

On q-Laguerre Polynomials

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Abstract In this paper, we study a q-analogue of Laguerre polynomials. We give a q-analogue of Rodrigues' formula, recurrence formulas, Laguerre equations and orthogonality.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we study a q-analogue of Laguerre polynomials. We give a q-analogue of Rodrigues' formula, recurrence formulas, Laguerre equations and orthogonality.

Let q be a fixed number with $0 < q < 1$.

We use the following notations:

- $n_q = 1 + q + \cdots + q^{n-1} = \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}$, q-natural number;
- $(n!)_q = 1_q \times 2_q \times \cdots \times n_q$, q-factorial;
- $\binom{n}{k}_q = \frac{(n!)_q}{(k!)_q \{(n-k)!\}_q}$, q-binomial coefficient;
- $\infty_q = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n_q = \frac{1}{1-q}$, q-infinity;
- $[a]^n = a \cdot (qa) \cdots (q^{n-1}a) = q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)} a^n$, q-shift n-th power;
- $Tf(x) = f(qx)$, q-shift operator;
- $\Delta_q f(x) = \frac{(1-T)f(x)}{(1-q)x}$, q-difference operator;
- $\int_0^a f(x) d_q x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q)q^n a f(q^n a)$, Jackson's integral.

See (1). Both

$$e_q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n!)_q} = \frac{1}{((1-q)x; q)_{\infty}} \quad (|x| < \infty_q)$$

and

$$E_q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[x]^n}{(n!)_q} = (- (1-q)x; q)_{\infty}$$

mean q-analogues of exponential functions e^x , where

$$(a; q)_{\infty} = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^n a).$$

For $0 \leq x \leq \infty_q$, a q-analogue of Laguerre polynomial is defined by

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$$L_n(x) = \frac{1}{[-1]^n (n!)_q} \sum_{k=0}^n [-1]^k \binom{n}{k}_q \Delta_q^k(x^n). \tag{1.1}$$

Indeed, for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$L_0(x) = 1,$$

$$L_1(x) = 1 - x,$$

$$L_2(x) = \frac{1}{q \cdot (2!)_q} \{q \cdot 2_q - 2_q^2 x + x^2\},$$

$$L_3(x) = \frac{1}{q^3 (3!)_q} \{q^3 (3!)_q - q \cdot 3_q^2 \cdot 2_q x + 3_q^2 x^2 - x^3\}.$$

Then, in relation to Rodrigues' formula, recurrence formulas, Laguerre equations, orthogonality, we obtain the following theorem:

Theorem. We have

) Rodrigues' formula.

$$L_n(x) = e_q(qx) \Delta_q^n \left\{ E_q \left(-\frac{x}{q^{n-1}} \right) \frac{x^n}{(n!)_q} \right\}. \tag{1.2}$$

) Recurrence formulas.

$$(x \Delta_q - n_q) L_n(x) = -n_q L_{n-1}(x), \tag{1.3}$$

$$L_n(qx) = L_{n-1}(x) - q \int_0^x L_{n-1}(t) d_q t. \tag{1.4}$$

) Laguerre equations.

$$q^n x \Delta_q^2 L_n(x) + (q^{n-1} - x) \Delta_q L_n(x) + n_q L_n(x) = 0, \tag{1.5}$$

$$\Delta_q \left\{ E_q(-x) x \Delta_q L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} = -\frac{n_q}{q^n} E(-qx) L_n(x). \tag{1.6}$$

) Orthogonality.

$$\int_0^{\infty_q} E_q(-qx) L_n(x) L_m(x) d_q x = q^n \delta_{nm}, \tag{1.7}$$

where δ_{nm} is the Kroneker's delta.

These proofs are shown in each section after this.

2. RODRIGUES' FORMULA

In this section, we prove q-analogue of Rodrigues' formula.

We note that two functions $e_q(x)$, $E_q(x)$ have the following properties:

$$\Delta_q^n e_q(ax) = a^n e_q(ax), \quad \Delta_q^n E_q(ax) = [a]^n E_q(q^n ax).$$

By q-Leibniz formula (see Appendix), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_q^n \left\{ E_q \left(-\frac{x}{q^{n-1}} \right) \frac{x^n}{(n!)_q} \right\} &= \frac{1}{(n!)_q} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q T^k \left\{ \Delta_q^{n-k} E_q \left(-\frac{x}{q^{n-1}} \right) \right\} \cdot \Delta_q^k(x^n) \\ &= \frac{1}{[-1]^n (n!)_q} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q T^k \left\{ [-1]^k E_q \left(-\frac{x}{q^{k-1}} \right) \right\} \cdot \Delta_q^k(x^n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{E_q(-qx)}{[-1]^n} \sum_{k=0}^n [-1]^k \binom{n}{k}_q \Delta_q^k(x^n) \\
&= E_q(-qx) L_n(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by $e_q(x) \times E_q(-x) = 1$, we have

$$L_n(x) = e_q(qx) \Delta_q^n \left\{ E_q \left(-\frac{x}{q^{n-1}} \right) \frac{x^n}{(n!)_q} \right\},$$

and so we can obtain Rodrigues' formula.

