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# Impulsive quantum $(p, q)$ -difference equations

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## Abstract

In this paper we study quantum  $(p, q)$ -difference equations with impulse and initial or boundary conditions. We consider first order impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference boundary value problems and second order impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference initial value problems. Existence and uniqueness results are proved via Banach's fixed point theorem.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $p, q$  be quantum constants satisfying  $0 < q < p \leq 1$ . The  $(p, q)$ -number,  $[n]_{p,q}$ , is defined by

$$[n]_{p,q} = \frac{p^n - q^n}{p - q}.$$

If  $n$  is a positive integer, then

$$[n]_{p,q} = p^{n-1} + p^{n-2}q + \cdots + pq^{n-2} + q^{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{(p,q) \rightarrow (1,1)} [n]_{p,q} = n.$$

The  $(p, q)$ -difference of a function  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$  is defined by

$$D_{p,q}f(t) = \frac{f(pt) - f(qt)}{(p - q)t}, \quad t \neq 0, \tag{1.1}$$

and  $D_{p,q}f(0) = f'(0)$ . If  $f(t) = t^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ , then we have

$$D_{p,q}t^\alpha = [\alpha]_{p,q}t^{\alpha-1}. \tag{1.2}$$

Note that if the function  $f$  is defined on  $[0, T]$ , then the function  $D_{p,q}f(t)$  is defined on  $[0, T/p]$ . For some details of the shifting property and nonlocal boundary value problems

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for first-order  $(p, q)$ -difference equations, we refer the reader to [1]. In addition, in [2], the authors defined the second-order  $(p, q)$ -difference by

$$D_{p,q}^2 f(t) = \frac{qf(p^2t) - (p + q)f(pqt) + pf(q^2t)}{pq(p - q)^2t^2}.$$

Then we see that if  $f(t)$  is defined on  $[0, T]$  then the function  $D_{p,q}^2 f(t)$  is defined on  $[0, T/p^2]$ . The  $(p, q)$ -integral of a function  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$  is defined by

$$\int_0^t f(s) d_{p,q}s = (p - q)t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}t\right). \tag{1.3}$$

If  $f(t) = t^\alpha, \alpha > 0$ , then we have the formula

$$\int_0^t s^\alpha d_{p,q}s = \frac{p - q}{p^{\alpha+1} - q^{\alpha+1}} t^{\alpha+1}. \tag{1.4}$$

Now we observe that if the function  $f$  is defined on a finite interval  $[0, T]$  then the function  $\int_0^t f(s) d_{p,q}s$  is defined on  $[0, pT]$ . In [1], the authors gave the formula of the double  $(p, q)$ -integral

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \int_0^s f(r) d_{p,q}r d_{p,q}s &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^t (t - qs) f\left(\frac{1}{p}s\right) d_{p,q}s \\ &= \frac{1}{p} (p - q)t^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{p^{2n+2}} (p^{n+1} - q^{n+1}) f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}}t\right), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that if  $f$  is defined on  $[0, T]$ , then the function  $\int_0^t \int_0^s f(r) d_{p,q}r d_{p,q}s$  is defined on  $[0, p^2T]$ .

The  $(p, q)$ -calculus was introduced in [3]. For some recent results, see [4–10] and references cited therein. For  $p = 1$ , the  $(p, q)$ -calculus is reduced to the classical  $q$ -calculus initiated by Jackson [11, 12]. See also [13, 14].

In [15, 16], M. Tunç and E. Göv defined the quantum  $(p, q)$ -difference of a function  $f$  on the finite interval  $[a, b]$  by

$${}_aD_{p,q}f(t) = \frac{f(pt + (1 - p)a) - f(qt + (1 - q)a)}{(p - q)(t - a)}, \quad t \neq a, \tag{1.5}$$

and  ${}_aD_{p,q}f(a) = f'(a)$ . The  $(p, q)$ -difference of a power function  $f(t) = (t - a)^\alpha, \alpha \geq 0$ , is given by

$$D_{p,q}(t - a)^\alpha = [\alpha]_{p,q}(t - a)^{\alpha-1}. \tag{1.6}$$

Furthermore, they defined the  $(p, q)$ -integral of a function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  as

$$\int_a^t f(s) {}_a d_{p,q}s = (p - q)(t - a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}t + \left(1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}\right)a\right). \tag{1.7}$$

As is customary, we put the following relation:

$$\int_a^t (s - a)^\alpha {}_a d_{p,q} s = \frac{p - q}{(p^{\alpha+1} - q^{\alpha+1})} (t - a)^{\alpha+1}, \quad \alpha \geq 0. \tag{1.8}$$

It is obvious that if  $a = 0$ , then equations (1.5)–(1.8) are reduced to (1.1)–(1.4), respectively.

The domain-shift properties of the  $(p, q)$ -difference and  $(p, q)$ -integral operators for a function  $f(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$  are respectively given by

$${}_a D_{p,q} f(t), \quad t \in \left[ a, \frac{1}{p}(b - a) + a \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^t f(s) {}_a d_{p,q} s, \quad t \in [a, p(b - a) + a].$$

Also we remark that if  $p = 1$ , then both domains are reduced to  $[a, b]$ . For the shifting of the second order  $(p, q)$ -difference and integral domains, we consider the following result.

**Lemma 1.1** *Let  $f$  be a function defined on an interval  $[a, b]$  with  $a \geq 0$ . The domains of  ${}_a D_{p,q}^2 f$  and  $\int_a^t \int_a^r f(s) {}_a d_{p,q} s {}_a d_{p,q} r$  are*

$$\left[ a, \frac{1}{p^2}(b - a) + a \right] \quad \text{and} \quad [a, p^2(b - a) + a],$$

respectively.

*Proof* We have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_a D_{p,q}^2 f(t) &= {}_a D_{p,q} ({}_a D_{p,q} f)(t) = {}_a D_{p,q} \left( \frac{f(pt + (1 - p)a) - f(qt + (1 - q)a)}{(p - q)(t - a)} \right) \\ &= \left\{ \frac{f(p(pt + (1 - p)a) + (1 - p)a) - f(p(qt + (1 - p)a) + (1 - q)a)}{(p - q)((pt + (1 - p)a) - a)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{f(p(qt + (1 - q)a) + (1 - p)a) - f(p(qt + (1 - q)a) + (1 - q)a)}{(p - q)((qt + (1 - q)a) - a)} \right\} \\ &\quad / (p - q)(t - a) \\ &= \frac{qf(p^2t + (1 - p^2)a) - (p + q)f(pqt + (1 - pq)a) + pf(q^2t + (1 - q^2)a)}{pq(p - q)^2(t - a)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $p^2t + (1 - p^2)a = b$ , we have

$$t = \frac{1}{p^2}(b - a) + a.$$

Then  ${}_a D_{p,q}^2 f$  is defined on  $[a, (b - a)/p^2 + a]$ .

