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## ABSTRACT

We introduce a  $q$ -Dunkl operator  $T_{(\theta,q)} := H_q + \theta H_{-1}$  where  $H_q$  is the  $q$ -derivative one and we determine all symmetric  $T_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell classical orthogonal  $q$ -polynomials. Up to a dilatation, the solution is a  $q^2$ -analogue of generalized Hermite polynomials orthogonal with respect to the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$ . Integral representation and discrete measure of  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  are given for some values of parameters.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a sequence of monic polynomials with  $\deg P_n = n, n \geq 0$  (MPS) and  $O$  is a lowering operator on the space of polynomials. The sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is called  $O$ -Appell when

$$P_n = \frac{OP_{n+1}}{\alpha_{n+1}}, \quad n \geq 0$$

with  $\alpha_n$  is the normalization coefficient. The study of the  $O$ -Appell polynomials was the preoccupation of several authors [5,17].

The (MPS)  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is called symmetric if and only if [7]

$$P_n(-x) = (-1)^n P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0.$$

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The concept of  $O$ -semiclassical orthogonal polynomials of class  $s \geq 0$  were extensively studied by Maroni and coworkers for  $O=D$  the derivative operator,  $O = D_\omega$  the divided difference operator and  $H_q$  the  $q$ -derivative one through the following distributional equation satisfied by the regular form  $u$  (linear functional) associated with a such sequence:

$$O(\Phi(x)u) + \Psi(x)u = 0 \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\Phi$  is a monic polynomial and  $\Psi$  a polynomial with  $\deg \Psi \geq 1$ . For  $O \in \{D, D_\omega, H_q\}$ ,  $O$ -semiclassical of class zero are usually called  $O$ -classical and are completely described in [1,13,19]. Also, symmetric  $O$ -semiclassical of class one are exhaustively described in [2,12,20]. For other relevant research in the domain of orthogonal  $q$ -polynomials and the  $O$ -semiclassical character with perhaps other operators and from other point of view see [3,4,15,16,21,22].

It is an old result that the  $D$ -classical sequence of Hermite polynomials  $\{\tilde{H}_n^{(0)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is the unique  $D$ -Appell orthogonal one, up to affine transformation [7]. In [11], it is proved that the symmetric sequence  $\{\tilde{H}_n^{(\mu)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  of generalized Hermite polynomials which is  $D$ -semiclassical of class one for  $\mu \neq 0$ ,  $\mu \neq -n - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , is the unique symmetric  $\mathcal{D}_{2\mu}$ -Appell orthogonal for  $\mu \neq -n - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , up to affine transformations, where  $\mathcal{D}_\theta := D + \theta H_{-1}$  is the Dunkl operator (see also [6]).

Moreover, in [10], by considering a first  $q$ -analogue of Dunkl operator  $\mathcal{D}_{(\theta,q)} := H_q + \theta H_{-q}$ , the second author and Ghressi have proved that the symmetric sequence  $\{Y_n(\cdot; b, q^2)\}_{n \geq 0}$  of Brenke type [7] which is  $H_q$ -semiclassical of class one for  $b \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq q$ ,  $b \neq q^{-2n}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  [12] is the unique symmetric  $\mathcal{D}_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell orthogonal, up to a dilatation.

Recently, in [8], the authors proved an uncertainty principle for the basic Bessel transform of order  $\alpha \geq -\frac{1}{2}$  by introducing the following  $q$ -Dunkl operator:

$$T_{\alpha,q} := H_q + \frac{[2\alpha + 1]_q}{q^{2\alpha+1}} H_{-1}.$$

After replacing in the above expression  $[2\alpha + 1]_q / q^{2\alpha+1}$  by a parameter  $\theta$ , we obtain a second  $q$ -Dunkl operator

$$T_{(\theta,q)} := H_q + \theta H_{-1}$$

and the aim of our contribution is to highlight all symmetric  $T_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell orthogonal  $q$ -polynomials. Up to a dilatation, it is a  $q^2$ -analogue of generalized Hermite polynomials orthogonal with respect to the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  which is a symmetric  $H_q$ -semiclassical form of class one [12] for some values of the parameter  $\mu$ . Moreover, some particular special cases well known in the literature are recovered [7] (see Theorem 2.3) and their integral representations and discrete measure are given in [12]. Thus, Section 3 is devoted to establish moments, integral representation and discrete measure for  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  when it is possible.

