

On q-analogue of Hypergeometric Series

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Abstract In this paper, we treat a q-analogue of hypergeometric series. First, we define a q-analogue of hypergeometric series $f(x; \alpha, \beta, \lambda)$. And we find a q-hypergeometric differential equation. Next, we consider local fundamental solutions at $x=0$ and $x=\infty$ in a q-hypergeometric differential equation. Moreover, we obtain integral represents of each local fundamental solution. Finally, we consider local fundamental solutions at $x=1$ in a q-hypergeometric differential equation by using a change of variable.-

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1. A q-HYPERGEPMETORIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

Let q be a fixed number with $0 < q < 1$. The hypergeometric series is defined by $f(x; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha, n)(\beta, n)}{(\gamma, n)(1, n)} x^n$,

where $(a, n) = \begin{cases} 1 & (n=0) \\ a(a+1)(a+2)\cdots(a+n-1) & (n \geq 1) \end{cases}$ and α, β, γ are real constants

Then we define a q-analogue of hypergeometric series as

$$(1.1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^\beta; q)_n}{(q^\gamma; q)_n (q; q)_n} x^n$$

for $|x| < 1$, where $(a; q)_n = \begin{cases} 1 & (n=0) \\ (1-a)(1-qa)\cdots(1-q^{n-1}a) & (n \geq 1) \end{cases}$.

Proposition 1. The function (1.1) is a solution of q-hypergeometric differential equation

$$(1.2) \quad x(1-x)\Delta_q \{ \Delta_q f(x) \} + \{ \gamma_q - (\alpha + \beta + 1)_q x \} T_q \Delta_q f(x) - \alpha_q \beta_q T_q f(x) = 0,$$

where $a_q = \frac{1-q^a}{1-q}$ is a q-analogue of number a , $T_q \varphi(x) = \varphi(qx)$ is a q-shift operator and $\Delta_q \varphi(x) = \frac{(1-T_q)\varphi(x)}{(1-q)x}$ is a q-differential operator.

Proof. When we put $a_n = \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^\beta; q)_n}{(q^\gamma; q)_n (q; q)_n}$, we have $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(1-q^{\alpha+n})(1-q^{\beta+n})}{(1-q^{\gamma+n})(1-q^{n+1})}$.

Thus we can obtain an equation

$$(1.3) \quad x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha+n)_q (\beta+n)_q a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\gamma+n)_q (n+1)_q a_{n+1} x^{n+1} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\gamma+n-1)_q n_q a_n x^n.$$

Now we define a differential operator D_α as $D_\alpha \varphi(x) = x^{1-\alpha} \Delta_q \{ x^\alpha \varphi(x) \}$. Then, from (1.3), we have

$$(1.4) \quad x D_\alpha D_\beta f(x) = D_{\gamma-1} D_0 f(x).$$

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Moreover, by directl calculation on D_α , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_a D_b \varphi(x) &= x^{1-a} \Delta_q [x^{1+a-b} \Delta_q \{x^b \varphi(x)\}] \\ &= a_q b_q \varphi(x) + \{q^a b_q + q^b (a+1)_q\} x \Delta_q \varphi(x) + q^{a+b+1} x^2 \Delta_q \{\Delta_q \varphi(x)\} \\ &= a_q b_q \varphi(x) + \{(a+b+1)_q - (1-q) a_q b_q\} x \Delta_q \varphi(x) + \{1 - (1-q)(a+b+1)_q\} x^2 \Delta_q \{\Delta_q \varphi(x)\} \\ &= a_q b_q \{1 - (1-q)x \Delta_q\} \varphi(x) + (a+b+1)_q x \{1 - (1-q)x \Delta_q\} \Delta_q \varphi(x) + x^2 \Delta_q \{\Delta_q \varphi(x)\} \\ &= a_q b_q T_q \varphi(x) + (a+b+1)_q x T_q \Delta_q \varphi(x) + x^2 \Delta_q \{\Delta_q \varphi(x)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (1.4), we have

$$x(1-x) \Delta_q \{\Delta_q f(x)\} + \{\gamma_q - (\alpha + \beta + 1)_q x\} T_q \Delta_q f(x) - \alpha_q \beta_q T_q f(x) = 0 \quad \square$$