Next we write the double  $(p, q)$ -integral in the form of an infinite sum of a function  $f$  defined on  $[a, b]$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^t \int_a^s f(r) {}_a d_{p,q} r {}_a d_{p,q} s &= \int_a^t \left[ (p - q)(s - a) \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} f \left( \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} s + \left\{ 1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} \right\} a \right) {}_a d_{p,q} s \right] \\ &= (p - q) \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} \left[ \int_a^t (s - a) f \left( \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} s + \left\{ 1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} \right\} a \right) {}_a d_{p,q} s \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^t (s-a)f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}s + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}\right\}a\right) {}_a d_{p,q} s \\ &= (p-q)(t-a) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^m}{p^{m+1}} \left(\frac{q^m}{p^{m+1}}t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^m}{p^{m+1}}\right\}a - a\right) \\ & \quad \times f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}\left[\frac{q^m}{p^{m+1}}t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^m}{p^{m+1}}\right\}a\right] + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}\right\}a\right) \\ &= (p-q)(t-a)^2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2m}}{p^{2m+2}} f\left(\frac{q^{m+n}}{p^{m+n+2}}t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^{m+n}}{p^{m+n+2}}\right\}a\right), \end{aligned}$$

which leads to the expression

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^t \int_a^s f(r) {}_a d_{p,q} r {}_a d_{p,q} s \\ &= (p-q)^2(t-a)^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2m+n}}{p^{2m+n+3}} f\left(\frac{q^{m+n}}{p^{m+n+2}}t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^{m+n}}{p^{m+n+2}}\right\}a\right). \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

For  $m = n = 0$  and setting

$$\frac{1}{p^2}t + \left\{1 - \frac{1}{p^2}\right\}a = b,$$

we obtain  $t = p^2(b - a) + a$ , which implies that  $\int_a^t \int_a^r f(s) {}_a d_{p,q} s {}_a d_{p,q} r$  is valid on  $[a, p^2(b - a) + a]$ . The proof is completed.  $\square$

Before going to the next result, we would like to recall the operator  ${}_a \Phi_r$  defined by

$${}_a \Phi_r(m) = rm + (1 - r)a,$$

where  $m, a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r \in [0, 1]$ . Some properties of this operator can be found in [17].

**Lemma 1.2** *Let  $f$  be a function defined on  $[a, b]$ . Then the double  $(p, q)$ -integral of  $f$  can be written as a single one by*

$$\int_a^t \int_a^s f(r) {}_a d_{p,q} r {}_a d_{p,q} s = \frac{1}{p} \int_a^t (t - {}_a \Phi_q(s)) f({}_a \Phi_{\frac{1}{p}}(s)) {}_a d_{p,q} s, \quad t \in [a, p^2(b - a) + a]. \tag{1.10}$$

*Proof* The double summation in (1.9) can be formulated by a single summation as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{2m+n}}{p^{2m+n+3}} f\left(\frac{q^{m+n}}{p^{m+n+2}}t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^{m+n}}{p^{m+n+2}}\right\}a\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{q^n}{p^{n+3}} f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}}t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}}\right\}a\right) + \frac{q^{n+2}}{p^{n+5}} f\left(\frac{q^{n+1}}{p^{n+3}}t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^{n+1}}{p^{n+3}}\right\}a\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{q^{n+4}}{p^{n+7}} f\left(\frac{q^{n+2}}{p^{n+4}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^{n+2}}{p^{n+4}}\right\} a\right) + \frac{q^{n+6}}{p^{n+9}} f\left(\frac{q^{n+3}}{p^{n+5}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^{n+3}}{p^{n+5}}\right\} a\right) + \dots \Big] \\
 & = \frac{1}{p^3} f\left(\frac{1}{p^2} t + \left\{1 - \frac{1}{p^2}\right\} a\right) + \frac{q}{p^4} \left(1 + \frac{q}{p}\right) f\left(\frac{q}{p^3} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q}{p^3}\right\} a\right) \\
 & \quad + \frac{q^2}{p^5} \left(1 + \frac{q}{p} + \frac{q^2}{p^2}\right) f\left(\frac{q^2}{p^4} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^2}{p^4}\right\} a\right) + \dots \\
 & = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{p^{n+3}} \left(\frac{p^{n+1} - q^{n+1}}{p^n(p-q)}\right) f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}}\right\} a\right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{p-q} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} \left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{q^{n+1}}{p^{n+2}}\right) f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}}\right\} a\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (1.9) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^t \int_a^s f(r) {}_a d_{p,q} r {}_a d_{p,q} s \\
 & = \frac{1}{p} (p-q)(t-a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} \left(t - \left[\frac{q^{n+1}}{p^{n+1}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^{n+1}}{p^{n+1}}\right\} a\right]\right) \\
 & \quad \times f\left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+2}}\right\} a\right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{p} (p-q)(t-a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} \left(t - {}_a \Phi_q \left(\left[\frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}\right\} a\right]\right)\right) \\
 & \quad \times f\left({}_a \Phi_{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}} t + \left\{1 - \frac{q^n}{p^{n+1}}\right\} a\right)\right) \\
 & = \frac{1}{p} \int_a^t (t - {}_a \Phi_q(s)) f({}_a \Phi_{\frac{1}{p}}(s)) {}_a d_{p,q} s,
 \end{aligned}$$

which is completed the proof. □

*Remark 1.3* If  $a = 0$ , then (1.10) is reduced to a result of Theorem 3 in [1].

The following theorem has been proved in [16].

**Theorem 1.4** *The fundamental relations of  $(p, q)$ -calculus can be stated as*

- (i)  ${}_a D_{p,q} \int_a^t f(s) {}_a d_{p,q} s = f(t)$ ;
- (ii)  $\int_a^t {}_a D_{p,q} f(s) {}_a d_{p,q} s = f(t) - f(a)$ .

In this paper we study the impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations with initial and boundary conditions. We consider four types of problems, two impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type I and two impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type II (explained in the next section). Existence and uniqueness results are proved via Banach’s contraction mapping principle. Examples illustrating the obtained results are also constructed.

**2 Impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations**

In this section, we consider the first and second order  $(p, q)$ -difference equations with initial or boundary conditions and also prove the existence and uniqueness of solutions

for impulsive problems. Firstly, let  $t_k, k = 1, \dots, m$ , be the impulsive points such that  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = T$  and  $J_k = (t_k, t_{k+1}], k = 1, \dots, m, J_0 = [0, t_1]$  be the intervals such that  $\bigcup_{k=0}^m J_k = [0, T] := J$ . The investigations are based on  $(p, q)$ -calculus introduced in the previous section by replacing a point  $a$  by  $t_k$ , quantum numbers  $p$  by  $p_k$  and  $q$  by  $q_k, k = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , and also applying the  $(p_k, q_k)$ -difference and  $(p_k, q_k)$ -integral operators only on a finite subinterval of  $J$ . In addition, the consecutive subintervals can be related with jump conditions which provide a meaning of quantum difference equations with impulse effects. There are two types of impulsive problems which will be established in the next two subsections. The consecutive domains of impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type I are overlapped, while the unknown functions of impulsive equations of type II are defined on disconnected consecutive domains.

