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# On the *q*-translation associated with the Askey-Wilson operator

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# Abstract

In this article, we solve the open problem 24.5.6 given in the study of Ismail, which consists of extending the action of *q*-translation operators introduced by Ismail to some measurable functions by means of basic Fourier theory. Also, we prove that the *q*-exponential function is the only solution of the *q*-analogue of the Cauchy functional equation. As application we give an inversion formula for the *q*-Gauss Weierstrass transform.

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# Introduction

The concept of the *q*-translation operators  $E_q^{\gamma}$  introduced by Ismail [1] was defined in polynomials through their action on the continuous *q*-Hermite polynomials  $H_m(x \mid q)$  as follows

$$E_q^{\gamma} H_n(x|q) = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(q;q)_n}{(q;q)_m(q;q)_{n-m}} H_m(x|q) g_{n-m}(\gamma) q^{(m^2 - n^2)/4},$$
(1)

where

$$g_n(\cos(\theta)) = q^{n^2/4} (1 + e^{2i\theta}) e^{-in\theta} (-q^{2-n} e^{2i\theta}; q^2)_{n-1}$$

In others words

$$\frac{q^{n^2/4}}{(q;q)_n} E_q^{\gamma} H_n(x|q) = \sum_{0 \le m, j, m+2j \le n} \frac{q^{j+(m^2+(n-m-2j)^2)/4}}{(q^2;q^2)_j} \frac{H_m(x|q)H_{n-m-2j}(\gamma|q)}{(q;q)_m(q;q)_{n-m-2j}}$$

where the polynomials  $H_n$  ( $x \mid q$ ) are defined by (see [2,3])

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

It was shown in [1] that the *q*-translation operators  $E_q^{\gamma}$  commute with the Askey-Wilson operator  $\mathcal{D}_q$  on the space of all polynomials and by the use of the following expansion [3]



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$$(q\alpha^2; q^2)_{\infty} \mathcal{E}_q(x; \alpha) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{(q; q)_n} q^{n^2/4} H_n(x|q).$$
(3)

In ([1], (2.21)), the author proved the following product formula for the q-exponential function

$$E_q^{\gamma} \mathcal{E}_q(x;\alpha) = \mathcal{E}_q(x;\alpha) \mathcal{E}_q(y;\alpha).$$
(4)

Furthermore, if y and z are two complex variables, then we have [1]

$$\begin{split} E_q^{\gamma} E_q^z &= E_q^z E_q^{\gamma}, \\ E_q^{\gamma} f(x) &= E_q^x f(\gamma). \end{split}$$

In [3] problem 24.5.6, Ismail proposed the extension of the action of  $E_q^{\gamma}$  to measurable functions and proving that the only measurable functional solution of the *q*-analogue of the Cauchy functional equation

$$E_q^{\gamma}f(x) = f(x)f(\gamma)$$

is the *q*-exponential function.  $\mathcal{E}_q(x;\alpha)$ . The purpose of this paper is to define a new *q*-translation operator  $T_q^x$  related to Askey-Wilson operator acting in some measurable functions by means of the basic Fourier series. We show that the new *q*-Translation coincides with  $E_q^{\gamma}$  on the set of continuous *q*-Hermite polynomials. In the same context, we establish many properties satisfied by the *q*-translation operator and generalizing the classical ones.

In the first section, we recall some results of basic Fourier series given in [4]. In Section "Preliminaries", we define and study the *q*-translation operator  $T_q^x$ . Also we solve the following problem

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_{q,x}u(x, \gamma) = \mathcal{D}_{q,\gamma}u(x, \gamma) \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), f \in H_{\varepsilon}. \end{cases}$$
(5)

As a consequence of (5) we solve the basic analogue of the Cauchy functional equation

$$f(x \oplus \gamma) := T_a^x f(\gamma) = f(x) f(\gamma), \tag{6}$$

where the function f is in the same subspace of  $L^2(w(x) dx)$ . In addition, we prove the *q*-translation invariance of the measure w(x) dx over (-1, 1). Some *q*-analogous of the Gauss Weierstrass transforms are studied in Section "*q*-Gauss Weierstrass transform".

#### **Preliminaries**

Let 0 < q < 1 and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , the *q*-shift factorial is defined by (see [2])

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

Given a function f(x) with  $x = \cos \theta$ , f(x) can be viewed as a function of  $e^{i\theta}$ .