Remark. From $D_a \varphi(x) = \frac{(1-q^a T_q) \varphi(x)}{1-q}$, a solution of q-hypergeometric differential equation (1.2) is equal to an equation

$$(1.5) \quad x(1-q^a T_q)(1-q^\beta T_q) f(x) = (1-q^{\gamma-1} T_q)(1-T_q) f(x).$$

2. SEREIS EXPANSION

In this section, we find local solutions of q-hypergeometric differential equation

$$(2.1) \quad x(1-q^a T_q)(1-q^\beta T_q) \varphi(x) = (1-q^{\gamma-1} T_q)(1-T_q) \varphi(x).$$

Proposition 2. Local fundamental solutions of (2.1) at $x=0$ are

$$(2.2) \quad \varphi_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^\beta; q)_n}{(q^\gamma; q)_n (q; q)_n} x^n \quad (|x| < 1)$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi_2(x) = x^{1-\gamma} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma+1}; q)_n (q^{\beta-\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q^{2-\gamma}; q)_n (q; q)_n} x^n \quad (|x| < 1).$$

Proof. We put $\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+\lambda}$ ($a_0 \neq 0$).

From (2.1), we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-q^{\alpha+n+\lambda-1})(1-q^{\beta+n+\lambda-1}) a_{n-1} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q^{\gamma+n+\lambda-1})(1-q^{n+\lambda}) a_n x^n$$

Thus, we obtain

$$(2.4) \quad (1-q^{\gamma+\lambda-1})(1-q^\lambda) = 0$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad (1-q^{\alpha+n+\lambda-1})(1-q^{\beta+n+\lambda-1}) a_{n-1} = (1-q^{\gamma+n+\lambda-1})(1-q^{n+\lambda}) a_n \quad (n \geq 1).$$

From (2.4), we have $\lambda = 0, 1-\gamma$. Thus, from (2.5), we obtain

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^\beta; q)_n}{(q^\gamma; q)_n (q; q)_n} a_0 & (\lambda = 0) \\ \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma+1}; q)_n (q^{\beta-\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q^{2-\gamma}; q)_n (q; q)_n} a_0 & (\lambda = 1-\gamma) \end{cases} .$$

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Proposition 3. Local fundamental solutions of (2.1) at $x = \infty$ are

$$(2.6) \quad \varphi_3(x) = x^{-\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^{\alpha-\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q^{\alpha-\beta+1}; q)_n (q; q)_n} q^{(\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1)n} x^{-n} \quad (|x| > q^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1})$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \varphi_4(x) = x^{-\beta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\beta; q)_n (q^{\beta-\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q^{\beta-\alpha+1}; q)_n (q; q)_n} q^{(\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1)n} x^{-n} \quad (|x| > q^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1}) .$$

Proof. We put $\varphi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{-n+\lambda}$ ($a_0 \neq 0$) .

From (2.1), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q^{\alpha-n+\lambda})(1-q^{\beta-n+\lambda}) a_n x^{-n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-q^{\gamma-n+\lambda})(1-q^{-n+\lambda+1}) a_{n-1} x^{-n}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad (1-q^{\alpha+\lambda})(1-q^{\beta+\lambda}) = 0$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad (1-q^{\alpha-n+\lambda})(1-q^{\beta-n+\lambda}) a_n = (1-q^{\gamma-n+\lambda})(1-q^{-n+\lambda+1}) a_{n-1} .$$

From (2.8), we have $\lambda = -\alpha, -\beta$ Thus, from (2.5), we obtain

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{(p^\alpha; p)_n (p^{\alpha-\gamma+1}; p)_n}{(p^{\alpha-\beta+1}; p)_n (p; p)_n} a_0 & (\lambda = -\alpha) \\ \frac{(p^\beta; p)_n (p^{\beta-\gamma+1}; p)_n}{(p^{\beta-\alpha+1}; p)_n (p; p)_n} a_0 & (\lambda = -\beta) \end{cases} ,$$

where $p = q^{-1}$ and $(a; p)_n = (1-a)(1-pa)\cdots(1-p^{n-1}a)$.

