

# Generalized $q$ -Mittag-Leffler function and its properties

*Función  $q$ -Mittag-Leffler generalizada y sus propiedades*

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## Abstract

Motivated essentially by the success of the applications of the Mittag-Leffler functions in Science and Engineering, we propose here a unification of certain  $q$ -extensions of generalizations of Mittag-Leffler function together with Saxena-Nishimoto's function, Bessel-Maitland function, Dotsenko function, Elliptic Function, etc. We obtain Mellin-Barnes contour integral representation, a  $q$ -difference equation, Eigen function property. As a specialization, a generalization of  $q$ -Konhauser polynomial is considered for which the series inequality relations and inverse series relations are obtained.

**Key words and phrases:**  $q$ -Mittag-Leffler function,  $q$ -Bessel function,  $q$ -difference equation,  $q$ -inverse series, eigen function, generalized  $q$ -Konhauser polynomial, series inequality relations.

## Resumen

Motivados esencialmente por el éxito de las aplicaciones de las funciones de Mittag-Leffler en Ciencia e Ingeniería, proponemos aquí una unificación de ciertas  $q$ -extensiones de generalizaciones de la función de Mittag-Leffler incluyendo la función de Saxena-Nishimoto, la función de Bessel-Maitland, función de Dotsenko, función elíptica, etc. Obtenemos la representación integral de contorno de Mellin-Barnes, una ecuación de  $q$ -diferencia, propiedad de función Eigen. Como especialización, se considera un polinomio generalizado de  $q$ -Konhauser para el cual se obtienen las relaciones de desigualdad en serie y relaciones en serie inversa.

**Palabras y frases clave:** Función  $q$ -Mittag-Leffler, función  $q$ -Bessel, ecuación de  $q$ -diferencia, series  $q$ -inversas, función Eigen, polinomios  $q$ -Konhauser generalizados, relaciones de desigualdad en serie.

## 1 Introduction

Since the time of Wiman [18], many researchers have proposed and studied various generalizations of the Mittag-Leffler function (ML-function) [11] (also [5], [7], [12], [14], [15], [17]).

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We propose here a generalized structure of the Mittag-Leffler function which provides a  $q$ -extension to the function:

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma,q}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{qn} z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta) n!}, \tag{1}$$

due to Shukla and Prajapati [17], where  $\Re(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) > 0, q \in (0, 1) \cup \mathbb{N}$ .

Interestingly, the proposed function ((12) and (13) below) also enables us to define and include the  $q$ -analogues of

(i) Bessel-Maitland function [6, Eq.(1.7.8), p.19] :

$$J_{\nu}^{\mu}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-z)^n}{\Gamma(\nu + n\mu + 1) n!},$$

(ii) Dotsenko function [6, Eq.(1.8.9), p.24] :

$${}_2R_1(a, b; c, \omega; \mu; z) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(a+n)\Gamma(b+n\frac{\omega}{\mu})}{\Gamma(c+n\frac{\omega}{\mu})} \frac{z^n}{n!},$$

(iii) A particular form ( $m = 2$ ) of extension of Mittag-Leffler function:

$$E_{\gamma,K}[(\alpha_j, \beta_j)_{1,2}; z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{Kn}}{\Gamma(\alpha_1 n + \beta_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2 n + \beta_2) n!} z^n,$$

due to Saxena and Nishimoto [16], where

$$z, \gamma, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \mathbb{C}, \Re(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) > \Re(K) - 1, \Re(K) > 0,$$

(iv) The Elliptic function [9, Eq. (1), p.211] :

$$K(k) = \frac{\pi}{2} {}_2F_1 \left( \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2}; & k^2 \\ 1; \end{matrix} \right).$$

The following definitions and formulas will be used in this work. For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $0 < |q| < 1$ , the  $q$ -shifted factorial is defined by [4, Eq.(1.2.15), p.3 and Eq.(1.2.30), p.6]

$$(a; q)_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (1-a)(1-aq)\dots(1-aq^{n-1}) & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

For any  $n$ ,

$$(a; q)_n = \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}}{(aq^n; q)_{\infty}},$$

where

$$(a; q)_{\infty} = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k), \quad |q| < 1.$$

A  $q$ -binomial coefficient is (cf. [4, Ex.(1.2), p.20] with  $r=1$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_r = \frac{(q^r; q^r)_n}{(q^r; q^r)_{n-m} (q^r; q^r)_m}, r \neq 0. \quad (3)$$

A  $q$ -Gamma function is defined as [4, Eq.(1.10.1), p.16]:

$$\Gamma_q(\alpha) = \frac{(q; q)_\infty (1-q)^{1-\alpha}}{(q^\alpha; q)_\infty}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\alpha \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$  and  $0 < q < 1$ .

A  $q$ -Stirling's asymptotic formula [10, Eq.(2.25), p.482] is given by

$$\Gamma_q(x) \sim (1+q)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma_{q^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) (1-q)^{\frac{1}{2}-x} e^{\mu_q(x)}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\mu_q(x) = \frac{\theta q^x}{1-q-q^x}$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  is an entire function then the order  $\rho(f)$  of  $f$  is given by [2, Eq.(1.2)]*

$$\rho(f) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \log n}{\log(1/|a_n|)}. \quad (6)$$

and the type of the function  $\sigma$  is given by [8]

$$e\rho\sigma = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( n |a_n|^{e/n} \right). \quad (7)$$

For every positive  $\epsilon$ , the asymptotic estimate [8, Eq.(16)]

$$|f(z)| < \exp((\sigma + \epsilon) |z|^\epsilon), \quad |z| \geq r_0 > 0 \quad (8)$$

holds with  $\rho, \sigma$  as in (6), (7) for  $|z| \geq r_0(\epsilon)$ ,  $r_0(\epsilon)$  sufficiently large.

The two  $q$ -exponential functions are defined as [4, Eq.(II.1), p.236]

$$e_q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(q; q)_n} = \frac{1}{(x; q)_\infty}, \quad |x| < 1 \quad (9)$$

and [4, Eq.(II.2), p.236]

$$E_q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{n(n-1)/2} \frac{x^n}{(q; q)_n} = (-x; q)_\infty, \quad |x| < \infty. \quad (10)$$

The  $q$ -derivative of a function  $f(x)$  is defined by [4, Ex.1.12, p.22]

$$D_q f(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(xq)}{x(1-q)}. \quad (11)$$

In view of two  $q$ -analogues of exponential function, we define  $q$ -generalized Mittag-Leffler functions in the forms:

**Definition 1.1.** If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda) > 0$ ,  $r \in \{-1, 0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\delta, \mu > 0$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  then

$$E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} [\Gamma_q(\gamma + \delta n)]^s}{\Gamma_q(\beta + \alpha n) [\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu n)]^r (q; q)_n} z^n, \tag{12}$$

where  $p = \alpha^2 + r\mu^2 - s\delta^2 + 1$  with  $\Re(p) > 0$ .