Let

$$\check{f}(e^{i\theta}) := f(\cos \theta).$$

The Askey-Wilson-divided difference operator  $\mathcal{D}_q$  is defined by

$$(\mathcal{D}_{q}f)(x) = \frac{\breve{f}(q^{\frac{1}{2}}e^{i\theta}) - \breve{f}(q^{-\frac{1}{2}}e^{i\theta})}{(q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}})i\sin\theta}.$$
(7)

The *q*-exponential function is given by [5]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_q(\cos\theta,\ \cos\phi;\alpha) &= \frac{(\alpha^2;q^2)_{\infty}}{(q\alpha^2;q^2)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-e^{i(\theta+\phi)}q^{(1-n)/2},\ -e^{i(\theta-\phi)}q^{(1-n)/2};q\right)_n \\ &\times \frac{(\alpha e^{-i\phi})^n}{(q;q)_n}q^{n^2/4}. \end{aligned}$$

The *q*-exponential function  $\mathcal{E}_q(\cos\theta, \cos\phi; \alpha)$  is a solution of the *q*-difference equation of first-order [3]

$$\mathcal{D}_q \mathcal{E}_q(\cos \theta, \ \cos \phi; \alpha) = \frac{2\alpha q^{1/4}}{1-q} \mathcal{E}_q(\cos \theta, \ \cos \phi; \alpha).$$

Put

$$\mathcal{E}_q(x;\alpha)=\mathcal{E}_q(x,\ 0;\alpha),$$

then, we have (see [3])

$$\mathcal{E}_q(x,\ \gamma;\alpha)=\mathcal{E}_q(x;\alpha)\mathcal{E}_q(\gamma;\alpha),$$

and

$$\lim_{q\to 1} \mathcal{E}_q(x; (1-q)\alpha) = \exp(2\alpha x).$$

Ismail and Zhang [5,3] defined the *q*-cosine and *q*-sine functions through their *q*-exponential function as in the standard way, i.e.,

 $\mathcal{E}_q(x;i\omega)=C_q(x;\omega)+iS_q(x;\omega),$ 

and used transformation formulas to continue them analytically to entire functions in the variable  $\omega$ . Bustoz and Suslov [4] have established the following orthogonality relations

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \mathcal{E}_{q}(x; i\omega_{n}) \overline{\mathcal{E}_{q}(x; i\omega_{m})} w(x) dx = 2k(\omega_{n}) \delta_{n,m}, \tag{8}$$

where

$$w(\cos\theta) = \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{1/2}e^{2i\theta}, q^{1/2}e^{-2i\theta}; q)_{\infty}},$$
  
$$k(\omega) = \pi \frac{(q^{1/2}; q)_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty}^2} \frac{(-\omega^2; q^2)_{\infty}}{(-q\omega^2; q^2)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k/2}}{1 + \omega^2 q^k},$$

 $\omega_0 = 0, \omega_1 < \omega_2 < \dots$ , are zeros of the *q*-sine function  $S_q((q^{1/4} + q^{-1/4})/2); \omega)$  and for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, \omega_{-n} = -\omega_n$ .

From [4], we have the following asymptotic estimates as  $n \to \infty$ 

$$\omega_n \sim q^{1/4-n}, \ and \ k(\omega_n) \sim 2\pi \frac{(-q; q^2)_{\infty}}{(-q^{1/2}; q)_{\infty}^2},$$
(9)

and for  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  and  $|x| \le 1 < (q^{\varepsilon} + q^{-\varepsilon})/2$ , we have

$$|\mathcal{E}_q(x;i\omega_n)| < \frac{(-q^{1/4-\varepsilon}|\omega_n|;q^{1/2})_{\infty}}{(q,q^{2\varepsilon},q^{1-2\varepsilon};q)_{\infty}(-q\omega_n^2;q^2)_{\infty}} \sim Cq^{-2\varepsilon n},$$
(10)

where  $C = 1/(-q^{1/2}, q; q)_{\infty}(q^{\varepsilon}, q^{1/2-\varepsilon}; q^{1/2})_{\infty}$ .

