

# Interpolation of entire functions, product formula for basic sine function

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## Abstract

We solve the problem of constructing entire functions where  $\ln M(r; f)$  grows like  $\ln^2 r$  from their values at  $q^{-n}$ , for  $0 < q < 1$ . As application we give a product formula for the basic sine function.

## 1 Introduction

In [9], Ismail and Zhang introduced the  $q$ -analogue of the exponential and trigonometric functions. They used transform formula to analytically continue to entire functions in the variable  $\omega$ . Suslov (see [14]) identified a special case which leads to a comprehensive orthogonal system of functions. This opened the door for a comprehensive study of  $q$ -Fourier series, where  $q$ -analogues of some results in classical Fourier series have been proved (see [14]). In this paper we give a product formula for the basic sine function.

In this work we mostly follow the terminology of [4]. We will always assume  $0 < q < 1$ . We first remind the reader of the notations to be used. A  $q$ -shifted factorial is defined by (see [4])

$$(a; q)_0 = 1, \quad (a; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty \quad (1.1)$$

and more generally

$$(a_1, \dots, a_s; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (a_k; q)_k, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty \quad (1.2)$$

A basic hypergeometric series is

$${}_r\varphi_s(a_1, \dots, a_{r+1}; b_1, \dots, b_r; q, z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_r; q)_k}{(b_1, \dots, b_s, q; q)_k} \left[ (-1)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}} \right]^{1+s-r} z^k. \quad (1.3)$$

Given a function  $f$  defined on  $(-1, 1)$ , we set  $\check{f}(e^{i\theta}) := f(x)$ ,  $x = \cos \theta$ . In other words we think of  $f(\cos \theta)$  as a function of  $e^{i\theta}$ . In this notation the Askey-Wilson finite difference operator  $\mathcal{D}_q$  is defined by

$$(\mathcal{D}_q f)(x) = \frac{\check{f}(q^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{i\theta}) - \check{f}(q^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-i\theta})}{(q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}})i \sin \theta}. \quad (1.4)$$

## 2 Interpolation of entire functions

In a recent work, M.E.H. Ismail and D. Stanton (see [7]) solved the problem of constructing entire functions from their values at  $\frac{1}{2}[aq^n + \frac{1}{aq^n}]$ , for entire functions satisfying

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\ln M(r; f)}{\ln^2 r} = c, \quad (2.1)$$

for a particular  $c$  which depends upon  $q$ . Here  $M(r; f)$  is

$$M(r; f) = \sup \{|f(z)| : |z| \leq r\}.$$

In this section, we adopt their method to solve interpolation problem for the sequence

$$\{q^{-n}, n = 0, 1, \dots\}.$$

Let us begin by the following lemma:

**Lemma 1.** *The Cauchy's kernel  $\frac{1}{y-x}$  has the expansion*

$$\frac{1}{y-x} = \frac{(x; q)_\infty}{(y-x)(y; q)_\infty} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x; q)_k}{(y; q)_{k+1}} q^k,$$

for all  $y$  such that  $y \neq x$  and  $y \neq q^{-n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$

**Proof.** By induction on  $n$ , one proves easily that for  $y \neq x$  and  $y \neq q^{-n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{y-x} = \frac{(x; q)_{n+1}}{(y-x)(y; q)_{n+1}} + \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(x; q)_k}{(y; q)_{k+1}} q^k.$$

The result follows when we tend  $n$  to  $\infty$ . ■

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f$  be an analytic function in a bounded domain  $D$  and let  $C$  be a contour within  $D$  and  $x$  belongs to the interior of  $C$ . If the contour  $C$  is at a positive distance from the set  $\{q^{-n}; n = 0, 1, \dots\}$ , then*

$$f(x) = \frac{(x; q)_\infty}{2i\pi} \int_C \frac{f(y)}{(y-x)(y; q)_\infty} dy + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k f_k(x; q)_k,$$

where

$$f_k = \int_C \frac{f(y)}{(y; q)_{k+1}} dy$$

**Proof.** Multiply the first expansion in Lemma 1 by  $f(y)$ , integrate with respect to  $y$  and interchange integration and summation, the result follows from Cauchy’s theorem. ■

**Theorem 3.** Any entire function  $f$  satisfying (2.1) with  $c < \frac{1}{2 \ln q^{-1}}$  has a convergent expansion

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(x; q)_n.$$

Moreover any function  $f$  is uniquely determined by its values on  $\{q^{-n} : n \geq 0\}$ .

