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# A Unified Representation of $q$ - and $h$ -Integrals and Consequences in Inequalities

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**Abstract:** This paper aims to unify  $q$ -derivative/ $q$ -integral and  $h$ -derivative/ $h$ -integral in a single definition, this will be called  $q - h$ -derivative/ $q - h$ -integral. These notions are further extended on finite interval  $[a, b]$  in the form of left and right  $q - h$ -derivatives and  $q - h$ -integrals. Some inequalities are studied for  $q - h$ -integrals which are directly connected with well known results. In diverse fields of science and engineering the theory based on  $q$ -derivatives/ $q$ -integrals and  $h$ -derivatives/ $h$ -integrals can be unified by using the concept of  $q - h$ -derivative/ $q - h$ -integral.

**Keywords:**  $q$ -derivative;  $q$ -integral;  $h$ -derivative;  $h$ -integral;  $q - h$ -derivative;  $q - h$ -integral; inequalities

## 1. Introduction

The  $h$ -derivative and the  $q$ -derivative of a function  $v$  have been defined by the quotients

$$\frac{v(\gamma + h) - v(\gamma)}{h} \text{ and } \frac{v(q\gamma) - v(\gamma)}{(q - 1)\gamma}$$

respectively. The  $h$ -derivative is usually denoted by the quotient  $\mathcal{D}_h v(\gamma) = \frac{d_h v(\gamma)}{d_h \gamma}$  while the  $q$ -derivative is denoted by the quotient  $\mathcal{D}_q v(\gamma) = \frac{d_q v(\gamma)}{d_q \gamma}$ , where  $d_h v(\gamma) = v(\gamma + h) - v(\gamma)$  is called the  $h$ -differential and  $d_q v(\gamma) = v(q\gamma) - v(\gamma)$  is called the  $q$ -differential for the function  $v$ . As an example the  $h$ -derivative and the  $q$ -derivative of  $\gamma^n$  can be computed in the forms  $\frac{(\gamma+h)^n - \gamma^n}{h} = n\gamma^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}\gamma^{n-2}h + \dots + h^{n-1}$  and  $\frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}\gamma^{n-1} = (q^{n-1} + \dots + 1)\gamma^{n-1}$  respectively. For the sake of simplicity, the notation  $[n]_q$  is used instead of  $\frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}$ , and then  $\mathcal{D}_q \gamma^n = [n]_q \gamma^{n-1}$ . Since  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \mathcal{D}_q v(\gamma) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{D}_h v(\gamma) = \frac{dv(\gamma)}{d\gamma}$ , the  $h$ -derivative and the  $q$ -derivative are generalizations of ordinary derivative. The  $q$ -derivative leads to the subject of  $q$ -calculus, see [5] for details.

The sum and product formula of  $q$ -derivatives for functions  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are given by;

$$\mathcal{D}_q \{v_1(\gamma) + v_2(\gamma)\} = \mathcal{D}_q v_1(\gamma) + \mathcal{D}_q v_2(\gamma) \quad (1)$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}_q \{v_1(\gamma)v_2(\gamma)\} = v_1(q\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_2(\gamma) + v_2(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_1(\gamma), \quad (2)$$

respectively. Since  $v_1(\gamma)v_2(\gamma) = v_2(\gamma)v_1(\gamma)$ , (2) is equivalent to the upcoming formula

$$\mathcal{D}_q \{v_1(\gamma)v_2(\gamma)\} = v_1(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_2(\gamma) + v_2(q\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_1(\gamma). \quad (3)$$

In view of (2), the quotient formula of  $q$ -derivatives is given by;

$$\mathcal{D}_q \left( \frac{v_1(\gamma)}{v_2(\gamma)} \right) = \frac{v_2(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_1(\gamma) - v_1(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_2(\gamma)}{v_2(\gamma)v_2(q\gamma)}. \quad (4)$$

In view of (3), the quotient formula of  $q$ -derivatives is given by;

$$\mathcal{D}_q \left( \frac{v_1(\gamma)}{v_2(\gamma)} \right) = \frac{v_2(q\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_1(\gamma) - v_1(q\gamma)\mathcal{D}_q v_2(\gamma)}{v_2(\gamma)v_2(q\gamma)}. \quad (5)$$

The formulae of  $h$ -derivatives are as follows:

$$\mathcal{D}_h \{v_1(\gamma) + v_2(\gamma)\} = \mathcal{D}_h v_1(\gamma) + \mathcal{D}_h v_2(\gamma), \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_h \{v_1(\gamma)v_2(\gamma)\} = v_1(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_h v_2(\gamma) + v_2(\gamma + h)\mathcal{D}_h v_1(\gamma), \quad (7)$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}_h \left( \frac{v_1(\gamma)}{v_2(\gamma)} \right) = \frac{v_2(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_h v_1(\gamma) - v_1(\gamma)\mathcal{D}_h v_2(\gamma)}{v_2(\gamma)v_2(\gamma + h)}. \quad (8)$$

Next, we give the definition of  $q$ -derivative on a finite interval.

