq 2 \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$D_{b_i, qr}^{(n)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{z}{(b_i; q)_n} D_{z, qr}^{(n)} \{z^{n-1} {}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)\}, \quad n \geq 2 \tag{2.2}$$

Proof

From the definition of the q -difference operator $D_{a_i, q}$ and the properties of the q -shift factorial $(a_1; q)_n$ we have

$$D_{a_1, qr} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1; q)_n - (qa_1; q)_n}{a_1 - qa_1 q} \times \frac{(a_2; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \dots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{m=0}^{n-1} (1 - a_1 q^m) [1 - \frac{(1-a_1 q^n)}{(1-a_1)}]}{a_1 (1 - q)} \times \frac{(a_2; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \dots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{1 - a_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n]_q \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} (1 - a_1 q^m) \times \frac{(a_2; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \dots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$D_{a_1, q^r} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = -\frac{z}{1 - a_1} D_{z, q^r} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) \tag{2.3}$$

Suppose that

$$D_{a_1, q}^{(m-1)} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{(-1)^{m-1} q^{\binom{m-1}{2}} z^{m-1}}{(a_1; q)_{m-1}} D_{z, q}^{(m-1)} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &D_{a_1, q^r}^{(m)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = D_{a_1, q} (D_{a_1, q}^{(m-1)} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)) \\
 &= (-1)^{m-1} q^{\binom{m-1}{2}} z^{m-1} \times \left\{ \frac{D_{z, q}^{(m-1)} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)}{(a_1; q)_{m-1}} - \frac{D_{z, q}^{(m-1)} {}_r \Phi_s(q a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)}{(q a_1; q)_{m-1}} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{m-1} q^{\binom{m-1}{2}}}{a_1 (1 - q)} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n]_q \dots [n - m + 2]_q \left(\frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - a_1 q^k)}{\prod_{k=0}^{m-2} (1 - a_1 q^k)} - \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - a_1 q^{k+1})}{\prod_{k=0}^{m-2} (1 - a_1 q^{k+1})} \right) \right\} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{(a_2; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \dots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{m-1} q^{\binom{m-1}{2}}}{a_1 (1 - q) (a_1; q)_m} \times \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n]_q \dots [n - m + 2]_q \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - a_1 q^k) \{-a_1 q^{m-1} (1 - qn - m + 1)\} \right\} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{(a_2; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \dots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{m-1} q^{\binom{m-1}{2} + m - 1}}{a_1 (1 - q) (a_1; q)_m} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n]_q \dots [n - m + 1]_q \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - a_1 q^k) \frac{(a_2; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \dots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$D_{a_1, q^r}^{(m)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{(-1)^m q^{\binom{m}{2}} z^m}{(a_1; q)_m} D_{z, q}^{(m)} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) \tag{2.4}$$

By mathematical induction we get (2.1) for $i = 1$. Similarly, by the same technique we can obtain the first required for all the parameters a_i , $i = 1, \dots, r$. Also, for the parameter b_1 we have

$$D_{b_1, q^r} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(b_1; q)_n} - \frac{1}{(q b_1; q)_n}}{b_1 - b_1 q} \times$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a_1; q)_n \cdots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_2; q)_n \cdots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[n]_q}{(1 - b_1 q^n)} \frac{(a_1; q)_n \cdots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1; q)_n \cdots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - b_1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n]_q \frac{(a_1; q)_n \cdots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_1 q; q)_n \cdots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$D_{b_1, q r} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{z}{1 - b_1} D_{z, q r} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1 q, b_2, \dots, b_s; q, z) \tag{2.5}$$