### 2.1 Impulsive $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type I

Consider the first-order impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference impulsive boundary value problem of the form

$$\begin{cases} {}_{t_k}D_{p_k, q_k}x(t) = f(t, x(t)), & t \in (t_k, \frac{1}{p_k}(t_{k+1} - t_k) + t_k], k = 0, 1, \dots, m, \\ \Delta x(t_k) = \varphi_k(x(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ \alpha x(0) + \beta x(T) = \gamma, \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are real constants with  $\alpha \neq -\beta$ , the quantum numbers  $p_k, q_k$  satisfy  $0 < q_k < p_k \leq 1, k = 0, 1, \dots, m, f : [0, ((T - t_m)/p_m) + t_m] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , are given functions, and  ${}_{t_k}D_{p_k, q_k}$  is the quantum  $(p_k, q_k)$ -difference operator starting at a point  $t_k, k = 0, 1, \dots, m$ .

We remark that there are some overlapped intervals of domains of the first equation in (2.1). For example, if the unknown function  $x(t)$  is defined on  $J = [0, 2]$  and if there is an impulse point  $t_1 = 1$ , that is,  $x(1^+) \neq x(1^-)$ , with  $p_0 = 1/2, q_0 = 1/3, p_1 = 1/4$ , and  $q_1 = 1/5$ . Then we have the  $(p, q)$ -difference equations

$${}_0D_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}}x(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad t \in (0, 2] \quad \text{and} \quad {}_1D_{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}}x(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad t \in (1, 5].$$

However, by the shifting property of  $(p, q)$ -integration applied to the two above equations, we have

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t f(s, x(s)) {}_0d_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}}s \quad t \in (0, 1],$$

and

$$x(t) = x(1^+) + \int_1^t f(s, x(s)) {}_1d_{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}}s, \quad t \in (1, 2],$$

respectively.

**Theorem 2.1** *The nonlinear first-order  $(p, q)$ -difference boundary value problem (2.1) can be transformed into an integral equation*

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & \frac{\gamma}{(\alpha + \beta)} - \frac{\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j(x(t_j)) \right) \\
 & + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^k \varphi_j(x(t_j)) + \int_{t_k}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s, \quad t \in J, \quad (2.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $\sum_a^b(\cdot) = 0$ , if  $b < a$ .

*Proof* From  ${}_{t_0}D_{p_0, q_0}x(t) = f(t, x(t))$ ,  $t \in (t_0, (1/p_0)(t_1 - t_0) + t_0]$ , by taking the  $(p_0, q_0)$ -integral, we obtain

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s, \quad t \in (t_0, t_1],$$

by using Theorem 1.4 and the shifting property. Next, for  ${}_{t_1}D_{p_1, q_1}x(t) = f(t, x(t))$ ,  $t \in (t_1, (1/p_1)(t_2 - t_1) + t_1]$ , where  $t_1$  is the first impulsive point in  $J$ , we also obtain by applying the  $(p_1, q_1)$ -integration,

$$x(t) = x(t_1^+) + \int_{t_1}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_1}d_{p_1, q_1} s, \quad t \in (t_1, t_2].$$

By the impulsive condition  $x(t_1^+) = x(t_1) + \varphi_1(x(t_1))$ , it follows, for  $t \in (t_1, t_2]$ , that

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s + \varphi_1(x(t_1)) + \int_{t_1}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_1}d_{p_1, q_1} s.$$

For  ${}_{t_2}D_{p_2, q_2}x(t) = f(t, x(t))$ ,  $t \in (t_2, (1/p_2)(t_3 - t_2) + t_2]$ , we get

$$x(t) = x(t_2^+) + \int_{t_2}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_2}d_{p_2, q_2} s, \quad t \in (t_2, t_3],$$

by  $(p_2, q_2)$ -integration and

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & x(0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_1}d_{p_1, q_1} s \\
 & + \varphi_1(x(t_1)) + \varphi_2(x(t_2)) + \int_{t_2}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_2}d_{p_2, q_2} s, \quad t \in (t_2, t_3],
 \end{aligned}$$

due to the impulsive condition  $x(t_2^+) = x(t_2^-) + \varphi_2(x(t_2))$ .

Repeating this process, we obtain, for  $t \in J_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , that

$$x(t) = x(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^k \varphi_j(x(t_j)) + \int_{t_k}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s. \quad (2.3)$$

After that from the boundary condition  $\alpha x(0) + \beta x(T) = \gamma$ , we have

$$x(0) = \frac{\gamma}{(\alpha + \beta)} - \frac{\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j(x(t_j)) \right).$$

Putting the value of  $x(0)$  into (2.3), shows that (2.2) is true and the proof is completed.  $\square$

*Remark 2.2* If  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $\beta = 0$ , then the boundary value problem (2.1) can be reduced to the initial value problem with initial condition  $x(0) = \gamma/\alpha$ .

Before going to the second-order impulsive problem, we define

$$\tau_k = \frac{1}{p_{k-1}}(t_k - t_{k-1}) + t_{k-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

which are impulsive shifting points of the  $(p_k, q_k)$ -derivative of the unknown function in our system. In addition, we introduce a notation

$$\langle t_{i+1} \rangle_k = \begin{cases} t_{i+1}, & t_{i+1} \leq t_k, \\ t, & t_{i+1} > t_k. \end{cases}$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^2 (\langle t_{i+1} \rangle_2 - t_i) K_i &= (\langle t_1 \rangle_2 - t_0) K_0 + (\langle t_2 \rangle_2 - t_1) K_1 + (\langle t_3 \rangle_2 - t_2) K_2 \\ &= (t_1 - t_0) K_0 + (t_2 - t_1) K_1 + (t - t_2) K_2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 0, 1, 2$ .

Now, we consider the second-order impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference initial value problem of the form

$$\begin{cases} {}_{t_k}D_{p_k, q_k}^2 x(t) = f(t, x(t)), & t \in (t_k, \frac{1}{p_k}(t_{k+1} - t_k) + t_k], k = 0, 1, \dots, m, \\ \Delta x(t_k) = \varphi_k(x(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ {}_{t_k}D_{p_k, q_k} x(t_k^+) - {}_{t_{k-1}}D_{p_{k-1}, q_{k-1}} x(\tau_k) = \varphi_k^*(x(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ x(0) = \lambda_1, \quad {}_{t_0}D_{p_0, q_0} x(0) = \lambda_2, \end{cases} \tag{2.4}$$

where  $f : [0, ((T - t_m)/p_m^2) + t_m] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \varphi_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi_k^* : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , are given functions,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are given constants. Observe that the distance between the impulsive points  $t_k$  and  $\tau_k$  in the third equation of (2.4) depends on the value of  $p_{k-1}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Indeed,

$$\tau_k - t_k = \frac{1}{p_{k-1}}(t_k - t_{k-1}) + t_{k-1} - t_k = \frac{(1 - p_{k-1})}{p_{k-1}}(t_k - t_{k-1}),$$

which has appeared by the shifting property of  $(p, q)$ -calculus as discussed in the previous section.

