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# Generalizations of fractional $q$ -Leibniz formulae and applications

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## Abstract

In this paper we generalize the fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula introduced by Agarwal in (Ganita 27(1-2):25-32, 1976) for the Riemann-Liouville fractional  $q$ -derivative. This extension is a  $q$ -version of a fractional Leibniz formula introduced by Osler in (SIAM J. Appl. Math. 18(3):658-674, 1970). We also introduce a generalization of the fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula introduced by Purohit for the Weyl fractional  $q$ -difference operator in (Kyungpook Math. J. 50(4):473-482, 2010). Applications are included.

## 1 $q$ -notions and notations

Let  $q$  be a positive number,  $0 < q < 1$ . In the following, we follow the notations and notions of  $q$ -hypergeometric functions, the  $q$ -gamma function  $\Gamma_q(x)$ , Jackson  $q$ -exponential functions  $E_q(x)$ , and the  $q$ -shifted factorial as in [1, 2]. By a  $q$ -geometric set  $A$ , we mean a set that satisfies if  $x \in A$ , then  $qx \in A$ . Let  $f$  be a function defined on a  $q$ -geometric set  $A$ . The  $q$ -difference operator is defined by

$$D_q f(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{x - qx}, \quad x \neq 0. \quad (1)$$

The  $n$ th  $q$ -derivative,  $D_q^n f$ , can be represented by its values at the points  $\{q^j x, j = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$  through the identity

$$D_q^n f(x) = (-1)^n (1 - q)^{-n} x^{-n} q^{-n(n-1)/2} \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q q^{r(r-1)/2} f(xq^{n-r}) \quad (2)$$

for every  $x$  in  $A \setminus \{0\}$ . After some straightforward manipulations, formula (2) can be written as

$$D_q^n f(x) = (1 - q)^{-n} x^{-n} \sum_{r=0}^n q^r \frac{(q^{-n}; q)_r}{(q; q)_r} f(xq^r) \quad \text{for } x \in A \setminus \{0\}. \quad (3)$$

Moreover, formula (2) can be inverted through the relation

$$f(xq^n) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q (1 - q)^k x^k q^{\binom{k}{2}} D_q^k f(x). \quad (4)$$

Formulas (2) and (4) are well known and follow easily by induction. Jackson [3] introduced an integral denoted by

$$\int_a^b f(x) d_q x$$

as a right inverse of the  $q$ -derivative. It is defined by

$$\int_a^b f(t) d_q t := \int_0^b f(t) d_q t - \int_0^a f(t) d_q t, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (5)$$

where

$$\int_0^x f(t) d_q t := (1-q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x q^n f(x q^n), \quad x \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (6)$$

provided that the series at the right-hand side of (6) converges at  $x = a$  and  $b$ . In [4], Hahn defined the  $q$ -integration for a function  $f$  over  $[0, \infty)$  and  $[x, \infty)$ ,  $x > 0$ , by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} f(t) d_q t &= (1-q) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^n f(q^n), \\ \int_x^{\infty} f(t) d_q t &= (1-q) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x q^{-n} (1-q) f(x q^{-n}), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

respectively, provided that the series converges absolutely. Al-Salam [5] defined a fractional  $q$ -integral operator  $K_q^{-\alpha}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} K_q^{-\alpha} \phi(x) &:= \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{2}\alpha(\alpha-1)}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_x^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} (x/t; q)_{\alpha-1} \phi(t q^{1-\alpha}) d_q t, \\ K_q^0 \phi(x) &:= \phi(x), \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $\alpha \neq -1, -2, \dots$ , as a generalization of the  $q$ -Cauchy formula

$$\begin{aligned} K_q^{-n} \phi(x) &= \int_x^{\infty} \int_{x_{n-1}}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{x_1}^{\infty} \phi(t) d_q t d_q x_1 \cdots d_q x_{n-1} \\ &= \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}}{\Gamma_q(n)} \int_x^{\infty} t^{n-1} (x/t; q)_{n-1} \phi(t q^{1-n}) d_q t, \end{aligned}$$

which he introduced in [6] for a positive integer  $n$ . Using (7), we can write (8) explicitly as

$$K_q^{-\alpha} \phi(x) = q^{-\frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{2}} x^{\alpha} (1-q)^{\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}} \left[ \begin{matrix} -\alpha \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \phi(x q^{-\alpha-k}), \quad (9)$$

or in a more simple form

$$K_q^{-\alpha} \phi(x) = q^{-\frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{2}} x^{\alpha} (1-q)^{\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{-k\alpha} \frac{(q^{\alpha}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} \phi(x q^{-\alpha-k}). \quad (10)$$

Using (2), we can prove

$$K_q^n \phi(x) = (-1)^n D_q^n \phi(x) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (11)$$

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we mention in brief some known fractional and  $q$ -fractional Leibniz formulae. In Section 3, we generalize the fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula of the Riemann-Liouville fractional  $q$ -derivative introduced by Agarwal in [7]. Finally, in Section 4, we extend the fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula introduced by Purohit [8] for the  $q$ -Weyl derivatives of nonnegative integral orders to any real order.