Suppose that

$$D_{b_1, q}^{(m-1)} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{z}{(b_1; q)_{m-1}} D_{z, q}^{(m-1)} \{z^{m-2} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, q^{m-1} b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)\}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} D_{b_1, q r}^{(m)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) &= D_{b_1, q} \{D_{b_1, q}^{(m-1)} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)\} \\ &= \frac{z}{b_1(1 - q)} \left\{ \frac{D_{z, q}^{(m-1)} \{z^{m-2} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, q^{m-1} b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)\}}{(b_1; q)_{m-1}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{D_{z, q}^{(m-1)} \{z^{m-2} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, q^m b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)\}}{(q b_1; q)_{m-1}} \right\} \\ &= \frac{z}{(b_1; q)_m} D_{z, q}^{(m-1)} \left\{ \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - b_1 q^{k+m-1})}{b_1(1 - q)} - \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - b_1 q^{k+m})}{b_1(1 - q)} \right\} \times \\ &\quad \frac{(a_1; q)_n \cdots (a_r; q)_n}{(b_2; q)_n \cdots (b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}]^{1+s-r} \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n} \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$D_{b_1, q r}^{(m)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{z}{(b_1; q)_n} D_{z, q}^{(m)} \{z^{m-1} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, q^n b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)\}$$

By mathematical induction we have

$$D_{b_1, q r}^{(n)} \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = \frac{z}{(b_1; q)_n} D_{z, q}^{(n)} \{z^{n-1} {}_r \Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, q^n b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)\}$$

using the same technique for all parameters b_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ we get (2.2) which completes the proof of the Theorem. As a consequence of the above Theorem we have the following Corollaries:

Corollary 2.2.

The Heine's hypergeometric series

$${}_2\Phi_1(a, b; c; q, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n (b; q)_n}{(c; q)_n (q; q)_n} z^n \quad (2.6)$$

satisfies the following system of q -parametric difference equations

$$\left\{ D_{a,q}^{(n)} - \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} z^n}{(a; q)_n} D_{z,q}^{(n)} \right\} {}_2\Phi_1(a, b; c; q, z) = 0, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (2.7)$$

$$\left\{ D_{b,q}^{(n)} - \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} z^n}{(b; q)_n} D_{z,q}^{(n)} \right\} {}_2\Phi_1(a, b; c; q, z) = 0, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (2.8)$$

$$\left\{ D_{c,q}^{(n)} - \frac{z^n}{(c; q)_n} D_{z,q}^{(n)} z^{n-1} \right\} {}_2\Phi_1(a, b; c; q, z) = 0, \quad n \geq 2 \quad (2.9)$$

Corollary 2.3.

The basic hypergeometric function ${}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z)$ satisfies the difference equations

$$\left\{ (a_i; q)_n D_{a_i; q}^{(n)} - (a_j; q)_n D_{a_j; q}^{(n)} \right\} {}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = 0, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, r \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$\left\{ (b_i; q)_n D_{b_i; q}^{(n)} - (b_j; q)_n D_{b_j; q}^{(n)} \right\} {}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r, b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) = 0, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, s \quad (2.11)$$

3 Basically Completely Monotonic Functions (CM_q)

Jackson [13] introduced the q -integral defined by

$$\int_0^x f(t) d_q t := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(xq^n) (xq^n - xq^{n+1}) \quad (3.1)$$

and defined an integral on $(0, \infty)$ by

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(t) d_q t := (1 - q) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^n f(q^n) \quad (3.2)$$

Notice that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{q^{-N}} f(x) d_q x = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

The idea here is that on $(1, \infty)$ the division points are at $q^{-1}, q^{-2}, q^{-3}, \dots$ when $0 < q < 1$.

Definition 3.1. A function $f :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be called basically completely monotonic if it satisfies the following axioms :

- (1) f has q -derivative of all orders.
- (2) $(-1)^n D_q^{(n)} f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x > 0, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We denote the class of all basically completely monotonic functions on $]0, \infty[$ by CM_q

Theorem 3.2

The sum, the product, and the pointwise limit of basically completely monotonic functions are also basically completely monotonic and every function $f \in CM_q$ has an integral representation of the form

$$f(s) = \int_0^\infty E_q^{-sx} \mu(x) d_q x := L_q(\mu) \tag{3.3}$$

for some measure μ on the real line.