# q-Translation

We define the *q*-Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}_q$  as

$$\mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) = \int_{-1}^1 \mathcal{E}_q(x; -i\omega_n) f(x) w(x) dx, \ n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Put

$$l^{2}(k(\omega_{n})) = \{(z_{n})_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}; \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k(\omega_{n})}|z_{n}|^{2} < \infty\}.$$

**Theorem 1.** The transform  $\mathcal{F}_q$  is an isomorphism from  $L^2((-1, 1), w(x)dx)$  into  $l^2$  ( $k(\omega_n)$ ) and its inverse is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n)$$

*Proof.* The result follows from the fact that the family  $\{\mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n)\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$  is complete and orthogonal in  $L^2$  ((-1, 1), w(x)dx) (see [4], [6]).  $\Box$ 

Next, we use the *q*-Fourier series to define the *q*-translation operators  $T_q^x$ . Let denote by  $H_{\varepsilon_2}$  ( $\varepsilon > 0$ ), the space of functions in  $L^2((-1, 1), w(x)dx)$  such that

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{q^{-4\varepsilon|n|}}{2k(\omega_n)} |\mathcal{F}(f)(n)|^2 < \infty.$$

**Definition 1**. Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  and f in  $H_{\varepsilon}$ , we put

$$\begin{split} T_q^{\gamma} f(x) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n) \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma; i\omega_n), \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(x, \gamma; i\omega_n). \end{split}$$

The operators  $T_q^{y}$ , are called *q*-translation operators associated to the Askey-Wilson operator.

Remark 1. (1) The q-translation operators are characterized by the formula

$$\mathcal{F}_q(T_q^{\gamma}f)(n) = \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma; i\omega_n)\mathcal{F}_q(f)(n), n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

(2) The Askey-Wilson operator introduced in (7) can be defined on the space  ${\cal H}_{1/2}$  via

$$\mathcal{D}_q f(x) = \frac{q^{1/4}}{1-q} i \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\omega_n)} \omega_n \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n).$$

**Proposition 2**. For  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$ , we have

- (1)  $T_q^0 = id$ (2)  $T_q^{\gamma} \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n) = \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n) \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma; i\omega_n)$ (3)  $T_q^{\gamma} f(x) = T_a^{\mathrm{x}} f(\gamma)$
- (4)  $\mathcal{D}_q T_q^{\gamma} f = T_q^{\gamma} \mathcal{D}_q f, f \in H_1$ ,

*where id denotes the identity operator. Proof.* The properties (1)-(3) are evident. To prove property (4), let

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n) \in H_1.$$

From (9) and (10) we have

$$\mathcal{D}_{q}T_{q}^{\gamma}f = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2q^{1/4}}{1-q}i\omega_{m}\mathcal{F}_{q}(f)(n)\mathcal{E}_{q}(x;i\omega_{n})\mathcal{E}_{q}(x;i\omega_{n})$$
$$= T_{q}^{\gamma}\mathcal{D}_{q}f.$$

**Theorem 3.** For  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  and f in  $H_{\varepsilon}$ , the function

$$u(x, y) = T_q^{\gamma} f(x),$$

is the unique solution of the system

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_{q,x}u(x, \gamma) = \mathcal{D}_{q,\gamma}u(x, \gamma), \\ u(x, 0) = f(x). \end{cases}$$
(11)

*Proof.* It is clear that the function  $T_q^y f(x)$  is a solution of the system (11). Applying the *q*-Fourier transform to each member of the system (11), we obtain for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_{q,\gamma}\mathcal{F}_q \ (u \ (.; \ \gamma))(n) = \frac{2iq^{1/4}}{1-q} \omega_n \mathcal{F}_q(u \ (.; \ \gamma)), \\ \mathcal{F}_q \ (u \ (.; \ 0))(n) = \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n). \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{F}_q(u(.; \gamma))(n) = \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n)\mathcal{E}_q(\gamma; i\omega_n).$$

So that

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(y; i\omega_n) \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n)$$
$$= T_q^y f(x).$$

**Proposition 4.** Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/4$ , we have

$$\mathcal{E}_q$$
 (x; it)  $\in H_{\varepsilon}$ .