3. RECURRENCE FORMULAS

In this section, we give two recurrence formulas.

We put

$$\begin{aligned}
l_n(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n [-1]^k \binom{n}{k}_q \Delta_q^k(x^n) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n [-1]^k \binom{n}{k}_q \binom{n}{k}_q (k!)_q x^{n-k}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
x \Delta_q l_n(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^n [-1]^k \binom{n}{k}_q \binom{n}{k}_q (k!)_q (n-k)_q x^{n-k} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^n [-1]^k \binom{n}{k}_q \binom{n}{k}_q (k!)_q (n_q - q^{n-k} k_q) x^{n-k} \\
&= n_q l_n(x) + q^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n [-1]^{k-1} \binom{n}{k}_q \binom{n}{k}_q (k!)_q k_q x^{n-k},
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
(x \Delta_q - n_q) l_n(x) &= q^{n-1} n_q^2 \sum_{k=1}^n [-1]^{k-1} \binom{n-1}{k-1}_q \binom{n-1}{k-1}_q \{(k-1)!\}_q x^{n-k} \\
&= q^{n-1} n_q^2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [-1]^k \binom{n-1}{k}_q \binom{n-1}{k}_q (k!)_q x^{n-1-k} \\
&= q^{n-1} n_q^2 l_{n-1}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by dividing $[-1]^n (n!)_q$, we have

$$(x \Delta_q - n_q) L_n(x) = -n_q L_{n-1}(x).$$

On the other hand, by a q-analogue of Pascal Triangle Identity

$$\binom{n}{k}_q = \binom{n-1}{k-1}_q + q^k \binom{n-1}{k}_q,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
l_n(qx) &= \sum_{k=0}^n [-1]^k \binom{n}{k}_q \binom{n}{k}_q (k!)_q (qx)^{n-k} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n [-1]^k \binom{n-1}{k-1}_q \binom{n}{k}_q (k!)_q (qx)^{n-k} + q^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [-1]^k \binom{n-1}{k}_q \binom{n}{k}_q (k!)_q x^{n-k}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -q^{n-1}n_q \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [-1]^k \binom{n-1}{k}_q \binom{n-1}{k}_q (k!)_q x^{n-1-k} + q^n n_q \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [-1]^k \binom{n-1}{k}_q \binom{n-1}{k}_q (k!)_q \frac{x^{n-k}}{n-k} \\
 &= -q^{n-1}n_q l_{n-1}(x) + q^n n_q \int_0^x l_{n-1}(t) d_q t .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by dividing $[-1]^n (n!)_q$, we have

$$L_n(qx) = L_{n-1}(x) - q \int_0^x L_{n-1}(t) d_q t .$$

4. LAGUERRE EQUATIONS

In this section, we give two q -analogues of Laguerre equation.

By (1.3) and (1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_q \Delta_q \{TL_n(x)\} &= n_q \{\Delta_q L_{n-1}(x) - qL_{n-1}(x)\} \\
 &= (\Delta_q - q)\{n_q L_{n-1}(x)\} \\
 &= (\Delta_q - q)(n_q - x\Delta_q)L_n(x) ,
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 qx\Delta_q^2 L_n(x) + (1-qx)\Delta_q L_n(x) + qn_q L_n(x) &= n_q \Delta_q (1-T)L_n(x) \\
 &= n_q \Delta_q \{(1-q)x\Delta_q L_n(x)\} \\
 &= (1-q^n)\{\Delta_q L_n(x) + qx\Delta_q^2 L_n(x)\} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$q^n x \Delta_q^2 L_n(x) + (q^{n-1} - x)\Delta_q L_n(x) + n_q L_n(x) = 0 .$$

And furthermore, from this difference equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 qx\Delta_q^2 L_n(x) + (q^{n-1} - q^n x)\Delta_q L_n(x) &= (1-q^n)x\Delta_q L_n(x) - n_q L_n(x) \\
 &= -n_q \{1 - (1-q)x\Delta_q\} L_n(x) \\
 &= -n_q TL_n(x) ,
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$x\Delta_q^2 L_n(x) + (q^{-1} - x)\Delta_q L_n(x) + q^{-n}n_q TL_n(x) = 0 .$$

Since $T^{-1}\Delta_q = q\Delta_q T^{-1}$, we have

$$qx\Delta_q^2 \left\{ L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} + (1-x)\Delta_q \left\{ L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} + q^{-n}n_q L_n(x) = 0 .$$