**Definition 1** ([2]). Let  $\mu : I = [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. For  $0 < q < 1$  the  $q$ -derivative  ${}_a\mathcal{D}_q\mu$  on  $I$ , is given by;

$${}_a\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi) := \frac{\mu(q\xi + (1-q)a) - \mu(\xi)}{(q-1)(\xi-a)}, \quad \xi \neq a, \quad {}_a\mathcal{D}_q\mu(a) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow a} {}_a\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi). \quad (9)$$

Function  $\mu$  is called  $q$ -differentiable on  $[a, b]$  if  ${}_a\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi)$  exists for all  $\xi \in [a, b]$ . For  $a = 0$ , we have  ${}_0\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi) = \mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi)$  is the  $q$ -derivative of  $\mu$  at  $\xi \in [a, b]$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi) := \frac{\mu(q\xi) - \mu(\xi)}{(q-1)\xi}, \quad \xi \neq 0. \quad (10)$$

The  $q$ -integral of function  $\mu$  on interval  $[a, b]$  is defined as follows:

**Definition 2** ([2]). Let  $\mu : I = [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. For  $0 < q < 1$  the  $q$ -definite integral on  $I$  is given by;

$$\int_a^\xi \mu(\gamma) {}_a d_q \gamma = (1-q)(\xi-a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \mu(q^n \xi + (1-q^n)a), \quad \xi \in [a, b]. \quad (11)$$

In (11), by setting  $a = 0$ , the Jackson  $q$ -definite integral given in [5], is deduced as follows:

$$\int_0^\xi \mu(\gamma) {}_0 d_q \gamma = \int_0^\xi \mu(\gamma) d_q \gamma = (1-q)\xi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \mu(q^n \xi), \quad \xi \in [a, b]. \quad (12)$$

If  $c \in (a, \xi)$ , then the  $q$ -definite integral on  $[c, \xi]$  is calculated as follows:

$$\int_c^\xi \mu(\gamma) {}_a d_q \gamma = \int_a^\xi \mu(\gamma) {}_a d_q \gamma - \int_a^c \mu(\gamma) {}_a d_q \gamma. \quad (13)$$

We are intent to unify the  $q$ -derivative and  $h$ -derivative in a single notion which will be named  $q-h$ -derivative. We give sum/difference, product and quotient formulas for  $q-h$ -derivatives, also the definition of  $q-h$ -integral is given. Further, we will define  $q-h$ -derivative and  $q-h$ -integral on finite interval. The composite derivatives and integrals will provide the opportunity to study theoretical

and practical concepts and problems of different fields related to  $q$ -derivative and  $h$ -derivative simultaneously. This paper will be interesting and productive for scientists and engineers.

## 2. A Generalization of $q$ - and $h$ -Derivatives

The  $(q - h)$ -differential of a real valued function  $\mu$  is defined by;

$${}_h d_q \mu(\xi) = \mu(q(\xi + h)) - \mu(\xi). \quad (14)$$

Then for  $h = 0$ , and  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (14), we have

$${}_0 d_q \mu(\xi) = \mu(q\xi) - \mu(\xi) = d_q \mu(\xi)$$

and

$${}_h d_1 \mu(\xi) = \mu(\xi + h) - \mu(\xi) = {}_h d \mu(\xi).$$

In particular,

$${}_h d_q(\xi) = q\xi + qh - \xi = (q - 1)\xi + qh. \quad (15)$$

Then for  $h = 0$ , and  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (15), we have

$${}_0 d_q(\xi) = (q - 1)\xi = d_q(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad {}_h d_1(\xi) = h = d_h(\xi). \quad (16)$$

For  $u(\xi) = \mu(\xi) + v(\xi)$  the  $(q - h)$ -differential of  $u$  is given by;

$${}_h d_q(u(\xi)) = {}_h d_q(\mu(\xi) + v(\xi)) = (\mu + v)(q(\xi + h)) - (\mu + v)(\xi) = {}_h d_q \mu(\xi) + {}_h d_q v(\xi). \quad (17)$$

For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  the  $(q - h)$ -differential of  $\alpha\mu$  is given by;

$${}_h d_q(\alpha\mu)(\xi) = {}_h d_q(\alpha\mu)(\xi) = (\alpha\mu)(q(\xi + h)) - (\alpha\mu)(\xi) = \alpha {}_h d_q \mu(\xi). \quad (18)$$