## 2 Fractional and $q$ -fractional Leibniz formulas

The Riemann-Liouville fractional  $q$ -integral operator is introduced by Al-Salam in [5] and later by Agarwal in [9] and defined by

$$I_q^\alpha f(x) := \frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_0^x (qt/x; q)_{\alpha-1} f(t) d_q t, \quad \alpha \notin \{-1, -2, \dots\}. \quad (12)$$

Using (6), (12) reduces to

$$I_q^\alpha f(x) = x^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} f(xq^n), \quad (13)$$

which is valid for all  $\alpha$ . The Riemann-Liouville fractional  $q$ -derivative of order  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , is defined by

$$D_q^\alpha = D_q^k I_q^{k-\alpha}, \quad k = \lceil \alpha \rceil.$$

For the definition of Caputo fractional  $q$ -derivatives, see [10]. See also [11] for more applications. Liouville [12] introduced the fractional Leibniz rule

$$I^\alpha \{f(x)g(x)\} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\alpha}{k} f^{(k)}(x) I^{\alpha+k} g(x), \quad (14)$$

where

$$I^\alpha \{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt$$

is the familiar Riemann-Liouville integral operator. While Liouville used Fourier expansions in obtaining (14), Grünwald [13] and Letnikov [14] obtained (14) by a different technique. Other extensions and proofs are in the work of Watanabe [15], Post [16], Bassam [17], and Gaer-Rubel [18]. In a series of papers [19–23], Osler introduced several generalizations of (14). For example, in [19] Osler introduced the fractional Leibniz formula

$$D_{g(z)}^\alpha \{u(z)v(z)\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{\gamma+k} D_{g(z)}^{\alpha-\gamma-k} u(z) D_{g(z)}^{\gamma+k} v(z), \quad (15)$$

which coincides with (14) when we set  $g(z) = z$ ,  $\gamma = 0$  and replace  $\alpha$  with  $-\alpha$  in (15). For an extensive study of the fractional calculus and its applications in physics and control theory,

see [24–28]. There are two  $q$ -analogues of the fractional Leibniz rule (14). Al-Salam and Verma [29] introduced the fractional Leibniz formula

$$I_q^\alpha(UV)(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q D_q^m U(zq^{-\alpha-m}) I_q^{\alpha+m} V(z), \quad (16)$$

formally. An analytic proof of (16) is introduced in [10] where the following theorem is introduced.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $U(z)$  be an entire function with  $q$ -exponential growth of order  $k$ ,  $k < \ln q^{-1}$ , and a finite type  $\delta$ ,  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $V$  be a function that satisfies*

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^j |V(zq^j)| < \infty \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}).$$

*Then (16) holds for  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

For the definition of the  $q$ -exponential growth, see [30]. In [7], Agarwal introduced the following fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula.

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $U$  and  $V$  be two analytic functions which have power series representations at  $z = 0$  with radii of convergence  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , respectively, and  $R = \min\{R_1, R_2\}$ . Then*

$$I_q^\alpha(UV)(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha \\ n \end{bmatrix}_q D_q^n U(z) I_q^{\alpha+n} V(zq^n) \quad (|z| < R), \quad (17)$$

*Proof* See [7]. □

Recently, Purohit [31] used (17) to derive a number of summation formulae for the generalized basic hypergeometric functions. In the following section, we introduce a generalization of Agarwal's fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula (17). Let  $0 < R < \infty$  and  $D_R := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$ . In the following, we say that a function  $f \in L_q^1(D_R)$  if

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^j |f(zq^j)| < \infty \quad \text{for all } z \in D_R \setminus \{0\}.$$

In [8], Purohit derived a  $q$ -extension of the Leibniz rule for  $q$ -derivative via the Weyl  $q$ -derivative operator defined in (8). He proved that for a nonnegative integer  $\alpha$ ,

$$K_q^\alpha(UV)(z) = \sum_{r=0}^{\alpha} \frac{(-1)^r q^{r(r+1)/2} (q^{-\alpha}; q)_r}{(q; q)_r} K_q^{\alpha-r} U(z) K_{q,z}^r V(zq^{r-\alpha}), \quad (18)$$

where  $U(z) = z^{-p_1} u(z)$ ,  $V(z) = z^{-p_2} v(z)$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  are analytic functions having a power series expansion at  $z = 0$  with radii of convergence  $\rho$ ,  $\rho > 0$ , and  $p_1, p_2 \geq 0$ . Purohit established some summation formulae as an application of the fractional Leibniz formula (18) which can be represented as

$$K_q^\alpha(UV)(z) = \sum_{r=0}^{\alpha} \frac{(q^{-\alpha}; q)_r}{(q; q)_r} K_q^{\alpha-r} U(z) D_{q^{-1},z}^r \{V(zq^\alpha)\}, \quad (19)$$

where we used

$$D_{q^{-1},z}^r V(zq^\alpha) = (-1)^r q^{r(r+1)/2} K_{q,z}^r V(zq^{r-\alpha}).$$

### 3 A generalization for Agarwal's fractional $q$ -Leibniz formula

In this section we introduce a  $q$ -analogue of the fractional Leibniz formula (15) when  $g(z) = z$ . The case  $\gamma = 0$  of the derived fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula is the fractional  $q$ -Leibniz formula (17) introduced by Agarwal [7].