**Theorem 2.3** *The impulsive initial value problem of type I given by the  $(p, q)$ -difference equation (2.4) can be expressed as an integral equation of the form*

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=0}^k ((t_{i+1})_k - t_i) \left[ \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\tau_{j+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(t_{j+1})) \right\} \right. \\
 & + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} \int_{t_r}^{t_{r+1}} (t_{r+1} - t_r \Phi_{q_r}(s)) f_x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) {}_{t_r}d_{p_r, q_r} s + \varphi_{r+1}(x(t_{r+1})) \right\} \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{p_k} \int_{t_k}^t (t - t_k \Phi_{q_k}(s)) f_x(t_k \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_k}}(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s, \quad t \in J_k, k = 0, 1, \dots, m, \right. \tag{2.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) = f_x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s), x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)))$ ,  $r = 0, 1, \dots, k$ , and  $\sum_a^b(\cdot) = 0$ , when  $b < a$ .

*Proof* By computing the  $(p_0, q_0)$ -integral of both sides of the first equation of (2.4), we get

$${}_{t_0}D_{p_0, q_0} x(t) = {}_{t_0}D_{p_0, q_0} x(0) + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s, \quad t \in \left(0, \frac{1}{p_0} t_1\right].$$

Applying another  $(p_0, q_0)$ -integration, we obtain, for  $t \in (0, t_1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & x(0) + {}_{t_0}D_{p_0, q_0} x(0) + \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^r f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} r \\
 = & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 t + \frac{1}{p_0} \int_{t_0}^t (t - t_0 \Phi_{q_0}(s)) f_x(t_0 \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_0}}(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $t \in (t_1, ((t_2 - t_1)/p_1^2) + t_1]$ , applying the double  $(p_1, q_1)$ -integration to both sides of the first equation of (2.4), we have

$$x(t) = x(t_1^+) + (t - t_1) {}_{t_1}D_{p_1, q_1} x(t_1^+) + \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{t_1}^t (t - t_1 \Phi_{q_1}(s)) f_x(t_1 \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_1}}(s)) {}_{t_1}d_{p_1, q_1} s,$$

where  $t \in (t_1, t_2]$ . Due to the impulsive conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t_1^+) = & x(t_1) + \varphi_1(x(t_1)) \\
 = & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 t_1 + \frac{1}{p_0} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (t_1 - t_0 \Phi_{q_0}(s)) f_x(t_0 \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_0}}(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s + \varphi_1(x(t_1))
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_{t_1}D_{p_1, q_1} x(t_1^+) = & {}_{t_0}D_{p_0, q_0} x(t_1) + \varphi_1^*(x(t_1)) \\
 = & \lambda_2 + \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s + \varphi_1^*(x(t_1)),
 \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 t_1 + \frac{1}{p_0} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (t_1 - t_0 \Phi_{q_0}(s)) f_x(t_0 \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_0}}(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s + \varphi_1(x(t_1)) \\
 &\quad + (t - t_1) \left[ \lambda_2 + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s + \varphi_1^*(x(t_1)) \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{t_1}^t (t - t_1 \Phi_{q_1}(s)) f_x(t_1 \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_1}}(s)) {}_{t_1}d_{p_1, q_1} s, \quad t \in (t_1, t_2].
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we deduce the integral equation (2.5), as desired. □

Now, the existence and uniqueness results for problems (2.1) and (2.4) will be proved by using the Banach’s contraction mapping principle. Let us define the space  $PC(J, \mathbb{R}) = \{x : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x(t) \text{ is continuous everywhere except for some } t_k \text{ in which } x(t_k^+) \text{ and } x(t_k^-) \text{ exist and } x(t_k^-) = x(t_k), k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . The set  $PC(J, \mathbb{R})$  is a Banach space equipped with the norm  $\|x\| = \sup\{|x(t)| : t \in J\}$ . For convenience, we put

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_1 &= \frac{|\beta| + |\alpha + \beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \sum_{i=0}^m (t_{i+1} - t_i), \\
 \Omega_2 &= m \left( \frac{|\beta| + |\alpha + \beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \right), \\
 \Omega_3 &= \sum_{i=0}^m \left\{ (t_{i+1} - t_i) \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (\tau_{j+1} - t_j) \right\} + \sum_{r=0}^m \frac{(t_{r+1} - t_r)^2}{p_r + q_r}, \\
 \Omega_4 &= \sum_{i=0}^m (t_{i+1} - t_i) i.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.4** *Let  $f : [0, ((T - t_m)/p_m) + t_m] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , be given functions satisfying*

(H<sub>1</sub>) *There exist positive constants  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  such that*

$$|f(t, x) - f(t, y)| \leq L_1|x - y| \quad \text{and} \quad |\varphi_k(x) - \varphi_k(y)| \leq L_2|x - y|,$$

for all  $t \in [0, ((T - t_m)/p_m) + t_m], x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

If

$$L_1\Omega_1 + L_2\Omega_2 < 1, \tag{2.6}$$

then the boundary value problem (2.1) has a unique solution on  $J$ .

*Proof* In view of Theorem 2.1, we define the operator  $\mathcal{A} : PC(J, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow PC(J, \mathbb{R})$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}x(t) &= \frac{\gamma}{(\alpha + \beta)} - \frac{\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j(x(t_j)) \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^k \varphi_j(x(t_j)) + \int_{t_k}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s, \quad t \in J.
 \end{aligned}$$

Define the ball  $B_{r_1} = \{x \in PC(J, \mathbb{R}) : \|x\| \leq r_1\}$  where the positive constant  $r_1$  is defined by

$$r_1 > \frac{(|\gamma|/|\alpha + \beta|) + M_1\Omega_1 + M_2\Omega_2}{1 - (L_1\Omega_1 + L_2\Omega_2)}.$$

The Banach contraction mapping principle is used to claim that there exists a unique fixed point of an operator equation  $x = \mathcal{A}x$  in  $B_{r_1}$ . By setting  $\sup_{t \in J} |f(t, 0)| = M_1$ , and  $\sup\{|\varphi_i(0)|, i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} = M_2$  and using the inequalities  $|f(t, x)| \leq |f(t, x) - f(t, 0)| + |f(t, 0)| \leq L_1r_1 + M_1$  and  $|\varphi_i(x)| \leq |\varphi_i(x) - \varphi_i(0)| + |\varphi_i(0)| \leq L_1r_1 + M_2, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{A}x(t)| &\leq \frac{|\gamma|}{|\alpha + \beta|} + \frac{|\beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} |f(s, x(s))|_{t_i} d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m |\varphi_j(x(t_j))| \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} |f(s, x(s))|_{t_i} d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(x(t_j))| + \int_{t_k}^t |f(s, x(s))|_{t_k} d_{p_k, q_k} s \\ &\leq \frac{|\gamma|}{|\alpha + \beta|} + \frac{|\beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m (L_1r_1 + M_1) \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (1)_{t_i} d_{p_i, q_i} s + (L_2r_1 + M_2) \sum_{j=1}^m (1) \right) \\ &\quad + (L_1r_1 + M_1) \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (1)_{t_i} d_{p_i, q_i} s + (L_2r_1 + M_2) \sum_{j=1}^m (1) \\ &\quad + (L_1r_1 + M_1) \int_{t_m}^{t_{m+1}} (1)_{t_k} d_{p_k, q_k} s \\ &= \frac{|\gamma|}{|\alpha + \beta|} + \frac{|\beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \left( (L_1r_1 + M_1) \sum_{i=0}^m (t_{i+1} - t_i) + m(L_2r_1 + M_2) \right) \\ &\quad + (L_1r_1 + M_1) \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (t_{i+1} - t_i) + m(L_2r_1 + M_2) + (L_1r_1 + M_1)(t_{m+1} - t_m) \\ &= \frac{|\gamma|}{|\alpha + \beta|} + L_1\Omega_1r_1 + L_2\Omega_2r_1 + M_1\Omega_1 + M_2\Omega_2 < r_1, \end{aligned}$$