From (17) and (18) one can see that  $(q - h)$ -differential is linear. Here we see that if  $p(\xi) = \mu(\xi)v(\xi)$ , then  $(q - h)$ -differential is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_h d_q(p(\xi)) &= {}_h d_q(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) = \mu(q(\xi + h))v(q(\xi + h)) - \mu(\xi)v(\xi) \\ &= \mu(q(\xi + h))v(q(\xi + h)) + \mu(q(\xi + h))v(\xi) \\ &\quad - \mu(q(\xi + h))v(\xi) - \mu(\xi)v(\xi) \\ &= \mu(q(\xi + h))[v(q(\xi + h)) - v(\xi)] \\ &\quad + v(\xi)[\mu(q(\xi + h)) - \mu(\xi)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$${}_h d_q(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) = \mu(q(\xi + h)){}_h d_q v(\xi) + v(\xi){}_h d_q \mu(\xi). \quad (19)$$

For  $h = 0$ , and  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (19), we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0 d_q(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) &= d_q(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) = \mu(q\xi){}_0 d_q v(\xi) + v(\xi){}_0 d_q \mu(\xi) \\ &= \mu(q\xi)d_q v(\xi) + v(\xi)d_q \mu(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} {}_h d_1(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) &= d_h(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) = \mu(\xi + h){}_h d_1 v(\xi) + v(\xi){}_h d_1 \mu(\xi) \\ &= \mu(\xi + h)d_h v(\xi) + v(\xi)d_h \mu(\xi), \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Next, we define the  $q - h$ -derivative as follows:

**Definition 3.** Let  $0 < q < 1, h \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Then the  $q - h$ -derivative of  $\mu$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} C_h \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi) &= \frac{{}_h d_q \mu(\xi)}{{}_h d_q \xi} = \frac{\mu(q(\xi + h)) - \mu(\xi)}{(q-1)\xi + qh}, \xi \neq \frac{qh}{1-q} := \xi_\circ \\ C_h \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi_\circ) &= \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \xi_\circ} C_h \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Provided  $q(\xi + h) \in I$ .

For  $h = 0$  and  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (20), we have

$$C_0 \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi) = \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi) = \frac{d_q \mu(\xi)}{d_q \xi} = \frac{\mu(q\xi) - \mu(\xi)}{(q-1)\xi} \quad (21)$$

and

$$C_h \mathcal{D}_1 \mu(\xi) = \mathcal{D}_h \mu(\xi) = \frac{d_h \mu(\xi)}{d_h \xi} = \frac{\mu(\xi + h) - \mu(\xi)}{h}. \quad (22)$$

By setting  $h = 0, q \rightarrow 1$  in (20), we get the ordinary derivative of  $\mu$ , provided the limit exists.

**Example 1.** Consider  $P(x) = \xi^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$C_h \mathcal{D}_q(P(x)) = \frac{q^n(\xi + h)^n - \xi^n}{(q-1)\xi + qh} = \frac{(q^n - 1)\xi^n}{(q-1)\xi + qh} + \frac{q^n(n\xi^{n-1}h + \dots + h^n)}{(q-1)\xi + qh}. \quad (23)$$

For  $h = 0$  and  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (23), we have

$$C_0 \mathcal{D}_q(\xi^n) = \frac{q^n \xi^n - \xi^n}{(q-1)\xi} = \frac{q^n - 1}{q-1} \xi^{n-1} = [n]_q \xi^{n-1} = \mathcal{D}_q(\xi^n), \quad (24)$$

and

$$C_h \mathcal{D}_1(\xi^n) = \frac{(\xi + h)^n - \xi^n}{h} = n\xi^{n-1} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \xi^{n-2}h + \dots + h^{n-1}. \quad (25)$$

In particular we have  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} C_h \mathcal{D}_1(\xi^n) = n\xi^{n-1}$ .

### 2.1. Linearity

The  $q - h$ -derivative is linear i.e. for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and using the linearity of  $(q - h)$ -differentials we have:

$$C_h \mathcal{D}_q(\alpha\mu(\xi) + \beta\nu(\xi)) = \alpha C_h \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi) + \beta C_h \mathcal{D}_q \nu(\xi).$$

### 2.2. Product formula

The following formula for product of functions by using (19), can be obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} C_h \mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi)\nu(\xi)) &= \frac{{}_h d_q(\mu(\xi)\nu(\xi))}{{}_h d_q \xi} = \frac{\mu(q(\xi + h)){}_h d_q \nu(\xi) + {}_h d_q \mu(\xi)\nu(\xi)}{{}_h d_q \xi} \\ &= \mu(q(\xi + h))C_h \mathcal{D}_q \nu(\xi) + \nu(\xi)C_h \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The product formula for  $q$ -derivatives and  $h$ -derivatives can be obtained as follows:

By setting  $h = 0$  in (26), the  $q$ -derivative formula for products of functions is yielded:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{C}_0\mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) &= \frac{d_q(\mu(\xi)v(\xi))}{d_q\xi} = \mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) \\ &= \mu(q\xi)\mathcal{C}_0\mathcal{D}_qv(\xi) + v(\xi)\mathcal{C}_0\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi) \\ &= \mu(q\xi)\mathcal{D}_qv(\xi) + v(\xi)\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi).\end{aligned}\quad (27)$$