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the vector space of polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $\mathcal{P}'$  be its topological dual. We denote by  $\langle u, f \rangle$  the effect of  $u \in \mathcal{P}'$  on  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ . In particular, we denote by  $(u)_n := \langle u, x^n \rangle$ ,  $n \geq 0$  the moments of  $u$ . Let us introduce some useful operations in  $\mathcal{P}'$ . For any form  $u$ , any  $a \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  and any  $q \neq 1$ , we let  $Du = u'$ ,  $h_a u$  and  $H_q u$ , be the forms defined by duality [13,18]

$$\langle u', f \rangle := -\langle u, f' \rangle, \quad f \in \mathcal{P},$$

$$\langle h_a u, f \rangle := \langle u, h_a f \rangle = \langle u, f(ax) \rangle, \quad u \in \mathcal{P}', \quad f \in \mathcal{P}$$

and

$$\langle H_q u, f \rangle := -\langle u, H_q f \rangle, \quad f \in \mathcal{P}$$

where  $(H_q f)(x) = (f(qx) - f(x)) / (q - 1)x$ . Denoting  $\tilde{\mathbb{C}} := \{z \in \mathbb{C}, z \neq 0, z^m \neq 1, m \geq 1\}$ .

The form  $u$  is called *regular* if we can associate with it a sequence of polynomials  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  such that  $\langle u, P_m P_n \rangle = r_n \delta_{n,m}$ ,  $n, m \geq 0$ ;  $r_n \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . The sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is then said orthogonal with respect to  $u$ . Therefore  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is an (OPS) such that any polynomial can be supposed monic (MOPS).

The (MOPS)  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  fulfils the recurrence relation

$$\begin{cases} P_0(x) = 1, & P_1(x) = x - \beta_0, \\ P_{n+2}(x) = (x - \beta_{n+1})P_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}P_n(x), & \gamma_{n+1} \neq 0, \quad n \geq 0. \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

The (MOPS)  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is symmetric if and only if  $\beta_n = 0, n \geq 0$  [7].

A form  $u$  is called  $H_q$ -semiclassical when it is regular and there exist two polynomials  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ ,  $\Phi$  monic,  $\deg \Phi = t \geq 0, \deg \Psi = p \geq 1$  such that

$$H_q(\Phi u) + \Psi u = 0 \tag{1.3}$$

the corresponding orthogonal sequence  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is called  $H_q$ -semiclassical [14]. The  $H_q$ -semiclassical character is kept by shifting. In fact, let  $\{\tilde{P}_n := A^{-n}(h_A P_n)\}_{n \geq 0}, A \neq 0$ ; when  $u$  satisfies (1.3), then  $\tilde{u} = h_{A^{-1}} u$  fulfils the equation

$$H_q(A^{-t} \Phi(Ax) \tilde{u}) + A^{1-t} \Psi(Ax) \tilde{u} = 0 \tag{1.4}$$

and the recurrence elements  $\tilde{\beta}_n, \tilde{\gamma}_{n+1}, n \geq 0$  of the sequence  $\{\tilde{P}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  are

$$\tilde{\beta}_n = \frac{\beta_n}{A}, \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{A^2}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{1.5}$$

Also, the  $H_q$ -semiclassical form  $u$  is said to be of class  $s = \max(p-1, t-2) \geq 0$  if and only if [14]

$$\prod_{c \in \mathcal{Z}_\Phi} \{ |q(h_q \Psi)(c) + (H_q \Phi)(c)| + |\langle u, q(\theta_{cq} \Psi) + (\theta_{cq} \theta_c \Phi) \rangle| \} > 0, \tag{1.6}$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}_\Phi$  is the set of zeros of  $\Phi$ .