Proof

Let $\{f_m\} \subseteq CM_q, f_m \rightarrow f$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$. Since the q -derivative and the limit commute, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n D_q^{(n)} f_m(x) \\ &= (-1)^n D_q^{(n)} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m(x) \\ &= (-1)^n D_q^{(n)} f(x), \end{aligned}$$

so, $f \in CM_q$. Let $f, g \in CM_q$, the linearity of D_q implies $f + g \in CM_q$. Also, since

$$D_q(f(x)g(x)) = f(qx)D_q g(x) + (D_q f(x))g(x),$$

and $f(x), g(x)$ are nonnegative for all $x > 0$, so at $n = 1$ we have

$$(-1)D_q(f(x)g(x)) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x > 0.$$

Suppose

$$(-1)^{(n-1)} D_q^{(n-1)}(f(x)g(x)) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x > 0,$$

this implies

$$(-1)^{(n)} D_q^{(n)}(f(x)g(x)) = (-1)^{(n-1)} D_q^{(n-1)}[(-1)D_q(f(x)g(x))] \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x > 0,$$

By using mathematical induction we get $fg \in CM_q$. Since $E_q^{x+y} \neq E_q^x E_q^y$ in general [15], so we must use the definition of q -addition (compare, [2] and [17])

$$(x \oplus_q y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q x^k y^{n-k}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, y \neq x$$

and so,

$$E_q^{x \oplus_q y} = E_q^x E_q^y.$$

Defining a semicharacter $\rho_a :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\rho_a(s) = E_q^{-as}$, it is clear that $0 \leq \rho_a(s) \leq 1$ i.e., ρ_a is decreasing then the integral

$$\int_0^\infty E_q^{-sx} w(x) d_q x$$

exists for some weight function $w(x)$ defined on \mathbb{R} . Applying corollary 4.5. Page 114 [4], we get

$$f(s) = \int_0^\infty E_q^{-sx} w(x) d_q x$$

which completes the proof of the Theorem.

Example

The function E_q^{-x} belongs to the class CM_q , where

$$E_q^x = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{j(j-1)/2} \frac{x^j}{[j]!} \quad (3.4)$$

From now on we denote by S_q the set of all functions $f :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which can be expressed in the form

$$f(y) = a + \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{y \oplus_q x} \mu(x) d_q x$$

for a unique constant $a \geq 0$.

Theorem 3.3

The set S_q is a convex cone contained in CM_q .

Proof

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{y \oplus_q x} w(x) d_q x &= \int_0^\infty \int_1^\infty E_q^{-(y \oplus_q x)\xi} d_q \xi w(x) d_q x \\ &= \int_1^\infty \int_0^\infty E_q^{-y\xi} E_q^{-x\xi} w(x) d_q x d_q \xi \\ &= \int_1^\infty E_q^{-y\xi} L_q w(\xi) d_q \xi \end{aligned}$$

For $n \geq 1$ and $y > 0$ we find,

$$\frac{(-1)^n}{[n]_q!} D_q^{(n)} f(y) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(y \oplus_q x)^{(n+1)}} w(x) d_q x$$

by applying Cauchy-Schwartz inequality we get that the sequence

$$\Phi_n(y) = \frac{(-1)^n}{[n]_q!} D_q^{(n)} f(y) \quad (3.5)$$

satisfying the relation

$$(-1)^{(k)} D_q^{(k)} [\log \Phi(y)] \geq 0, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

and noting that Φ satisfies (3.5) if and only if $-D_q(\log \Phi)$ belongs to CM_q , we get the desired.

Definition 3.4. A linear homomorphic function f on \mathbb{R}^d will be called totally basically completely monotonic if it satisfies:

$$(1) \partial_{x_i}^{(m,q)} f(x) = \partial_{x_i}^{(q)} \partial_{x_i}^{(m-1,q)} f(x) \quad \text{exist for all } m \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

$$(2) (-1)^m \partial_{x_i}^{(m,q)} f(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

where, the q -difference operators $\partial_{x_i}^{(q)}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ are given by

$$\partial_{x_i}^{(q)} f(x) = \partial_{x_i}^{(q)} f(x_1, \dots, x_d) \equiv \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, qx_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_d) - f(x)}{(q-1)x}$$

and

$$\partial_{x_i}^{(1,q)} = \partial_{x_i}^{(q)} \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_{x_i}^{(0,q)} = 1.$$