**Definition 1.2.** If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda) > 0$ ,  $r \in \{-1, 0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\delta, \mu > 0$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\alpha^2 + r\mu^2 + 1 = s\delta^2$  then

$$e_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[\Gamma_q(\gamma + \delta n)]^s}{\Gamma_q(\beta + \alpha n) [\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu n)]^r (q; q)_n} z^n. \tag{13}$$

Alternatively, in view of (4) these  $q$ -forms can also be put in the form:

$$E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_{\infty} [(q^{\lambda + \mu n}; q)_{\infty}]^r}{[(q^{\gamma + \delta n}; q)_{\infty}]^s} \times \frac{z^n}{(q; q)_n}, \tag{14}$$

and

$$e_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_{\infty} [(q^{\lambda + \mu n}; q)_{\infty}]^r}{[(q^{\gamma + \delta n}; q)_{\infty}]^s (q; q)_n} z^n. \tag{15}$$

We shall refer to these functions as  $q$ -gml.

The objective of constructing this function is to:

- (i) Include certain existing generalizations of Mittag-Leffler function.
- (ii) Include Bessel-Maitland function, Dotsenko function, Saxena-Nishimoto function, Elliptic function.
- (iii) Obtain inverse inequality relations and some other inequalities by means of the parameter “ $s$ ”.

The  $q$ -analogues of the above stated Shukla and Prajapati’s function (1) and those functions listed above from (i) through (iv) are all yielded by the  $q$ -gml (12) or (13). They are tabulated below (see Table 1) together with the indicated substitutions.

The explicit forms of the functions mentioned in thi Table 1 are as stated below.

- $q$ -Mittag-Leffler function:

$$E_{\alpha}(z|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ (-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2} \right]^{\alpha^2} (q^{\alpha n + 1}; q)_{\infty} z^n.$$

- $q$ -Analogue of Wiman’s function:

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}(z|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ (-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2} \right]^{\alpha^2} (q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_{\infty} z^n.$$

<b><math>q</math>-Function of</b>	<b><math>r</math></b>	<b><math>s</math></b>	<b><math>\alpha</math></b>	<b><math>\beta</math></b>	<b><math>\gamma</math></b>	<b><math>\delta</math></b>	<b><math>\lambda</math></b>	<b><math>\mu</math></b>	<b>Particular case of</b>
Mittag-Leffler	0	1	$\alpha$	1	1	1	-	-	(12)
Wiman	0	1	$\alpha$	$\beta$	1	1	-	-	(12)
Prabhakar	0	1	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	1	-	-	(12)
Shukla and Prajapati	0	1	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$q$	-	-	(12)
Bessel-Maitland	0	0	$\mu$	$\nu + 1$	-	-	-	-	(12)
Dotsenko	-1	1	$\omega/\nu$	$c$	$a$	1	$b$	$\omega/\nu$	(13)
Saxena-Nishimoto	1	1	$\alpha_1$	$\beta_1$	$\gamma$	$K$	$\beta_2$	$\alpha_2$	(12)
Elliptic	-1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	(13)

Table 1:  $q$ -Functions

- $q$ -Analogue of Prabhakar's generalized ML-function:

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(z|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}]^{\alpha^2} (q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{\gamma+n}; q)_{\infty} (q; q)_n} z^n.$$

- $q$ -ML-function of Shukla and Prajapati ( $q$  is replaced by  $\delta$ ):

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma,\delta}(z|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}]^{(\alpha^2 - \delta^2 + 1)} (q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{\gamma + \delta n}; q)_{\infty} (q; q)_n} z^n.$$

- $q$ -Bessel-Maitland function:

$$J_{\nu}^{\mu}(-z; q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}]^{(\mu^2 + 1)} (q^{\mu n + \nu + 1}; q)_{\infty}}{(q; q)_n} z^n.$$

(Later on, this will be referred to this as  $q$ -BMF)

- $q$ -Dotsenko function:

$${}_2R_1(a, b; c, \omega; \nu; z; q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{c + \frac{\omega}{\nu} n}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{b + \frac{\omega}{\nu} n}; q)_{\infty} (q^{n+a}; q)_{\infty} (q; q)_n} z^n.$$

- $q$ -Form (of the particular case  $m = 2$ ) of the function due to Saxena and Nishimoto:

$$E_{\gamma,K}[(\alpha_j, \beta_j)_{1,2}; z|q] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}]^{(\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 - K^2 + 1)}}{(q^{\gamma + Kn}; q)_{\infty} (q; q)_n} \times (q^{\alpha_1 n + \beta_1}; q)_{\infty} (q^{\alpha_2 n + \beta_2}; q)_{\infty} z^n.$$

(Later on, this will be referred to as  $q$ -SNF)

- $q$ -Elliptic function:

$$K(\sqrt{z}|q) = \frac{\pi}{2} {}_2\phi_1 \left( \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2}; & z \end{matrix} \right).$$

We first show the convergence of series in (12) and (13); this is followed by Mellin-Barnes integral representation, difference equation and eigen function property. As a special case of (12), a  $q$ -extension of the Konhauser polynomial is illustrated and, associated inequalities are established.

## 2 Main Results

In this section, we prove the following results.

### 2.1 Convergence

**Theorem 2.1.1.** *Let  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $\Re(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda) > 0$ ,  $\Re(\alpha^2) + r\mu^2 - s\delta^2 + 1 > 0$ ,  $\delta, \mu > 0$ ,  $r \in \{-1, 0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q)$  is an entire function of order zero.*

*Proof.* Put

$$V_n = \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} [\Gamma_q(\gamma + \delta n)]^s}{\Gamma_q(\beta + \alpha n) [\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu n)]^r \Gamma_q(n + 1)} \tag{16}$$

to get

$$E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n z^n.$$

Then in view of (5), we get after some simplification,

$$V_n \sim \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} (1+q)^{\frac{1}{2}(s-r-2)} (\Gamma_{q^2}(\frac{1}{2}))^{s-r-2} (1-q)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-q)^{-s(\frac{1}{2}-\gamma-\delta n)} (1-q)^{\frac{1}{2}-\beta-\alpha n} (1-q)^{r(\frac{1}{2}-\lambda-\mu n)}} \\ \times e^{\frac{\theta q^{\gamma+\delta n}}{1-q-q^{\gamma+\delta n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta q^{\beta+\alpha n}}{1-q-q^{\beta+\alpha n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta q^{\lambda+\mu n}}{1-q-q^{\lambda+\mu n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta q^{1+n}}{1-q-q^{1+n}}}.$$

