

EQUIVALENCE OF K-FUNCTIONALS AND MODULUS OF SMOOTHNESS GENERATED BY THE q -RUBIN OPERATOR

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, the equivalence between K-functionals and modulus of smoothness tied to a q -Rubin operator was studied.

1. INTRODUCTION

Given a positive real number r and a positive integer m , the classical modulus of smoothness is defined, for a function $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, by

$$w_m(f, r) = \sup_{0 < h \leq r} \|\Delta_h^m\|_2,$$

where

$$\Delta_h^m = (\tau^h - I)^m f.$$

I is the unit operator and τ^h stands for the usual translation operator, given by $\tau^h f(x) = f(x + h)$.

The classical K-functional, introduced in [6], is defined by

$$K_m(f, r) = \inf\{\|f - g\|_2 + r \|D^m g\|_2; g \in W_2^m\},$$

where W_2^m is the Sobolev space defined by

$$W_2^m = \{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) : D^j f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), j = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

Note that the operator $D = \frac{d}{dx}$. An outstanding result of the theory of approximation of functions on $\mathbb{R}$, which gives the equivalence between modulus of smoothness and K -functionals, can be formulated as follows :

Theorem 1.1. *There are two positive constants c_1 and c_2 such that, for all $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $r > 0$, we have*

$$c_1 w_m(f, r) \leq K_m(f, r^m) \leq c_2 w_m(f, r).$$

For more details, one can see page 111 in the book of Paul L. Bulzer and Hubert Berens (see [2]).

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2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, we assume that $0 < q < 1$.

In this section, we provide some facts about harmonic analysis related to the q -Rubin's Operator δ_q . We will show briefly only properties required for the discussion. For more details, we refer to [3].

We put $\mathbb{R}_q = \{\pm q^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_q = \mathbb{R}_q \cup \{0\}$.

For $a \in \mathbb{C}$, the q -shifted factorials are defined by

$$(a; q)_0 = 1; (a; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), n = 1, 2, \dots; (a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k).$$

We also denote

$$[x]_q = \frac{1 - q^x}{1 - q}, \quad x \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \text{and} \quad [n]_{q!} = \frac{(q; q)_n}{(1 - q)^n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

A q -analogue of the classical exponential function is given by (see [8, 9])

$$e(z; q^2) = \cos(-iz; q^2) + i \sin(-iz; q^2),$$

where

$$\cos(x; q^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n(n+1)} \frac{x^{2n}}{[2n]_{q!}}, \quad \sin(x; q^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n(n+1)} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{[2n+1]_{q!}}$$

These three functions are entire on $\mathbb{C}$. Remark that, when q tends to 1, they tend to the corresponding classical ones pointwise and uniformly on compacts.

Lemma 2.1. *We have*

- (1) For all $x \in \mathbb{R}_q$,
 $|\cos(x; q^2)| \leq \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty}$, $|\sin(x; q^2)| \leq \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty}$ and $|e(ix; q^2)| \leq \frac{2}{(q; q)_\infty}$.
- (2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin(x; q^2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos(x; q^2) = 0$.
- (3) There is $c_1 > 0$ such that $|1 - e(ix; q^2)| \geq c_1$ with $|x| \geq 1$.

Proof. To prove 1., we can see [8, Lemma 6].

We can find a proof of assertion 2. in [9, lemma 1].

Let us check assertion 3. Using the fact that $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^{\frac{1}{2}} e(ix; q^2) = 0$, there exist two numbers $M > 0$ and $x_0 > 0$ such that $x \geq x_0$ and $|e(ix; q^2)| \leq \frac{M}{\sqrt{x_0}}$.

Let $m = \min_{x \in [1, x_0]} |1 - e(ix; q^2)|$. Since $x \geq 1$, we get the inequality

$$|1 - e(ix; q^2)| \geq c_1, \quad \text{where } c_1 = \min \left\{ m, \frac{M}{\sqrt{x_0}} \right\}. \quad \square$$

The q^2 -analogue differential operator is defined by

$$\delta_q(f)(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(q^{-1}z) + f(-q^{-1}z) - f(qz) + f(-qz) - 2f(-z)}{2(1-q)z} & \text{if } z \neq 0, \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \delta_q(f)(x) \text{ (in } \mathbb{R}_q) & \text{if } z = 0. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

A repeated application of the q^2 -analogue differential operator n times is denoted by:

$$\delta_q^0 f = f, \quad \delta_q^{n+1} f = \delta_q(\delta_q^n f).$$

The q -Jackson integrals, (see [5]), are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) d_q x &= (1-q)b \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n f(bq^n) - (1-q)a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n f(aq^n) \\ \text{and} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) d_q x &= (1-q) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^n f(q^n) + (1-q) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^n f(-q^n). \end{aligned}$$