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $G$  be a branch domain of the logarithmic function. Let  $a, b$  be complex numbers and  $R$  be a positive number. Let  $u$  and  $v$  be analytic functions in the disk  $D_R$ . Let  $U$  and  $V$  be defined in  $G \cap D_R$  through the relations*

$$U(z) = z^a u(z), \quad V(z) = z^b v(z). \quad (20)$$

If  $V(\cdot)$  and  $UV(\cdot)$  are in  $L_q^1(D_R)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} I_q^\alpha UV(z) &= z^\gamma \frac{\Gamma_q(\alpha)}{\Gamma_q(\alpha - \gamma)} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha + \gamma \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q D_q^m ((q^{\alpha-\gamma} \xi / z; q)_\gamma U(\xi)) \Big|_{\xi=z} (I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+m}) V(zq^m), \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where  $z \in G \cap D_R$ , and  $\alpha, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Remark 3.2** It is worthwhile to notice that if we set  $\gamma = 0$  in (21), we obtain Agarwal's fractional Leibniz rule (17) with less restrictive conditions on the functions  $U(z)$  and  $V(z)$ . Actually, the special case  $\gamma = 0$  of Theorem 3.1 is an extension of the result given by Manocha and Sharma in [32].

*Proof* Since  $V, UV$  are in  $L_q^1(D_R)$ , then

$$z^a V \in L_q^1(D_R), \quad \operatorname{Re}(b) > -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Re}(a+b) > -1.$$

From (13) we obtain

$$I_q^\alpha (UV)(z) = z^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} U(zq^n) V(zq^n). \quad (22)$$

Substituting with

$$\frac{(q^\alpha; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} = \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} (q^\alpha; q)_{-\gamma} (q^{\alpha-\gamma+n}; q)_\gamma$$

into (22), we obtain

$$I_q^\alpha (UV)(z) = z^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha (q^\alpha; q)_{-\gamma} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} (q^{\alpha-\gamma+n}; q)_\gamma U(zq^n) V(zq^n). \quad (23)$$

The existence of  $UV$  in the space  $L^1_q(D_R)$  guarantees that the series in (22) or in (23) converges absolutely for all  $z \in D_R \setminus \{0\}$ . Replace  $x$  in (4) with  $\xi$  and then let

$$f(\xi) = (q^{\alpha-\gamma}\xi/z; q)_\gamma U(\xi).$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} & (q^{\alpha-\gamma+n}; q)_\gamma U(zq^n) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k (1-q)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q q^{k(k-1)/2} z^k D_q^k \left( (q^{\alpha-\gamma}\xi/z; q)_\gamma U(\xi) \right) \Big|_{\xi=z}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Then substituting (24) into (23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_q^\alpha(UV)(z) &= z^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha (q^\alpha; q)_{-\gamma} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} V(zq^n) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k (1-q)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q q^{k(k-1)/2} z^k D_q^k \left( (q^{\alpha-\gamma}\xi/z; q)_\gamma U(\xi) \right) \Big|_{\xi=z}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Using (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D_q^k \left( \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_\gamma U(\xi) \right) \Big|_{\xi=z} &= (-1)^k (1-q)^{-k} z^{a-k} q^{-\frac{k(k-1)}{2}} (q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_\gamma \\ &\quad \times \sum_{r=0}^k q^{\frac{r(r-1)}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q \frac{(q^\alpha; q)_{k-r}}{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_{k-r}} q^{(k-r)a} u(zq^{k-r}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since  $u(z)$  is analytic in  $D_R$ , there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| D_q^k \left( \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_\gamma U(\xi) \right) \Big|_{\xi=z} \right| \\ &\leq (1-q)^{-k} |z|^{\operatorname{Re}(a)-k} q^{k \operatorname{Re} a - \frac{k(k-1)}{2}} M \sum_{r=0}^k q^{\frac{r(r-1)}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q q^{-r \operatorname{Re} a} \\ &= M (1-q)^{-k} |z|^{\operatorname{Re}(a)-k} q^{k \operatorname{Re} a - \frac{k(k-1)}{2}} (-q^{-\operatorname{Re}(a)}; q)_k \\ &\leq M (1-q)^{-k} |z|^{\operatorname{Re}(a)-k} q^{k \operatorname{Re} a - \frac{k(k-1)}{2}} (-q^{-\operatorname{Re}(a)}; q)_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n (1-q)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q q^{k(k-1)/2} \left| z^k D_q^k \left( \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_\gamma U(\xi) \right) \Big|_{\xi=z} \right| \\ &\leq M |z|^{\operatorname{Re}(a)} \frac{(-q^{\operatorname{Re}(a)}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty^2} \frac{1 - q^{(n+1) \operatorname{Re}(a)}}{1 - q^{\operatorname{Re}(a)}}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Set  $F(\xi) := (q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q)_\gamma U(\xi)$ . Then substituting (27) into (25), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n |(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_n|}{(q; q)_n} |V(zq^n)| \sum_{k=0}^n (1-q)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q q^{k(k-1)/2} |z^k D_q^k F(z)| \\ & \leq M |z|^{\operatorname{Re}(a)} \frac{(-q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_\infty (-q^{-\operatorname{Re}(a)}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty^3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 - q^{(n+1)\operatorname{Re}(a)}}{1 - q^{\operatorname{Re}(a)}} q^n |V(zq^n)|. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