Proof. From the integral (3.13) in [7], we get

$$\mathcal{F} \left( \mathcal{E}_q \left( :; it \right) \right) (n) = \int_{-1}^{1} \mathcal{E}_q(x; it) \mathcal{E}_q(x; -i\omega_n) w(x) dx$$
$$= \operatorname{Sinc}_q(t, n),$$

where

$$\operatorname{Sinc}_{q}(t, n) = \frac{(q^{1/2}; q)_{1/2}(-q\omega_{n}^{2}; q^{2})_{\infty}\operatorname{Im}((it, -i\omega_{n}; q^{1/2})_{\infty})}{(-qt^{2}; q^{2})_{\infty}(\omega_{n} + t)\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\operatorname{Im}((it, -i\omega_{n}; q^{1/2})_{\infty})|_{t=-\omega_{n}}}.$$

By (9), we have the asymptotic estimates as  $n \to \infty$ 

$$(-q\omega_n^2;q^2)_{\infty} \sim (-q^{1/2-2n};q^2)_{\infty}$$
  
  $\sim (-)^n q^{-n^2+1/2n} (-q^{1/2};q^2)_n (-q^{3/2};q^2)_{\infty},$ 

and similarly

Im
$$(it, -i\omega_n; q^{1/2})_{\infty} \sim (-1)^n q^{-n^2} \text{Im}(it, iq^{1/4}; q^{1/2})_{\infty}.$$

Then from (9) and relation ((3.15), [7]), we obtain as  $n \to \infty$ 

$$\operatorname{Sinc}_{q}(t,n) \sim \frac{(q,q^{2})_{\infty}^{3} \operatorname{Im}(it,iq^{1/4};q^{1/2})_{\infty}}{2q^{1/4}(q,q)_{\infty}^{2}(q^{-3/2},q^{1/2},q;q^{2})_{\infty}} q^{n/2},$$
(12)

and

$$\operatorname{Sinc}_{q}(t, -n) \sim \frac{(q, q^{2})_{\infty}^{3} \operatorname{Im}(-it, iq^{1/4}; q^{1/2})_{\infty}}{2q^{1/4}(q, q)_{\infty}^{2}(q^{-3/2}, q^{1/2}, q, q^{2})_{\infty}} q^{n/2}.$$
(13)

So that

$$\frac{q^{-4|n|}}{2k(\omega_n)}|\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{E}_q(.;it))(n)|^2 \sim Cq^{(1-4\varepsilon)|n|}.$$

Then the following series

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{q^{-4\varepsilon|n|}}{2k(\omega_n)} |\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{E}_q(.;it))(n)|^2,$$

converges iff  $\varepsilon < 1/4$ .

This show for  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/4$  we have

$$\mathcal{E}_q(x; it) \in H_{\varepsilon},$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_{q}(x;it) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{Sinc}_{q}(t,n) \mathcal{E}_{q}(x;i\omega_{n}).$$
(14)

**Proposition 5.** For  $t \neq -iq^{-1/2-n}$ ,  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, ...$  we have

$$T_q^{\gamma} \mathcal{E}_q(x; it) = \mathcal{E}_q(x; it) \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma; it).$$

Proof. From Proposition 2, we see that the following two functions

 $(x, y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_q(x; it) \mathcal{E}_q(y; it),$ 

and

$$(x, y) \to T^{\gamma}_{q} \mathcal{E}_{q}(x; it),$$

are solutions of the system

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{D}_{q,x}u(x, \gamma) = \mathcal{D}_{q,\gamma}u(x, \gamma), \\ u(x, 0) = \mathcal{E}_q(x; \alpha). \end{cases}$$

The result follows by Theorem 3.  $\Box$ 

In the following proposition, we find the invariance of the measure w(x)dx over (-1, 1) by the *q*-translation operators.

**Proposition 6.** Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  and  $f \in H_{\varepsilon}$ . Then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} T_{q}^{\gamma} f(x) w(x) dx = \int_{-1}^{1} f(x) w(x) dx.$$

Proof. We have

$$\int_{-1}^{1} T_q^{\gamma} f(x) w(x) dx = \int_{-1}^{1} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} \mathcal{F}(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n) \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma; i\omega_n) w(x) dx.$$

Then, we get after interchangement of integral and sum

$$\int_{-1}^{1} T_{q}^{\gamma} f(x) w(x) dx = \mathcal{F}(f)(0) = \int_{-1}^{1} f(x) w(x) dx.$$
(15)

To justify the interchangement of integral and summation, we put

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-1}^{1} \left| \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} \mathcal{F}(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(x; i\omega_n) \mathcal{E}_q(y; i\omega_n) \right| w(x) dx = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n.$$
(16)

Let  $0 < \eta < 1/4$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that  $2\eta + \delta < 1/2$ , by (9) and (10), we have

$$c_n \sim \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} |\mathcal{F}(f)(n)| q^{-4\eta |n|},$$
  
 
$$\sim \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} |\mathcal{F}(f)(n)| q^{-2(2\eta+\delta)|n|} q^{2\delta|n|}.$$

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The convergence of the series  $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n$  follows from the Cauchy inequality and the fact that  $f \in H_{\varepsilon}$ .