To prove Theorem 3, let us first state and prove the following lemma:

**Lemma 4.** Let  $-1 < \delta < 0$ , and  $f$  be entire function satisfying (5) with  $c < \frac{1}{2 \ln q^{-1}}$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|y|=q^{-n-\delta}} \frac{f(y)}{(y-x)(y; q)_{\infty}} dy = 0.$$

Moreover, the same conclusion holds if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^{n(n+2\delta+1)/2} \sup \left\{ f(q^{-n-\delta} e^{i\theta}) : 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \right\} = 0. \tag{2.2}$$

**Proof.** It is clear that  $\inf\{(y; q)_{\infty} : |y| = r\} = |(r; q)_{\infty}|$ . Hence for  $|y| = q^{-n-\delta}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(y; q)_{\infty}| &\geq \left| (q^{-n-\delta}; q)_n (q^{-\delta}; q)_{\infty} \right|, \\ &= q^{-n(n+2\delta+1)/2} (q^{\delta+1}; q)_n (q^{-\delta}; q)_{\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows. ■

Instead of proving the expansion in Theorem 3 in the basis  $\{(x; q)_n\}$ , we shall prove the following equivalent result:

**Theorem 5.** The expansion formula

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n f_n(x; q)_n,$$

with

$$f_n = \frac{1}{(q; q)_n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(q; q)_n}{(q; q)_{n-k} (q; q)_k} (-1)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}} f(q^{-k}),$$

for functions  $f$  satisfying the assumptions of Lemma 4.

**Proof.** Let  $C_m$  be a circle centered at  $y = 0$  with radius  $q^{-m-\delta}$ . The Lemma 4 shows that the first integral in Theorem 2 is small if  $m$  is large. We split the remaining terms with  $n > m$ , and initial terms with  $n \leq m$ . We will show that the tail is small, leaving

the initial terms. Then a residue calculation establishes the expression for  $f_n$ , because the poles of  $\frac{f(y)}{(y; q)_{n+1}}$  are at  $y = q^{-k}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Note that if  $n > m$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \min\{|(y; q)_{n+1}| & : |y| = q^{-m-\delta}\} \\ &= (q^{-m-\delta}; q)_m (q^{-\delta}; q)_{n+1-m} \\ &= q^{-m(m+2\delta+1)} (q^{\delta+1}; q)_m (q^{-\delta}; q)_{n+1-m} \\ &\geq q^{-((m+\delta)^2+1-\delta^2)/2} A, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A$  is a positive constant independent of  $n$  and  $m$ . Therefore for sufficiently large  $m$ , and  $|y| = q^{-m-\delta}$ ,

$$\ln\left[M(q^{-m-\delta}, \frac{f(y)}{(y; q)_{n+1}})\right] \leq [c_1 + \frac{1}{2 \ln q}] \ln^2(q^{-m-\delta}) + O(m)$$

for some  $c_1, c \leq c_1 \leq \frac{1}{2 \ln q^{-1}}$ .

