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# **Literature Review of q-Function**

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## ABSTRACT

This paper is a literature review of q-function or q method. It covers history, background and future applications of q function. It also contains year wise description of work performed by mathematicians on q function. *Keywords:* q function, q method, basic hypergeometric function, q analogue etc.

### I. INTRODUCTION

C. F. Gauss has initiated the theory of hypergeometric series in 1812 and it has been area of research for last two centuries. Numerical Methods are oldest tools of solving mathematical and engineering problems. Numerical computations play an imperative role in solving real time and real life problems of engineering, mathematics and physics. It is an approach for solving complex mathematical problems using arithmetic operations. involves This approach formulation of mathematical models of physical situations that can solved with mathematical operations. he Applications of computer oriented numerical methods have become an integral part of the life of all the modern scientists. The advent of powerful ultra smart computers has tremendously increased the power, speed and flexibility of revised methods of numerical computing.

Increased power of computer hardware has tremendously affected the approach of numerical computing in several ways. Many numerical methods are based on the idea of an iterative process which involves generation of a sequence of approximations with the belief that the process will converge to required solution. Approximations and errors are integral part of human life and they are omnipresent and unavoidable. Data conversion and round off errors cannot be avoided but human errors can be eliminated. Getting perfect solution is main motto of numerical methods but perfection is what we strive for, it is rarely achieved in practice due to wide variety of factors. Reducing error and minimizing number of iterations in numerical method problems is primary concern.

q Method is an extension of classical method by addition of an extra parameter .When qtends to unity either from right or left, q function tends to classical function or ordinary function. The theory of hypergeometric function in one or more variables constitutes a natural alliance of much of material discussed by mathematicians from past three centuries till today. Results on qdifferentiations, q-integrations, q- transformations and identities, q-analogue of certain classical functions and their applications are available in the literature of q function. q-analogue finds use in a number of areas, including the multi-fractal measures, study of fractals, expressions for the entropy of chaotic dynamical systems, different integral transforms, differential equations and most effective in boundary value problems and difference equations. It is not like these topics have only been considered by obscure mathematicians of history and it has been a topic of interest to many of the greats of all time, such as Euler, Jackson, Gauss, Jacobi and Ramanujan.

The naturalist, the astronomers, the biologists and the economists all made use of numerical methods. Scope of q function in numerical analysis pioneered its use in making predictions about eclipses has equally utilized them in its generalization. For an illustration in calculus of variation, weather forecasting, barometrical pressure, force of wind and in genetic coding q method can be used. Due to diverse application in number of areas of statistics, mathematical physics, chemistry and other fields, great deals of attention have been given to the classical hyper geometric function. Many special functions are also in the form of hypergeometric function.

There is always the possibility of an unlimited number of q analogues of the most of the special function. Most of the initial examples of q hypergeometric functions were collected by E. Heine. In last few years Srinivasa Ramanujan was working on applicability of q function in various problems, which is still a mystery. The topic of q-special functions is ubiquitous in mathematical Physics and Statistical Mathematics; in particular, they play a basic role in statistical mechanics. Certain q-series identities have been helpful in proving many combinatorial identities. It is known that Lie algebras play a unique role in the characterization of special functions, and similarly,

quantum groups play the analogous role for q-special functions. Their significance and wide varieties of applications should not be understated. A number of theorems exist whereby special cases of generalized hypergeometric series can be summed up in closed form. Use of q function opened the path for the applications to many other fields like crystallography, cosmology, solid state, heat, quantum mechanics and numerical mathematics.

Some of the basic analogues of various summation theorems are as follows.

- 1. q Analogue of well poised summation theorem.
- 2. *q* Analogue of Dougall's theorem.
- 3. *q* Analogue of Saalschutz's theorem.
- 4. *q* Analogue of Dixon theorem.
- 5. q Analogue of Gauss's second theorem.