In the following proposition, we show that the *q*-translation are self-adjoint operators.

**Proposition 7.** Let f and  $g \in H_{\varepsilon}$  where  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$ . Then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} T_{q}^{x} f(-\gamma) g(\gamma) w(\gamma) d\gamma = \int_{-1}^{1} f(\gamma) T_{q}^{x} g(-\gamma) w(\gamma) d\gamma.$$

Ismail [1] proved that the *q*-exponential function  $\mathcal{E}_q(x; \alpha)$  is the only solution of the functional equation

$$f(x \oplus \gamma) = f(x)f(\gamma), \tag{17}$$

where f(x) has the expansion  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_n}{(q;q)_n} g_n(x)$ , which converges uniformly on

compact subsets of a domain  $\Omega$ .

For  $f \in L^2$  ((-1, 1), w(x)dx), we put

$$\widehat{f}(t) = \int_{-1}^{1} f(x) \mathcal{E}_q(x; -it) w(x) dx.$$

**Proposition 8.** Let  $f \in L^2((-1, 1) w(x)dx)$ , then the function

 $F(t)=(-qt^2;q^2)_{\infty}\widehat{f}(t),$ 

is an entire function such that

$$\lim_{r\to\infty}\frac{\ln(M(r,F))}{\ln^2 r}\leq\frac{1}{\ln q-1}.$$

*Furthermore, the function F is of order* 0 *and has infinitely many zeros. Proof.* The function *f* is in  $L^2((-1, 1) w(x)dx)$ , then

$$\int_{-1}^1 |f(x)|w(x)dx < \infty.$$

From (2) we have the following estimate

$$|H_n(x|q)| \le H_n(1|q), \text{ for } |x| < 1$$

and by (3) we can write for all  $t \in \mathbb{C}$ 

$$|F(t)| \leq \int_{-1}^{1} |f(x)| w(x) dx (-q|t|^2; q^2)_{\infty} \mathcal{E}_q(1; |t|).$$

On the other hand

$$(-q|t|^2;q^2)_{\infty}\mathcal{E}_q(1;|t|) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{(q;q)_n} q^{n^2/4} H_n(1|q).$$

The result follows by a similar proof as in Lemma 14.1.4 and Corollary 14.1.5 in [3].  $\hfill\square$ 

### Proposition 9. We have

$$\widehat{T_q^{\gamma}f}(t)=\mathcal{E}_q(\gamma;it)\widehat{f}(t).$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that the function w(x) is even and the *q*-exponential  $\mathcal{E}_q(x; it)$  satisfies

$$\mathcal{E}_q(-x; it) = \mathcal{E}_q(x; -it).$$

Then from Propositions 4 and 7, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{T_q^{\gamma}f}(t) &= \int_{-1}^{1} T_q^{\gamma}f(x)\mathcal{E}_q(-x;it)w(x)dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^{1} f(x)T_q^{\gamma}\mathcal{E}_q(-x;it)w(x)dx \\ &= \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma;it)\int_{-1}^{1} f(x)\mathcal{E}_q(-x;it)w(x)dx \\ &= \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma;it)\widehat{f}(t). \end{aligned}$$

In the following Proposition, we show that the *q*-translation operator  $T_q^x$  coincides with the *q*-Translation  $E_q^x$  defined by Ismail on the set of *q*-Hermite polynomials (2).

**Proposition 10.** For n = 0, 1, 2, ..., we have

$$T_q^x H_n(\gamma|q) = E_q^x H_n(\gamma|q).$$
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Proof. By Proposition 5, we get

$$(-qt^2;q^2)_{\infty}T^x_q\mathcal{E}(y;it) = (-qt^2;q^2)_{\infty}\mathcal{E}(x;it)\mathcal{E}(y;it).$$

Then the formula ([3, 14.6.7]) and (3) lead to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^n q^{n^2/4}}{(q;q)_n} T_q^{\gamma} H_n(x|q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{g_n(\gamma)}{(q;q)_n} (it)^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(it)^m q^{m^2/4}}{(q;q)_m} H_m(x|q).$$

Hence,

$$T_q^{y}H_n(x|q) = \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(q;q)_n}{(q;q)_m(q;q)_{n-m}} H_m(x|q)g_{n-m}(y)q^{(m^2-n^2)/4}.$$