Remark. It is clear that if $d = 1$, then

$$D_q f(x) = \partial_x^{(q)} f(x)$$

Lemma 3.5

Let f, g be two linear homogenous functions on \mathbb{R}^d then we have

$$\partial_{x_i}^{(m,q)} (f(x)g(x)) = f(\tilde{x}_i) \partial_{x_i}^{(m,q)} g(x) + g(x) \partial_{x_i}^{(m,q)} f(x)$$

where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $m = (m_1, \dots, m_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ and

$$\tilde{x}_i = (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, q^{n_i} x_i^{n_i}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_d)$$

We leave the proof for the readers

Theorem 3.6

The sum, the product, and the point wise limit of the elements of the set TM_q of all totally basically completely monotonic functions are also totally basically completely monotonic functions and every function $f \in TM_q$ has an integral representation of the form

$$f(s) = \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty}_{m\text{-times}} E_q^{-s \cdot x} \mu(x) d_q x \tag{3.6}$$

for some Borel measure μ on \mathbb{R}^m where $s = (s_1, \dots, s_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ and $s \cdot x = s_1 x_1 \oplus_q \dots \oplus_q s_m x_m$

Proof

It is clear that the operators $\partial_{x_i}^{(q)}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ is linear, so $f + g \in TM_q$ for all $f, g \in TM_q$ Since the operator $\partial_{x_i}^{(q)}$ and the limit commute then we directly have that TM_q is a closed set over the Euclidean

space \mathbb{R}^m . Let $f, g \in TM_q$, by virtue of the last Lemma and from the non negativity of $f(x), g(x)$; $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ we get:

$$(-1)\partial_{x_i}^{(q)}(f(x)g(x)) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$$

Letting

$$(-1)^{n-1}\partial_{x_i}^{(n-1,q)}(f(x)g(x)) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$$

then

$$(-1)^n\partial_{x_i}^{(n,q)}(f(x)g(x)) = (-1)^{n-1}\partial_{x_i}^{(n-1,q)}[(-1)\partial_{x_i}^{(q)}f(x)g(x)] \geq 0$$

applying mathematical induction we get $fg \in CM_q$. Combining Theorem 3.2 with proposition 4.7 page 115 [4] we get

$$f(s) = \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty}_{m\text{-times}} E_q^{-s_1 \cdot x_1} E_q^{-s_2 \cdot x_2} \dots E_q^{-s_m \cdot x_m} \mu_1(x_1) d_q x_1 \mu_2(x_2) d_q x_2 \dots \mu_m(x_m) d_q x_m$$

for some measures $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_m$ on \mathbb{R} . Putting $\mu(x) = \mu_1(x_1)\mu_2(x_2)\dots\mu_m(x_m)$ implies (3.6) which completes the proof of the theorem.

4 u-Exponential Series

Recalling from [10], that, for an arbitrary analytic function $u(\alpha)$ an arbitrary solution $\Gamma_u(\alpha)$ of the functional equation

$$\Gamma_u(\alpha + 1) = u(\alpha)\Gamma_u(\alpha) \tag{4.1}$$

is called a u -gamma function. Obviously, the function $\Gamma_u(\alpha)$, if it exists at all, is defined up to a factor $c(\alpha)$ that is a 1-periodic function. Furthermore, any analytic function $F(\alpha)$ is a u -gamma function, where $u(\alpha) = \frac{F(\alpha+1)}{F(\alpha)}$. The classical examples are $u(\alpha) = \alpha$ and $u(\alpha) = \frac{q^\alpha - 1}{q - 1}$. In the first case, the solution of (4.1) is given by the Euler gamma function $\Gamma(\alpha)$, and the second case, by the corresponding q -analogue $\Gamma_q(\alpha)$. For $|q| < 1$ the function Γ_q can be represent by the infinite product[3]

$$\Gamma_q(\alpha) := (1 - q)^{1-\alpha} \prod_{n=0}^\infty \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q^{n+\alpha}}. \tag{4.2}$$