By taking  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (26), the  $h$ -derivative formula for products of functions is yielded:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_1(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) &= \frac{d_h(\mu(\xi)v(\xi))}{d_h\xi} = \mathcal{D}_h(\mu(\xi)v(\xi)) \\ &= \mu(\xi+h)\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_1v(\xi) + v(\xi)\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_1\mu(\xi) \\ &= \mu(\xi+h)\mathcal{D}_hv(\xi) + v(\xi)\mathcal{D}_h\mu(\xi).\end{aligned}\quad (28)$$

By using symmetry, we can have from (26):

$$\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q(v(\xi)\mu(\xi)) = v(q(\xi+h))\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi) + \mu(\xi)\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_qv(\xi). \quad (29)$$

Both (26) and (29) are equivalent.

### 2.3. Quotient formula

By using (26) and (29), the quotient formula of  $q-h$ -derivatives is calculated as follows: We have for  $v(\xi) \neq 0$

$$v(\xi)\frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)} = \mu(\xi). \quad (30)$$

By using definition of  $q-h$ -derivative and (26), we have

$$\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\left(v(\xi)\frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)}\right) = \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi)). \quad (31)$$

$$v(q(\xi+h))\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\left(\frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)}\right) + \frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)}\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_qv(\xi) = \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi)). \quad (32)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\left(\frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)}\right) &= \frac{\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi)) - \frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)}\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_qv(\xi)}{v(q(\xi+h))} \\ &= \frac{v(\xi)\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi)) - \mu(\xi)\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_qv(\xi)}{v(q(\xi+h))v(\xi)}.\end{aligned}\quad (33)$$

By using (29), one can get

$$\frac{\mu(q(\xi+h))}{v(q(\xi+h))}\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\left(v(\xi)\right) + v(\xi)\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\left(\frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)}\right) = \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\left(\mu(\xi)\right),$$

that is:

$$\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\left(\frac{\mu(\xi)}{v(\xi)}\right) = \frac{\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q(\mu(\xi))v(q(\xi+h)) - \mu(q(\xi+h))\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_qv(\xi)}{v(q(\xi+h))v(\xi)}. \quad (34)$$

**Remark 1.** By putting  $h = \frac{\omega}{q}$  for  $\omega > 0$ , equation (26) produces product and (33) produces quotient formulas for  $(q, \omega)$ -derivatives given in [3].

Next, let us define the  $q-h$ -binomial  $(\xi - a)_{h,q}^n$  analogue to  $(\xi - a)^n$  as follows:

$$(\xi - a)_{h,q}^n = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, \\ (\xi - a)(\xi - q(a + h))(\xi - q^2(a + 2h)) \dots (\xi - q^{n-1}(a + (n-1)h)), & n \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

Then it is clear that for  $h = 0$  we have  $(\xi - a)_{0,q}^n = (\xi - a)_q^n$  i.e. the  $q$ -analogue of  $(\xi - a)^n$  is obtained which is defined in [5, Page 8, Definition] as follows:

$$(\xi - a)_q^n = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, \\ (\xi - a)(\xi - qa) \dots (\xi - q^{n-1}a), & n \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

Also, from (35), for  $q \rightarrow 1$  we have  $(\xi - a)_{h,1}^n = (\xi - a)_h^n$  i.e. the  $h$ -analogue of  $(\xi - a)^n$  is obtained, it is defined in [5, Page 80, Definition] as follows:

$$(\xi - a)_h^n = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, \\ (\xi - a)(\xi - a - h) \dots (\xi - a - (n-1)h), & n \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

In the next, we find the  $q-h$ -derivative of  $q-h$ -binomial  $(\xi - a)_{h,q}^n$  as follows:  
For  $n = 1$ , we have

$${}_h\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{h,q}^1) = {}_h\mathcal{D}_q(\xi - a) = 1.$$

For  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_h\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{h,q}^2) &= {}_h\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)(\xi - q(a + h))) = (q(\xi + h) - q(a + h)).1 + (\xi - a) \\ &= (\xi - a)(1 + q) = [2]_q(\xi - a)_{h,q}^1. \end{aligned}$$

As  $h \rightarrow 0$  we have  ${}_0\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{0,q}^2) = \mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_q^2) = [2]_q(\xi - a)_q^1$ . While as  $q \rightarrow 1$  we have  ${}_h\mathcal{D}_1((\xi - a)_{h,1}^2) = \mathcal{D}_h((\xi - a)_h^2) = 2(\xi - a)_h^1$ .