Hence,

$$\sqrt[n]{|V_n|} \sim \left| \frac{(1+q)^{\frac{1}{2}(s-r-2)} (\Gamma_{q^2}(\frac{1}{2}))^{(s-r-2)} (1-q)^{s(\frac{1}{2}-\gamma-\delta n)} (1-q)^{n+\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-q)^{\frac{1}{2}-\beta-\alpha n} (1-q)^{r(\frac{1}{2}-\lambda-\mu n)}} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ \times \left| e^{\frac{\theta q^{\gamma+\delta n}}{1-q-q^{\gamma+\delta n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta q^{\beta+\alpha n}}{1-q-q^{\beta+\alpha n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta q^{\lambda+\mu n}}{1-q-q^{\lambda+\mu n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta q^{1+n}}{1-q-q^{1+n}}} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ \times \left| (-1)^p q^{p(n-1)/2} \right|.$$

Making limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , this gives

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|V_n|} \sim |(1-q)^{\alpha+r\mu-s\delta+1}| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |q^{p(n-1)/2}| = 0$$

when  $\Re(\alpha^2) + r\mu^2 - s\delta^2 + 1 > 0$ . Thus, the function (12) is an *entire* function. Its order may be determined by using Theorem 1.1. In fact, by choosing  $f(z) = E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)$  and  $u_n = V_n$ , Theorem 1.1 gets particularized to

$$\varrho(E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{n \log n}{\log(1/|V_n|)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left( \frac{1}{|V_n|} \right) &= \log \left( \left| \frac{\Gamma_q(\beta + \alpha n) [\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu n)]^r \Gamma_q(n+1)}{q^{n(n-1)(\alpha^2 + r\mu^2 - s\delta^2 + 1)/2} [\Gamma_q(\gamma + \delta n)]^s} \right| \right) \\ &= \log |\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)| + r \log |\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu n)| \\ &\quad + \log |\Gamma_q(n+1)| - \frac{1}{2} n(n-1) [\Re(\alpha^2 + r\mu^2 - s\delta^2 + 1)] \log q \\ &\quad - s \log |\Gamma_q(\gamma + \delta n)|. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

From the definition (4) of  $q$ -Gamma function, one finds

$$\begin{aligned} \log |\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)| &= \log \left| \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_\infty} (1-q)^{1-\alpha n - \beta} \right| \\ &= \log \left| \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_\infty} (1-q)^{1-n\Re(\alpha) - \Re(\beta)} \right| \\ &= \log |(q; q)_\infty| + (1 - n\Re(\alpha) - \Re(\beta)) \log(1-q) \\ &\quad - \log |(q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_\infty|; \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} \log |(q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_\infty| &= \log \left( \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} |1 - q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}| \right) \\ &= \log \left( \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=0}^m |1 - q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}| \right) \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \log |1 - q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}| \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \log |1 - q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}|. \end{aligned}$$

Here it may be noted that [2, p.207]

$$\log |1 - q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}| \leq \log(1 + |q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}|) \leq |q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}| = q^{n\Re(\alpha + \beta) + k}$$

which leads us to

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \log |1 - q^{\alpha n + \beta + k}| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{n\Re(\alpha + \beta) + k} = \frac{q^{n\Re(\alpha + \beta)}}{1 - q}.$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |(q^{\alpha n + \beta}; q)_{\infty}|}{n \log n} = 0.$$

Consequently from (18), it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log |\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)|}{n \log n} = 0.$$

This last limit and the trivial limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - 1}{\log n} = \infty$$

when used in (17), yields

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(1/|V_n|)}{n \log n} = \infty.$$

Thus,

$$\varrho(E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q)) = 0.$$

□

**Theorem 2.1.2.** *The function  $e_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q)$  represents absolutely convergent series for  $|z| < |(1 - q)^{(s\delta - \alpha - r\mu - 1)}|$  and  $|q| < 1$ .*

*Proof.* Take

$$U_n = \frac{[\Gamma_q(\gamma + \delta n)]^s}{\Gamma_q(\beta + \alpha n) [\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu n)]^r \Gamma_q(n + 1)} \tag{19}$$

then

$$e_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n z^n.$$

Now in view of the  $q$ - analogue of Stirling's asymptotic formula (5), we get

$$U_n \sim \frac{(1 + q)^{\frac{1}{2}(s-r-2)} (\Gamma_{q^2}(\frac{1}{2}))^{s-r-2} (1 - q)^{n + \frac{1}{2}}}{(1 - q)^{-s(\frac{1}{2} - \gamma - \delta n)} (1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2} - \beta - \alpha n} (1 - q)^{r(\frac{1}{2} - \lambda - \mu n)}} \\ \times e^{\frac{\theta_q \gamma + \delta n}{1 - q - q^{\gamma + \delta n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta_q \beta + \alpha n}{1 - q - q^{\beta + \alpha n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta_q \lambda + \mu n}{1 - q - q^{\lambda + \mu n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta_q 1 + n}{1 - q - q^{1 + n}}}.$$

This gives

$$\sqrt[n]{|U_n|} \sim \left| \frac{(1 + q)^{\frac{1}{2}(s-r-2)} (\Gamma_{q^2}(\frac{1}{2}))^{(s-r-2)} (1 - q)^{s(\frac{1}{2} - \gamma - \delta n)} (1 - q)^{n + \frac{1}{2}}}{(1 - q)^{\frac{1}{2} - \beta - \alpha n} (1 - q)^{r(\frac{1}{2} - \lambda - \mu n)}} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ \times \left| e^{\frac{\theta_q \gamma + \delta n}{1 - q - q^{\gamma + \delta n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta_q \beta + \alpha n}{1 - q - q^{\beta + \alpha n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta_q \lambda + \mu n}{1 - q - q^{\lambda + \mu n}}} e^{-\frac{\theta_q 1 + n}{1 - q - q^{1 + n}}} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$



whence

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[r]{|U_n|} \sim |(1-q)^{\alpha+r\mu-s\delta+1}|.$$

Thus, the series in (13) converges absolutely if  $|z| < R = (1-q)^{s\delta-\Re(\alpha)-r\mu-1}$ .  $\square$