In addition to Jackson, various authors for e.g. Rogers, Bailey, Andrews and Watson derived identities of q hypergeometric series. This list must include the great Indian mathematician S. Ramanujan who gave a number of formulae. Slater investigations undertook systematic of hypergeometric identities. One of the mathematicians in the field of q hypergeometric function who made a significant contribution in the literature of q method since 1976 is G. E. Andrews. He worked both the analytical point of view, an exemplified by the selection of Slater's output.

### II. HISTORY AND LITERATURE SURVEY

C.F. Gauss started the theory of qhypergeometric series and worked on it for more than five decades. E. Heine extended this theory and worked on it for more than three decades. Later on F.H. Jackson [Jackson (1904)], [Exton (1983)] in the beginning of twentieth century started working on q function and proposed qdifferentiation and q-integration and worked on transformation of q-series and generalized function of Legendre and Bessel. G.E. Andrews [Andrews et al. (1985)] contributed a lot on q theory and worked on q-mock theta function, problems and prospects on basic hypergeometric series, qanalogue of Kummer's Theorem and on Lost Notebook of Ramanujan. G.E. Andrew with R. Askey [Andrews et al. (1985)] worked on q extension of Beta Function. J. Dougall [Dougall (1907)] worked on Vondermonde's Theorem. H. Exton [Exton (2003)] worked a lot on basic hypergeometric function and its applications. M. Rahman with Nassarallah worked [Rahman et al. (1985)], [Rahman et al. (1986)] on q-Appells Function, q-Wilson polynomial, q-Projection

Formulas. He also worked on reproducing Kample and bilinear sums for q-Racatanad and q-Wilson polynomial. I. Gessel with D. Stanton [Gessel et al. (1986)] worked on family of q-Lagrange inversion formulas. D. Stanton [Ismail (2003)] worked on partition of q series. Theories in the nineteenth century included those of Ernst Kummer [Jackson (1904)], [Exton (1983)] and the fundamental characterization by Riemann of the F-function by means of the differential equation. Riemann showed that the second-order differential equation for F, examined in the complex plane, could be characterized (on the Riemann sphere) by its three regular singularities, that effectively the entire algorithmic side of the theory was a outcome of basic facts and the use of Möbius transformations as a symmetry group. L. Carlitz worked on q inverse relations. R. Y. Denis [Denis (1987)] worked on certain expansion of basic hypergeometric function and q-fractional derivative and also he published paper on continued fraction.

Subsequently the hypergeometric series were generalised to numerous variables, for example by Paul Emile Appell, but an analogous general theory took long to emerge. Many identities were found, some were quite amazing. Another generalization, the elliptic hypergeometric series are those series where the ratio of terms is an elliptic-function (doubly periodic meromorphic function) of n.

During the twentieth century this was a prolific area of combinatorial mathematics, with many connections to other fields. There are a number of new definitions of hypergeometric series, by Aomoto, Israel Gelfand and others; and applications for example to the combinatorics of arranging a number of hyper planes in complex *N*space. N.J. Fine [Fine et al. (1988)] also worked on applications of basic hypergeometric function. B.Gorden [Gorden et al. (2000)] worked on mock theta function. I. Gessel [Gessel et al.(1986)] worked on *q*-Lagrange inversion formulas. M.D. Herschhorn [Herschhorn (1974)] worked on partition theorem of Rogers-Ramanujan type.

q Series can be developed on Riemannian symmetric spaces and semi-simple Lie groups. Their significance and role can be understood through a special case: the hypergeometric series  ${}_{2}F_{1}$  is directly related to the Legendre Polynomial and when used in the form of spherical harmonics, it expresses, in a certain sense, the of symmetry properties the two-sphere or equivalently the rotations given by the Lie group SO(3) Concrete representations are analogous to the Clebsch-Gordan function.

