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An inequality for q -integral and its applications

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213164, P.R. China**Abstract**

In this paper, we use the q -binomial theorem to establish an inequality for the q -integral. As applications of the inequality, we give some sufficient conditions for convergence of the q -integral.

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1 Introduction and main result

q -Series, which are also called basic hypergeometric series, play a very important role in many fields, such as affine root systems, Lie algebras and groups, number theory, orthogonal polynomials, physics, *etc.* The inequality technique is one of the useful tools in the study of special functions. There are many papers about the inequalities and q -integral; see [1–10]. Convergence is the key problem of a q -series. In order to give some new methods for convergence of a q -series, we derive an inequality for the q -integral with the basic hypergeometric series ${}_{r+1}\phi_r$. Some applications of the inequality are also given. The main result of this paper is the following inequality.

Theorem 1.1 *Suppose a_i, b_i, t be any real numbers such that $|t| < (\prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)^{-1}$ and $b_i < 1$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Then we have*

$$\left| \int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \leq \frac{|t|}{(1 - |t| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty}, \quad (1.1)$$

where $b_{r+1} = 0$, $M_i = \max\{1, \frac{|1-a_i|}{1-b_i}\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r + 1$.

Before we present the proof of the theorem, we recall some definitions, notation, and known results which will be used in this paper. Throughout the whole paper, it is supposed that $0 < q < 1$. The q -shifted factorials are defined as

$$(a; q)_0 = 1, \quad (a; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \quad (a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k). \quad (1.2)$$

We also adopt the following compact notation for a multiple q -shifted factorial:

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m; q)_n = (a_1; q)_n (a_2; q)_n \cdots (a_m; q)_n, \tag{1.3}$$

where n is an integer or ∞ .

The q -binomial theorem is [11, 12]

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_k z^k}{(q; q)_k} = \frac{(az; q)_{\infty}}{(z; q)_{\infty}}, \quad |z| < 1. \tag{1.4}$$

Heine introduced the ${}_{r+1}\phi_r$ basic hypergeometric series, which is defined by [11, 12]

$${}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1}; q)_n z^n}{(q, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r; q)_n}. \tag{1.5}$$

Jackson defined the q -integral by [13]

$$\int_0^d f(t) d_q t = d(1-q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(dq^n) q^n \tag{1.6}$$

and

$$\int_c^d f(t) d_q t = \int_0^d f(t) d_q t - \int_0^c f(t) d_q t. \tag{1.7}$$

In [14], the author gives the following inequality.

Theorem 1.2 *Suppose a_i, b_i and z be any real numbers such that $|z| < (\prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)^{-1}$, $b_i < 1$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Then we have*

$$\left| {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{(|z| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_{\infty}}, \tag{1.8}$$

where $b_{r+1} = 0$, $M_i = \max\{1, \frac{|1-a_i|}{1-b_i}\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r + 1$.

As an application of (1.8), the author give the following sufficient condition for convergence of q -series [14].

Theorem 1.3 *Suppose a_i, b_i, t be any real numbers such that $|t| < 1$ and $b_i < 1$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Let $\{c_n\}$ be any number series. If*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| = p < 1,$$

then the q -series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cdot {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, tq^n \right) \tag{1.9}$$

converges absolutely.

2 Proof of theorem

In this section, we use Theorems 1.2 and 1.3 to prove Theorem 1.1.

Proof First we point out that, under the conditions of Theorem 1.1, the q -integral

$$\int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \tag{2.1}$$

converges absolutely.

In fact, by the definition of q -integral (1.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \\ &= t(1-q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, tq^n \right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Using Theorem 1.3 and noticing

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q^{n+1}}{q^n} = q < 1,$$

we see that the q -integral (2.1) converges absolutely.

Letting $z = tq^n$ in (1.8) gives

$$\left| {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, tq^n \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{(|t|q^n \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_\infty}, \tag{2.3}$$

where $b_{r+1} = 0, M_i = \max\{1, \frac{|1-a_i|}{1-b_i}\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r + 1$.

Using the definition of q -integral (1.6) again one gets

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \\ & \leq |t|(1-q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \left| {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, tq^n \right) \right| \\ & \leq |t|(1-q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{(|t|q^n \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_\infty} \\ & = \frac{|t|(1-q)}{(|t| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(|t| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q \right)_n q^n \\ & \leq \frac{|t|(1-q)}{(|t| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(|t| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_n q^n}{(q; q)_n}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Employing the q -binomial theorem (1.4) gives

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(|t| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_n q^n}{(q; q)_n} = \frac{(q|t| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}. \tag{2.5}$$

Substituting (2.5) into (2.4), we get (1.1). □

Corollary 2.1 *Suppose a_i, b_i, c, d be any real numbers such that $|c| < (\prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)^{-1}$, $|d| < (\prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)^{-1}$ and $b_i < 1$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_c^d {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \\ & \leq \frac{|d| + |c| - 2|dc| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i}{(1 - |d| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(1 - |c| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Proof By the definition of q -integral (1.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_c^d {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \\ & = \left| \int_0^d {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z - \int_0^c {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \\ & \leq \left| \int_0^d {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \int_0^c {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \\ & \leq \frac{|d|}{(1 - |d| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty} + \frac{|c|}{(1 - |c| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty} \\ & = \frac{|d| + |c| - 2|dc| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i}{(1 - |d| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(1 - |c| \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Thus, the inequality (2.6) holds. □

3 Some applications of the inequality

In this section, we use the inequality obtained in this paper to give a sufficient condition for convergence of a q -series. Convergence is an important problem in the study of a q -series. There are some results about it. For example, Ito used an inequality technique to give a sufficient condition for the convergence of a special q -series called the Jackson integral [15].

Theorem 3.1 *Suppose a_i, b_i are any real numbers such that $b_i < 1$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Let $\{c_n\}$ be any number series. If*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right| = p < \frac{1}{q},$$

then the q -series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \int_0^{q^n} {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \tag{3.1}$$

converges absolutely.

Proof Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^n = 0, \tag{3.2}$$

there exists an integer N_0 such that, when $n > N_0$,

$$q^n < \left(\prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i \right)^{-1}, \tag{3.3}$$

where $b_{r+1} = 0$, $M_i = \max\{1, \frac{|1-a_i|}{1-b_i}\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r + 1$.

When $n > N_0$, letting $t = q^n$ in (1.1) gives

$$\left| \int_0^{q^n} {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \leq \frac{q^n}{(1 - q^n \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty}. \tag{3.4}$$

Multiplying both sides of (3.4) by $|c_n|$ one gets

$$\left| c_n \int_0^{q^n} {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right| \leq \frac{|c_n| q^n}{(1 - q^n \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty}. \tag{3.5}$$

The ratio test shows that the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_n q^n}{(1 - q^n \prod_{i=1}^{r+1} M_i)(q^2; q)_\infty}$$

is absolutely convergent. From (3.5), it is sufficient to establish that (3.1) is absolutely convergent. \square

Corollary 3.2 *Suppose a_i, b_i are any real numbers such that $b_i < 1$ with $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$. Then the q -integral*

$$\int_0^1 d_q t \int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \tag{3.6}$$

is absolutely convergent. Here

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 d_q t \int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[\int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \right] d_q t. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Proof By the definition of q -integral (1.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 d_q t \int_0^t {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z \\ &= (1 - q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^n \int_0^{q^n} {}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix}; q, z \right) d_q z. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{q_{n+1}}{q_n} \right| = q < \frac{1}{q},$$

from the theorem, we know that (3.6) is absolutely convergent. \square

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