which leads to  $\mathcal{A}B_{r_1} \subset B_{r_1}$ . To prove that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a contraction, we let  $x, y \in B_{r_1}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{A}x(t) - \mathcal{A}y(t)| &\leq \frac{|\beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))|_{t_i} d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m |\varphi_j(x(t_j)) - \varphi_j(y(t_j))| \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))|_{t_i} d_{p_i, q_i} s \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k |\varphi_j(x(t_j)) - \varphi_j(y(t_j))| + \int_{t_k}^t |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))|_{t_k} d_{p_k, q_k} s \\ &\leq \frac{|\beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \left( L_1\|x - y\| \sum_{i=0}^m (t_{i+1} - t_i) + mL_2\|x - y\| \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ L_1 \|x - y\| \sum_{i=0}^m (t_{i+1} - t_i) + mL_2 \|x - y\| \\
 &= (L_1\Omega_1 + L_2\Omega_2) \|x - y\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\|Ax - Ay\| \leq (L_1\Omega_1 + L_2\Omega_2) \|x - y\|$ . By means of the Banach contraction mapping principle, the operator  $\mathcal{A}$  has a unique fixed point in  $B_{r_1}$  which is a unique solution of boundary value problem (2.1). The proof is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5** *Assume that the functions  $f : [0, ((T - t_m)/p_m^2) + t_m] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , satisfy  $(H_1)$ . In addition, we suppose that the functions  $\varphi_k^* : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , satisfy*

*$(H_2)$  There exists a positive constant  $L_3$  such that*

$$|\varphi_k^*(x) - \varphi_k^*(y)| \leq L_3|x - y|,$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If

$$L_1\Omega_3 + L_2m + L_3\Omega_4 < 1, \tag{2.7}$$

then the boundary value problem (2.4) has a unique solution on  $[0, T]$ .

*Proof* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.4 and is omitted.  $\square$

**Example 2.6** Consider the following first-order impulsive quantum  $(p, q)$ -difference equation of type  $I$  subject to the boundary condition of the form:

$$\begin{cases}
 {}_kD_{\frac{1}{k+2}, \frac{1}{k+3}} x(t) = \frac{1}{18+t^2} \left( \frac{x^2(t)+2|x(t)|}{1+|x(t)|} \right) + \frac{3}{2}, & t \in (k, 2k + 2], k = 0, 1, 2, \\
 \Delta x(k) = \frac{1}{6k} \sin x(t_k), & k = 1, 2, \\
 \frac{1}{2}x(0) + \frac{1}{3}x(3) = \frac{1}{4}.
 \end{cases} \tag{2.8}$$

Here  $p_k = 1/(k + 2), q_k = 1/(k + 3), k = 0, 1, 2, \alpha = 1/2, \beta = 1/3, \gamma = 1/4, t_k = k, k = 1, 2, T = 3$ , and  $m = 2$ . The given data leads to constants  $\Omega_1 = 21/5, \Omega_2 = 14/5$ . Setting

$$f(t, x) = \frac{1}{18 + t^2} \left( \frac{x^2 + 2|x|}{1 + |x|} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_k(x) = \frac{1}{6k} \sin x,$$

we have  $|f(t, x) - f(t, y)| \leq (1/9)|x - y|$  and  $|\varphi_k(x) - \varphi_k(y)| \leq (1/6)|x - y|$  which satisfy Condition  $(H_1)$  in Theorem 2.4 with  $L_1 = 1/9$  and  $L_2 = 1/6$ . Since  $L_1\Omega_1 + L_2\Omega_2 = 14/15 < 1$ , by Theorem 2.4, the boundary value problem (2.8) has a unique solution  $x$  on  $[0, 3]$ .

*Example 2.7* Consider the following second-order impulsive quantum  $(p, q)$ -difference equation of type I with the initial conditions of the form:

$$\begin{cases} {}_k D_{\frac{1}{k+2}, \frac{1}{k+3}}^2 x(t) = \frac{1}{5(t+5)} \tan^{-1} |x(t)| + \frac{1}{2}, & t \in (k, k^2 + 5k + 4], k = 0, 1, 2, \\ \Delta x(k) = \frac{|x(t_k)|}{10k(1+|x(t_k)|)}, & k = 1, 2, \\ {}_k D_{\frac{1}{k+2}, \frac{1}{k+3}} x(k) - (k-1) {}_k D_{\frac{1}{k+1}, \frac{1}{k+2}} x(2k) = \frac{1}{15k^2} \sin |x(t_k)|, & k = 1, 2, \\ x(0) = \frac{3}{5}, & {}_0 D_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}} x(0) = \frac{5}{7}. \end{cases} \tag{2.9}$$

Here the quantum constants  $p_k, q_k$  and impulsive points  $t_k$ , are as in Example 2.6. In addition,  $\tau_k = 2k, k = 1, 2$ , and initial constants  $\lambda_1 = 3/5, \lambda_2 = 5/7$ . Next, we can compute that  $\Omega_3 = 12.1365$  and  $\Omega_4 = 3$ . Set

$$f(t, x) = \frac{1}{5(t+5)} \tan^{-1} |x| + \frac{1}{2}, \quad \varphi_k(x) = \frac{|x|}{10k(1+|x|)}, \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_k^*(x) = \frac{1}{15k^2} \sin |x|.$$

It is easy to see that  $f, \varphi_k$ , and  $\varphi_k^*$  satisfy  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$  with  $L_1 = 1/25, L_2 = 1/10$ , and  $L_3 = 1/15$ . Therefore, we have  $L_1\Omega_3 + L_2m + L_3\Omega_4 = 0.8855 < 1$ . Hence the boundary value problem (2.9) has a unique solution  $x$  on  $[0, 3]$  by Theorem 2.5.

### 2.2 Impulsive $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type II

Now we study the first-order impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference boundary value problem of the form

$$\begin{cases} {}_{t_k} D_{p_k, q_k} x(t) = f(t, x(t)), & t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}], k = 0, 1, \dots, m, \\ x(t_k^+) - x(\rho_k) = \varphi_k(x(\rho_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ \alpha x(0) + \beta x(\rho_{m+1}) = \gamma, \end{cases} \tag{2.10}$$

where  $f : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and the functions  $\varphi_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , and constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are defined as in Sect. 2.1. The constant  $\rho_k$  is defined by

$$\rho_k = p_{k-1}(t_k - t_{k-1}) + t_{k-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m, m + 1.$$

Then the lagging distance is  $t_k - \rho_k = (1 - p_{k-1})(t_k - t_{k-1})$  which depends on the value of  $p_{k-1} \in (0, 1]$ .