Moreover, by $(a; p)_n = (-1)^n p^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)} a^n (a^{-1}; q)_n$, we have

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^{\alpha-\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q^{\alpha-\beta+1}; q)_n (q; q)_n} q^{(\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1)n} a_0 & (\lambda = -\alpha) \\ \frac{(q^\beta; q)_n (q^{\beta-\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q^{\beta-\alpha+1}; q)_n (q; q)_n} q^{(\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1)n} a_0 & (\lambda = -\beta) \end{cases} .$$

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3. INTEGRAL REPRESENTATION

In this section, we state each integral representation of local solutions of q-hypergeometric differential equation (2.1).

We use the following notations;

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet [x]_q^n &= x(qx)\cdots(q^{n-1}x) = q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)} x^n, & \bullet [x]_p^n &= x(px)\cdots(p^{n-1}x) = p^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)} x^n, \\ \bullet \binom{a}{n}_q &= \frac{(q^a; p)_n}{(q; q)_n}, & \bullet \binom{a}{n}_p &= \frac{(p^a; q)_n}{(p; p)_n}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet (x+[y]_q)^a &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{a}{n}_q x^{a-n} [y]_q^n, & \bullet (x+[y]_p)^a &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{a}{n}_p x^{a-n} [y]_p^n, \\ \bullet \int_0^a \varphi(x) d_q x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-q)q^n a \varphi(q^n a), & \bullet \int_a^{\infty} \varphi(x) d_p x &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-p)p^n a \varphi(p^n a). \end{aligned}$$

Remark. Using a change of variable $x = 1/t$, the equation $\int_0^a \varphi(x) d_q x = \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(1/t)}{pt^2} d_p t$ is satisfied.

By using the q-binomial theorem (see (1))

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} x^n = \frac{(ax; q)_{\infty}}{(x; q)_{\infty}} \quad (|x| < 1),$$

where $(a; q)_{\infty} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a; q)_n$, we can obtain the following lemma.

Lemma. The following equations are satisfied.

$$(3.1) \quad (x+[y]_q)^a = \frac{(-y/x; q)_{\infty}}{(-q^a y/x; q)_{\infty}} x^a \quad (|y/x| < q^{-a})$$

$$(3.2) \quad (x+[y]_p)^a = \frac{(-q^{1-a} y/x; q)_{\infty}}{(-qy/x; q)_{\infty}} x^a \quad (|y/x| < q^{-1})$$

Proof. We have

$$(x+[y]_q)^a = x^a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-q^a]_p^n (q^{-a}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} [y/x]_q^n = x^a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-a}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} (-q^a y/x)^n = \frac{(-y/x; q)_{\infty}}{(-q^a y/x; q)_{\infty}} x^a$$

and

$$(x+[y]_p)^a = x^a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(p^a; q)_n}{[-p]_p^n (p^{-1}; q)_n} [y/x]_p^n = x^a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-a}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} (-qy/x)^n = \frac{(-q^{1-a} y/x; q)_{\infty}}{(-qy/x; q)_{\infty}} x^a \quad \square$$

Remark. From (3.1) and (3.2), we have $(x+[y]_p)^a = (x+[q^{1-a}y]_q)^a$.

Numbers a and b are positive. In (1), a q-analogue of β -function is defined by $B_q(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} \frac{(qx; q)_{\infty}}{(q^b x; q)_{\infty}} d_q x$.

Hence we can rewrite $B_q(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-[qx]_q)^{b-1} d_q x$. And we note the equation $B_q(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma_q(a)\Gamma_q(b)}{\Gamma_q(a+b)}$ is satisfied,

where a q-analogue of Γ -function is defined by $\Gamma_q(a) = \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}}{(q^a; q)_{\infty}} (1-q)^{1-a}$.