For  $n = 3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_h\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{h,q}^3) &= {}_h\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{h,q}^2(\xi - q^2(a + 2h))) \\ &= (q(\xi + h) - q^2(a + 2h)) \{ (q + 1)(\xi - a) \} + (\xi - a)_{h,q}^2.1 \\ &= q(q + 1)(\xi - a)(\xi - q(a + h)) + q(1 - q^2)(\xi - a)h + (\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 \\ &= q(q + 1)(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 + (\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 + q(1 - q^2)(\xi - a)h \\ &= (q^2 + q + 1)(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 + q(1 - q^2)(\xi - a)h = [3]_q(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 + q(1 - q^2)h(\xi - a)_{h,q}^1. \end{aligned}$$

As  $h \rightarrow 0$  we have  ${}_0\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{0,q}^3) = \mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_q^3) = [3]_q(\xi - a)_q^2$ . While as  $q \rightarrow 1$  we have  ${}_h\mathcal{D}_1((\xi - a)_{h,1}^3) = \mathcal{D}_h((\xi - a)_h^3) = 3(\xi - a)_h^2$ .

For  $n = 4$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
{}_h\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{h,q}^4) &= {}_h\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{h,q}^3(\xi - q^3(a + 3h))) \\
&= (q(\xi + h) - q^3(a + 3h)) \left\{ [3]_q(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 + q(1 - q^2)h(\xi - a)_{h,q}^1 \right\} + (\xi - a)_{h,q}^3 \cdot 1 \\
&= [3]_q q(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2(\xi - q^2(a + 2h)) + hq^2(1 - q^2)(\xi - a)(\xi - q^2(a + 2h)) \\
&\quad + [3]_q qh(1 - q^2)(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 + q^2(1 - q^2)^2 h^2(\xi - a) + (\xi - a)_{h,q}^3 \\
&= (1 + [3]_q q)(\xi - a)_{h,q}^3 + [3]_q q(1 - q^2)h(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 + hq^2(1 - q^2)(\xi - a) \\
&\quad \{x - q^2(a + 3h) + h\} \\
&= [4]_q(\xi - a)_{h,q}^3 + [3]_q qh(1 - q^2)(\xi - a^2)_{h,q} + hq^2(1 - q^2)(\xi - a)(\xi - q(a + h)) \\
&\quad + hq^2(1 - q^2)(q(a + h) - q^2(a + 3h) + h)(\xi - a) \\
&= [4]_q(\xi - a)_{h,q}^3 + q(1 + q)^2(1 - q^2)h(\xi - a)_{h,q}^2 \\
&\quad + hq^2(1 - q^2)(q(a + h) - q^2(a + 3h) + h)(\xi - a).
\end{aligned}$$

As  $h \rightarrow 0$  we have  ${}_0\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{0,q}^4) = \mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_q^4) = [4]_q(\xi - a)_q^3$ . While as  $q \rightarrow 1$  we have  ${}_h\mathcal{D}_1((\xi - a)_{h,1}^4) = \mathcal{D}_h((\xi - a)_h^4) = 4(\xi - a)_h^3$ .

Inductively, one can see that:

As  $h \rightarrow 0$  we have  ${}_0\mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_{0,q}^n) = \mathcal{D}_q((\xi - a)_q^n) = [n]_q(\xi - a)_q^{n-1}$ .

As  $q \rightarrow 1$  we have  ${}_h\mathcal{D}_1((\xi - a)_{h,1}^n) = \mathcal{D}_h((\xi - a)_h^n) = n(\xi - a)_h^{n-1}$ .

If  $\mu$  is  $q - h$ -derivative of  $\mu$  i.e.  $\mu(\xi) = \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi)$ , then  $\mu$  is called  $q - h$ -anti-derivative of  $\mu$ . The  $q - h$ -anti-derivative is denoted by  $\int \mu(\xi) {}_h d_q x$ .

### 3. $q - h$ -Derivative on a Finite Interval

Here throughout the section,  $I := [a, b]$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . The  $q - h$ -derivative on  $I$  is given in the upcoming definition.

**Definition 4.** Let  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi \in I$  and  $\mu : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Then left  $q - h$ -derivative  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{a+}\mu$  and right  $q - h$ -derivative  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{b-}\mu$  on  $I$  are defined by;

$$\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{a+}\mu(\xi) := \frac{\mu((1-q)a + q(\xi + h)) - \mu(\xi)}{(1-q)(a - \xi) + qh}; \quad \xi \neq \frac{qh + (1-q)a}{1-q} := u, \quad (38)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{b-}\mu(\xi) := \frac{\mu((1-q)\xi + q(b + h)) - \mu(b)}{(1-q)(\xi - b) + qh}; \quad \xi \neq \frac{-qh + (1-q)b}{1-q} := v, \quad (39)$$

provided that  $(1-q)a + q(\xi + h) \in [a, \xi]$  and  $(1-q)\xi + q(b + h) \in [\xi, b]$ . Also,  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{a+}\mu(u) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow u} \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{a+}\mu(\xi)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{b-}\mu(v) = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow v} \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{b-}\mu(\xi)$ .

