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The solution to the Cauchy type problem for the homogenous q-fractional differential equation

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In this article we present the method for finding solutions to boundary value problems for the homogenous q-fractional differential equation based on the reduction to Volterra integral equations.

In this work we will use the following definitions of the Riemann-Liouville q-fractional integrals and q-fractional derivatives on a finite interval. For more information see e.g. the books [1], [2] and [3].

For $q \in (0,1)$, define

$$[m]_q = \frac{1 - q^m}{1 - q}, \quad (m \in \mathbb{R})$$

The q-analog of the power function $(n - m)^k$ with $k \in N_0 = \{0,1,2,\dots\}$ is

$$(n - m)_q^0 = 1, \quad (n - m)_q^k = \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (n - q^i m), \quad k \in N, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{R}$$

More generally, if $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$(n - m)_q^\alpha = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{n - q^i m}{n - q^{\alpha+i} m}, \quad (n \neq 0)$$

Note if $m = 0$, then $n_q^\alpha = n^\alpha$. We also use the notation $0_q^\alpha = 0^\alpha$ for $\alpha > 0$. The q-gamma function is defined by

$$\Gamma_q(\alpha) = \frac{(1 - q)_q^{\alpha-1}}{(1 - q)^{\alpha-1}}, \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\})$$

Obviously, $\Gamma_q(\alpha + 1) = [\alpha]_q \Gamma_q(\alpha)$.

The q-derivative of a function f is defined by

$$(D_q f)(t) = \frac{f(qt) - f(t)}{qt - t} \text{ for } t \neq 0 \text{ and } (D_q f)(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (D_q f)(t),$$

and the q-derivatives of higher order are given by

$$(D_q^0 f)(t) = f(t) \quad \text{and} \quad (D_q^k f)(t) = D_q(D_q^{k-1} f)(t), \quad k \in N$$

The q-integral of a function f defined on the interval $[0, b]$ is given by

$$(I_q f)(t) = \int_0^t f(s) d_q s = t(1-q) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f(q^i t) q^i, \quad t \in [0, b]$$

If $a \in [0, b]$ and f is defined in the interval $[0, b]$, then its integral from a to b is defined by

$$\int_a^b f(s) d_q s = \int_0^b f(s) d_q s - \int_0^a f(s) d_q s$$

Similar to derivatives, an operator I_q^k is given by

$$(I_q^0 f)(t) = f(t) \quad \text{and} \quad (I_q^k f)(t) = I_q(I_q^{k-1} f)(t), \quad k \in N$$

For any $s, t > 0$, the q-beta function is defined by

$$B_q(s, t) = \int_0^1 t^{s-1} (1-qt)_q^{t-1} d_q t,$$

The expression of q-beta function in terms of the q-gamma function can be written as

$$B_q(s, t) = \frac{\Gamma_q(s) \Gamma_q(t)}{\Gamma_q(s+t)}$$

The q- Mittag-Leffler function is defined by

$$E_{q, \alpha, m, l}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$$

with

$$c_0 = 1 \quad c_k = \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{\Gamma_q[\alpha(jm+l)+1]}{\Gamma_q[\alpha(jm+l+1)+1]} \quad (k \in N)$$

Definition 1. Let $\alpha \geq 0$ and f be a function defined on $[0, T]$. The fractional q-integral of Riemann-Liouville type is given by $(I_q^0 f)(t) = f(t)$ and

$$(I_q^\alpha f)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-qs)_q^{\alpha-1} f(s) d_q s, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad t \in [0, T]$$

Definition 2. The fractional q-derivative of Riemann-Liouville type of order $\alpha \geq 0$ is defined by $(D_q^0 f)(t) = f(t)$ and

$$(D_q^\alpha f)(t) = (D_q^l I_q^{l-\alpha} f)(t), \quad \alpha > 0$$

where l is the smallest integer greater than or equal to α .

The q-integral is defined by

$$(I_{q,0}^\alpha f)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) d_q(t) = x(1-q) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(xq^k) q^k \quad (0 < |q| < 1)$$

The fractional q-integral is defined by

$$(I_{q,a}^\alpha f)(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_a^x (qt/x; q)_{\alpha-1} f(t) d_q(t) \quad (x > a; \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+)$$

The fractional q-derivative of Riemann–Liouville type is

$$(D_{q,a}^\alpha f)(x) = \begin{cases} (I_{q,a}^{-\alpha})(x) & \alpha \leq 0 \\ (D_q^{[\alpha]} I_{q,a}^{[\alpha]-\alpha} f)(x) & \alpha > 0 \end{cases}$$

where $[\alpha]$ denotes the smallest integer greater or equal to α .

We consider the Cauchy type problem for the homogenous q-fractional differential equation of order $\alpha > 0$ with the following initial conditions:

$$(D_{q,0+}^\alpha y)(x) - \lambda x^\beta y(x) = 0 \quad (\alpha > 0, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (1)$$

$$(D_{q,0+}^{\alpha-k} y)(0+) = b_k, \quad (b_k \in \mathbb{R}; k = 1, 2, \dots, n = -[-\alpha]) \quad (2)$$

with $\beta > -\{\alpha\}$.

Theorem 1. *Let $\alpha > 0$, $n = -[-\alpha]$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta \geq 0$. Then the Cauchy type problem (1)-(2) has a unique solution $y(x) \in C_{q,n-\alpha}^\alpha[a, b]$ and this solution is given by*

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{b_j}{\Gamma_q(\alpha - j + 1)} x^{\alpha-j} E_{q, \alpha, 1 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}, 1 + \frac{\beta-j}{\alpha}} \left[(\lambda x^{\alpha+\beta}) \right]$$

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