Regarding integral representations through weight-functions for a  $H_q$ -semiclassical form  $u$  satisfying (1.3), we look for a function  $U$  such that

$$\langle u, f \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} U(x) f(x) dx, \quad f \in \mathcal{P}, \tag{1.7}$$

where we suppose that  $U$  is regular as far as necessary. On account of (1.3), we get [13]

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \{q^{-1}(H_{q^{-1}}(\Phi U))(x) + \Psi(x)U(x)\} f(x) dx = 0, \quad f \in \mathcal{P},$$

with the additional condition [13]

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 \frac{U(x) - U(-x)}{x} dx \text{ exists or } U \text{ is continuous at the origin.} \tag{1.8}$$

Therefore

$$q^{-1}(H_{q^{-1}}(\Phi U))(x) + \Psi(x)U(x) = \lambda g(x), \tag{1.9}$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $g$  is a locally integrable function with rapid decay representing the null form. For instance

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0, \\ e^{-x^{1/4}} \sin x^{1/4}, & x > 0, \end{cases}$$

was given by Stieltjes [23]. When  $\lambda = 0$ , Eq. (1.9) becomes

$$\Phi(q^{-1}x)U(q^{-1}x) = \{\Phi(x) + (q-1)x\Psi(x)\}U(x),$$

so that, if  $q > 1$ , we have

$$U(q^{-1}x) = \frac{\Phi(x) + (q-1)x\Psi(x)}{\Phi(q^{-1}x)} U(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{1.10}$$

and if  $0 < q < 1$ , with  $x \rightarrow qx$ , we have

$$U(qx) = \frac{\Phi(x)}{\Phi(qx) + (q-1)qx\Psi(qx)} U(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{1.11}$$

Lastly, let us recall the following result useful for our work [2]:

**Lemma 1.1.** Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a (MOPS) and  $M(x,n), N(x,n)$  two polynomials such that

$$M(x,n)P_{n+1}(x) = N(x,n)P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0.$$

Then, for any index  $n$  for which  $\deg N(x,n) \leq n$ , we have

$$N(x,n) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad M(x,n) = 0.$$

Let us introduce the  $q$ -Dunkl operator in  $\mathcal{P}$  by

$$T_{(\theta,q)} := H_q + \theta H_{-1} : f \mapsto \frac{f(qx) - f(x)}{(q-1)x} + \theta \frac{f(-x) - f(x)}{-2x}, \quad \theta \neq 0, f \in \mathcal{P}, q \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}.$$

We have  $T_{(\theta,q)}^\top = -H_q - \theta H_{-1}$  where  $T_{(\theta,q)}^\top$  denotes the transposed of  $T_{(\theta,q)}$ . We can define  $T_{(\theta,q)}$  from  $\mathcal{P}'$  to  $\mathcal{P}'$  by  $T_{(\theta,q)} = -T_{(\theta,q)}^\top$  so that

$$\langle T_{(\theta,q)} u, f \rangle = -\langle u, T_{(\theta,q)} f \rangle, \quad u \in \mathcal{P}', f \in \mathcal{P}.$$

In particular this yields

$$(T_{(\theta,q)} u)_n = -\theta_{n,q} (u)_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 0,$$

where  $(u)_{-1} := 0$  and

$$\theta_{n,q} = [n]_q + \theta \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2} = \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1} + \theta \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{2}, \quad n \geq 0 \tag{1.12}$$

with

$$[n]_q := \frac{q^n - 1}{q - 1}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{1.13}$$

In fact,

$$\theta_{2n,q} = [2n]_q, \quad \theta_{2n+1,q} = [2n+1]_q + \theta, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{1.14}$$