This is a uniform bound of  $e^{-D(\ln q^{-m-\delta})^2}$ ,  $D > 0$ , for each integral for  $n > m$ . Since  $(x; q)_n \rightarrow (x; q)_\infty$ , there is a uniform bound  $B$  for  $(x; q)_n$  on compact sets. Thus the tail is bounded by

$$\sum_{n=m+1}^{\infty} Bq^n e^{-D(\ln q^{-m-\delta})^2} \leq B \frac{q^{m+1}}{1-q} e^{-D(\ln q^{-m-\delta})^2},$$

which is small for  $m$  large. ■

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $f$  be entire function satisfying (2.1) with  $c < \frac{1}{2 \ln q^{-1}}$ . Then*

$$\frac{f(x)}{(x; q)_\infty} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n+1}{2}}}{(q; q)_n (q; q)_\infty} \frac{f(q^{-n})}{1 - q^n x}.$$

**Proof.** Consider

$$I_m := \int_{|y|=q^{-m-\delta}} \frac{f(y)}{(y-x)(y; q)_\infty} dy.$$

From Lemma 4,  $I_m \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . On the other hand

$$I_m = \frac{f(x)}{(x; q)_\infty} - \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n+1}{2}}}{(q; q)_n (q; q)_\infty} \frac{f(q^{-n})}{1 - q^n x},$$

and the Theorem follows. ■

**Theorem 7.** *Let the complex numbers  $b_1, \dots, b_m$ , satisfy the estimate*

$$|b_1 \dots b_m| q^{\frac{m(1-m)}{2}} < 1, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots$$

Let  $f$  be an entire function satisfying

$$M(q^{-ms-\delta}, f) \leq M(q^{ms-\delta}, (b_1z, \dots, b_mz; q^m)_\infty).$$

Then

$$\frac{f(x)}{(x; q)_\infty} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n+1}{2}}}{(q; q)_n (q; q)_\infty} \frac{f(q^{-n})}{1 - q^n x}.$$

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} M(q^{-ms-\delta}; (b_1z, \dots, b_mz; q^m)_\infty) &\leq \prod_{j=1}^m (-|b_j| q^{-ms-\delta}; q^m)_\infty, \\ &\leq \prod_{j=1}^m (-|b_j| q^{-ms-\delta}; q^m)_s (-|b_j| q^{-\delta}; q^m)_\infty, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$M(q^{-ms-\delta}; f) q^{ms(ms+2\delta+1)/2} \leq C(|b_1 \dots b_m| q^{\frac{m(1-m)}{2}})^s,$$

where  $C$  is a constant depending only on  $b_1, \dots, b_m, \delta$  but not on  $s$ . ■

### 3 Product formula for q-sine function

We start by a q-exponential function, defined in [9] as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_q(\cos \theta, \omega) &= \frac{(\alpha^2; q^2)_\infty}{(q\alpha^2; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-ie^{i\theta} q^{\frac{(1-n)}{2}}, -ie^{-i\theta} q^{\frac{(1-n)}{2}}; q)_n \\ &\quad \frac{(i\omega)^n}{(q; q)_n} q^{\frac{n^2}{4}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

The following functions  $C_q(x; \omega)$  and  $S_q(x; \omega)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} C_q(x; \omega) &= \frac{(-\omega^2; q^2)_\infty}{(-q\omega^2; q^2)_\infty} \\ &\quad {}_2\varphi_1(-qe^{2i\theta}, -qe^{-2i\theta}; q; q^2, -\omega^2) \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} S_q(x; \omega) &= \frac{(-\omega^2; q^2)_\infty}{(-q\omega^2; q^2)_\infty} \\ &\quad \frac{2q^{\frac{1}{4}}\omega}{1 - q} \cos \theta {}_2\varphi_1(-q^2 e^{2i\theta}, -q^2 e^{-2i\theta}; q^3; q^2, -\omega^2), \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

were discussed recently in [14] as  $q$ -analogues of  $\cos \omega x$  and  $\sin \omega x$  on a  $q$ -quadratic lattice  $x = \cos \theta$ . The functions  $C_q(x; \omega)$  and  $S_q(x; \omega)$  are defined for  $|\omega| < 1$  only. For an analytic continuation of these functions in a large domain see [9],[14]. For example,

$$C_q(x; \omega) = \frac{(q\omega^2 e^{2i\theta}, q\omega^2 e^{-2i\theta}; q^2)_\infty}{(q, -q\omega^2; q^2)_\infty} \times {}_2\varphi_2(-\omega^2, -q\omega^2; q\omega^2 e^{2i\theta}, q\omega^2 e^{-2i\theta}; q^2, q), \quad (3.4)$$

$$S_q(x; \omega) = \frac{(q^2\omega^2 e^{2i\theta}, q^2\omega^2 e^{-2i\theta}; q^2)_\infty}{(q^3, -q\omega^2; q^2)_\infty} \frac{2q^{\frac{1}{4}}\omega}{1-q} \times {}_2\varphi_2(-\omega^2, -q\omega^2; q^2\omega^2 e^{2i\theta}, q^2\omega^2 e^{-2i\theta}; q^2, q^3), \quad (3.5)$$