The last series converges for all  $z \in D_R \setminus \{0\}$  since  $V, z^a V \in L_q^1(D_R)$ . Consequently, the series in (28) is absolutely convergent, and we can interchange the order of summations in (25). This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & I_q^\alpha(UV)(z) \\ & = z^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha (q^\alpha; q)_{1-\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(k-1)/2} z^k \frac{(1-q)^k}{(q; q)_k} D_q^k F(z) \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} q^n \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_n}{(q; q)_{n-k}} V(zq^n) \\ & = z^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha (q^\alpha; q)_{-\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(k+1)/2} z^k \frac{(1-q)^k}{(q; q)_k} \\ & \quad \times D_q^k F(z) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^j \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_{j+k}}{(q; q)_j} V(zq^{j+k}). \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Since

$$(I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+k} V)(zq^k) = (zq^k)^{\alpha-\gamma+k} (1-q)^{\alpha-\gamma+k} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^j \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma+k}; q)_j}{(q; q)_j} V(zq^{j+k})$$

and

$$(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_{j+k} = (q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_k (q^{\alpha-\gamma+k}; q)_j,$$

the substitution with the last two identities in (29) gives

$$\begin{aligned} & I_q^\alpha(UV)(z) \\ & = z^\gamma (1-q)^\gamma (q^\alpha; q)_{-\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{-k(k-1)/2+k(-\alpha+\gamma)} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} \\ & \quad \times (I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+k} V)(zq^k) D_q^k \left( \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_\gamma U(\xi) \right) \Big|_{\xi=z} \\ & = z^\gamma (1-q)^\gamma (q^\alpha; q)_{-\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha + \gamma \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q (I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+k} V)(zq^k) D_q^k \left( \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_\gamma U(\xi) \right) \Big|_{\xi=z}, \end{aligned}$$

and the theorem follows.  $\square$

**Example 3.3** Let  $\gamma, \lambda, \mu$ , and  $\alpha$  be complex numbers satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda + \mu) > 0, \quad \mu \notin \mathbb{N}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu)\Gamma_q(\alpha)\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma)}{\Gamma_q(\alpha - \gamma)\Gamma_q(\lambda)\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu + \alpha)} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{m(\lambda+\mu)} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}, q^{-\mu}; q)_m}{(q, q^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

*Proof* We prove the identity by using Theorem 3.1. Take  $U(z) = z^{\mu}$  and  $v(z) = z^{\lambda-1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & D_q^m \left\{ \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_{\gamma} \xi^{\mu} \right\} \\ &= D_q^m \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-\gamma}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} \left( \frac{q^{\alpha}}{z} \right)^k \xi^{\mu+k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-\gamma}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} \left( \frac{q^{\alpha}}{z} \right)^k \frac{\Gamma_q(\mu + k + 1)}{\Gamma_q(\mu + k - m + 1)} \xi^{\mu+k-m}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & D_q^m \left\{ \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_{\gamma} \xi^{\mu} \right\} \Big|_{\xi=z} \\ &= z^{\mu-m} \frac{\Gamma_q(\mu + 1)}{\Gamma_q(\mu - m + 1)} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}) \\ &= (-1)^m \frac{(q^{-\mu}; q)_m}{(1-q)^m} q^{m\mu - \binom{m}{2}} z^{\mu-m} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}) \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+m} V)(zq^m) &= \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda)}{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma + m)} (zq^m)^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma+m-1} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda)}{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma)} \frac{(1-q)^m}{(q^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m} (zq^m)^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma+m-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Then applying Theorem 3.1 gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_q^{\alpha}(UV)(z) &= z^{\mu+\lambda+\alpha-1} \frac{\Gamma_q(\alpha)\Gamma_q(\lambda)}{\Gamma_q(\alpha - \gamma)\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma)} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{m(\lambda+\mu)} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}, q^{-\mu}; q)_m}{(q, q^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

On the other hand,

$$I_q^{\alpha} z^{\lambda+\mu-1} = \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu + \alpha)} z^{\lambda+\mu+\alpha-1}. \quad (34)$$