Theorem. If $0 < \alpha < \gamma < 1$ and $0 < \beta < 1$, the following equations are satisfied.

$$(3.3) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\alpha-1} (1-[qt]_q)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(1-[tx]_q)^{\beta}} d_q t = B_q(\alpha, \gamma-\alpha) \varphi_1(x) \quad (|x| < 1).$$

$$(3.4) \quad \int_{1/x}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\alpha-1} (qt-[1]_p)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(tx-[1]_p)^{\beta}} d_p t = q^{\gamma-\alpha-2} B_q(\beta-\gamma+1, 1-\beta) \varphi_2(x) \quad (|x| < 1).$$

$$(3.5) \int_0^{q^{1-\beta}/x} \frac{t^{\alpha-1}(1-[qt]_q)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(1-[xt]_q)^\beta} d_q t = q^{\alpha(1-\beta)} B_q(\alpha, 1-\beta) \varphi_3(x) \quad (|x| > q^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1}) .$$

$$(3.6) \int_{q^{\alpha-\gamma}}^\infty \frac{t^{\alpha-1}(qt-[1]_p)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(tx-[1]_p)^\beta} d_p t = q^{(\gamma-\alpha)(\beta-\gamma+2)-2} B_q(\beta-\gamma+1, \gamma-\alpha) \varphi_4(x) \quad (|x| > q^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta+1}) ,$$

where $\varphi_1(x)$ and $\varphi_2(x)$ are defined by proposition 2, $\varphi_3(x)$ and $\varphi_4(x)$ are defined by proposition 3.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^\beta; q)_n}{(q^\gamma; q)_n (q; q)_n} x^n \\ &= \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_\infty}{(q^\gamma; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q^{\gamma+n}; q)_\infty (q^\beta; q)_n}{(q^{\alpha+n}; q)_\infty (q; q)_n} x^n \\ &= \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_\infty}{(q^\gamma; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q^\beta; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} x^n \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(q^{\gamma-\alpha}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} q^{(\alpha+n)k} \\ &= \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_\infty}{(q^\gamma; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(q^{\gamma-\alpha}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} q^{\alpha k} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q^\beta; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} (q^k x)^n \\ &= \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_\infty (q^{\gamma-\alpha}; q)_\infty}{(q^\gamma; q)_\infty (q; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(q^{k+1}; q)_\infty (q^{\beta+k} x; q)_\infty}{(q^{\gamma-\alpha+k}; q)_\infty (q^k x; q)_\infty} q^{\alpha k} \\ &= \frac{1}{B_q(\alpha, \gamma-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^\infty (1-q) q^k \cdot q^{k(\alpha-1)} \frac{(1-[q^{k+1}]_q)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(1-[q^k x]_q)^\beta} \\ &= \frac{1}{B_q(\alpha, \gamma-\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\alpha-1} (1-[qt]_q)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(1-[xt]_q)^\beta} d_q t . \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2(x) &= \frac{1}{B_q(\beta-\gamma+1, 1-\beta)} \int_0^x \frac{t^{\beta-\gamma} (1-[t/q]_p)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(x-[t]_p)^\beta} d_q t \\ &= \frac{1}{B_q(\beta-\gamma+1, 1-\beta)} \int_{1/x}^\infty \frac{t^{\gamma-\beta} (1-[1/tq]_p)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{pt^2 (x-[1/t]_p)^\beta} d_p t \\ &= \frac{q^{\alpha-\gamma+2}}{B_q(\beta-\gamma+1, 1-\beta)} \int_{1/x}^\infty \frac{t^{\alpha-1} (qt-[1]_p)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(xt-[1]_p)^\beta} d_p t , \end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi_3(x) = \frac{q^{\alpha(\beta-1)}}{B_q(\alpha, 1-\beta)} \int_0^{q^{1-\beta}/x} \frac{t^{\alpha-1} (1-[qt]_q)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(1-[xt]_q)^\beta} d_q t$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_4(x) &= \frac{q^{(\alpha-\gamma)(\beta-\gamma+1)}}{B_q(\beta-\gamma+1, \gamma-\alpha)} \int_0^{q^{\gamma-\alpha}} \frac{t^{\beta-\gamma} (1-[q^{1+\alpha-\gamma}t]_q)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(x-[q^{1-\beta}t]_q)^\beta} d_q t \\ &= \frac{q^{2+(\alpha-\gamma)(\beta-\gamma+2)}}{B_q(\beta-\gamma+1, \gamma-\alpha)} \int_{q^{\alpha-\gamma}}^\infty \frac{t^{\alpha-1} (qt-[1]_p)^{\gamma-\alpha-1}}{(tx-[1]_p)^\beta} d_p t \end{aligned}$$

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4. LOCAL FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTIONS AT X=1

In this section, we treat a change of variable $t = 1 - x$.