Notation 2.1. We denote by

- $S_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$ the space of functions f defined on $\mathbb{R}_q$ satisfying, for all m, n non negative integers,

$$P_{m,n,q}(f) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}_q} |x^m \delta_q^n f(x)| < \infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \delta_q^n f(x) \text{ (in } \mathbb{R}_q) \text{ exists}$$

- $S'_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$ the space of tempered distributions on $\mathbb{R}_q$. It is the topological dual space of $S_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$.
- $L_q^p(\mathbb{R}_q) = \{f : \|f\|_{p,q} = (\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p d_q x)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty\}$.
- $L_q^\infty(\mathbb{R}_q) = \{f : \|f\|_{\infty,q} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}_q} |f(x)| < \infty\}$.

Definition 2.1. In [9], R. L. Rubin defined the q -Rubin-Fourier transform by

$$\mathcal{F}_q(f)(x) = K \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e(-itx; q^2) d_q t, \quad (2.2)$$

where $K = \frac{(1+q)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2\Gamma_{q^2}(\frac{1}{2})}$ and $\Gamma_q(x) = \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^x; q)_\infty} (1-q)^{1-x}$ is the q -Gamma function.

Theorem 2.2. $\mathcal{F}_q$ is an isomorphism from $L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ onto it self. Furthermore, for $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$, we have

$$\|\mathcal{F}_q(f)\|_{2,q} = \|f\|_{2,q} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_q, f(t) = K \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(x) e(itx; q^2) d_q t.$$

Definition 2.2. (1) For $u \in S'_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$, we define the distribution $\delta_q u$, by

$$\langle \delta_q u, \psi \rangle = - \langle u, \delta_q \psi \rangle, \quad \psi \in S_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$$

(2) The q -Rubin transform of a q -distribution $u \in S'_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$ is defined by

$$\langle \mathcal{F}_q(u), \psi \rangle = \langle u, \mathcal{F}_q(\psi) \rangle, \quad \text{where } u \in S'_q(\mathbb{R}_q), \text{ and } \psi \in S_q(\mathbb{R}_q).$$

Theorem 2.3. The q -Rubin transform $\mathcal{F}_q$ is an isomorphism from $S'_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$ onto itself.

Lemma 2.4. Let $u \in S'_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $f \in S_q(\mathbb{R}_q)$. Then for $j = 1, 2, \dots$ we have

$$\mathcal{F}_q(\delta_q^j f)(\lambda) = (i\lambda)^j \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda) \quad (2.4)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_q(\delta_q^j u) = (-i\lambda)^j \mathcal{F}_q(u). \quad (2.5)$$

Definition 2.3. For $x \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}_q}$, the q -translation operator $\tau_{q,x}$ is defined, as in [8], on $L_q^1(\mathbb{R}_q)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{q,x}(f)(y) &= K \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(t) e(itx; q^2) e(it y; q^2) d_q t, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}_q, \\ \tau_{q,0}(f)(y) &= f(y). \end{aligned}$$

It is shown in [8] that the q -translation operator can be extended to $L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and we have the following result

Proposition 2.5. For all $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$, we have $\tau_{q,x} f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and

$$\|\tau_{q,x} f\|_{2,q} = \frac{2}{(q; q)_\infty} \leq \|f\|_{2,q}, \quad x \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}_q}. \quad (2.6)$$

Furthermore,

$$\mathcal{F}_q(\tau_{q,x} f)(\lambda) = e(i\lambda x; q^2) \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda), \quad x \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}_q}. \quad (2.7)$$

Notation 2.2. Consider $m = 1, 2, \dots$. Let $W_{2,q}^m$ be the Sobolev type space constructed from the q -Rubin operator δ_q , by

$$W_{2,q}^m = \{f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q) : \delta_q^j f \in L_{\alpha,q}^2(\mathbb{R}_q), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$$

More explicitly, $f \in W_{2,q}^m$ if and only if for each $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$, there is a function in $L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ abusively denoted by $\delta_q^j f$, such that $\delta_q^j T_f^{\alpha;q} = T_{\delta_q^j f}^{\alpha;q}$.

