# A DISCRETE ANALOGUE OF MACLAURIN SERIES

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### Abstract

In the present paper a(p,q)-analytic function analogue of Maclaurin's series has been obtained.

## 1. Introduction

In 1993, the present author [1] defined and studied (p,q)-analytic functions. Some of its definitions required in this paper are as given below:

**Definition 1.** The discrete plane Q' with respect to some fixed point z' = (x', y') in the first quadrant, is defined by the set of lattice points,

 $Q' = \{(p^m x', q^n y'); m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ the set of integers}\}.$ 

**Definition 2.** Two lattice points,  $z_i, z_{i+1} \in Q'$  are said to be 'adjacent' if  $z_{i+1}$  is one of  $(px_i, y_i), (p^{-1}x_i, y_i) (x_i, qy_i)$  or  $(x_i, q^{-1}y_i)$ .

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**Definition 3.** A 'discrete curve' C in Q' connecting  $z_0$  to  $z_n$  is denoted by the sequence

 $C \equiv \langle z_0, z_1, z_2, ..., z_n \rangle$ 

where  $z_i, z_{i+1}$ ; i = 0, 1, 2, ..., (n-1), are adjacent points of Q'.

If the points are distinct  $(z_i \neq z_j; i \neq j)$  then the discrete curve C is said to be 'simple'.

**Definition 4.** A 'discrete closed curve' C in Q' is given by the sequence  $\langle z_0, z_1, z_2, ..., z_n \rangle$  where  $\langle z_0, z_1, ..., z_{n-1} \rangle$  is simple and  $z_0 = z_n$ .

Denote by  $\overline{C}$  the continuous closed curve formed by joining adjacent points of the discrete closed curve C. Then  $\overline{C}$  encloses certain points of Q', denoted by Int(C).

**Definition 5.** A 'finite discrete domain' B is defined as  $B = \{z \in Q'; z \in CU \text{ Int}(C)\}.$ 

**Definition 6.** Functions defined on the points of a discrete domain B are said to be 'discrete functions'.

**Definition 7.** The *p*-difference and *q*-difference operators  $D_{p,x}$  and  $D_{q,y}$  are defined as follows.

$$D_{p,x} \left[ f(z) \right] = \frac{f(z) - f(px, y)}{(1 - p)x} \qquad \dots (1.1)$$

$$D_{q,y}[f(z)] = \frac{f(z) - f(x, qy)}{(1 - q)iy} \qquad \dots (1.2)$$

where  $f(z) \equiv f(x, y)$ , z = x + iy.

The two operators (1.1) and (1.2) involve a 'basic triad' of points denoted by

$$T(z) = \{(x, y), (px, y), (x, qy)\}.$$
 ...(1.3)

Let B be a discrete domain. Then a discrete function f is said to be (p,q)-analytic' at  $z \in B$  if

$$D_{p,x}[f(z)] = D_{q,y}[f(z)]. \qquad ...(1.4)$$

If in addition (1.4) holds for every  $z \in B$  such that  $T(z) \subseteq B$  then f is said to be (p,q) - analytic in B. ...(1.5)

For 0 < q < 1, we also have  $(q^{\alpha})_n \equiv (1-q^{\alpha})_{n,q} = (1-q^{\alpha})(1-q^{\alpha+1})(1-q^{\alpha+2})...(1-q^{\alpha+n-1}); (q^{\alpha})_0 = 1$  ...(1.6)

From (1.1), we have

$$D_{p,x}[x^{n}] = \frac{1-p^{n}}{1-p} x^{n-1} \qquad \dots (1.7)$$

and

$$D_{p,x}^{j} \left[ x^{n} \right] = \begin{cases} (1 - p^{n-j+1}) (1 - p^{n-j+2}) \dots (1 - p^{n-1}) (1 - p^{n}) x^{n-j}; \ j \le n \\ 0, \qquad j > n \end{cases}$$
...(1.8)

The continuation operator  $C_y$  and the convolution operator \* were studied by Khan and Najmi in their papers [2] and [3] respectively. To use them in this paper, their definitions are reproduced here. The continuation operator  $C_y$  is defined as

$$C_{y} \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^{j}}{(1-q)_{j,q}} (iy)^{j} D_{p,x}^{j} \qquad \dots (1.9)$$

and 
$$f(z) = C_y[f(x,0)] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^j}{(1-q)_{j,q}} (iy)^j D_{p,x}^j [f(x,0)] \qquad \dots (1.10)$$

Similarly,

$$C_{x}[f(0,y)] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^{j}}{(1-p)_{j,p}} x^{j} D_{q,y}^{j}[f(0,y)] \qquad \dots (1.11)$$

A discrete analogue  $z^{(n)}$  of the classical function  $z^n$  was defined by Khan and Najmi [4] as

$$z^{(n)} \equiv C_y(x^n); n \text{ a non-negative integer}$$

which by virtue of (1.8) and (1.9) becomes

$$z^{(n)} = \sum_{j=0}^{n} \frac{(1-p)_{n,p} (1-q)^{j}}{(1-p)_{n-j,p} (1-q)_{j,q} (1-p)^{j}} (iy)^{j} x^{n-j} \qquad \dots (1.12)$$