## 2.2 Contour integral

**Theorem 2.2.1.** *Let  $\alpha > 0; \beta, \gamma, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(\beta, \gamma, \lambda) > 0$  and  $\delta, \mu > 0$ . Then the function  $E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q)$  is expressible as the Mellin - Barnes  $q$ -integral given by*

$$E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{(-1)^{-pS} q^{-pS(-S-1)/2} \Gamma_q(S) [\Gamma_q(\gamma - \delta S)]^s}{\Gamma_q(\beta - \alpha S) [\Gamma_q(\lambda - \mu S)]^r} \times (-z)^{-S} d_q S, \quad (20)$$

where  $|\arg z| < \pi$ . The contour  $L$  of integration begins from  $-i\infty$  and proceeds towards  $+i\infty$ , and is indented to keep the poles of integrand at  $S = -n$  to the left; and the poles at  $S = (\gamma + n)/\delta$  to the right of the path for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* The integral on the right hand side of (20) may be evaluated as the sum of the residues at the poles  $S = 0, -1, -2, \dots$ . In fact, in view of the definition of residue,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{(-1)^{-pS} q^{-pS(-S-1)/2} \Gamma_q(S) [\Gamma_q(\gamma - \delta S)]^s (-z)^{-S}}{\Gamma_q(\beta - \alpha S) [\Gamma_q(\lambda - \mu S)]^r} d_q S \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S \stackrel{Res}{=} -n \left[ \frac{(-1)^{-pS} q^{-pS(-S-1)/2} \Gamma_q(S) (-z)^{-S}}{\Gamma_q(\beta - \alpha S) [\Gamma_q(\lambda - \mu S)]^r [\Gamma_q(\gamma - \delta S)]^{-s}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lim_{S \rightarrow -n} \frac{\pi(S+n)}{\sin \pi S} \frac{(-1)^{-pS} q^{-pS(-S-1)/2} [\Gamma_q(\gamma - \delta S)]^s (-z)^{-S}}{\Gamma_q(\beta - \alpha S) [\Gamma_q(\lambda - \mu S)]^r \Gamma_q(1-S)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} [\Gamma_q(\gamma + \delta n)]^s}{\Gamma_q(\beta + \alpha n) [\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu n)]^r \Gamma_q(n+1)} z^n \\ &= E_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

By dropping the factor  $q^{N(N-1)/2}$  in this proof, we get

**Theorem 2.2.2.** *Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+; \beta, \gamma, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , with  $\Re(\beta, \gamma, \lambda) > 0$  and  $\delta, \mu > 0$ . Then the function  $e_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q)$  is expressible as the Mellin - Barnes  $q$ -integral given by*

$$e_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(z; s, r|q) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{\Gamma_q(S) [\Gamma_q(\gamma - \delta S)]^s (-z)^{-S}}{\Gamma_q(\beta - \alpha S) [\Gamma_q(\lambda - \mu S)]^r} d_q S, \quad (21)$$

where  $|\arg z| < \pi$ ; the contour  $L$  of integration begins from  $-i\infty$  and proceeds towards  $+i\infty$ , and is indented to keep the poles of integrand at  $S = -n$  to the left; and the poles at  $S = (\gamma + n)/\delta$  to the right of the path, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

### 2.3 Difference equation

With the aid of the following operators, the difference equations of both the  $q$ -analogues will be derived. Put

$$\Lambda_q f(x) = f(x) - f(xq^{-1}), \quad \Theta f(x) = f(x) - f(xq), \tag{22}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_q f(x) = (1 - q) D_q f(x) := (1 - q) \frac{f(x) - f(xq)}{x - xq} = \frac{f(x) - f(xq)}{x}, \tag{23}$$

$$\frac{\left\{ \prod_{u=0}^{a-1} \prod_{v=0}^{a-1} [\Theta + c^{-u} q^{1-(b+v)/a} - 1]^m \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{u=0}^{a-1} \prod_{v=0}^{a-1} [c^{-u} q^{1-(b+v)/a}]^m \right\}} = \Phi_{u,v}^{(a,b,c;m)} \tag{24}$$

and

$$\frac{\left\{ \prod_{u=0}^{a-1} \prod_{v=0}^{a-1} [\Theta + c^{-u} q^{(b+v)/a} - 1]^m \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{u=0}^{a-1} \prod_{v=0}^{a-1} [c^{-u} q^{-(b+v)/a}]^m \right\}} = \Psi_{u,v}^{(a,b,c;m)}. \tag{25}$$

In these notations, the  $q$ -difference equation satisfied by (12) is derived in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.1.** *Let  $\alpha, \mu, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)$  satisfies the equation*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} \Theta \right] E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q) \\ & - \left[ (-1)^p z \Psi_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;s)} \right] E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(zq^p; s, r|q) = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

in which  $\zeta$  is  $\delta^{th}$  root of unity,  $\eta$  is  $\mu^{th}$  root of unity,  $\sigma$  is  $\alpha^{th}$  root of unity.

*Proof.* In the first place, the coefficient of  $z^n$  in the series representation of  $E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)$  will be expressed in  $q$ -factorial notation with the help of the set of formulas [4, Appendix I]:

$$\begin{aligned} (a; q)_{kn} &= (a, aq, \dots, aq^{k-1}; q^k)_n, \\ (a^k; q^k)_n &= (a, a\omega_k, \dots, a\omega_k^{k-1}; q^k)_n \text{ in which } \omega_k = e^{(2\pi i)/k}, \\ (A; q^n)_{\nu k} &= (A^{1/n}; q)_{\nu k} (A^{1/n}\omega; q)_{\nu k} \dots (A^{1/n}\omega^{n-1}; q)_{\nu k}, \text{ where } \omega^n = 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(q^\gamma; q^\delta)_n = (q^{\gamma/\delta}; q)_n (\varpi q^{\gamma/\delta}; q)_n \dots (\varpi^{\delta-1} q^{\gamma/\delta}; q)_n = \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} (\varpi^i q^{\gamma/\delta}; q)_n,$$

where  $\varpi^\delta = 1$ . Then following the notation used in (16) for the coefficient of  $z^n$ , we get