Proposition 2.6. For $f \in W_{2,q}^m$, we have

$$\mathcal{F}_q(\delta_q^m f)(\lambda) = (-i\lambda)^m \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda). \quad (2.8)$$

Proof. We deduce the wanted result using proposition 5.7 in [3]. $\square$

3. EQUIVALENCE OF K-FUNCTIONALS AND MODULUS OF SMOOTHNESS

Definition 3.1. Let $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $r > 0$. Then

- The generalized modulus of smoothness is defined by

$$w_m(f, r)_{2,q} = \sup_{0 < h \leq r} \|\Delta_h^m f\|_{2,q},$$

where

$$\Delta_h^m f = (\tau_{q,h} - I)^m f,$$

I being the unit operator.

- The generalized K -functional is defined by

$$K_m(f, r)_{2,q} = \inf\{\|f - g\|_{2,q} + r \|\delta_q^m g\|_{2,q}; g \in W_{2,q}^m\}.$$

The following theorem establishes the equivalence of the modulus of Smoothness and the K -functional.

Theorem 3.1. *There are two positive constants c_1 and c_2 such that*

$$c_1 w_m(f, r)_{2,q} \leq K_m(f, r^m)_{2,q} \leq c_2 w_m(f, r)_{2,q},$$

for all $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $r > 0$.

In order to prove Theorem 3.1, we need some preliminary results.

Lemma 3.2. *Let $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $h > 0$. Then*

$$\|\Delta_h^m f\|_{2,q} \leq c^m \|f\|_{2,q} \quad (3.1)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_q(\Delta_h^m f)(\lambda) = (e(i\lambda h; q^2) - 1)^m \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda), \quad (3.2)$$

where c is a constant verified $c \geq \frac{2}{(q;q)_\infty}$.

Proof. The result follows easily by using (2.6), (2.7), and an induction on m . $\square$

Lemma 3.3. *Let $f \in W_{2,q}^m$, $r > 0$. The following inequality is true.*

$$w_m(f, r)_{2,q} \leq c_2 r^m \|\delta_q^m f\|_{2,q}.$$

Proof. Assume that $h \in]0, r]$. By (2.4), (3.2) and theorem 2.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_h^m f\|_{2,q}^2 &= \|\mathcal{F}_q(\Delta_h^m f)(\lambda)\|_{2,q}^2 \\ &= \|(1 - e(i\lambda h; q^2))^m \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda)\|_{2,q}^2 \\ &= h^{2m} \left\| \frac{(1 - e(i\lambda h; q^2))^m}{(hi\lambda)^m} (i\lambda)^m \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda) \right\|_{2,q}^2 \end{aligned}$$

According to Lemma 2.1, with all $l \in \widehat{\mathbb{R}_q}$ we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{(1 - e(il; q^2))^m}{l^m} \right| &\leq \beta^m, \text{ where } \beta \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Then we deduce} \\ \|\Delta_h^m f\|_{2,q}^2 &\leq h^{2m} \beta^{2m} \|(i\lambda)^m \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda)\|_{2,q}^2 = h^{2m} \beta^{2m} \|\mathcal{F}_q(\delta_q^m f)(\lambda)\|_{2,q}^2 \\ &= h^{2m} \beta^{2m} \|\delta_q^m f\|_{2,q}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Calculating the supremum with respect to all $h \in]0, r]$, we obtain

$$w_m(f, r)_{2,q} \leq c_2 r^m \|\delta_q^m f\|_{2,q}, \text{ where } c_2 = \beta^m. \quad \square$$

Definition 3.2. For any function $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and any number $\nu > 0$, let us define the function

$$P_\nu(f)(x) := K \int_{-\nu}^{\nu} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda) e(i\lambda x; q^2) d_q \lambda = \mathcal{F}_q^{-1}(\mathcal{F}_q(f) \chi_\nu(x)),$$

where $\chi_\nu(\lambda)$ is the characteristic function of the segment $[-\nu, \nu]$, $\mathcal{F}_q^{-1}$ is the inverse q -Rubin-Fourier transform.

Remark 3.1. One can easily prove that the function $P_\nu(f)$ is infinitely q -differentiable and belongs to all classes $W_{2,q}^m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Lemma 3.4. There is a positive constant c_3 such that

$$\|f - P_\nu(f)\|_{2,q} \leq c_3 \|\Delta_{1/\nu}^m f\|_{2,q},$$

for any $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $\nu > 0$.