The notation for  $S_q(x; \omega)$  is the same as the ones proposed by Suslov in [14]. The  $q$ -sine function satisfies the  $q$ -difference equation (see[14])

$$\mathcal{D}_q^2 S_q(x; \omega) = -\frac{\omega^2 q^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(1-q)^2} S_q(x; \omega). \quad (3.6)$$

Suslov established the continuous orthogonality relations for the  $q$ -sine function( see [14]),

$$\int_0^\pi S_q(\cos \theta; \omega) S_q(\cos \theta; \omega') \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(q^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2i\theta}, q^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty} d\theta = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\pi S_q^2(\cos \theta; \omega) \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(q^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2i\theta}, q^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty} d\theta \\ &= \pi \frac{(q^{\frac{1}{2}}, -q^{\frac{1}{2}}\omega^2; q)_\infty}{(q, -\omega^2; q)_\infty} \frac{(-\omega^2; q^2)_\infty}{(-q\omega^2; q^2)_\infty} \\ & \quad \times {}_2\varphi_1\left(-q^{\frac{1}{2}}, \omega^2; -q^{\frac{1}{2}}\omega^2; q, q\right). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$  are different solutions of the equation

$$S\left(\frac{1}{2}(q^{\frac{1}{4}} + q^{-\frac{1}{4}}); \omega\right) = 0.$$

The continuous  $q$ -Hermite polynomials is defined by (see [13])

$$H_n(\cos \theta | q) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(q; q)_n}{(q; q)_k (q; q)_{n-k}} e^{i(n-2k)\theta}. \quad (3.7)$$

The continuous  $q$ -Hermite polynomials satisfy the  $q$ -difference equation (see [13])

$$\frac{1}{w(x)} \mathcal{D}_q[w(x) \mathcal{D}_q y(x)] = -4q^{-n+1} \frac{1-q^n}{(1-q)^2} y(x).$$

and the product formula (see [12])

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_n(x \mid q)H_n(y \mid q) &= \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{2\pi t^n} \int_0^\pi K_t(\cos \theta, \cos \phi, \cos \psi) \\
 &\times H_n(\cos \psi \mid q)(e^{2i\psi}, e^{-2i\psi}; q)_\infty d\psi
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.8}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &K_t(\cos \theta, \cos \phi, \cos \psi) \\
 &= \frac{(t^2 e^{2i\psi}; q)_\infty}{(e^{-2i\psi}, te^{i(\theta+\phi+\psi)}, te^{i(\theta-\phi+\psi)}, te^{i(\phi+\psi-\theta)}, te^{i(-\theta-\phi+\psi)}; q)_\infty} \\
 &\times {}_6\varphi_5 \left( \begin{matrix} te^{i(\theta+\phi+\psi)}, te^{i(\theta-\phi+\psi)}, te^{i(\psi+\phi-\theta)}, te^{i(-\theta-\phi+\psi)}, 0, 0 \\ qe^{2i\psi}, te^{i\psi}, -te^{i\psi}, \sqrt{q}te^{i\psi}, -\sqrt{q}te^{i\psi} \end{matrix} \middle| q, qe^{i\psi} \right) \\
 &+ \text{a similar terms with } \psi \text{ replaced by } -\psi.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.9}$$

In the following proposition, we show that the function  $\tilde{S}_q(x; \omega)$  defined by

$$\tilde{S}_q(x; \omega) = \frac{(1 - q)(q^3, q\omega^2; q^2)_\infty S_q(x; i\omega)}{2q^{1/4}x(-q^2 e^{2i\theta}, -q^2 e^{-2i\theta}; q^2)_\infty},$$

is a nonterminating extension of the continuous q-Hermite polynomials.