$$V_n = \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} [(q^\gamma; q)_{\delta n}]^s}{[(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^\beta; q)_{\alpha n} (q; q)_n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} [(q^\gamma; q)_{\delta n}]^s}{[(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^\beta; q)_{\alpha n} (q; q)_n} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} [(q^\gamma; q^\delta)_n]^s [(q^{\gamma+1}; q^\delta)_n]^s \dots [(q^{\gamma+\delta-1}; q^\delta)_n]^s}{[(q^\lambda; q^\mu)_n]^r [(q^{\lambda+1}; q^\mu)_n]^r \dots [(q^{\lambda+\mu-1}; q^\mu)_n]^r} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{1}{(q^\beta; q^\alpha)_n (q^{\beta+1}; q^\alpha)_n \dots (q^{\beta+\alpha-1}; q^\alpha)_n (q; q)_n} \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2}}{(q; q)_n} \left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^\ell q^{(\lambda+k)/\mu}; q)_n]^r \right\}^{-1} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^j q^{(\gamma+i)/\delta}; q)_n]^s \right\} \left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^h q^{(\beta+m)/\alpha}; q)_n \right\}^{-1} \tag{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta$  is  $\delta^{th}$  root of unity,  $\eta$  is  $\mu^{th}$  root of unity,  $\sigma$  is  $\alpha^{th}$  root of unity. Now take

$$\prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^j q^{(\gamma+i)/\delta}; q)_n]^s = \mathcal{A}_n, \quad \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^\ell q^{(\lambda+k)/\mu}; q)_n]^r = \mathcal{B}_n, \tag{28}$$

and

$$\prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^h q^{(\beta+m)/\alpha}; q)_n = \mathcal{C}_n, \quad (-1)^{pn} q^{pn(n-1)/2} = D_n \tag{29}$$

then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} z^n = W, \quad \text{say.}$$

Since the series in (12) converges, we have

$$\Theta W = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n \Theta z^n}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n (1 - q^n)}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} z^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_{n-1}} z^n.$$

Next operating by  $\Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} \Theta W &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{B}_n (q; q)_{n-1}} \frac{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\Theta + \sigma^{-h} q^{1-(\beta+m)/\alpha} - 1) \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^{-h} q^{1-(\beta+m)/\alpha}) \right\}} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{z^n}{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^h q^{(\beta+m)/\alpha}; q)_n \right\}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{B}_n (q; q)_{n-1}} \frac{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (1 - \sigma^h q^{n-1+(\beta+m)/\alpha}) \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^h q^{(\beta+m)/\alpha}; q)_n \right\}} z^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_{n-1}} z^n.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} \Theta W \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_{n-1}} \frac{1}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu})]^r \right\}} \\ & \quad \times \frac{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\Theta + \eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu} - 1)]^r \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^{\ell} q^{(\lambda+k)/\mu}; q)_n]^r \right\}} z^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_{n-1}} \frac{1}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu})]^r \right\}} \\ & \quad \times \frac{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(-q^n + \eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu})]^r \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^{\ell} q^{(\lambda+k)/\mu}; q)_n]^r \right\}} z^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n}{\mathcal{B}_{n-1} \mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_{n-1}} z^n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} \Theta W = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_{n+1} D_{n+1}}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} z^{n+1}. \tag{30}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & \Psi_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;s)} E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(zq^p; s, r|q) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_n D_n q^{pn}}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} \frac{\left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\Theta + \zeta^{-j} q^{-(\gamma+i)/\delta} - 1)]^s \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^{-j} q^{-(\gamma+i)/\delta})]^s \right\}} z^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_n q^{pn}}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} \left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^j q^{(\gamma+i)/\delta}; q)_n]^s \right\} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(1 - \zeta^j q^{n+(\gamma+i)/\delta})]^s \right\} z^n, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$z (-1)^p \Psi_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;s)} E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(zq^p; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{A}_{n+1} D_{n+1}}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} z^{n+1}. \tag{31}$$

On comparing (30) and (31), the equation (26) is obtained. □

The  $q$ -difference equation satisfied by the function (13) is given in following theorem whose proof follows line-to-line just dropping the factor  $q^{n(n-1)/2}$  that is, dropping  $D_n$  in (29).

**Theorem 2.3.2.** *Let  $\alpha, \mu, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $Y = e_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)$  satisfies the equation*

$$\left[ \Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} \Theta - z \Psi_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;s)} \right] Y = 0, \tag{32}$$

where  $\zeta$  is  $\delta^{th}$  root of unity,  $\eta$  is  $\mu^{th}$  root of unity,  $\sigma$  is  $\alpha^{th}$  root of unity.

### 2.4 Eigen function property

Take

$$\frac{\prod_{u=0}^{a-1} \prod_{v=0}^{a-1} [(\Lambda_q + c^{-u} q^{1-(b+v)/a} - 1)]^m}{\left\{ \prod_{u=0}^{a-1} \prod_{v=0}^{a-1} [c^{-u} q^{1-(b+v)/a}]^m \right\}} = \Omega_{u,v}^{(a,b,c;m)}, \tag{33}$$

and

$$\Delta_q = \mathcal{D}_q \Omega_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;-s)} \Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)}. \tag{34}$$

Here the operators  $\Omega_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;-s)}$ ,  $\Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)}$ ,  $\Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)}$  in (34) are not commutative with the operator  $\mathcal{D}_q$ . This property does not hold for the function  $E_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)$ , but it is established for the function  $e_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)$  in

**Theorem 2.4.1.** *Let  $\alpha, \mu, \delta \in \mathbb{N}$  and the  $q$ -difference operator  $\Theta$  be defined by (22), then  $e_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(z; s, r|q)$  is an eigen function with respect to the operator  $\Delta_q$  defined by (34). That is, for any non zero  $c$ ,*

$$\Delta_q e_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(cz; s, r|q) = c e_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(cz; s, r|q). \tag{35}$$

*Proof.* With  $\mathcal{A}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_n$  and  $\mathcal{C}_n$  as in (28) and in (29),

$$e_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(cz; s, r|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n (q; q)_n} z^n.$$

Now if  $e_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu}^{\gamma,\delta}(cz; s, r|q) = Y_c$  then in the notation (24),