It is easy to see that

$$T_{(\theta,q)}(fg) = (h_{-1}f)(T_{(\theta,q)}g) + g(T_{(\theta,q)}f) + (h_qf - h_{-1}f)H_qg, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{P} \tag{1.15}$$

and

$$T_{(\theta,q)} \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 1} \mathcal{D}_\theta. \tag{1.16}$$

Now consider a (MPS)  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  and let

$$P_n^{[1]}(x; \theta, q) = \frac{1}{\theta_{n+1,q}} (T_{(\theta,q)} P_{n+1})(x), \quad \theta \neq -[2n+1]_q, \quad n \geq 0.$$

**Definition 1.2.** The (MPS)  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is called  $T_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell classical if  $P_n^{[1]}(\cdot; \theta, q) = P_n, n \geq 0$  and  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is orthogonal.

## 2. Determination of all symmetric $T_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell classical orthogonal $q$ -polynomials

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a symmetric  $T_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell classical sequence. The following formulas hold:

$$\frac{1+q}{2}\theta(h_{-1}P_{n+1})(x) = \left\{ \theta_{n+2,q} - \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{\gamma_n}\theta_{n,q} - 1 - (1-q)\frac{\theta}{2} \right\} P_{n+1}(x) + \left( \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{\gamma_n}\theta_{n,q} - q\theta_{n+1,q} \right) xP_n(x), \quad n \geq 1, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\gamma_2 = q \frac{1+q}{1+\theta} \gamma_1. \tag{2.2}$$

**Proof.** From (1.2) and the fact that  $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is a symmetric (MOPS) we have

$$P_{n+2}(x) = xP_{n+1}(x) - \gamma_{n+1}P_n(x), \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.3}$$

Applying the operator  $T_{(\theta,q)}$  in (2.3), using (1.15) and in accordance of the  $T_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell classical character we obtain

$$\theta_{n+2,q}P_{n+1}(x) = -\theta_{n+1,q}xP_n(x) + (1+\theta)P_{n+1}(x) + (q+1)x(H_qP_{n+1})(x) - \gamma_{n+1}\theta_{n,q}P_{n-1}(x), \quad n \geq 1. \tag{2.4}$$

From definition of the operator  $T_{(\theta,q)}$  and the recurrence relation in (1.2), formula (2.4) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{n+2,q}P_{n+1}(x) &= q\theta_{n+1,q}xP_n(x) + \left( 1 + \frac{1-q}{2}\theta \right) P_{n+1}(x) \\ &+ \frac{1+q}{2}\theta(h_{-1}P_{n+1})(x) - \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{\gamma_n}\theta_{n,q}(xP_n(x) - P_{n+1}(x)), \quad n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently (2.1) is proved.

On the other hand, taking  $n=1$  in (2.1) and on account of  $P_1(x)=x$  and  $P_2(x)=x^2-\gamma_1$ , we get (2.2) after identification.  $\square$

Now, we are able to give the system satisfied by  $\gamma_{n+1}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  written in terms of  $r_{n+1}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  where  $r_{n+1}$  is given by

$$r_{n+1} = \frac{\theta_{n+1,q}}{\gamma_{n+1}}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.5}$$

**Proposition 2.2.** The sequence  $\{r_{n+1}\}_{n \geq 0}$  fulfils the following system:

$$qr_{n+1} = (1-q)r_n + r_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 2, \tag{2.6}$$

$$\frac{r_{n+1}}{r_{n+2}}\theta_{n+2,q} - \frac{r_{n-1}}{r_n}\theta_{n,q} = \theta_{n+3,q} - \theta_{n+1,q}, \quad n \geq 2, \tag{2.7}$$

$$\begin{cases} r_1 = \frac{1+\theta}{\gamma_1}, \\ r_2 = \frac{1+\theta}{q\gamma_1}. \end{cases} \tag{2.8}$$