In detail, $q^n x$ corresponds to $t=1-q^n x$. Thus, if $\varphi(q^n x)$ corresponds to $\psi(q^n t)=\varphi(1-q^n t)$. A q-shift operator $T_q \varphi(x)$ and a q-differential operator $\Delta_q \varphi(x)$ correspond to $T_q \psi(t)$ and $-\Delta_q \psi(t)$. Indeed, we have

$$T_q \varphi(x) = \varphi(qx) \rightarrow \varphi(1-qx) = \psi(qt) = T_q \psi(t)$$

and

$$\Delta_q \varphi(x) = \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(qx)}{x - qx} \rightarrow \frac{\varphi(1-t) - \varphi(1-qt)}{(1-t) - (1-qt)} = -\frac{\psi(t) - \psi(qt)}{t - qt}.$$

By this change of variable, we transform a solution of q-hypergeometric differential equation

$$(4.1) \quad x(1-x)\Delta_q \{\Delta_q \varphi(x)\} + \{\gamma_q - (\alpha + \beta + 1)_q x\} T_q \Delta_q \varphi(x) - \alpha_q \beta_q T_q \varphi(x) = 0.$$

Therefore, (4.1) corresponds to a q-differential equation

$$(4.2) \quad t(1-t)\Delta_q \{\Delta_q \psi(t)\} + \{(\alpha + \beta + 1)_q - \gamma_q - (\alpha + \beta + 1)_q t\} T_q \Delta_q \psi(t) - \alpha_q \beta_q T_q \psi(t) = 0.$$

Moreover, by substituting $\Delta_q \varphi(t) = \frac{(1-T_q)\varphi(t)}{(1-q)t}$ and $\alpha_q = \frac{1-q^\alpha}{1-q}$ for (4.2), we have

$$(4.3) \quad t(1-q^\alpha T_q)(1-q^\beta T_q)\psi(t) = (1-T_q)\{1 - (q^{-1} + q^{\alpha+\beta} - q^{\gamma-1})T_q\}\psi(t).$$

If $1 + q^{\alpha+\beta+1} > q^\gamma$, we put $\delta = \log_q(1 + q^{\alpha+\beta+1} - q^\gamma)$.

Then, from proposition 1, fundamental solution of (4.2) or (4.3) are

$$(4.4) \quad \psi_5(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n (q^\beta; q)_n}{(q^\delta; q)_n (q; q)_n} t^n$$

and

$$(4.5) \quad \psi_6(t) = t^{1-\delta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\delta+1}; q)_n (q^{\beta-\delta+1}; q)_n}{(q^{2-\delta}; q)_n (q; q)_n} t^n.$$

Therefore, as $q \rightarrow 1$, we have

$$(4.6) \quad \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \psi_5(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha, n)(\beta, n)}{(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + 1, n)(1, n)} t^n$$

and

$$(4.7) \quad \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \psi_6(t) = t^{\gamma-\alpha-\beta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma - \alpha, n)(\gamma - \beta, n)}{(\gamma - \alpha - \beta + 1, n)(1, n)} t^n.$$

Remark. In (2), it is shown that local solutions of a q-differential equation $(1-x)\Delta_q f(x) + \alpha_q f(x) = 0$ are $f(x) = (1-[x]_q)^\alpha$ at $x=0$ and $f(x) = (x-[1]_q)^\alpha$ at $x=\infty$. By using a change of variable $t=1-x$, this q-differential equation corresponds to $t\Delta_q g(t) + \alpha_q g(t) = 0$, where $g(t) = f(1-t)$. And its fundamental solution is given by $g(t) = t^\alpha$.

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