**Proposition 8.** *For  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  we have*

$$\tilde{S}_q(x; q^{-n}) = iq^{-n^2} H_{2n}(x \mid q).$$

**Proof.** From (Theorem 2.2, [8]), we have

$$H_n(x \mid q) = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k \psi_k(x),$$

where

$$c_k = \frac{q^{\frac{k^2-k}{4}}(1 - q)^k}{2^k(q; q)_k} (\mathcal{D}_q^k H_n(x \mid q))(0)$$

and

$$\psi_k(x) = (1 + e^{2i\theta})(-q^{2-n} e^{2i\theta}; q^2)_{n-1} e^{-in\theta}.$$

In the other hand

$$H_{2n+1}(0 \mid q) = 0, \quad H_{2n}(0 \mid q) = (-1)^n (q; q^2)_n$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}_q^k H_n(x \mid q) = \left(\frac{2}{1 - q}\right)^k q^{-\frac{1}{2}(\binom{n}{2} - \binom{n-k}{2})} \frac{(q; q)_n}{(q; q)_{n-k}} H_{n-k}(x \mid q).$$

Therefore  $H_{2n}(x \mid q)$  has the q-Taylor expansion

$$H_{2n}(x \mid q) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \frac{(q; q)_{2n} q^{2k(k-n)}}{(q; q)_{2k} (q^2; q^2)_{n-k}} \psi_{2k}(x).$$

After some computations we get the proposition. ■

Now put

$$k(\omega; q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{2n^2+n} (\omega^2; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q^2; q^2)_n (q^2; q^2)_{\infty} (1 - q^n \omega^2)},$$

is no difficult to see that the function  $k(\omega; q)$  is entire and satisfy

$$k(q^{-n}; q) = q^{n^2}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

In the following proposition we establish a product formula for the basic function.

**Proposition 9.** *The  $q$ -sine function satisfy the product formula*

$$\begin{aligned} S_q(\cos \theta; \omega) S_q(\cos \phi; \omega) &= \int_0^{\pi} \Delta(\cos \theta, \cos \phi, \cos \psi) \\ &\quad \times S_q(\cos \psi; \omega) (e^{2i\psi}, e^{-2i\psi}; q)_{\infty} d\psi \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\cos \theta, \cos \phi, \cos \psi) &= \frac{2iq^{1/4} (-q^2 e^{2i\theta}, -q^2 e^{-2i\theta}, -q^2 e^{2i\phi}, -q^2 e^{-2i\phi}; q^2)_{\infty}}{\pi k(\omega; q) (1-q) (q^3, q\omega^2; q^2)_{\infty} (-q^2 e^{2i\psi}, -q^2 e^{-2i\psi}; q^2)_{\infty}} \\ &\quad \frac{\cos \theta \cos \phi}{\cos \psi} K_1(\cos \theta, \cos \phi, \cos \psi). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Put

$$\begin{aligned} g(\omega) &= k(i\omega^5; q^5) \tilde{S}_{q^5}(\cos \theta; \omega^5) \tilde{S}_{q^5}(\cos \phi; \omega^5) \\ &\quad - \int_0^{\pi} i K_1(\cos \theta, \cos \phi, \cos \psi, q^{10}) \\ &\quad \times \tilde{S}_{q^5}(\cos \psi; \omega^5) (e^{2i\psi}, e^{-2i\psi}; q^{10})_{\infty} d\psi, \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to show that the function  $g$  is entire and from proposition 9 and the product formula (13), we have

$$g(q^{-n}) = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

By (3.5), we have

$$M(q^{-s-\delta/10}, g) \leq CM(q^{-10s-\delta}, (q^5 z; q^{10})_{\infty}^{10}).$$

Then according to the Theorem 7, we have

$$g = 0.$$

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