Suppose that $\Gamma_u(\alpha)$ be a u -gamma function, that is, a solution of the functional equation (4.1). We assume that

$$\Gamma_u(\alpha) \neq 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in \mathbb{Z};$$

$$\text{there exist } \alpha \in \mathbb{Z} : \Gamma_u(\alpha) \neq \infty \tag{4.3}$$

Definition 4.1. The *u*-exponential series $exp_u x$ is the following formal series:

$$exp_u x = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{x^n}{\Gamma_u(n+1)}. \tag{4.4}$$

Condition (4.3) implies that all the coefficients of this series are finite and at least one of them is non-zero. Since Γ_u is defined up to a 1-periodic factor, (4.4) determines the series $exp_u x$ up to a constant factor. For example, if $u(\alpha) = \alpha$, then $exp_u x = ce^x$, where c is an arbitrary constant.

Now suppose that $u(\alpha)$ is a rational function of q^α , where $0 < q < 1$. We represent $u(\alpha)$ in the form

$$u(\alpha) = c \frac{(1 - \mu_1 q^\alpha) \dots (1 - \mu_s q^\alpha)}{(1 - \lambda_1 q^\alpha) \dots (1 - \lambda_r q^\alpha)}$$

For simplicity, let $c = 1$. Then

$$\Gamma_u(\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma_v(q^\alpha \mu_1) \dots \Gamma_v(q^\alpha \mu_s)}{\Gamma_v(q^\alpha \lambda_1) \dots \Gamma_v(q^\alpha \lambda_r)},$$

where $v(\alpha) = 1 - \alpha$ and hence

$$\Gamma_v(\alpha) = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - \alpha q^k)^{-1} \tag{4.5}$$

Thus

$$exp_u x = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \lambda_1) \dots \Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \lambda_r)}{\Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \mu_1) \dots \Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \mu_s)} x^n, \tag{4.6}$$

where $\Gamma_v(\alpha)$ is given by (4.5). Here, as before, the λ_i and μ_j are parameters.

All the terms in (4.6) are finite provided that $q^{k+\lambda_i} \neq 1$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $i = 1, \dots, r$. If $q^{k+\lambda_i} = 1$ for at least one pair $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $i = 1, \dots, s$, then the series (4.6) terminates as $n \rightarrow -\infty$. Since in this case its coefficients are bounded, it follows that, in contrast with the classical Pochhammer series, the series (4.6) converges in a neighbourhood of $x = 0$ for an arbitrary r and s . In particular, for $\mu_s = 1$ we obtain the following series, convergent in a neighbourhood of $x = 0$:

$$exp_u x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \lambda_1) \dots \Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \lambda_r)}{\Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \mu_1) \dots \Gamma_v(q^{n+1} \mu_{s-1})} \frac{x^n}{\Gamma_v(n+1)}.$$

Considering the two series $G_{\lambda_i, u} x := \frac{1}{\Gamma_v(\lambda_i)} exp_u$ and $H_{\mu_i, u} x := \Gamma_v(\mu_i) exp_u$, and by virtue of our calculation in the second section we can easily prove the following Theorem:

Theorem 4.2.

$$D_{\lambda_i,q}^{(n)} G_{\lambda_i,ux} = D_{\lambda_i,q}^{(n)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma_\nu(\lambda_i)} \exp ux \right\} = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} x^n}{(\lambda_i, q)_n} D_{x,q}^{(n)} \{ G_{\lambda_i,ux} \} \tag{4.7}$$

$$D_{\mu_i,q}^{(n)} H_{\mu_i,ux} = D_{\mu_i,q}^{(n)} \{ \Gamma_\nu(\mu_i) \exp ux \} = \frac{x}{(\mu_i, q)_n} D_{x,q}^{(n)} \{ x^n H_{\mu_i,ux} \} \tag{4.8}$$