We say  $\mu$  is left  $q - h$ -differentiable on  $(a, x + h)$ , if for each of its point  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{a+}\mu(\xi)$  exists, and  $\mu$  is called right  $q - h$ -differentiable on  $(\xi + h, b)$ , if at each of its point  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{b-}\mu(\xi)$  exists. One can see that  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{a+}\mu(b) = \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{b-}\mu(a)$ . In (38), by setting  $h = 0$  one can get the  $q$ -derivative defined in Definition 1, i.e.  $\mathcal{C}_0\mathcal{D}_q^{a+}\mu(\xi) = {}_a\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi)$ . Also for  $a = 0$  one can have  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q^{0+}\mu(\xi) = \mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi)$ , i.e. the  $q - h$ -derivative given in (20) is deduced; for  $h = 0 = a$  one can have  $\mathcal{C}_0\mathcal{D}_q^{0+}\mu(\xi) = \mathcal{D}_q\mu(\xi)$ , i.e. the  $q$ -derivative is deduced; for  $a = 0$ ,  $q = 1$  one can have  $\mathcal{C}_h\mathcal{D}_1^{0+}\mu(\xi) = \mathcal{D}_h\mu(\xi)$  i.e. the  $h$ -derivative is deduced; for  $h = 0 = a$  and taking limit  $q \rightarrow 1$  one can get the usual derivative for a differentiable function  $\mu$  i.e.  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \mathcal{C}_0\mathcal{D}_q^{0+}\mu(\xi) = \frac{d}{d\xi}\mu(\xi)$ . One can get similar results from equation (39). The definition of left and right  $q$ -derivatives defined on  $I$  can be obtained from (39) by setting  $h = 0$  as follows:



**Definition 5.** Let  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi \in I$  and  $\mu : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Then left  $q$ -derivative  $\mathcal{D}_q^{a+} \mu$  and right  $q$ -derivatives  $\mathcal{D}_q^{b-} \mu$  on  $I$  are defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{D}_q^{a+} \mu(\xi) := \frac{\mu(q\xi + (1-q)a) - \mu(\xi)}{(1-q)(a-\xi)}; \quad \xi > a, \quad (40)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_q^{b-} \mu(\xi) := \frac{\mu(qb + (1-q)\xi) - \mu(b)}{(1-q)(\xi-b)}; \quad \xi < b. \quad (41)$$

It is notable that from (40), we have  $\mathcal{D}_q^{0+} \mu(\xi) = \mathcal{D}_q \mu(\xi)$  i.e. the left  $q$ -derivative coincides with  $q$ -derivative defined in Definition 1.

**Definition 6.** Let  $0 < q < 1$  and  $\mu : I = [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Then left  $q$ - $h$ -integral  $I_{q,h}^{a+} \mu$  and right  $q$ - $h$ -integral  $I_{q,h}^{b-} \mu$  on  $I$  are defined as follows:

$$I_{q,h}^{a+} \mu(\xi) := \int_a^\xi \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma \quad (42)$$

$$= ((1-q)(\xi-a) + qh) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \mu(q^n a + (1-q^n)\xi + nq^n h), \quad \xi > a,$$

$$I_{q,h}^{b-} \mu(\xi) := \int_\xi^b \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma \quad (43)$$

$$= ((1-q)(b-\xi) + qh) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \mu(q^n \xi + (1-q^n)b + nq^n h), \quad \xi < b.$$

**Example 2.** Consider  $\mu(\gamma) = \gamma - a$  and  $\nu(\gamma) = b - \gamma$ . The left and right  $q$ - $h$ -integrals are calculated as follows:

$$I_{q,h}^{a+} \mu(\xi) = \int_a^\xi (\gamma - a) {}_h d_q \gamma = \frac{(1-q)(\xi-a) + qh}{1-q} \left( \frac{q(\xi-a)}{1+q} + (1-q)h \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nq^{2n} \right) \quad (44)$$

and

$$I_{q,h}^{b-} \nu(\xi) = \int_\xi^b (b - \gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma = \frac{(1-q)(b-\xi) + qh}{1-q} \left( \frac{b-\xi}{1+q} + (1-q)h \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nq^{2n} \right), \quad (45)$$

where 1 is the radius of convergence of the series involved in above integrals.

**Example 3.** Let  $\mu(\gamma) = \xi - \gamma$  and  $\nu(\gamma) = \gamma - \xi$ . Then we have

$$I_{q,h}^{a+} \mu(\xi) = \int_a^\xi (\xi - \gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma = \frac{(1-q)(\xi-a) + qh}{1-q} \left( \frac{\xi-a}{1+q} - (1-q)h \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nq^{2n} \right) \quad (46)$$

and

$$I_{q,h}^{b-} \nu(\xi) = \int_\xi^b (\gamma - \xi) {}_h d_q \gamma = \frac{(1-q)(b-\xi) + qh}{1-q} \left( \frac{q(b-\xi)}{1+q} + (1-q)h \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nq^{2n} \right), \quad (47)$$

where 1 is the radius of convergence of the series involved in above integrals.

