

**LÉVY-KHINCHIN TYPE FORMULA FOR  
BASIC COMPLETELY MONOTONE FUNCTIONS**

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**Abstract:** This paper is devoted to give the integral representations of basic completely monotone functions. The  $q$ -analogue of Laplace transform is introduced and some properties of the class of basic completely monotone functions are showed. Finally, many applied examples are given.

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## 1. Introduction

Recently, quantum calculus received a lot of attentions, and most of the published work has been concerned with some problems of  $q$ -difference equations [1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11-16]. There are several branches of mathematics and engineering

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in which positive definite functions and some of its related functions play an important role [3, 4, 6, 12, 17-20], many areas of these branches and applications including completely monotone functions [8, 10, 12]. A function  $f$  is called completely monotone if for all  $n$ ,  $(-1)^n f^{(n)}(x) \geq 0$  on  $(0, \infty)$ . Bernstein's theorem asserts that  $f$  is completely monotone if and only if  $f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-xt} d\mu(t)$  where  $\mu$  is a positive measure supported on a subset of  $[0, \infty)$ . The main aim of this paper is to give integral representations of basic completely monotone functions. A function  $f : ]0, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  will be called basic 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  $x > 0$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

Here the  $q$ -difference operator  $D_q$  is defined in [12] by

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

We will denote the class of all basic completely monotone functions on  $]0, \infty[$  by  $CM_q$ .

**Example.** The function  $E_q^{-x}$  belongs to the class  $CM_q$ , where

$$E_q^x = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{j(j-1)/2} \frac{x^j}{[j]!} \quad (1.2)$$

A central idea in this paper is to pass from series representation with positive coefficients as in Eqn. (1.2), to integral transform with non-negative densities. Let

$$F(x) = \int_c^d k(x, t) f(t) d_q t, \quad 0 \leq c < d \leq \infty. \quad (1.3)$$

Obviously, if  $k(x, t)$  belongs to the class of basic completely monotone ( $CM_q$ ) functions on the parameter  $x$  for all  $t \in (0, \infty)$  and  $f(t)$  is non-negative, then the  $q$ -derivative shows that  $F(x)$  also belongs to  $CM_q$ . This paper is devoted to give integral representations for functions belongs to the class  $CM_q$ .

### 2. The Integral Representation

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

$$D_q(f(x)g(x)) = f(qx)D_qg(x) + g(x)D_qf(x) \tag{2.1}$$

$$D_q\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(x)D_qf(x) - f(x)D_qg(x)}{g(qx)g(x)}, \quad g(qx)g(x) \neq 0 \tag{2.2}$$

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

$$D_q^{(n)}(fg)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}_q D_q^{(k)}f(xq^{n-k})D_q^{(n-k)}g(x) \tag{2.3}$$

Here we use the  $q$ -binomial coefficients defined by

$$\binom{n}{k}_q = \frac{[n]_q!}{[k]_q![n-k]_q!} \tag{2.4}$$

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  $[n]_q = \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}$ . For more properties of the difference operator  $D_q$  see [7,16]. Jackson [13-15] introduced the  $q$ -integral defined by

$$\int_0^x f(t)d_qt := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(xq^n)(xq^n - xq^{n+1}) \tag{2.5}$$

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

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(t)d_qt := (1-q) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^n f(q^n) \tag{2.6}$$

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  $0 < q < 1$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *The sum, the product, and the pointwise limit of basic completely monotonic functions are also basic completely monotonic.*

*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  $fg \in CM_q$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Every basic completely monotone function  $f \in CM_q$  has an integral representation of the form*

$$f(s) = \int_0^\infty E_q^{-sx} \mu(x) d_q x := \mathcal{L}_q(\mu) \tag{2.7}$$

for some measure  $\mu$  on the real line.

*Proof.* Since  $E_q^{x+y} \neq E_q^x E_q^y$  in general [16], so we must use the definition of  $q$ -addition (compare [2])

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

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.,  $\rho_a$  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 [3], we get

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

which completes the proof of the Theorem.

**Remark.** The operator  $L_q(\cdot)$  which introduced in Eqn.(2.7) will be called q-Laplace transform and can be considered as main player for solving q-difference equations[8].

**Theorem 2.3.** *The set  $S_q$ , 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  $a \geq 0$ , is a convex cone contained in  $CM_q$ .

*Proof.* Since,

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

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

$$\Phi_n(y) = \frac{(-1)^n}{[n]_q!} D_q^{(n)} f(y) \tag{2.8}$$

satisfying the relation

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

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

### 3. Totally Basic Completely Monotone $TCM_q$

**Definition 3.1.** A linear homomorphic function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  will be called totally basic completely monotone 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 3.2.** 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 3.3.** The sum, the product, and the point wise limit of the elements of the set  $TM_q$  of all totally basic completely monotone functions are

also totally basic completely monotone functions and every function  $f \in TM_q$  has an integral representation of the form

$$f(s) = \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty}_{m\text{-times}} E_q^{-s \cdot x} \mu(x) d_q x \tag{3.1}$$

for some Borel measure  $\mu$  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 [3] 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 (2.2) which completes the proof of the theorem.

### 4. Examples and Discussion

As pointed in [9], for some special cases the hypergeometric functions satisfy the axioms of completely monotone functions. Similarly, we can easily finding that the four Jacobi functions:

$$\theta_1(z, q) = 2 \sum_{n=0}^\infty (-1)^n q^{(n+0.5)^2} \sin(2n + 1)z, \tag{4.1}$$

$$\theta_2(z, q) = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{(n+0.5)^2} \cos(2n+1)z, \quad (4.2)$$

$$\theta_3(z, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{n^2} \cos 2nz, \quad (4.3)$$

$$\theta_4(z, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n^2} \cos 2nz, \quad (4.4)$$

belongs to the class  $CM_q$ . Moreover, the following functions have many applications in physics, applied mathematics and electricity[5], and all of them satisfy the basic completely monotone axioms:

- (1) The  $q$ -exponential function  $e_q^{-x}$  where

$$e_q^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{[n]_q!}. \quad (4.5)$$

- (2) The  $q$ -logarithmic function  $\log_q[a + b/x]$  where  $a > 1, b > 0$  and

$$\log_q(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{1 - q^n}, \quad |x| < 1. \quad (4.6)$$

- (3) The  $q$ -confluent hypergeometric function  ${}_1\phi_1(a; b; q; -ax)$ , where

$${}_1\phi_1(a; b; q; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n}{(b; q)_n (q; q)_n} z^n. \quad (4.7)$$

Many authors were gave a full investigation for the properties of the class of all completely monotone functions see Widder[21], Ismail et al[12], Feller [6], Choquet[4] and Berg[3]. This paper is devoted to give the integral representations of basic completely monotone functions. This representations will guide us, in the following papers, to answer the following questions:

- (1) What is the relation between the class of positive definite functions and the class  $CM_q$ .

- (2) What is the relation between the class of the class completely monotone functions and the class of completely alternating functions  $CA_q$ .

- (3) What is the relation between the class of negative definite functions and the class  $CA_q$ .

- (4) How are the integral representations of basic completely monotone functions implies to find the integral representations of basic completely alternating functions.

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