To observe the special characteristic of this type, by the shifting property of the  $(p, q)$ -derivative, we see that the unknown function  $x(t)$  is defined on  $[t_0, \rho_1] \cup (t_k, \rho_{k+1}], k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

*Example 2.8* Let  $J = [0, 2]$  and  $t_1 = 1$  be an impulsive point. Then

$${}_0 D_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}} x(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

and

$${}_1 D_{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}} x(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad t \in (1, 2],$$

can be presented as

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t f(s, x(s)) {}_0d_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}} s, \quad t \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right],$$

and

$$x(t) = x(1^+) + \int_1^t f(s, x(s)) {}_1d_{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}} s, \quad t \in \left(1, \frac{5}{4}\right].$$

**Theorem 2.9** *The first-order type II  $(p, q)$ -difference boundary value problem (2.10) can be expressed as an integral equation*

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & \frac{\gamma}{(\alpha + \beta)} - \frac{\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{\rho_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j(x(\rho_j)) \right) \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{\rho_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^k \varphi_j(x(\rho_j)) + \int_{t_k}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s, \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

with  $\sum_a^b(\cdot) = 0$ , if  $b < a$ .

*Proof* Firstly, the  $(p_0, q_0)$ -integration of the first equation in (2.10) yields

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s, \quad t \in (t_0, \rho_1].$$

In particular, for  $t = \rho_1$ , we have

$$x(\rho_1) = x(0) + \int_{t_0}^{\rho_1} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s.$$

For  $k = 1$ , by  $(p_1, q_1)$ -integration, we obtain

$$x(t) = x(t_1^+) + \int_{t_1}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_1}d_{p_1, q_1} s, \quad t \in (t_1, \rho_2],$$

which leads to

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_{t_0}^{\rho_1} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s + \varphi_1(x(\rho_1)) + \int_{t_1}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_1}d_{p_1, q_1} s,$$

by using the impulse condition  $x(t_1^+) = x(\rho_1) + \varphi_1(x(\rho_1))$ .

Repeating the process for any  $t \in (t_k, \rho_{k+1}]$ , we get

$$x(t) = x(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{t_i}^{\rho_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^k \varphi_j(x(\rho_j)) + \int_{t_k}^t f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s.$$

Since

$$x(\rho_{m+1}) = x(0) + \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{\rho_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j(x(\rho_j)),$$

by the boundary condition, we have

$$x(0) = \frac{\gamma}{(\alpha + \beta)} - \frac{\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \int_{t_i}^{\rho_{i+1}} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_i}d_{p_i, q_i} s + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_j(x(\rho_j)) \right),$$

which implies that (2.11) holds. This completes the proof. □

Next we define the points  $\rho_k^* = p_{k-1}^2(t_k - t_{k-1}) + t_{k-1}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m, m + 1$ . Now we consider the second-order type II impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference initial value problem of the form

$$\begin{cases} {}_{t_k}D_{p_k, q_k}^2 x(t) = f(t, x(t)), & t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}], k = 0, 1, \dots, m, \\ x(t_k^+) - x(\rho_k^*) = \varphi_k(x(\rho_k^*)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ {}_{t_k}D_{p_k, q_k} x(t_k^+) - {}_{t_{k-1}}D_{p_{k-1}, q_{k-1}} x(\rho_k) = \varphi_k^*(x(\rho_k^*)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ x(0) = \lambda_1, & {}_{t_0}D_{p_0, q_0} x(0) = \lambda_2, \end{cases} \tag{2.12}$$

where  $f : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , while other functions and constants are defined as in Sect. 2.1. Since  $0 < p_k \leq 1$ , we have  $\rho_k^* \leq t_k$ , and consequently  $(t_k, \rho_k^*] \subseteq (t_k, t_{k+1}]$  for all  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . By Lemma 1.1, the unknown function  $x(t)$  of problem (2.12) is defined on  $[t_0, \rho_1^*] \cup_{k=1}^m (t_k, \rho_{k+1}^*]$ .

**Theorem 2.10** *The initial value problem (2.12) of the impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equation of type II can be stated as an integral equation of the form*

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=0}^k ((\rho_{i+1}^*)_{/k} - t_i) \left[ \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\} \right] \\ & + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} \int_{t_r}^{\rho_{r+1}^*} (\rho_{r+1}^* - {}_{t_r}\Phi_{q_r}(s)) f_x({}_{t_r}\Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) {}_{t_r}d_{p_r, q_r} s + \varphi_{r+1}(x(\rho_{r+1}^*)) \right\} \\ & + \frac{1}{p_k} \int_{t_k}^t (t - {}_{t_k}\Phi_{q_k}(s)) f_x({}_{t_k}\Phi_{\frac{1}{p_k}}(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s, \quad t \in (t_k, \rho_{k+1}^*], k = 0, 1, \dots, m. \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

*Proof* The mathematical induction will be used to prove that (2.13) holds. To do this, by applying the double  $(p_0, q_0)$ -integration to the first equation of (2.12), we obtain

$$x(t) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 t + \frac{1}{p_0} \int_{t_0}^t (t - {}_{t_0}\Phi_{q_0}(s)) f_x({}_{t_0}\Phi_{\frac{1}{p_0}}(s)) {}_{t_0}d_{p_0, q_0} s, \quad t \in (t_0, \rho_1^*],$$

which implies that (2.13) is true for  $k = 0$ . In the next step, we suppose that (2.13) holds for  $t \in (t_k, \rho_{k+1}^*]$ . By mathematical induction, we shall show that (2.13) holds on  $(t_{k+1}, \rho_{k+2}^*]$ . Now, the double  $(p_0, q_0)$ -integration of the first equation of (2.12) yields on  $t \in (t_{k+1}, \rho_{k+2}^*]$  that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & x(t_{k+1}^+) + (t - t_{k+1}) {}_{t_{k+1}}D_{p_{k+1}, q_{k+1}} x(t_{k+1}^+) \\ & + \frac{1}{p_{k+1}} \int_{t_{k+1}}^t (t - {}_{t_{k+1}}\Phi_{q_{k+1}}(s)) f_x({}_{t_{k+1}}\Phi_{\frac{1}{p_{k+1}}}(s)) {}_{t_{k+1}}d_{p_{k+1}, q_{k+1}} s. \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t_{k+1}^+) &= x(\rho_{k+1}^*) + \varphi_{k+1}(x(\rho_k^*)) \\ &= \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=0}^k (\rho_{i+1}^* - t_i) \left[ \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=0}^k \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} \int_{t_r}^{\rho_{r+1}^*} (\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r \Phi_{q_r}(s)) f_x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) {}_{t_r}d_{p_r, q_r} s + \varphi_{r+1}(x(\rho_{r+1}^*)) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{t_{k+1}}D_{p_{k+1}, q_{k+1}} x(t_{k+1}^+) &= {}_{t_k}D_{p_k, q_k} x(\rho_{k+1}) + \varphi_{k+1}^*(x(\rho_k^*)) \\ &= \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\} \\ &\quad + \int_{t_k}^{\rho_{k+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s + \varphi_{k+1}^*(x(\rho_{k+1}^*)) \\ &= \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^k \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting above two values into (2.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=0}^k (\rho_{i+1}^* - t_i) \left[ \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=0}^k \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} \int_{t_r}^{\rho_{r+1}^*} (\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r \Phi_{q_r}(s)) f_x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) {}_{t_r}d_{p_r, q_r} s + \varphi_{r+1}(x(\rho_{r+1}^*)) \right\} \\ &\quad + (t - t_{k+1}) \left( \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^k \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{p_{k+1}} \int_{t_{k+1}}^t (t - t_{k+1} \Phi_{q_{k+1}}(s)) f_x(t_{k+1} \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_{k+1}}}(s)) {}_{t_{k+1}}d_{p_{k+1}, q_{k+1}} s \\ &= \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} ((\rho_{i+1}^*)_{k+1} - t_i) \left[ \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\} \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=0}^k \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} \int_{t_r}^{\rho_{r+1}^*} (\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r \Phi_{q_r}(s)) f_x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) {}_{t_r}d_{p_r, q_r} s + \varphi_{r+1}(x(\rho_{r+1}^*)) \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{p_{k+1}} \int_{t_{k+1}}^t (t - t_{k+1} \Phi_{q_{k+1}}(s)) f_x(t_{k+1} \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_{k+1}}}(s)) {}_{t_{k+1}}d_{p_{k+1}, q_{k+1}} s, \end{aligned}$$