The convolution operator \* is defined as

$$(f * q) (z) = C_y [f(x,0) g(x,0)]$$
  
=  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^j}{(1-q)_{j,q}} (iy)^j D_{p,x}^j [f(x,0)g(x,0)]$  ...(1.13)

for all  $z \in R'$  such that the series converges, where the 'discrete rectangular domain' R' is defined by

$$R' = \{ (p^m x', q^n y'); m = 0, 1, 2, ...; n = 0, 1, 2, ... \}.$$
 ...(1.14)

If  $X^+$ ,  $Y^+$  are defined by

$$X^{+} \equiv \{ (p^{m} x', 0); \ m = 0, 1, 2, ... \}, \qquad \dots (1.15)$$

$$Y^{+} \equiv \{(0, q^{n} y'); n = 0, 1, 2, ...\}, \qquad \dots (1.16)$$

then the extended rectangular domain  $\overline{R}$  is defined as

$$\overline{R} = R' \cup X^+ \cup Y^+. \qquad \dots (1.17)$$

The following theorem from the author's earlier paper [5] is also required:

**Theorem 1.1.** If  $\limsup |a_j|^{\frac{1}{j}} = a$ , then the series

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^j}{(1-p)_{j,p}} a_j z^{(j)}$$

converges absolutely for all z such that

$$||(1-p)x+(1-q)iy|| < \frac{1}{a}.$$

### 2. Discrete Maclaurin Series

To include the point (0,0), extend the definition of  $\overline{R}$  (from (1.17)) as follows:

$$R_o \equiv R \cup (0,0) \qquad \dots (2.1)$$

A discrete function f is said to be (p,q)-analytic on  $\overline{R}_0$  if it is (p,q)-analytic on  $\overline{R}$  and, in addition,  $\lim_{(x,y)\to(0,0)} D^j [f(x,y)]$  exists. The

limit is denoted by  $D^{j}f(0,0)$ . ...(2.2)

Under certain conditions the discrete Maclaurin series can be shown to represent a (p,q)-analytic function, provided the series converges. For example the following theorem holds:

**Theorem 2.1.** Let f be (p, q)-analytic in  $\overline{R}_o$ . If  $f(z) = C_y [f(x,0)] = C_x [f(0,y)]$ , the series representations of  $C_y$ ,  $C_x$  being uniformly and absolutely convergent in  $\overline{R}_o$ , then

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^j}{(1-q)_{j,q}} D^j [f(0,0)] z^{(j)},$$

the series being absolutely convergent for all  $z \in \overline{R}_{o}$ .

**Proof:**  $f(z) = C_x [f(0, y)]$ ,

whence by (1.11),

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^j}{(1-p)_{j,p}} x^j D_{q,y}^j [f(0,y)]$$

Hence,

$$f(x,0) = \lim_{y \to 0} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^j}{(1-p)_{j,p}} x^j D_{q,y}^j [f(0,y)]$$

and by uniform convergence,

$$f(x,0) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^j}{(1-p)_{j,p}} x^j \lim_{y \to 0} D_{q,y}^j [f(0,y)].$$

By (2.2),

$$f(x,0) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^j}{(1-p)_{j,p}} x^j D^j [f(0,0)]$$

Now f(z) is also given by

$$f(z) = C_y [f(x,0)]$$
  
=  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^j}{(1-q)_{j,q}} (iy)^j D_{p,x}^j [f(x,0)]$ 

and so by above,

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^{j}}{(1-q)_{j,q}} (iy)^{j} D_{p,x}^{j} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^{k}}{(1-p)_{k,p}} x^{k} D^{k} [f(0,0)]$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^{j}}{(1-q)_{j,q}} (iy)^{j} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^{k}}{(1-p)_{k,p}} x^{k} D^{k+j} f(0,0).$$

By absolute convergence, the summation can be rearranged to give

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^{j}}{(1-q)_{j,q}} D^{j} f(0,0) \sum_{k=0}^{j} \frac{(1-q)_{j,q} (1-p)^{k} x^{k} (iy)^{j-k}}{(1-q)_{j-k,q} (1-q)^{k} (1-p)_{k,p}}$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^{j}}{(1-q)_{j,q}} D^{j} [f(0,0)] z^{(j)}.$$
 This proves the theorem.

Theorem 1.1 provides as a direct consequence a condition for convergence of the discrete Maclaurin series as follows:

Theorem 2.2. If 
$$\limsup \left\{ \left| D^{j} f(0,0) \right|^{\frac{1}{j}} \right\} = a$$
, then the series  

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q)^{j}}{(1-q)_{j,q}} D^{j} [f(0,0)] z^{(j)}$$

converges absolutely for all z such that

$$\left\| (1-p)x + (1-q)iy \right\| < \frac{1}{a}.$$

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