5 q-Appell's Hypergeometric series

In the 1880's the French mathematician Appell[1], introduced four families of hypergeometric functions of two variables x and y commonly denoted by F_1, F_2, F_3 and F_4 [7,16]. Recalling from [14] that the q -analogues of the four Appell's hypergeometric functions are given by:

$$\Phi^{(1)}(\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2; \gamma; x, y; q) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha; q)_{m+n} (\beta_1; q)_m (\beta_2; q)_n}{m!n!(\gamma; q)_{m+n}} x^m y^n \tag{5.1}$$

$$\Phi^{(2)}(\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2; \gamma_1, \gamma_2; x, y; q) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha; q)_{m+n} (\beta_1; q)_m (\beta_2; q)_n}{m!n!(\gamma_1; q)_m (\gamma_2; q)_n} x^m y^n \tag{5.2}$$

$$\Phi^{(3)}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2; \gamma; x, y; q) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1; q)_m (\alpha_2; q)_n (\beta_1; q)_m (\beta_2; q)_n}{m!n!(\gamma; q)_{m+n}} x^m y^n \tag{5.3}$$

$$\Phi^{(4)}(\alpha, \beta; \gamma_1, \gamma_2; x, y; q) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha; q)_{m+n} (\beta; q)_{m+n}}{m!n!(\gamma_1; q)_m (\gamma_2; q)_n} x^m y^n \tag{5.4}$$

For the aim of simplicity we denote $\Phi^{(1)}(A\alpha, B\beta_1, C\beta_2; D\gamma; Ex, Fy; q)$ by $\Phi^{(1)}(A, B, C; D; E, F)$. By virtue of our calculation in section 2, and by helping of the identity $[n+m]_q = \frac{1}{2} \{ (1+q^n)[m]_q + (1+q^m)[n]_q \}$ we directly get the following main results for $n \geq 2$:

Theorem 5.1.

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\alpha,q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1; 1) &= \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{2(\alpha, q)_n} \{ x^n D_x^{(n)} [\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1; 1) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1; q^n)] \\ &\quad + y^n D_y^{(n)} [\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1; 1) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1; q^n, 1)] \\ &\quad + [n]_{q^{-1}} x^{n-1} y D_x^{(n-1)} D_y [\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1; q, 1) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1; q^{n-1}, 1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$+[n]_{q^{-1}}xy^{n-1}D_xD_y^{(n-1)}[\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1, q) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^{n-1}, 1)] + \dots \tag{5.5}$$

$$D_{\beta_1, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} x^n}{(\beta_1, q)_n} D_{x, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1) \tag{5.6}$$

$$D_{\beta_2, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} y^n}{(\beta_2, q)_n} D_{y, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1) \tag{5.7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\gamma, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1) &= \frac{1}{2(\gamma, q)_n} \{xD_x^{(n)}x^{n-1}[\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, q^n)] \\ &\quad + yD_y^{(n)}y^{n-1}[\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; 1)] \\ &\quad + [n]_qxyD_x^{(n-1)}D_yx^{n-2}[\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; q, 1) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, q^{n-1})] \\ &\quad + [n]_qxyD_xD_y^{(n-1)}y^{n-2}[\Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, q) + \Phi^{(1)}(1, 1, 1; q^n; q^{n-1}, 1)] + \dots \} \end{aligned} \tag{5.8}$$

Theorem 5.2.

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\alpha, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{(\alpha, q)_n} \{x^n D_x^{(n)}[\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) + \Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, q^n)] \\ &\quad + y^n D_y^{(n)}[\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) + \Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, q^n)] \\ &\quad + [n]_{q^{-1}}x^{n-1}yD_x^{(n-1)}D_y[\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, q) + \Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, q^{n-1})] \\ &\quad + [n]_{q^{-1}}xy^{n-1}D_xD_y^{(n-1)}[\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1, q) + \Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, q^{n-1}, 1)] + \dots \} \end{aligned} \tag{5.9}$$

$$D_{\beta_1, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} x^n}{(\beta_1, q)_n} D_{x, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) \tag{5.10}$$

$$D_{\beta_2, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} y^n}{(\beta_2, q)_n} D_{y, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) \tag{5.11}$$

$$D_{\gamma_1, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) = \frac{x}{(\gamma; q)_n} D_{x, q}^{(n)}\{x^{n-1}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; q^n, 1, 1, 1)\} \tag{5.12}$$

$$D_{\gamma_2, q}^{(n)}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1) = \frac{y}{(\gamma; q)_n} D_{y, q}^{(n)}\{y^{n-1}\Phi^{(2)}(1, 1, 1; 1, q^n, 1, 1)\} \tag{5.13}$$