A number of hyper-geometric function [Jackson (1904)], [Exton (1983)] identities came into light in the nineteenth and twentieth century, one classical list of such identities is Bailey's list. It is at present understood that there is plethora of such identities, and several algorithms are now known to generate and prove these identities. In a certain sense, the situation can be likened to using a computer to do addition and multiplication; the actual value of the resulting number is in a sense less significant than the various patterns that come out, and so it is with hypergeometric identities as well.M.E.H. Ismail's contribution [Ismail et al. (1977)], [Ismail et al. (1986)] for q theory is quite remarkable. He worked on q-Hermite polynomials, biorthogonal rational functions, q-beta integrals, Contiguous relations, basic hypergeometric functions, orthogonal polynomials and Quadratic birth and death processes and associated continuous dual Hahn polynomials.

Among Indian researchers R. P. Agrawal [Agrawal (1967)], [Agrawal (1976)], [Agrawal (1981)] gave a lot to q function. He worked on fractional q derivative, q-integral, mock theta function, combinatorial analysis, extension of Meijer's G Function, Pade approximants, continued fractions and generalized basic hypergeometric function with unconnected bases. W.A. Al-Salam and A. Verma [Al-Salam et al.(1972)] worked on quadratic transformations of basic series. N. A. Bhagirathi [Bhagirathi (1988)] worked on generalized q hypergeometric function and continued fractions. V. K. Jain and M. Verma [Jain et al. (1980)] worked on transformations of non termating basic hypergeometric series, their contour integrals and applications to Rogers Ramanujan's identities.

S.N. Singh [Singh (1987)] worked on transformation of abnormal basic hypergeometric functions, partial theorems, continued fraction and certain summation formulae. K.N. Srivastava and B.R. Bhonsle worked on orthogonal polynomials. H.M. Srivastava with Karlsson [Srivastava et al. worked on multiple (1985)] Gaussians Hypergeometric series, polynomial expansion for functions of several variables. S. Ramanujan in his last days worked on basic hypergeometric series. G.E. Andrews published an article "The Lost Note Book of Ramanujan".

H.S. Shukla [Shukla (1993)] worked on certain transformation in the field of basic hypergeometric function. A. Verma and V.K. Jain worked on summation formulas of qhypergeometric series, summation formulae for non-terminating basic hypergeometric series in, qanalogue of a transformation of Whipple and transformations between basic hypergeometric series on different bases and identities of Rogers-Ramanujan Type. B.D. Sears [Sears (1951)] worked on transformation theory of basic hypergeometric function. P. Rastogi [Rastogi (1984)] worked on identities of Rogers Ramanujan type. A.Verma and M. Upadhyay [Verma et al. (1968)] worked on transformations of product of basic bilateral series and its transformations.

In the field of combinatorics [Jackson (1904)], [Exton (1983)] and special functions, a qanalogue is a simplification involving a new parameter q that returns the novel theorem, identity or expression in the limit as  $q \rightarrow l$  (this limit is often formal, as q is often discrete-valued). Mathematicians are engrossed in *q*-analogues that occur naturally, rather than in randomly contriving *q*-analogues of predictable results. The primary *q*-analogue studied in detail is the basic hypergeometric series, which was introduced in the nineteenth century. M.A. Pathan [Pathan et al. (1979)] worked on bilateral generating functions for extended Jacobi polynomials. R.P. Singhal [Singhal et al. (1972)] worked on transformation formulae for modified Kampe de Ferieet function. M.V. Subbarao [Subbarao (1985)] worked on some Rogers-Ramanujan type partition theorem. C. Adiga and P.S. Guruprasa [Adiga et al. (2008)] worked on three variable reciprocity theorems.

q-analogues find applications [Jackson (1904)], [Exton (1983)] in a number of areas, including the study of fractals and multi-fractal measures, and expressions for the entropy of chaotic dynamical systems. The liaison to fractals and dynamical systems results from the fact that many fractal patterns have the symmetries of Fuchsian groups in general (e.g. Indra's pearls and the Apollonian gasket) and the modular group in particular. The connection passes through hyperbolic geometry and ergodic theory, where the elliptic integrals and modular forms play a prominent role; the q-series themselves are closely related to elliptic integrals. *q*-analogues also came into sight in the study of quantum groups and in q-deformed super algebras. The connection here is alike, in that much of string theory is set in the language of Riemann surfaces, ensuing in connections to elliptic curves, which in turn relate to *q*-series.

q method has a very broad spectrum. It is used in fields like solid state theory, mechanical engineering, operational calculus, quantum theory, cosmology, Lie theory, linear algebra, high energy particles physics, Fourier Analysis, elliptic functions etc.