$$\Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} Y_c = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{B}_n (q; q)_n} \frac{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\Theta + \sigma^{-h} q^{1-(\beta+m)/\alpha} - 1) \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^{-h} q^{1-(\beta+m)/\alpha}) \right\}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \frac{z^n}{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^h q^{(\beta+m)/\alpha}; q)_n \right\}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{B}_n (q; q)_n} \frac{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (1 - \sigma^h q^{n-1+(\beta+m)/\alpha}) \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{h=0}^{\alpha-1} \prod_{m=0}^{\alpha-1} (\sigma^h q^{(\beta+m)/\alpha}; q)_n \right\}} z^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_n} z^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} Y_c &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_n} \frac{1}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^\ell q^{(\lambda+k)/\mu}; q)_n]^r \right\}} \\
 & \times \frac{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\Theta + \eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu} - 1)]^r \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu})]^r \right\}} z^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_n} \frac{1}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu})]^r \right\}} \\
 & \times \frac{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(-q^n + \eta^{-\ell} q^{1-(\lambda+k)/\mu})]^r \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{\ell=0}^{\mu-1} \prod_{k=0}^{\mu-1} [(\eta^\ell q^{(\lambda+k)/\mu}; q)_n]^r \right\}} z^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{B}_{n-1} \mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_n} z^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Further using (33),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;-s)} \Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} Y_c &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n}{\mathcal{B}_{n-1} \mathcal{C}_{n-1} (q; q)_n} \\
 & \times \frac{\left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^{-j} q^{1-(\gamma+i)/\delta})]^s \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\Delta_q + \zeta^{-j} q^{1-(\gamma+i)/\delta} - 1)]^s \right\}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^j q^{(\gamma+i)/\delta}; q)_n]^s \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n}{\mathcal{B}_{n-1} \mathcal{C}_{n-1}(q; q)_n} \\
 & \quad \times \frac{\left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^{-j} q^{1-(\gamma+i)/\delta})]^s \right\}}{\left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(-q^n + \zeta^{-j} q^{1-(\gamma+i)/\delta})]^s \right\}} \\
 & \quad \times \left\{ \prod_{j=0}^{\delta-1} \prod_{i=0}^{\delta-1} [(\zeta^j q^{(\gamma+i)/\delta}; q)_n]^s \right\} z^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_{n-1}}{\mathcal{B}_{n-1} \mathcal{C}_{n-1}(q; q)_n} z^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_q Y_c &= \mathcal{D}_q \Omega_{j,i}^{(\delta,\gamma,\zeta;-s)} \Phi_{\ell,k}^{(\mu,\lambda,\eta;r)} \Phi_{h,m}^{(\alpha,\beta,\sigma;1)} Y_c \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c^n \mathcal{A}_{n-1} z^{n-1}}{\mathcal{B}_{n-1} \mathcal{C}_{n-1}(q; q)_{n-1}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c^{n+1} \mathcal{A}_n}{\mathcal{B}_n \mathcal{C}_n(q; q)_n} z^n \\
 &= c e_{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu}^{\gamma, \delta}(cz; s, r|q).
 \end{aligned}$$

□

### 2.5 Generalized $q$ -Konhauser polynomial

The well known  $q$ -Konhauser polynomial [1]

$$Z_m^\beta(x; k|q) = \frac{[q^{\beta+1}]_{km}}{(q^k; q^k)_m} \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{q^{kn(kn-1)/2+kn(m+\beta+1)} (q^{-mk}; q^k)_n}{[q^{\beta+1}]_{kn} (q^k; q^k)_n} x^{kn}, \tag{36}$$

with  $\Re(\mu) > -1$ , admits a generalization by means of the  $q$ - $gml$  (12) by taking  $\alpha, \delta, \mu, r, s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\gamma =$  a negative integer:  $-m$ , replacing  $\beta$  by  $\beta + 1$ , and  $z$  by a real variable  $x^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and denoting the polynomial thus obtained by  $B_{n^*}^{(\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu)}(x^k; s, r)$  as follows.

**Definition 2.5.1.** For  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda > 0$ ,  $m, \delta, \mu, k, s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $m^* = \lfloor \frac{m}{\delta} \rfloor$ , the greatest integer part of  $\frac{m}{\delta}$ , define

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{m^*}^{(\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu)}(x^k; s, r|q) &= \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha m}}{[(q^k; q^k)_m]^s} \sum_{n=0}^{m^*} \frac{q^{sk\delta n(m+(\delta nk-1)/2)+\delta n(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r} \\
 & \quad \times \frac{[(q^{-mk}; q^k)_{\delta n}]^s}{(q^k; q^k)_n} x^{kn}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

*Note 1.* Here (36) is a particular case  $s = 1, r = 0, \delta = 1$ , and  $\alpha = k$  of (37).

The presence of parameter “ $s$ ” yields the *unusual* inverse series relations involving the inequalities. In fact, for  $s = 1$  the usual inverse series relations occur whereas for other values of  $s$  the inverse inequality relations occur. This is shown in the following theorems.

If the real functions  $F(x, n; s|q), G(x, n; s|q)$ , are such that

$$F(x, n; s|q) < B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; s, r|q), \quad G(x, n; s|q) > B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; s, r|q),$$

then there hold the following inequality relations.

**Theorem 2.5.1.** *Let  $F(x, n; s|q)$  and  $G(x, n; s|q)$  be real valued functions,  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda > 0$ , and  $\mu, k, s \in \mathbb{N}, r, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $n^* = \lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor$ , then*

$$F(x, n; s|q) < B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; s, r|q) \tag{38}$$

*implies*

$$\begin{aligned} x^{kn} &> q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s} \\ &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{skj} [(q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j]^s}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} F(x, j; s|q); \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

*and*

$$\begin{aligned} x^{kn} &< q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s} \\ &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{skj} [(q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j]^s}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} G(x, j; s|q) \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

*implies*

$$G(x, n; s|q) > B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; s, r|q). \tag{41}$$

*Proof.* Assume that the inequality (38) holds. Putting

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n &= q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s} \\ &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{skj} [(q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j]^s}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} F(x, j; s|q), \end{aligned}$$

and substituting the series inequality (38) for  $F(x, j; s|q)$ , one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n &< q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s} \\ &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{skj} [(q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j]^s}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}}{[(q^k; q^k)_j]^s} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{m} \rfloor} \frac{q^{s(kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi j)+mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)} [(q^{-kj}; q^k)_{mi}]^s x^{ki}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} \\
 = & q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(mn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s} \\
 & \times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{skj} (-1)^{sj} q^{skj(j-1)/2-skmnj} [(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn-j}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} \\
 & \times \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{m} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{smi} q^{s(kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi j)+mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{j-mi}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r}}{((q^k; q^k)_j)^s} \\
 & \times \frac{q^{skmi(kmi-1)/2-skjmi} ((q^k; q^k)_j)^s x^{ki}}{(q^k; q^k)_i} \\
 = & \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{m} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{sj+smi} q^{s(kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi j)+mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{j-mi}]^s [(q^k; q^k)_{mn-j}]^s} \\
 & \times \frac{q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(kmn-1)/2+skmi(mi-1)/2-skjmi}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} \\
 & \times q^{skj+skj(j-1)/2-skmnj} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n x^{ki}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now in view of the double series relation