Equating (33) and (34) gives (30).  $\square$



**Example 3.4** For complex numbers  $a, b, A, B, d$ , and  $D$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(b) > -1$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(B) > 0$ , and  $\operatorname{Re}(b + B) > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_2\phi_1(q^{a+A}, q^{b+B}; q^{d+D}; q, q^{-(a+A)}z) \\ &= (z; q)_{-a} \frac{\Gamma_q(d+D)\Gamma_q(B)}{\Gamma_q(b+B)\Gamma_q(d+B-b)} (1-q)^{B-D} \\ & \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m q^{\binom{m}{2}} q^{mB} \frac{(q^{b-d}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m (q^{d+D-b}; q)_m} \\ & \times {}_3\phi_2(q^{-m}, q^{d+D-b-B}, zq^{-a}; q^{d-b}, z; q, q^{b+1}) {}_2\phi_1(q^A, q^B; q^{d+B-b+m}; q, q^{-a-A+m}), \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

for  $|zq^{-a-A}| < 1$ .

*Proof* The previous identity follows by taking

$$U(z) = z^b(z; q)_{-a}, \quad V(z) = z^{B-1}(zq^{-a}; q)_{-A},$$

and applying Theorem 3.1 with

$$\alpha = d + D - b - B, \quad \gamma = D - B.$$

Then using (3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & D_q^m \left( \left( q^{d-b} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_{D-B} \xi^b(\xi; q)_{-a} \right) \Big|_{\xi=z} = (1-q)^{-m} z^{-m+b} (z; q)_{-a} \frac{(q^{d-b}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{d-b+D-B}; q)_{\infty}} \\ & \times {}_3\phi_2(q^{-m}, q^{d-b+D-B}, zq^{-a}; q^{d-b}, z; q, q^{b+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned} & (I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+m} V)(zq^m) = z^{d-b+\beta-1+m} q^{m^2+(d-b+\beta-1)m} \frac{\Gamma_q(\beta)}{\Gamma_q(B+m+d-b)} \\ & \times {}_2\phi_1(q^A, q^B; q^{m-b}; q, q^{m-a-A}) \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

and

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma - \alpha \\ m \end{matrix} \right]_q = (-1)^m q^{(\gamma-\alpha)m} q^{\binom{m}{2}} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m}. \quad (38)$$

Substituting with (36)-(38) into (21), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & I_q^{\alpha} UV(z) = z^{d+D-1} (1-q)^{D-B} (z; q)_{-a} \frac{\Gamma_q(\beta)}{\Gamma_q(B+d-b)} \\ & \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m q^{\binom{m}{2}} q^{mB} \frac{(q^{b-d}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m (q^{d+D-b}; q)_m} \\ & \times {}_3\phi_2(q^{-m}, q^{d+D-b-B}, zq^{-a}; q^{d-b}, z; q, q^{b+1}) \\ & \times {}_2\phi_1(q^A, q^B; q^{d+B-b+m}; q, q^{-a-A+m}). \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

On the other hand,

$$I_q^\alpha UV(z) = \frac{\Gamma_q(b+B)}{\Gamma_q(d+D)} z^{d+D-1} {}_2\phi_1(q^{a+A}, q^{b+B}; q^{d+D}; q, q^{-(a+A)}). \quad (40)$$

Combining (39) and (40), we obtain (35).  $\square$

#### 4 A $q$ -extension of the Leibniz rule via Weyl-type of a $q$ -derivative operator

In this section, we prove that the  $q$ -expansion in (18) can be derived for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . The proof we introduce is completely different from the one introduced by Purohit for non-negative integer values of  $\alpha$ . We start with characterizing a sufficient class of functions for which  $K_q^{-\alpha}$  exists for some  $\alpha$ .

**Definition 4.1** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and let  $f$  be a function defined on a  $q^{-1}$ -geometric set  $A$ . We say that  $f$  is of class  $S_{q,\alpha}$  if there exists  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \mu > \operatorname{Re} \alpha$  such that

$$f(xq^{-n}) = O(q^{n\mu}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, x \in A.$$

**Proposition 4.2** If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $K_q^{-\alpha}f$  exists for any function  $f$  defined on  $(0, \infty)$ . If  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Z}$  and  $f \in S_{q,\alpha}$ , then  $K_q^{-\alpha}f$  exists.

*Proof* If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then by (11),  $K_q^{-\alpha}f$  exists for any functions  $f$  defined on a  $(0, \infty)$ . If  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Z}$  and  $f \in S_{q,\alpha}$ , then for each  $x > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$ ,  $C$  depends on  $x$  and  $\alpha$ , such that

$$|f(xq^{-n-\alpha})| \leq Cq^{n\mu}.$$

Applying the previous inequality in (10) gives

$$\begin{aligned} |K_q^{-\alpha}f(x)| &\leq Cq^{-\alpha(\alpha+1)/2} |x|^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha \frac{(-q^{\operatorname{Re} \alpha}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k(\operatorname{Re} \mu - \operatorname{Re} \alpha)} \\ &\leq Cq^{-\alpha(\alpha+1)/2} |x|^\alpha (1-q)^\alpha \frac{(-q^{\operatorname{Re} \alpha}; q)_\infty}{(1 - q^{(\operatorname{Re} \mu - \operatorname{Re} \alpha)})(q; q)_\infty}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

In the following, we define a sufficient class of functions  $\mathfrak{S}_{q,\mu}$  for which  $K_q^{-\alpha}f$  exists for all  $\alpha$ .