which holds for  $(t_{k+1}, \rho_{k+2}^*]$ . This completes the proof. □

To investigate the impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type II, we define intervals of solutions as  $\Lambda_1 = (\bigcup_{k=0}^m (t_k, \rho_{k+1}]) \cup \{0\}$  and  $\Lambda_2 = (\bigcup_{k=0}^m (t_k, \rho_{k+1}^*) \cup \{0\}$ , and also the spaces

$PC_1(\Lambda_1, \mathbb{R}) = \{x : \Lambda_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x(t) \text{ is continuous everywhere on } \Lambda_1 \text{ such that } x(t_k^+) \text{ and } x(\rho_{k+1}) \text{ exist for all } k = 0, 1, \dots, m\}$  and  $PC_2(\Lambda_2, \mathbb{R}) = \{x : \Lambda_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x(t) \text{ is continuous everywhere on } \Lambda_2 \text{ such that } x(t_k^+) \text{ and } x(\rho_{k+1}^*) \text{ exist for all } k = 0, 1, \dots, m\}$ . Both of them are Banach spaces equipped with the norms  $\|x\|_1 = \sup\{|x(t)|, t \in \Lambda_1\}$  and  $\|x\|_2 = \sup\{|x(t)|, t \in \Lambda_2\}$ .

In proving our next results, we use the constants:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_5 &= \frac{|\beta| + |\alpha + \beta|}{|\alpha + \beta|} \sum_{i=0}^m (\rho_{i+1} - t_i), \\ \Omega_6 &:= \sum_{i=0}^m \left\{ (\rho_{i+1}^* - t_i) \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (\rho_{j+1} - t_j) \right\} + \sum_{r=0}^m \frac{(\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r)^2}{p_r + q_r}, \\ \Omega_7 &:= \sum_{i=0}^m (\rho_{i+1}^* - t_i) i. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Theorem 2.9 to define the operator on  $PC_1(\Lambda_1, \mathbb{R})$  and following the method of Theorem 2.4, we can easily prove the existence of a unique solution of problem (2.10).

**Theorem 2.11** *Assume that the functions  $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , satisfy condition  $(H_1)$ . If*

$$L_1 \Omega_5 + L_2 \Omega_2 < 1, \tag{2.15}$$

*then the boundary value problem of type II (2.10) has a unique solution on  $\Lambda_1$ .*

**Theorem 2.12** *Assume that the functions  $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \varphi_k : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi_k^* : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , satisfy  $(H_1)$ – $(H_2)$ . If*

$$L_1 \Omega_6 + L_2 m + L_3 \Omega_7 < 1, \tag{2.16}$$

*then the problem of type II (2.12) has a unique solution on  $\Lambda_2$ .*

*Proof* To show the technique of computation of constants  $\Omega_6$  and  $\Omega_7$ , we give a short proof. Now we prove that the operator equation  $x = \mathcal{B}x$  has a unique fixed point, where the operator  $\mathcal{B} : PC_2(\Lambda_2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow PC_2(\Lambda_2, \mathbb{R})$  is defined, in view of Theorem 2.10, by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}x(t) &= \lambda_1 + \sum_{i=0}^k ((\rho_{i+1}^*)_k - t_i) \left[ \lambda_2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} f(s, x(s)) {}_{t_j}d_{p_j, q_j} s + \varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) \right\} \right] \\ &+ \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} \int_{t_r}^{\rho_{r+1}^*} (\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r) \Phi_{q_r}(s) f_x(t_r, \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) {}_{t_r}d_{p_r, q_r} s + \varphi_{r+1}(x(\rho_{r+1}^*)) \right\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{p_k} \int_{t_k}^t (t - t_k) \Phi_{q_k}(s) f_x(t_k, \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_k}}(s)) {}_{t_k}d_{p_k, q_k} s, \quad t \in (t_k, \rho_{k+1}^*], k = 0, 1, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

By a similar method as in Theorem 2.4, we can show that the operator  $\mathcal{B}$  maps a subset of  $PC_2(\Lambda_2, \mathbb{R})$  into subset of  $PC_2(\Lambda_2, \mathbb{R})$ . Next, we will prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a contraction. Let

$x, y \in PC_2(\Lambda_2, \mathcal{R})$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |\mathcal{B}x(t) - \mathcal{B}y(t)| \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=0}^k ((\rho_{i+1}^*)_k - t_i) \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))|_{t_j} d_{p_j, q_j} s \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + |\varphi_{j+1}^*(x(\rho_{j+1}^*)) - \varphi_{j+1}^*(y(\rho_{j+1}^*))| \right\} \right] \\
 & \quad + \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} \int_{t_r}^{\rho_{r+1}^*} (\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r \Phi_{q_r}(s)) |f_x(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s)) - f_y(t_r \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_r}}(s))|_{t_r} d_{p_r, q_r} s \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + |\varphi_{r+1}(x(\rho_{r+1}^*)) - \varphi_{r+1}(y(\rho_{r+1}^*))| \right\} \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{p_k} \int_{t_k}^t (t - t_k \Phi_{q_k}(s)) |f_x(t_k \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_k}}(s)) - f_y(t_k \Phi_{\frac{1}{p_k}}(s))|_{t_k} d_{p_k, q_k} s \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=0}^m (\rho_{i+1}^* - t_i) \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ L_1 \|x - y\|_2 \int_{t_j}^{\rho_{j+1}^*} (1)_{t_j} d_{p_j, q_j} s + L_3 \|x - y\|_2 \right\} \right] \\
 & \quad + \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{p_r} L_1 \|x - y\|_2 \int_{t_r}^{\rho_{r+1}^*} (\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r \Phi_{q_r}(s)) (1)_{t_r} d_{p_r, q_r} s + L_2 \|x - y\|_2 \right\} \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{p_m} L_1 \|x - y\|_2 \int_{t_m}^{\rho_{m+1}^*} (\rho_{m+1}^* - t_m \Phi_{q_m}(s)) (1)_{t_m} d_{p_m, q_m} s \\
 & = \sum_{i=0}^m (\rho_{i+1}^* - t_i) \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \left\{ L_1 \|x - y\|_2 (\rho_{j+1} - t_j) + L_3 \|x - y\|_2 \right\} \right] \\
 & \quad + \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} \left\{ L_1 \|x - y\|_2 \frac{(\rho_{r+1}^* - t_r)^2}{p_r + q_r} + L_2 \|x - y\|_2 \right\} + L_1 \|x - y\|_2 \frac{(\rho_{m+1}^* - t_m)^2}{p_m + q_m} \\
 & = (L_1 \Omega_6 + L_2 m + L_3 \Omega_7) \|x - y\|_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\|\mathcal{B}x - \mathcal{B}y\|_2 \leq (L_1 \Omega_6 + L_2 m + L_3 \Omega_7) \|x - y\|_2$ . Condition (2.16) and the Banach contraction mapping principle guarantee that the impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference initial value problem of type II (2.12) has a unique solution on  $\Lambda_2$ . The proof is completed.  $\square$