### **III. YEAR WISE DESCRIPTION**

Year wise description of work done by various researchers is listed in the table given below.

AUTHOR	TITLE	NAME OF JOURNAL
E. Heine (1847)	Untersuchungenober die Reiche	J. Reine Angew J. Math.
C.F. Gauss (1866)	Hundest	Werke, Vol. 3, Gottingen
	TheoremeuberdieneuenTransscendenten	, ,
L.J. Rogers (1893)	On the expansion of some infinite	Proceedings of the London
	products	Mathematical Society
L.J. Rogers (1894)	Second memoir on the expansion of	Proceedings of the London
	certain infinite products.	Mathematical Society
F.H. Jackson (1904)	On generalized functions of Legendre and	Trans. Roy. Soc. Edinburgh
	Bessel	Math
F.H. Jackson (1904)	A generalization of the Function $(n)$ and	Proc: Roy. Soc. London
	$x^n$	
F.H. Jackson (1910)	Transformations of q-series	Trans. Roy. Soc. Edinburgh
EU Isshaan (1010)	On a definite internale	Math
F.H. Jackson (1910)	On q-definite integrals	Quart. J. Pure. and Appl. Math.
F.H. Jackson (1921) G.N. Watson (1929)	Summation of q-hypergeometric series A new proof of Rogers-Ramanujan	Messenger of Math J. London Math. Soc.
G.IN. Watson $(1929)$	identities	J. London Math. Soc.
W.N. Bailey (1935)	Generalized Hypergeometric	Cambridge University Press
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	Mathematics and Mathematical Physics	
W.N. Bailey (1938)	The generating function of Jacobi	Journal of the London
	polynomials.	Mathematical Society
W. Hahn (1949)	Uber Orthogonal polynome, die q-	Mathematische Nachrichten
	Differenzengleichungen gen" ugen."	
L.J. Slater (1951)	Further identities of the Roger-	Proce. London Math. Soc
	Ramanujan type	
L. Carlitz (1957)	A note on the Bessel polynomials.	Duke Mathematical Journal
L. Carlitz (1957)	Some arithmetic properties of the	Proceedings of theCambridge
	Legendre polynomials.	Philosophical Society
E.D.Rainville (1960)	Special functions.	The Macmillan Company, New
		York
L. Carlitz (1960)	A note on the Laguerre polynomials.	The Michigan Mathematical
I Corlitz (1061)	On the muchant of two Lagrange	Journal Journal of the London
L. Carlitz (1961)	On the product of two Laguerre polynomials	Mathematical Society
L. Carlitz (1961)	Some generating functions of Weisner.	Duke Mathematical Journal
L. Carlitz (1961)	A characterization of the Laguerre	Monatshefte fur Mathematik
L. Caritiz (1902)	polynomials.	Wohatsherte für Wathematik
W.A.Al-Salam	Operational representations for the	Duke Mathematical Journal
(1964)	Laguerre and other polynomials	
W.A. Al-Salam et al.	Some orthogonal q-polynomials	MathematischeNachrichten
(1964)	0 11 2	
M.E.H.Ismail (1966)	Relativistic orthogonal polynomials are	Journal of Physics A.
	Jacobi polynomials	Mathematical and General
L.J. Slater (1966)	Generalized Hypergeometric Functions.	Cambridge University Press
L.J. Slater (1966)	Generalized hypergeometic functions	Cambridge University Press,
		London
R. Askey (1967)	Product of ultraspherical polynomials	The American Mathematical
		Monthly
L. Carlitz (1967)	The generating function for the Jacobi	Rendiconti del
	polynomial.`	SeminarioMatematicodellaUniv
		ersita di Padova
Agarwal et al.	Generalized basic hypergeometric with	Proc. Cambridge, Phil. Soc
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Agarwal et al.(1967)	Generalized basic hypergeometric functions with unconnected bases	Quart. J. Math. (Oxford)
R. Askey (1968)	Dual equations and classical orthogonal polynomials	Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications
T.S. Chihara (1968)	On indeterminate Hamburger moment problems.	Pacific Journal of Mathematics