**Definition 4.3** Let  $f$  be a function defined on a  $q^{-1}$ -geometric set  $A$ . We say that  $f$  is in the class  $\mathfrak{S}_{q,\mu}$  if there exist  $\mu > 0$  and  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for each  $x \in A$ ,

$$|f(xq^{-n})| = O(q^{\mu n(n+\nu)}) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

It is clear that if  $f \in \mathfrak{S}_{q,\mu}$ , then  $f \in S_{q,\alpha}$  for all  $\alpha$ . The spaces  $S_{q,\alpha}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_{q,\mu}$  are  $q$ -analogues of the spaces of fairly good functions and good functions, respectively, introduced by Lighthill [33, p.15], see also [34, Chapter VII].

**Example 4.4** An example of a function in a class  $S_{q,1/2}$  is any function of the form

$$\frac{P_n(x)}{(ax; q)_\infty} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

where  $P_n(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  and  $a$  is a constant such that  $axq^k \neq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

The keynotes in proving the generalization of Purohit  $q$ -fractional Leibniz formula are two identities. The first one is

$$K_q^\alpha z^{-p} = q^{\alpha(1-\alpha)/2} q^{-\alpha p} z^{-\alpha-p} \frac{\Gamma_q(\alpha+p)}{\Gamma_q(p)}, \quad (41)$$

which holds for any  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  when  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$  or holds when  $\alpha + p > 0$ . The proof of (41) follows from (10) by replacing  $\alpha$  with  $-\alpha$ ,  $x$  with  $z$ , and setting  $\phi(z) = z^{-p}$ . The second identity follows from the formula (4) with  $q$  replaced with  $q^{-1}$  and  $x$  with  $z$ . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} f(zq^{-n}) &= \sum_{k=0}^n (q^{-1} - 1)^k q^{-\binom{k}{2}} \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_{q^{-1}} z^k D_{q^{-1}}^k f(z) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n q^{k(k-1)/2} (1-q)^k q^{-nk} \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q z^k D_q^k f(z), \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

where we use [1, Eq. (1.47)]

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_{q^{-1}} = \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q q^{k^2-nk}.$$

The identity in (41) leads to the following result.

**Lemma 4.5** Let  $p$  and  $\alpha$  be such that  $0 < \operatorname{Re} p < 1$  and  $\alpha > \operatorname{Re} p$ . Let  $G$  be the principal branch of the logarithmic function and let  $D_R := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > R\} \cap G$ . Assume that

$$U(z) = z^p \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z^{-j}$$

is analytic on  $D_R$ . Let

$$\Omega_\alpha = \{z \in D_R : q^\alpha z \in D_R\}.$$

Then  $K_q^\alpha U(z)$  exists for all  $z \in \Omega_\alpha$  and is equal to

$$K_q^\alpha U(z) = q^{\alpha p} \frac{\Gamma_q(\alpha-p)}{\Gamma_q(-p)} z^{p-\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \frac{(q^{-p}; q)_j}{(q^{\alpha-p}; q)_j} q^{-\alpha j} z^{-j}. \quad (43)$$

*Proof* From (10) we find that

$$K_q^\alpha U(z) = q^{\alpha(1-\alpha)/2} q^{\alpha p} z^{p-\alpha} (1-q)^{-\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k(\alpha-p)} \frac{(q^{-\alpha}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j q^{(-\alpha+k)j}. \quad (44)$$

From the assumptions of the present lemma, we can easily deduce that the double series in (44) is absolutely convergent for all  $z \in \Omega_\alpha$ . Hence, we can interchange the order of summations in (44). This and the  $q$ -binomials theorem [1, Eq. (1.3.2)] give

$$\begin{aligned} K_q^\alpha U(z) &= q^{\alpha(1-\alpha)/2} q^{\alpha p} z^{p-\alpha} (1-q)^{-\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j q^{-\alpha j} z^{-j} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k\alpha-kp+kj} \frac{(q^{-\alpha}; q)_j}{(q; q)_j} \\ &= q^{\alpha(1-\alpha)/2} q^{\alpha p} z^{p-\alpha} (1-q)^{-\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j q^{-\alpha j} z^{-j} \frac{(q^{-p+j}; q)_\infty}{(q^{\alpha-p+j}; q)_\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Simple manipulations give (43).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.6** Let  $p, \alpha, G, U, D_R$ , and  $\Omega_\alpha$  be as in Lemma 4.5. Then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{\alpha j} |U(zq^{\alpha-j})| < \infty \quad \forall z \in \Omega_\alpha.$$