We note that

$$\Delta_q \{E_q(-x) \cdot x \cdot \Delta_q f(x)\} = E_q(-qx) \{qx\Delta_q^2 f(x) + (1-x)\Delta_q f(x)\} .$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_q \left\{ E_q(-x) \cdot x \cdot \Delta_q L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} &= E_q(-qx) \left[qx\Delta_q^2 \left\{ L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} + (1-x)\Delta_q \left\{ L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{n_q}{q^n} E_q(-qx) L_n(x) .
 \end{aligned}$$

5. ORTHOGONALITY

We put $\lambda_n = -q^{-n}n_q$ and

$$(f(x), g(x)) = \int_0^{\infty_q} E_q(-qx) f(x) g(x) d_q x.$$

First, we show that $(L_n(x), L_m(x)) = 0$ if $n \neq m$.

From (1.6) and $qT\Delta_q = \Delta_q T$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_q \left\{ E_q(-x)x\Delta_q L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) L_m(x) \right\} &= \Delta_q \left\{ E_q(-x)x\Delta_q L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} L_m(x) + T \left\{ E_q(-x)x\Delta_q L_n \left(\frac{x}{q} \right) \right\} \Delta_q L_m(x) \\ &= \lambda_n E_q(-qx) L_n(x) L_m(x) + E_q(-qx)x\Delta_q L_n(x) \Delta_q L_m(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\int_0^a \Delta_q f(x) d_q x = f(a) - f(0)$, we have

$$\lambda_n (L_n(x), L_m(x)) = - \int_0^{\infty_q} E_q(-qx)x\Delta_q L_n(x) \Delta_q L_m(x) d_q x. \quad (5.1)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\lambda_m (L_m(x), L_n(x)) = - \int_0^{\infty_q} E_q(-qx)x\Delta_q L_m(x) \Delta_q L_n(x) d_q x. \quad (5.2)$$

Thus, by subtracting (5.1) from (5.2), we have

$$(\lambda_n - \lambda_m)(L_n(x), L_m(x)) = 0.$$

Hence we obtain

$$(L_n(x), L_m(x)) = 0, \text{ if } n \neq m. \quad (5.3)$$

Next, we show $(L_n(x), L_n(x)) = q^n$.

For x^n , there exist constant numbers c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n such that

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k L_k(x). \quad (5.4)$$

Then, by (5.3), the following properties satisfy

$$(x^k, L_n(x)) = 0 \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1),$$

$$(x^n, L_n(x)) = [-1]^n (n!)_q (L_n(x), L_n(x))$$

Thus, by (5.1) and (1.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n [-1]^n (n!)_q (L_n(x), L_n(x)) &= \lambda_n (x^n, L_n(x)) \\ &= -n_q (x^{n-1}, x\Delta_q L_n(x)) \\ &= -n_q^2 (x^{n-1}, L_n(x) - L_{n-1}(x)) \\ &= n_q [-1]^{n-1} (n!)_q (L_{n-1}(x), L_{n-1}(x)). \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$(L_n(x), L_n(x)) = q(L_{n-1}(x), L_{n-1}(x)).$$

Hence, from this recurrence formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (L_n(x), L_n(x)) &= q^n (L_0(x), L_0(x)) \\ &= q^n \int_0^{\infty_q} E_q(-qx) d_q x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= q^n \left[-E_q(-x) \right]_0^{\infty_q} . \\
 &= q^n
 \end{aligned}$$

Appendix

Lemma (q-Leibniz formula). We have

$$\Delta_q^n \{f(x)g(x)\} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q \{T^k \Delta_q^{n-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) .$$

proof. Obviously, a q -Leibniz formula is satisfied for $n = 1$, so that

$$\Delta_q \{f(x)g(x)\} = \Delta_q f(x) \cdot g(x) + T f(x) \cdot \Delta_q g(x) .$$

And we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_q^{n+1} \{f(x)g(x)\} &= \Delta_q \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q \{T^k \Delta_q^{n-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q \{q^k T^k \Delta_q^{n+1-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q \{T^{k+1} \Delta_q^{n-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^{k+1} g(x) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q \{q^k T^k \Delta_q^{n+1-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \binom{n}{k-1}_q \{T^k \Delta_q^{n+1-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) \\
 &= \Delta^{n+1} f(x) \cdot g(x) + T^{n+1} f(x) \cdot \Delta_q^{n+1} g(x) + \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \binom{n}{k-1}_q + q^k \binom{n}{k}_q \right\} \{T^k \Delta_q^{n+1-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) \\
 &= \Delta^{n+1} f(x) \cdot g(x) + T^{n+1} f(x) \cdot \Delta_q^{n+1} g(x) + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n+1}{k}_q \{T^k \Delta_q^{n+1-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{k}_q \{T^k \Delta_q^{n+1-k} f(x)\} \Delta_q^k g(x) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by induction, a q -Leibniz formula is satisfied for all natural number n .

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