$$\sum_{i=0}^{mn} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i}{m} \rfloor} f(i, j) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{mn-mj} f(i + mj, j),$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_n & < \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{mn-mi} \frac{(-1)^{sj} q^{skmi(kmi-1)/2} q^{mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{((q^k; q^k)_j)^s [(q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi-j}]^s} \\
 & \times q^{skj(mi-mn+1)+skmi(mi-mn)-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)+skj(j-1)/2} \\
 & \times q^{-skmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} x^{ki} \\
 = & x^{kn} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{q^{s(kmi(kmi-1)/2+(mi-mn)(skmi+\alpha\beta+\alpha)+r\mu\lambda)}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} \\
 & \times (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n x^{ki} \\
 & \times \sum_{j=0}^{mn-mi} (-1)^{sj} q^{skj(j-1)/2} q^{skj(mi-mn+1)} \begin{bmatrix} mn - mi \\ j \end{bmatrix}_{q^k}^s \\
 \leq & x^{kn} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{q^{skmi(kmi-1)/2+s(kmi(kmi-1)/2+(mi-mn)(skmi+\alpha\beta+\alpha)+r\mu\lambda)}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} \\
 & \times (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n x^{ki}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left( \sum_{j=0}^{mn-mi} (-1)^j q^{kj(j-1)/2} q^{skj(mi-mn+1)} \begin{bmatrix} mn-mi \\ j \end{bmatrix}_{q^k} \right)^s \\ = & x^{kn} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{q^{s(kmi(kmi-1)/2+skmi(mi-mn))} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r} \\ & \times \frac{(q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^k; q^k)_i} x^{ki} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^{mn-mi} (1 - q^{k(mi-mn+j)}) \right\}^s. \end{aligned}$$

Here the product on the right hand side vanishes, hence  $\omega_n < x^{kn}$ . Next, the proof of another inequality relations stated above runs as follows. Here assume that (40) holds true. Now if

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_n &= \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor} q^{s(kmj(kmj-1)/2+skmjn)+mj(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{[(q^k; q^k)_n]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu j}]^r} \\ & \times \frac{[(q^{-nk}; q^k)_{mj}]^s}{(q^k; q^k)_j} x^{kj} \end{aligned}$$

then substituting the series inequality (40) for  $x^{kn}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_n &< \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor} q^{s(kmj(kmj-1)/2+kmjn)+mj(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{[(q^k; q^k)_n]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu j}]^r (q^k; q^k)_j} \\ & \times q^{-mj(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmj(kmj-1)/2} \frac{[(q^{-nk}; q^k)_{mj}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mj}]^s} \\ & \times [(q^\lambda)_{\mu j}]^r (q^k; q^k)_j \sum_{i=0}^{mj} \frac{q^{ski} [(q^{-kmj}; q^k)_i]^s}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i}} G(x, i; s|q) \\ = & \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor} (-1)^{smj} q^{skmjn-smnj+skmj(mj-1)/2} ((q^k; q^k)_n)^s}{((q^k; q^k)_n)^s \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{smj} q^{skmjn-smnj+skmj(mj-1)/2} ((q^k; q^k)_n)^s}{[(q^k; q^k)_{(n-mj)}]^s [(q^k; q^k)_{mj}]^s}} \\ & \times \sum_{i=0}^{mj} \frac{(-1)^{is} q^{ski} q^{ski(i-1)/2-skimj} [(q^k; q^k)_{mj}]^s}{[(q^k; q^k)_{(n-mj)}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i}} G(x, i; s|q) \\ = & \sum_{mj=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{mj} \frac{(-1)^{smj+is} q^{ski(i+1)/2+skmj(mj-1)/2-skimj} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{(n-mj)}]^s [(q^k; q^k)_{(mj-i)}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i}} \\ & \times G(x, i; s|q). \end{aligned}$$

In view of double series relation

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^k f(k, j) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{k=j}^n f(k, j).$$

this takes the form:

$$\nu_n < \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{mj=i}^n \frac{(-1)^{smj+is} q^{ski(i+1)/2+skmj(mj-1)/2-skimj} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{(n-mj)}]^s [(q^k; q^k)_{(mj-i)}]^s (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times G(x, i; s|q) \\
 = & G(x, n; s|q) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{is} q^{ski(i+1)/2} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i}} G(x, i; s|q) \\
 & \times \sum_{m_j=i}^n \frac{(-1)^{sm_j} q^{skm_j(m_j-1)/2 - skim_j}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{(n-m_j)}]^s [(q^k; q^k)_{(m_j-i)}]^s} \\
 = & G(x, n; s|q) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i}} G(x, i; s|q) \\
 & \times \sum_{m_j=0}^{n-i} \frac{(-1)^{sm_j} q^{skm_j(m_j-1)/2}}{[(q^k; q^k)_{(n-i-m_j)}]^s [(q^k; q^k)_{m_j}]^s} \\
 = & G(x, n; s|q) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{q^{ski(i+1)/2} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^k; q^k)_{(n-i)}]^s} G(x, i; s|q) \\
 & \times \sum_{m_j=0}^{n-i} (-1)^{sm_j} q^{skm_j(m_j-1)/2} \begin{bmatrix} n-i \\ m_j \end{bmatrix}_k^s \\
 \leq & G(x, n; s|q) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{q^{ski(i+1)/2} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^k; q^k)_{(n-i)}]^s} B_{i^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; s, r|q) \\
 & \times \left( \sum_{m_j=0}^{n-i} (-1)^{m_j} q^{km_j(m_j-1)/2} \begin{bmatrix} n-i \\ m_j \end{bmatrix}_k \right)^s \tag{42} \\
 = & G(x, n; s|q) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{q^{ski(i+1)/2} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^k; q^k)_{(n-i)}]^s} G(x, i; s|q) \\
 & \times \left\{ \prod_{m_j=1}^{n-i} (1 - q^{km_j-k}) \right\}^s.
 \end{aligned}$$

This gives  $\nu_n < G(x, n; s|q)$ . □

Towards the converse of these inequality relations, we obtain

**Theorem 2.5.2.** *With the same restrictions as stated in Theorem 9, to the parameters involved,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{kn} & > q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s} \\
 & \times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{skj} [(q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j]^s}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} F(x, j; s|q) \tag{43}
 \end{aligned}$$

implies

$$F(x, n; s|q) < B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; s, r|q); \tag{44}$$

and

$$G(x, n; s|q) > B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; s, r|q)m \tag{45}$$

implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{kn} &< q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-skmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{[(q^k; q^k)_{mn}]^s} \\
 &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{skj} [(q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j]^s}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} G(x, j; s|q)m.
 \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

The proof runs parallel to that of Theorem 2.5.1, hence is omitted. For  $s = 1$ , the polynomial (37) possesses the following inverse series relation.