**Theorem 11**. Let f be a function in  $L^2((-1, 1), w(x)dx)$  satisfying the following functional equation

$$T_q^{\gamma}f(x) = f(x)f(\gamma),$$

and we denote by  $Z_f$  the set of zeros of

$$F(t) = (-qt^2; q^2)_{\infty} \widehat{f}(t).$$

Then f is a function of two variables x and t equal to the q-exponential function  $\mathcal{E}_q(x; it)$ , for |x| < 1 and  $t \in \mathbb{C} - Z_f$ 

*Proof.* Let *f* be a function in  $L^2$  ((-1, 1), w(x)dx) satisfying

$$T_q^{\gamma}f(x) = f(x)f(\gamma).$$

By Proposition 9, we have

$$\mathcal{E}_q(x; it)\widehat{f}(t) = f(x)\widehat{f}(t).$$

Then for all complex numbers t such that  $\hat{f}(t) \neq 0$ , we have

$$f(x) := f(x, t) = \mathcal{E}_q(x; it),$$

and *f* is a function of two variables *x* and *t*.  $\Box$ 

## q-Gauss Weierstrass transform

We conclude this study by an application of the q-translation operators. We consider the q-analogue of the Gauss Weierstrass transform by (see [3]).

$$F_W(f)(y) = \frac{(q;q)_{\infty}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} T_q^y f(x) W(x) dx,$$
(19)

where

$$W(x)=(e^{2i\theta},\ e^{-2i\theta};q)_\infty.$$

In [1], the author proved that (19) can be inverted by the Askey-Wilson operator

$$f(\gamma) = \left(\frac{1}{4}q^{1/2}(1-q)^2 \mathcal{D}_q^2; q^2\right)_{\infty} F_W(f)(\gamma).$$
(20)

where f is a polynomial.

In the following theorem we prove that the inversion formula (20) is still valid in the space

$$H_{\infty} = \bigcap_{\varepsilon > 0} H_{\varepsilon}.$$

Theorem 12. The q-Gauss Weierstrass transform has the inversion formula

$$f(\gamma) = \left(\frac{1}{4}q^{1/2}(1-q)^2 \mathcal{D}_q^2; q^2\right)_{\infty} F_W(\gamma), \ f \in H_{\infty}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in H_{\infty}$ , then by the formula

$$\frac{1}{(qt^2;q^2)_{\infty}} = \frac{(q;q)_{\infty}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \mathcal{E}_q(x;t) W(x) dx,$$

we have

$$\begin{split} F_W(\gamma) &= \frac{(q;q)_\infty}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma;i\omega_n) \int_{-1}^1 \mathcal{E}_q(x;i\omega_n) W(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)} \frac{1}{(-q\omega_n^2;q^2)_\infty} \mathcal{F}_q(f)(n) \mathcal{E}_q(\gamma;i\omega_n). \end{split}$$

So that

$$\begin{split} &\left(\frac{1}{4}q^{1/2}(1-q)^2\mathcal{D}_q^2;q^2\right)_{\infty}F_W(x)\\ &=\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{1}{2k(\omega_n)}\mathcal{F}_q(f)(n)\mathcal{E}_q(\gamma;i\omega_n)\\ &=f(\gamma) \end{split}$$

Another q-analogue of Gauss Weierstrass transform can be defined by

$$F_{\gamma}(\gamma)=\frac{(q,\gamma^2;q)_{\infty}}{2\pi(\gamma,q\gamma^2;q)_{\infty}}\int_{-1}^{1}T_{q}^{\gamma}f(x)w(x|\gamma,\ q)dx,$$

where

$$w(\cos\theta|\gamma, q) = \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_{\infty}}{(\gamma e^{2i\theta}, \gamma e^{-2i\theta}; q)_{\infty}}.$$

In a similar way as in Theorem 12, we can prove the following inversion formula for the transform  $F_{\gamma}$ 

**Theorem 13**. The transform  $F_{\gamma}$  has the inversion formula

$$f(\gamma)=\varphi_{\gamma}\left(\frac{1}{4}q^{1/2}(1-q)^{2}\mathcal{D}_{q}^{2}\right)F_{\gamma}(\gamma),\;f\in H_{\infty},$$

where

$$\varphi_{\gamma}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{_{0}\phi_{1}(-;q\gamma;q;q\gamma\alpha^{2})}.$$

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