Theorem 5.3.

$$D_{\alpha_1, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} x^n}{(\alpha_1, q)_n} D_{x, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) \quad (5.14)$$

$$D_{\alpha_2, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} y^n}{(\alpha_2, q)_n} D_{y, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) \quad (5.15)$$

$$D_{\beta_1, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} x^n}{(\beta_1, q)_n} D_{x, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) \quad (5.16)$$

$$D_{\beta_2, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} y^n}{(\beta_2, q)_n} D_{y, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) \quad (5.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\gamma, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; 1, 1) &= \frac{1}{2(\gamma, q)_n} \{x D_x^{(n)} x^{n-1} [\Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, q^n)] \\ &\quad + y D_y^{(n)} y^{n-1} [\Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; 1)] \\ &\quad + [n]_q x y D_x^{(n-1)} D_y x^{n-2} [\Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; q, 1) + \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, q^{n-1})] \\ &\quad + [n]_q x y D_x D_y^{(n-1)} y^{n-2} [\Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; 1, q) + \Phi^{(3)}(1, 1, 1, 1; q^n; q^{n-1}, 1)] + \dots \} \end{aligned} \quad (5.18)$$

Theorem 5.4.

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\alpha, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{2(\alpha, q)_n} \{x^n D_x^{(n)} [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, q^n)] \\ &\quad + y^n D_y^{(n)} [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; q^n, 1)] \\ &\quad + [n]_{q^{-1}} x^{n-1} y D_x^{(n-1)} D_y [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; q, 1) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, q^{n-1})] \\ &\quad + [n]_{q^{-1}} x y^{n-1} D_x D_y^{(n-1)} [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, q) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; q^{n-1}, 1)] + \dots \} \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\beta, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{2(\beta, q)_n} \{x^n D_x^{(n)} [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, q^n)] \\ &\quad + y^n D_y^{(n)} [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; q^n, 1)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + [n]_{q^{-1}} x^{n-1} y D_x^{(n-1)} D_y [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; q, 1) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, q^{n-1})] \\
 & + [n]_{q^{-1}} x y^{n-1} D_x D_y^{(n-1)} [\Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, q) + \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; q^{n-1}, 1)] + \dots \} \tag{5.20}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$D_{\gamma_1, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{x}{(\gamma; q)_n} D_{x, q}^{(n)} \{x^{n-1} \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; q^n, 1; 1, 1)\} \tag{5.21}$$

$$D_{\gamma_2, q}^{(n)} \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, 1; 1, 1) = \frac{y}{(\gamma; q)_n} D_{y, q}^{(n)} \{y^{n-1} \Phi^{(4)}(1, 1; 1, q^n; 1, 1)\} \tag{5.22}$$

6 Concluding Remarks

The first major treatise on the basic hypergeometric functions of two variables asserts that, the q-Appell hypergeometric functions $\Phi^{(1)}, \Phi^{(2)}, \Phi^{(3)}$ and $\Phi^{(4)}$ reduce to the ordinary Heine’s hypergeometric function in the cases $x = 0$ and $y = 0$. So all our results obtained in section 5 can be considered as an extension of Corollary 2.2. Also, we remark that, the basic hypergeometric function ${}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r; b_1, \dots, b_s; q; z)$ is basically completely monotonic with respect to the parameter a_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ if the parameter a_i is less than or equal to unity and the function ${}_r\Phi_s$ has positive q-derivative of all orders. Finally, the basic hypergeometric function ${}_r\Phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r; b_1, \dots, b_s; q; z)$ is totally basically completely monotonic if all parameters are less than or equal to unity and the function ${}_r\Phi_s$ has positive q-derivative of all orders.

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