*Proof* The proof is easy and is omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be functions defined on a  $q^{-1}$ -geometric set  $A$  and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Assume that  $UV \in S_{q,\alpha}$  and  $U \in S_{q,\mu}$ ,  $\mu > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$$K_q^\alpha UV(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-\alpha}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m} K_q^{\alpha-m} U(z) D_{q^{-1},z}^m \{V(zq^\alpha)\} \quad (45)$$

for all  $z \in A$  and for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\mu = 1/2$ , then (45) may not hold for all  $\alpha$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  but only for  $\alpha$  in a subdomain of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof* Let  $z \in q^{-\alpha} A$  be arbitrary but fixed. Since  $UV \in S_{q,\alpha}$ , then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k\alpha} |U(zq^{\alpha-k}) V(zq^{\alpha-k})| < \infty. \quad (46)$$

From (10),

$$\begin{aligned} (K_q^\alpha UV)(z) &= q^{\alpha(1-\alpha)/2} (1-q)^{-\alpha} z^{-\alpha} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{\alpha m} \frac{(q^{-\alpha}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m} U(zq^{\alpha-m}) V(zq^{\alpha-m}). \end{aligned}$$

Applying (42) with  $f(z) = V(zq^\alpha)$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} (K_q^\alpha UV)(z) &= q^{\alpha(1-\alpha)/2} (1-q)^{-\alpha} z^{-\alpha} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{\alpha m} \frac{(q^{-\alpha}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m} U(zq^{\alpha-m}) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^m q^{j(1-j)/2} (1-q)^j q^{-mj} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix}_q z^j D_{q^{-1},z}^j \{V(zq^\alpha)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

From the assumptions on the function  $U$ , there exists a constant  $C_1 > 0$  and  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$|U(zq^{\alpha-m})| \leq C_1 q^{\mu m(m+\nu)}.$$

Using (2) with  $(q^{-1}$  instead of  $q$ ), we obtain

$$z^j D_{q^{-1}, z}^j \{V(zq^\alpha)\} \leq C_2.$$

Consequently, the double series on (47) is bounded from above by

$$\begin{aligned} & C_1 C_2 \frac{(-q^{-\operatorname{Re} \alpha}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{\operatorname{Re} \alpha m} q^{\mu m(m+\nu)} \sum_{j=0}^m q^{j(1-j)/2} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ j \end{bmatrix}_q q^{-mj} \\ & \leq C_1 C_2 \frac{(-q^{-\operatorname{Re} \alpha}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{\operatorname{Re} \alpha m} q^{\mu m(m+\nu)} (-q^{-m}; q)_m \\ & = C_1 C_2 \frac{(-q^{-\operatorname{Re} \alpha}; q)_\infty (-q; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{\operatorname{Re} \alpha m} q^{\mu m(m+\nu)} q^{-m(m+1)/2}, \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

where we applied the identity *cf.*, *e.g.*, [1, p.11],

$$(a; q)_n := \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q q^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}} a^k. \quad (49)$$

Now, it is clear that if  $\mu > 1/2$ , then the series on the most right-hand side of (48) is convergent for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . On the other hand, it is convergent only for  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > -\nu + \frac{1}{2}$  when  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore, we can interchange the order of summation in the series on the right-hand side of (47). This gives

$$\begin{aligned} (K_q^\alpha UV)(z) &= q^{\alpha(1-\alpha)/2} (1-q)^{-\alpha} z^{-\alpha} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-\alpha}; q)_j}{(q; q)_j} z^j (1-q)^j D_{q^{-1}, z}^j V(zq^\alpha) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} q^{(\alpha-j)r} \frac{(q^{-\alpha+j}; q)_r}{(q; q)_r} U(zq^{\alpha-j-r}). \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

But

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} q^{(\alpha-j)r} \frac{(q^{-\alpha+j}; q)_r}{(q; q)_r} U(zq^{\alpha-j-r}) = z^{\alpha-j} (1-q)^{\alpha-j} q^{(\alpha-j)(\alpha-j-1)/2} K_q^{\alpha-j} V(z).$$

Combining this latter identity with (50) yields the theorem.  $\square$

**Example 4.8** Let  $\gamma, \lambda, \mu$ , and  $\alpha$  be complex numbers satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > 0, \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda + \mu) > 0, \quad \mu \notin \mathbb{N}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu)\Gamma_q(\alpha)\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma)}{\Gamma_q(\alpha - \gamma)\Gamma_q(\lambda)\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu + \alpha)} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{m(\lambda+\mu)} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}, q^{-\mu}; q)_m}{(q, q^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}). \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