T.S. Chihara (1968)	Orthogonal polynomials with Brenke type generating functions	Duke Mathematical Journal
L. Carlitz (1968)	Some generating functions for Laguerre polynomials.	Duke Mathematical Journal
Verma et al. (1968)	Certain transformations of product of basic bilateral hypergeometric series	India J. Math.
Askey et al.(1969)	Integral representations for Jacobi polynomials and some applications	Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications
Askey et al. (1969)	A convolution structure for Jacobi series	American Journal of Mathematics
H.M.Srivastava (1969)	A note on certain dual series equations involving Laguerre polynomials.	Pacific Journal of Mathematics
H.M.Srivastava (1969)	Generating functions for Jacobi and Laguerre polynomials	Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society
G. Gasper (1969)	Nonnegative sums of cosine, ultra spherical and Jacobi polynomials.	Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications
R.P. Agarwal (1969)	Certain fractional q-integrals and q- derivatives	proc. Camb. Phil. Soc.
R. Askey (1970)	An inequality for the classical polynomials	Indagationes Mathematicae
H.M.Srivastava (1970)	Dual series relations involving generalized Laguerre polynomials.	Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications
G. Gasper (1970)	Linearization of the product of Jacobi polynomials I.	Canadian Journal of Mathematics
G. Gasper (1970)	Linearization of the product of Jacobi polynomials II.	Canadian Journal of Mathematics
Askey et al.(1971)	Jacobi polynomial expansions of Jacobi polynomials with non negative coefficients	Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society
Askey et al.(1971)	Linearization of the product of Jacobi polynomials	Canadian Journal of Mathematics
G. Gasper (1971)	On the extension of Turan's inequality to Jacobi polynomials.	Duke Mathematical Journal
G. Gasper (1971)	Positivity and the convolution structure for Jacobi series.	Annals of Mathematics
R. Askey (1972)	Positive Jacobi polynomial sums	The Tohoku Mathematical Journal
Al-Salam et al.(1972)	Another characterization of the classical orthogonal polynomials	SIAM Journal of Mathematical Analysis
G. Gasper (1972)	An inequality of Turan type for Jacobi polynomials.	Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society
G. Gasper (1972)	Banach algebras for Jacobi series and positivity of a kernel.	Annals of Mathematics
R. Askey (1973)	Summability of Jacobi series	Transactions of the American Mathematical Society
Srivastava et al. (1973)	New generating functions for Jacobi and related polynomials	Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications

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### IV. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

q method has very broad spectrum of applications. It is used in fields like solid state theory, mechanical engineering, operational calculus, quantum theory, cosmology, Lie theory, linear algebra, high energy particles physics, Fourier Analysis, elliptic functions etc.

Some of the fields where it has a wide scope are listed below.

- 1. Numerical solutions to differential equations for boundary value analysis
- 2. Finite Difference Method
- 3. Computational Fluid Dynamics (Navier-Stokes Equations)
- 4. Dynamics (Newton-Euler & Lagrange's equations)
- 5. Finite Element Method
- 6. Solid Mechanics (Elasticity equations)
- 7. Heat Transfer (Heat equation)
- 8. Kinematics Simulation
- 9. Complex System Optimization
- 10. DNA Analysis
- 11. Computer Graphics Theory

- 12. Finger Print Verification
- 13. Signal Processing
- 14. Air Craft Designing

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