Proof. Using the Plancherel formula, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - P_\nu(f)\|_{2,q}^2 &= \|\mathcal{F}_q(f - P_\nu f)\|_{2,q}^2 \\ &= \|(1 - \chi_\nu(\lambda)) \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda)\|_{2,q}^2 \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} |1 - \chi_\nu(\lambda)|^2 |\mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda)|^2 d_q \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 2.1 there is a constant $c_1 > 0$ such that

$$|1 - e(i\lambda/\nu; q^2)| \geq c_1,$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}; |\lambda| \geq \nu$. From this and (3.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - P_\nu(f)\|_{2,q}^2 &\leq c_1^{-2m} \int_{|\lambda| \geq \nu} |1 - e(i\lambda/\nu; q^2)|^{2m} |\mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda)|^2 d_q \lambda \\ &\leq c_1^{-2m} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{F}_q(\Delta_{1/\nu}^m f)(\lambda)|^2 d_q \lambda \\ &= c_1^{-2m} \|\Delta_{1/\nu}^m f\|_{2,q}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the inequality $\|f - P_\nu(f)\|_{2,q} \leq c_3 \|\Delta_{1/\nu}^m f\|_{2,q}$,

where $c_3 = \frac{1}{(c_1)^m}$. □

Corollary 3.5. There is a positive constant c_3 such that

$$\|f - P_\nu(f)\|_{2,q} \leq c_3 w_m(f, 1/\nu)_{2,q},$$

where $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $\nu > 0$.

Lemma 3.6. There is a positive constant c_4 such that

$$\|\delta^m(P_\nu(f))\|_{2,q} \leq c_4 \nu^m \|\Delta_{1/\nu}^m f\|_{2,q},$$

where $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $\nu > 0$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\delta^m(P_\nu(f))\|_{2,q} &= \|\mathcal{F}_q(\delta^m(P_\nu(f)))\|_{2,q} \\
&= \|(i\lambda)^m \chi_\nu(\lambda) \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda)\|_{2,q} \\
&= \|\lambda^m \chi_\nu(\lambda) \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda)\|_{2,q} \\
&= \left\| \frac{\lambda^m \chi_\nu(\lambda)}{(1-e(i\lambda/\nu; q^2))^m} (1-e(i\lambda/\nu; q^2))^m \mathcal{F}_q(f)(\lambda) \right\|_{2,q}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sup_{|\lambda| \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{|\lambda|^m \chi_\nu(\lambda)}{|1-e(i|\lambda|/\nu; q^2)|^m} &= \nu^m \sup_{\substack{|\lambda| \leq \nu \\ t^m}} \frac{(|\lambda|/\nu)^m}{|1-e(it; q^2)|^m} \\
&= \nu^m \sup_{|t| \leq 1} \frac{t^m}{|1-e(it; q^2)|^m}
\end{aligned}$$

The result is obtained by considering $c_4 = \sup_{|t| \leq 1} \frac{t^m}{|1-e(it; q^2)|^m}$. $\square$

Corollary 3.7. *There is a positive constant c_4 such that*

$$\|\delta_q^m(P_\nu(f))\|_{2,q} \leq c_4 \nu^m w_m(f, 1/\nu)_{2,q},$$

where $f \in L_q^2(\mathbb{R}_q)$ and $\nu > 0$.

Proof of Theorem 3.1. (1) Let $h \in]0, r]$, $g \in W_{2,q}^m$. Using Lemmas 3.3 and 3.2, we have $\|\Delta_h^m f\|_{2,q} = \|\Delta_h^m(f - g + g)\|_{2,q} \leq \|\Delta_h^m(f - g)\|_{2,q} + \|\Delta_h^m(g)\|_{2,q} \leq c^m \|f - g\|_{2,q} + c_2 h^m \|\delta_q^m(g)\|_{2,q} \leq c_5 (\|f - g\|_{2,q} + r^m \|\delta_q^m(g)\|_{2,q})$, where $c_5 = \max\{c^m, c_2\}$. Calculating the supremum with respect to $h \in]0, r]$ and the infimum with respect to all possible functions $g \in W_{2,q}^m$, we obtain $w_m(f, r)_{2,q} \leq c_5 K_m(f, r^m)_{2,q}$.

(2) We have $P_\nu(f) \in W_{2,q}^m$. Using the definition of a K -functional we get $K_m(f, r^m)_{2,q} \leq \|f - P_\nu(f)\|_{2,q} + r^m \|\delta_q^m(P_\nu(f))\|_{2,q}$. Corollaries 3.5 and 3.7 yield to $K_m(f, r^m)_{2,q} \leq c_3 w_m(f, 1/\nu)_{2,q} + c_4 (r\nu)^m w_m(f, 1/\nu)_{2,q}$. Since ν is an arbitrary positive value, choosing $r = \frac{1}{\nu}$, we obtain $K_m(f, r^m)_{2,q} \leq c_6 w_m(f, 1/\nu)_{2,q}$, where $c_6 = c_3 + c_4$. This completes the proof. $\square$

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