*Proof* We prove the identity by using Theorem 3.1. Take  $U(z) = z^{\mu}$  and  $v(z) = z^{\lambda-1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & D_q^m \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_{\gamma} \xi^{\mu} \\ &= D_q^m \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-\gamma}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} \left( \frac{q^{\alpha}}{z} \right)^k \xi^{\mu+k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-\gamma}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} \left( \frac{q^{\alpha}}{z} \right)^k \frac{\Gamma_q(\mu + k + 1)}{\Gamma_q(\mu + k - m + 1)} \xi^{\mu+k-m}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & D_q^m \left( q^{\alpha-\gamma} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_{\gamma} \xi^{\mu} \Big|_{\xi=z} \\ &= z^{\mu-m} \frac{\Gamma_q(\mu + 1)}{\Gamma_q(\mu - m + 1)} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}) \\ &= (-1)^m \frac{(q^{-\mu}; q)_m}{(1-q)^m} q^{m\mu - \binom{m}{2}} z^{\mu-m} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}) \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+m} V)(zq^m) &= \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda)}{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma + m)} (zq^m)^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma+m-1} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda)}{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma)} \frac{(1-q)^m}{(q^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m} (zq^m)^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma+m-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Then applying Theorem 3.1 gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_q^{\alpha}(UV)(z) &= z^{\mu+\lambda+\alpha-1} \frac{\Gamma_q(\alpha)\Gamma_q(\lambda)}{\Gamma_q(\alpha - \gamma)\Gamma_q(\lambda + \alpha - \gamma)} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^{m(\lambda+\mu)} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}, q^{-\mu}; q)_m}{(q, q^{\lambda+\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m} {}_2\phi_1(q^{-\gamma}, q^{\mu+1}; q^{\mu-m+1}; q, q^{\alpha}). \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

On the other hand,

$$I_q^{\alpha} z^{\lambda+\mu-1} = \frac{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma_q(\lambda + \mu + \alpha)} z^{\lambda+\mu+\alpha-1}. \quad (55)$$

Equating (54) and (55) gives (51).  $\square$

**Example 4.9** For complex numbers  $a, b, A, B, d$ , and  $D$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(b) > -1$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(B) > 0$ , and  $\operatorname{Re}(b + B) > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_2\phi_1(q^{a+A}, q^{b+B}; q^{d+D}; q, q^{-(a+A)}z) \\ &= (z; q)_{-a} \frac{\Gamma_q(d+D)\Gamma_q(B)}{\Gamma_q(b+B)\Gamma_q(d+B-b)} (1-q)^{B-D} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m q^{\binom{m}{2}} q^{mB} \frac{(q^{b-d}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m (q^{d+D-b}; q)_m} \\ &\quad \times {}_3\phi_2(q^{-m}, q^{d+D-b-B}, zq^{-a}; q^{d-b}, z; q, q^{b+1}) {}_2\phi_1(q^A, q^B; q^{d+B-b+m}; q, q^{-a-A+m}) \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

for  $|zq^{-a-A}| < 1$ .

*Proof* The previous identity follows by taking

$$U(z) = z^b(z; q)_{-a}, \quad V(z) = z^{B-1}(zq^{-a}; q)_{-A}$$

and applying Theorem 3.1 with

$$\alpha = d + D - b - B, \quad \gamma = D - B.$$

Then using (3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D_q^m \left( \left( q^{d-b} \frac{\xi}{z}; q \right)_{D-B} \xi^b(\xi; q)_{-a} \right) \Big|_{\xi=z} &= (1-q)^{-m} z^{-m+b} (z; q)_{-a} \frac{(q^{d-b}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{d-b+D-B}; q)_{\infty}} \\ &\quad \times {}_3\phi_2(q^{-m}, q^{d-b+D-B}, zq^{-a}; q^{d-b}, z; q, q^{b+1}). \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

In addition,

$$\begin{aligned} (I_q^{\alpha-\gamma+m} V)(zq^m) &= z^{d-b+\beta-1+m} q^{m^2+(d-b+\beta-1)m} \frac{\Gamma_q(\beta)}{\Gamma_q(B+m+d-b)} \\ &\quad \times {}_2\phi_1(q^A, q^B; q^{m-b}; q, q^{m-a-A}) \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

and

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma - \alpha \\ m \end{matrix} \right]_q = (-1)^m q^{(\gamma-\alpha)m} q^{\binom{m}{2}} \frac{(q^{\alpha-\gamma}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m}. \quad (59)$$

Substituting with (57)-(59) into (21), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_q^{\alpha} UV(z) &= z^{d+D-1} (1-q)^{D-B} (z; q)_{-a} \frac{\Gamma_q(\beta)}{\Gamma_q(B+d-b)} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m q^{\binom{m}{2}} q^{mB} \frac{(q^{b-d}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m (q^{d+D-b}; q)_m} \\ &\quad \times {}_3\phi_2(q^{-m}, q^{d+D-b-B}, zq^{-a}; q^{d-b}, z; q, q^{b+1}) \\ &\quad \times {}_2\phi_1(q^A, q^B; q^{d+B-b+m}; q, q^{-a-A+m}). \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

On the other hand,

$$I_q^\alpha UV(z) = \frac{\Gamma_q(b+B)}{\Gamma_q(d+D)} z^{d+D-1} {}_2\phi_1(q^{a+A}, q^{b+B}; q^{d+D}; q, q^{-(a+A)}). \quad (61)$$

Combining (60) and (61), we obtain (56).  $\square$

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