*Example 2.13* Consider the following first-order impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equation of type II subject to the boundary condition of the form:

$$\begin{cases}
 {}_k D_{\frac{k+1}{k+2}, \frac{k+1}{k+3}} x(t) = \frac{5}{6(3+t)^2} \left( \frac{x^2(t)+2|x(t)|}{1+|x(t)|} \right) + \frac{3}{4}, & t \in (k, k+1], k = 0, 1, 2, \\
 x(k) - x\left(\frac{k^2+k-1}{k+1}\right) = \frac{1}{6k} \tan^{-1}\left(x\left(\frac{k^2+k-1}{k+1}\right)\right), & k = 1, 2, \\
 \frac{1}{2}x(0) + \frac{1}{3}x\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4}.
 \end{cases} \tag{2.17}$$

Here the quantum numbers are  $p_k = (k+1)/(k+2)$ ,  $q_k = (k+1)/(k+3)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, J = [0, 3]$ ,  $t_k = k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ ,  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,  $\beta = 1/3$ ,  $\gamma = 1/4$ , and  $\rho_k = (k^2 + k - 1)/(k + 1)$ . We can find that

$\Omega_2 = 2.8000, \Omega_5 = 2.6833,$  and

$$\Lambda_1 = \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup \left(1, \frac{5}{3}\right] \cup \left(2, \frac{11}{4}\right].$$

By setting

$$f(t, x) = \frac{5}{6(3+t)^2} \left(\frac{x^2 + 2|x|}{1 + |x|}\right) + \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_k(x) = \frac{1}{6k} \tan^{-1}(x),$$

we see that the functions  $f$  and  $\varphi_k$  satisfy  $(H_1)$  with  $L_1 = 5/27$  and  $L_2 = 1/6,$  respectively. Then we get  $L_1\Omega_5 + L_2\Omega_2 = 0.9543 < 1.$  Therefore, by Theorem 2.11, the boundary value problem (2.17) has a unique solution  $x$  on  $\Lambda_1.$

*Example 2.14* Consider the following second-order impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equation of type II with the initial conditions of the form:

$$\begin{cases} kD_{\frac{k+1}{k+2}, \frac{k+1}{k+3}}^2 x(t) = \frac{1}{10(t+6)} \sin |x(t)| + \frac{5}{6}, & t \in (k, k + 1], k = 0, 1, 2, \\ x(k^+) - x\left(\frac{k^3+2k^2-k-1}{(k+1)^2}\right) = \frac{3}{5(k+1)^2} \tan^{-1}\left(x\left(\frac{k^3+2k^2-k-1}{(k+1)^2}\right)\right), & k = 1, 2, \\ kD_{\frac{k+1}{k+2}, \frac{k+1}{k+3}} x(k^+) - (k-1)D_{\frac{k}{k+1}, \frac{k}{k+2}} x\left(\frac{k^2+k-1}{k+1}\right) = \frac{1}{5k^3} |x\left(\frac{k^3+2k^2-k-1}{(k+1)^2}\right)|, & k = 1, 2, \\ x(0) = \frac{3}{5}, \quad {}_0D_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}} x(0) = \frac{5}{7}. \end{cases} \tag{2.18}$$

The quantum numbers  $p_k, q_k,$  impulsive points  $t_k, \rho_k,$  and interval  $J$  are defined the same as in Example 2.13. We have the constants  $\lambda_1 = 3/5, \lambda_2 = 5/7,$  and points  $\rho_k^* = (k^3 + 2k^2 - k - 1)/(k + 1)^2.$  Next we can find that  $\Omega_6 = 18.4273, \Omega_7 = 1.5694,$  and

$$\Lambda_2 = \left[0, \frac{1}{4}\right] \cup \left(1, \frac{13}{9}\right] \cup \left(2, \frac{41}{16}\right].$$

By setting

$$f(t, x) = \frac{1}{10(t+6)} \sin |x| + \frac{5}{6}, \quad \varphi_k(x) = \frac{3}{5(k+1)^2} \tan^{-1}(x), \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_k^*(x) = \frac{1}{5k^3} |x|,$$

we deduce that  $(H_1)$ – $(H_2)$  are fulfilled with  $L_1 = 1/60, L_2 = 3/20,$  and  $L_3 = 1/5.$  Hence, it follows that  $L_1\Omega_6 + L_2m + L_3\Omega_7 = 0.9210 < 1.$  Therefore, by applying Theorem 2.12, the boundary value problem (2.18) has a unique solution  $x$  on  $\Lambda_2.$

### 3 Conclusion

In this research, we initiated the study of the first and second order  $(p, q)$ -difference equations with initial or boundary conditions. Firstly, we let  $t_k, k = 1, \dots, m,$  be the impulsive points such that  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = T$  and  $J_k = (t_k, t_{k+1}], k = 1, \dots, m,$   $J_0 = [0, t_1]$  be the intervals such that  $\bigcup_{k=0}^m J_k = [0, T] := J.$  The investigations were based on  $(p, q)$ -calculus introduced in the first section of this paper, by replacing a point  $a$  by  $t_k,$  quantum numbers  $p$  by  $p_k$  and  $q$  by  $q_k, k = 0, 1, \dots, m,$  and also applying the  $(p_k, q_k)$ -difference and  $(p_k, q_k)$ -integral operators only on a finite subinterval of  $J.$  In addition, the consecutive subintervals could be related with jump conditions which led to a meaning of quantum difference equations with impulse effects. There are two types of impulsive

problems. The consecutive domains of impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type I are overlapped, while the unknown functions of impulsive equations of type II are defined on disjoint consecutive domains. Four types of problems were considered, two impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type I and two impulsive  $(p, q)$ -difference equations of type II. Existence and uniqueness results were proved via Banach's contraction mapping principle. Examples illustrating the obtained results were also presented.

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