By setting  $h = 0$ , left and right  $q$ -integrals can be obtained and defined as follows:

**Definition 7.** Let  $0 < q < 1$  and  $\mu : I = [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Then the left  $q$ -integral  $I_q^{a+} \mu$  and right  $q$ -integral  $I_q^b \mu$  on  $I$  are given by;

$$I_{q-0}^{a+} \mu(\xi) = I_q^{a+} \mu(\xi) = \int_a^\xi \mu(\gamma) d_q \gamma = (1-q)(\xi-a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \mu(q^n a + (1-q^n)\xi), \quad \xi > a, \quad (48)$$

$$I_{q-0}^b \mu(\xi) = I_q^{b-} \mu(\xi) = \int_\xi^b \mu(\gamma) d_q \gamma = (1-q)(b-\xi) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \mu(q^n \xi + (1-q^n)b), \quad \xi < b. \quad (49)$$

Left  $q$ -integral is same as  $q_a$ -definite integral, and right  $q$ -integral is same as  $q^b$ -definite integral defined in [2] and [1] respectively.

**Example 4.** Consider  $\mu(\gamma) = \gamma - a$  and  $\nu(\gamma) = b - \gamma$ . By setting  $h = 0$  in Example 2, one can have  $I_{q-0}^{a+} \mu(\xi) = I_q^{a+} \mu(\xi) = \int_a^\xi (\gamma - a) d_q \gamma = \frac{q(\xi-a)^2}{1+q}$  and  $I_{q-0}^b \nu(\xi) = I_q^{b-} \nu(\xi) = \int_\xi^b (b - \gamma) d_q \gamma = \frac{(b-\xi)^2}{1+q}$ .

By considering  $q \rightarrow 1$ , one can have left and right  $h$ -integrals defined in upcoming definition.

**Definition 8.** Let  $\mu : I = [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Then the left  $h$ -integral  $I_h^{a+} \mu$  and right  $h$ -integral  $I_h^b \mu$  on  $I$  are defined as follows:

$$I_h^{a+} \mu(\xi) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} I_{q,h}^{a+} \mu(\xi), \quad \xi > a, \quad (50)$$

$$I_h^{b-} \mu(\xi) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} I_{q,h}^{b-} \mu(\xi), \quad \xi < b. \quad (51)$$

It is noted from Definition 6 that  $I_{q,h}^{a+} \mu(b) = I_{q,h}^{b-} \mu(a) = \int_a^b \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q t$ .

#### 4. Some $q - h$ -integral inequalities for convex functions

In this section we give inequalities for  $q - h$ -integrals of convex functions. A function  $\mu : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called convex if the following inequality holds for all  $u, v \in [a, b]$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ :

$$\mu(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v) \leq \lambda \mu(u) + (1-\lambda) \mu(v) \quad (52)$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mu : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function. Also, let  $a, b \in J^\circ$ , the interior of  $J$ . The left and right  $q - h$ -integrals satisfy the following inequalities:

$$I_{q,h}^{a+} \mu(\xi) \leq \frac{(1-q)(\xi-a) + qh}{(1-q)(\xi-a)} \left\{ \mu(a) \left( \frac{\xi-a}{1+q} - (1-q)hS \right) + \mu(\xi) \left( \frac{q(\xi-a)}{1+q} + (1-q)hS \right) \right\}, \quad (53)$$

and

$$I_{q,h}^{b-} \mu(\xi) \leq \frac{(1-q)(b-\xi) + qh}{(1-q)(b-\xi)} \left\{ \mu(\xi) \left( \frac{b-\xi}{1+q} + (1-q)hS \right) + \mu(b) \left( \frac{q(b-\xi)}{1+q} + (1-q)hS \right) \right\}, \quad (54)$$

where  $S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nq^{2n}$ .

**Proof.** For  $\gamma \in [a, \xi]$ , we have  $\frac{\xi-\gamma}{\xi-a} \in [0, 1]$ . By selecting  $\lambda = \frac{\xi-\gamma}{\xi-a}$ ,  $u = a$ ,  $v = \xi$  in (52) we get the following inequality:

$$\mu(\gamma) \leq \frac{\xi-\gamma}{\xi-a} \mu(a) + \frac{\gamma-a}{\xi-a} \mu(\xi).$$

By taking  $q-h$ -integral over  $[a, \xi]$  we have

$$\in \gamma_a^\xi \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma \leq \frac{\mu(a)}{\xi-a} \in \gamma_a^\xi (\xi-\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma + \frac{\mu(\xi)}{\xi-a} \mu \in \gamma_a^\xi (\gamma-a) {}_h d_q \gamma.$$