**Theorem 2.5.3.** For  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda > 0, m, \mu, k \in \mathbb{N}, r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q) &= \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor} \frac{q^{k(mj(mj-1)/2+mjn)+mj(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu j}]^r} \\
 &\times \frac{(q^{-nk}; q^k)_{mj} x^{kj}}{(q^k; q^k)_j}
 \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{x^{kn}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} &= q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-kmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn}} \\
 &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q),
 \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

and for  $n \neq ml, l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q) = 0. \tag{49}$$

*Proof.* The proof of (47) implies (48) runs as follows. Here the equality (47) holds. Putting

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_n &= q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-kmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn}} \\
 &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q)
 \end{aligned}$$

and substituting the series equality (47) for  $B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_n &= q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-kmn(kmn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn}} \\
 &\times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}}{(q^k; q^k)_j} \\
 &\times \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{m} \rfloor} \frac{q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi j+mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)} (q^{-kj}; q^k)_{mi} x^{ki}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= q^{-mn(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)-kmn(mn-1)/2} \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn}} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{kj} (-1)^j q^{kj(j-1)/2-kmnj} (q^k; q^k)_{mn}}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn-j} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}}{(q^k; q^k)_j} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{m} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{mi} q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi j+mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)}}{(q^k; q^k)_{j-mi} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r} \\
&\quad \times \frac{q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2-kjmi} (q^k; q^k)_j x^{ki}}{(q^k; q^k)_i} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{m} \rfloor} (-1)^{j+mi} q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi(mi-1)/2+m(i-n)(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{q^{-kmn(kmn-1)/2+kj(j+1)/2-kmnj} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r}{(q^k; q^k)_{j-mi} (q^k; q^k)_{mn-j} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} \\
&\quad \times (q^k; q^k)_n x^{ki}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now in view of the double series relation

$$\sum_{i=0}^{mn} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{i}{m} \rfloor} f(i, j) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^{mn-mj} f(i + mj, j),$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_n &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{mn-mi} (-1)^j q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+m(i-n)(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)+kj(mi-mn+1)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{q^{kj(j-1)/2-kmn(kmn-1)/2+kmi(mi-mn)} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r}{(q^k; q^k)_j (q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi-j} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^k; q^k)_i} x^{ki} \\
&= \frac{x^{kn}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi(mi-mn)+(mi-mn)(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} x^{ki} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^{mn-mi} (-1)^j q^{kj(j-1)/2} q^{kj(mi-mn+1)} \begin{bmatrix} mn - mi \\ j \end{bmatrix}_{q^k} \\
&= \frac{x^{kn}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+(mi-mn)(kmi+\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r (q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} x^{ki}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \times \sum_{j=0}^{mn-mi} (-1)^j q^{kj(j-1)/2} q^{kj(mi-mn+1)} \left[ \begin{matrix} mn-mi \\ j \end{matrix} \right]_{q^k} \\
 = & \frac{x^{kn}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi(mi-mn)} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn-mi} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_i} \\
 & \times (q^k; q^k)_n x^{ki} \prod_{j=1}^{mn-mi} (1 - q^{k(mi-mn+j)}) \\
 = & \frac{x^{kn}}{(q^k; q^k)_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

as the product on the right hand side vanishes. To show further that (47) also implies (49), we may substitute for  $B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q)$  from (47) to the left hand side of (49), to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q) \\
 = & \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{q^{kj} (-1)^j q^{kj(j-1)/2-knj} (q^k; q^k)_n (q^k; q^k)_j}{(q^k; q^k)_{n-j} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} \\
 & \times \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{j}{m} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{mi} q^{kmi(kmi-1)/2+mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)+kmi(kmi-1)/2}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_{j-mi} (q^k; q^k)_i} x^{ki} \\
 = & \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor} \frac{q^{3kmi(kmi-1)/2+kmi-knmi+mi(\alpha\beta+\alpha+r\mu\lambda)} (q^k; q^k)_n}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha i} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu i}]^r (q^k; q^k)_{n-mi} (q^k; q^k)_i} x^{ki} \\
 & \times \sum_{j=0}^{n-mi} (-1)^j q^{kj(j-1)/2} q^{kj(mi-n+1)} \left[ \begin{matrix} n-mi \\ j \end{matrix} \right]_{q^k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here the inner sum on the r.h.s. is actually the product

$$\prod_{j=1}^{n-mi} (1 - q^{k(mi-n+j)})$$

which vanishes for  $j = n - mi$  and  $n$  not an integer multiple of  $m$ . Thus completing the first part. The proof of converse part runs as follows [3]. In order to show that both the series (48) and the condition (49) together imply the series (47), a simplest inverse series relations [13, Eq.(1), p.43]:

$$\Delta_n = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{q^{knj} (q^{-kn}; q^k)_j}{(q^k; q^k)_j} \Psi_j \Leftrightarrow \Psi_n = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kn}; q^k)_j}{(q^k; q^k)_j} \Delta_j$$

may be used. Here putting

$$\Psi_j = \frac{q^{kj} (q^k; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q),$$

and considering one sided relation that is, the series on the left hand side implies the series on the right side, we get

$$\Delta_n = \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q) \quad (50)$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q) = \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(q^{-kn}; q^k)_j}{(q^k; q^k)_j} \Delta_j. \quad (51)$$

Since the condition (49) holds,  $\omega_n = 0$  for  $n \neq ml$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , whereas

$$\Delta_{mn} = \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q).$$

But since the series (48) holds true.

$$\Delta_{mn} = \frac{q^{mn(\alpha\beta + \alpha + r\mu\lambda)} q^{kmn(kmn-1)/2} (q^k; q^k)_{mn} x^{kn}}{(q^k; q^k)_n (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r}.$$

Consequently, the inverse pair (50) and (51) assume the form:

$$\begin{aligned} B_{n^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q) &= \frac{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor} \frac{q^{k(mj(mj-1)/2 + mjn) + mj(\alpha\beta + \alpha + r\mu\lambda)}}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu j}]^r} \\ &\quad \times \frac{(q^{-nk}; q^k)_{mj}}{(q^k; q^k)_j} x^{kj}, \\ \Rightarrow \frac{x^{kn}}{(q^k; q^k)_n} &= \frac{q^{-mn(\alpha\beta + \alpha + r\mu\lambda) - kmn(kmn-1)/2} (q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha n} [(q^\lambda; q)_{\mu n}]^r}{(q^k; q^k)_{mn}} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^{mn} \frac{q^{kj} (q^{-kmn}; q^k)_j}{(q^{\beta+1}; q)_{\alpha j}} B_{j^*}^{(\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu)}(x^k; 1, r|q), \end{aligned}$$

subject to the condition (49). □

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