By using values of integrals involved in above inequality from (44) and (46), one can obtain the required inequality (53). On the other hand for  $\gamma \in [\xi, b]$ , we have  $\frac{b-\gamma}{b-\xi} \in [0, 1]$ . By selecting  $\lambda = \frac{b-\gamma}{b-\xi}$ ,  $u = \xi$ ,  $v = b$  in (52) we get the following inequality:

$$\mu(\gamma) \leq \frac{b-\gamma}{b-\xi} \mu(\xi) + \frac{\gamma-\xi}{b-\xi} \mu(b).$$

By taking  $q-h$ -integral over  $[\xi, b]$  we have

$$\in \gamma_\xi^b \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma \leq \frac{\mu(\xi)}{b-\xi} \in \gamma_\xi^b (b-\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma + \frac{\mu(b)}{b-\xi} \mu \in \gamma_\xi^b (\gamma-\xi) {}_h d_q \gamma.$$

By using values of integrals involved in above inequality from (45) and (47), one can obtain the required inequality (54).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** As an application of the above theorem, the following inequalities for left and right  $q$ -integrals hold:

$$I_q^{a+} \mu(\xi) \leq \mu(a) \left( \frac{\xi-a}{1+q} \right) + \mu(\xi) \left( \frac{q(\xi-a)}{1+q} \right), \quad (55)$$

and

$$I_q^{b-} \mu(\xi) \leq \mu(\xi) \left( \frac{b-\xi}{1+q} \right) + \mu(b) \left( \frac{q(b-\xi)}{1+q} \right). \quad (56)$$

**Remark 2.** By taking  $\xi = b$  in (55) or  $\xi = a$  in (56), one can obtain the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \in \gamma_a^b \mu(\gamma) {}_a d_q \gamma \leq \frac{\mu(a) + q\mu(b)}{1+q}. \quad (57)$$

The above inequality (57) is independently proved in [2, Theorem 12].

The following lemma is required to prove the next result.

**Lemma 1** ([4]). Let  $\mu : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function. If  $\mu$  is symmetric about  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ , then the following inequality holds:

$$\mu \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \leq \mu(\xi), \quad (58)$$

for all  $\xi \in [a, b]$ .

**Theorem 2.** If  $\mu$  is symmetric about  $\frac{a+b}{2}$  along with the assumptions of Theorem 1, then the following inequality holds:

$$\mu\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1-q}{(1-q)(\xi-a)+qh} \int_a^{\xi} \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma + \frac{1-q}{(1-q)(b-\xi)+qh} \int_{\xi}^b \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma, \quad (59)$$

$$\xi \in [a, b].$$

**Proof.** A convex function symmetric about  $\frac{a+b}{2}$  satisfies the inequality (58). Therefore by taking  $q-h$ -integration of (58) over  $[a, \xi]$  we have

$$\mu\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{(1-q)(\xi-a)+qh}{1-q} \leq \int_a^{\xi} \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma. \quad (60)$$

On the other hand by taking  $q-h$ -integration of (58) over  $[\xi, b]$  we have

$$\mu\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{(1-q)(b-\xi)+qh}{1-q} \leq \int_{\xi}^b \mu(\gamma) {}_h d_q \gamma. \quad (61)$$

By adding (60) and (61), one can get the inequality (59).  $\square$

**Remark 3.** By taking  $x = b$  in (60) or  $x = a$  along with  $h = 0$  in (61), one can obtain the following inequality:

$$\mu\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \mu(\gamma) d_q \gamma. \quad (62)$$

The above inequality (62) is independently proved in [2, Theorem 3.2], but unfortunately the proof is not correct, see [6, Example 5]. But here we have imposed an additional condition of symmetric function to get the result. Hence if we impose a condition of symmetry in addition to assumptions of [2, Theorem 3.2], we get the correct result.

## Conclusions

This article aims to provide a base in unifying the theory of  $q$ - and  $h$ -derivatives given in [5] by Kac and Cheung. In this effort, the notion of  $q-h$ -derivative is introduced which generates  $q$ -derivative and  $h$ -derivative. The  $q-h$ -binomial  $(\xi-a)_{h,q}^n$  analogue to  $(\xi-a)^n$  is defined, which generates  $q$ -binomial  $(\xi-a)_q^n$  and  $h$ -binomial  $(\xi-a)_h^n$  in particular. The  $q-h$ -derivatives of  $q-h$ -binomial  $(\xi-a)_{h,q}^n$  are found which generate  $q$ -derivative of  $q$ -binomial  $(\xi-a)_q^n$  and  $h$ -derivative of  $h$ -binomial  $(\xi-a)_h^n$  in particular. Rest of the theory in [5] needs attention of researchers, it may be unified. Also,  $q-h$ -derivatives and integrals are defined on an interval  $[a, b]$ , which are used to establish some inequalities which are linked with recent research and provide correct proof of an inequality of [2].

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