**Proof.** Applying the dilatation  $h_{-1}$  for (2.3) and multiplying by  $(1+q)/2\theta$ , according to (2.1), we get successively

$$(h_{-1}P_{n+2})(x) = -x(h_{-1}P_{n+1})(x) - \gamma_{n+1}(h_{-1}P_n)(x), \quad n \geq 0,$$

$$\frac{1+q}{2}\theta(h_{-1}P_{n+2})(x) = -x\frac{1+q}{2}\theta(h_{-1}P_{n+1})(x) - \gamma_{n+1}\frac{1+q}{2}\theta(h_{-1}P_n)(x), \quad n \geq 0,$$

$$\left( \theta_{n+3,q} - \frac{\gamma_{n+2}}{\gamma_{n+1}}\theta_{n+1,q} - 1 - \frac{1-q}{2}\theta \right) P_{n+2}(x) + \left( \frac{\gamma_{n+2}}{\gamma_{n+1}}\theta_{n+1,q} - q\theta_{n+2,q} \right) xP_{n+1}(x)$$

$$= -x \left\{ \left( \theta_{n+2,q} - \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{\gamma_n} \theta_{n,q} - 1 - \frac{1-q}{2} \theta \right) P_{n+1}(x) + \left( \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{\gamma_n} \theta_{n,q} - q \theta_{n+1,q} \right) x P_n(x) \right\} \\ - \gamma_{n+1} \left\{ \left( \theta_{n+1,q} - \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{n-1}} \theta_{n-1,q} - 1 - \frac{1-q}{2} \theta \right) P_n(x) + \left( \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{n-1}} \theta_{n-1,q} - q \theta_{n,q} \right) x P_{n-1}(x) \right\}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

But from (2.3) another time we obtain

$$M(x,n)P_{n+1}(x) = N(x,n)P_n(x), \quad n \geq 2, \tag{2.9}$$

where for  $n \geq 2$

$$M(x,n) = \left( \theta_{n+3,q} + (1-q)\theta_{n+2,q} - (1-q)\gamma_{n+1} \frac{\theta_{n,q}}{\gamma_n} - \gamma_{n+1} \frac{\theta_{n-1,q}}{\gamma_{n-1}} - 2 - (1-q)\theta \right) x,$$

$$N(x,n) = \left( q\theta_{n+1,q} - (1-q)\gamma_{n+1} \frac{\theta_{n,q}}{\gamma_n} - \gamma_{n+1} \frac{\theta_{n-1,q}}{\gamma_{n-1}} \right) x^2 \\ + \gamma_{n+1}(\theta_{n+3,q} - \theta_{n+1,q}) - \gamma_{n+2}\theta_{n+1,q} + \gamma_{n+1}\gamma_n \frac{\theta_{n-1,q}}{\gamma_{n-1}}.$$

Next, according to Lemma 1.1, for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $M(x,n)=0$ ,  $N(x,n)=0$ , that is to say

$$q\theta_{n+1,q} - (1-q)\gamma_{n+1} \frac{\theta_{n,q}}{\gamma_n} - \gamma_{n+1} \frac{\theta_{n-1,q}}{\gamma_{n-1}} = 0, \quad n \geq 2, \tag{2.10}$$

$$\gamma_{n+1}(\theta_{n+3,q} - \theta_{n+1,q}) - \gamma_{n+2}\theta_{n+1,q} + \gamma_{n+1}\gamma_n \frac{\theta_{n-1,q}}{\gamma_{n-1}} = 0, \quad n \geq 2. \tag{2.11}$$

According to (2.5) relations (2.10) and (2.11) give the desired results (2.6) and (2.7).

Also, from (2.5) and (1.14) we get

$$r_1 = \frac{1+\theta}{\gamma_1}, \quad r_2 = \frac{1+q}{\gamma_2}.$$

Therefore, taking into account (2.2) we obtain (2.8).  $\square$

Now we are going to solve the system (2.6)–(2.8).

It is easy to see that (2.6) is equivalent to

$$r_{n+1} - (q^{-1} - 1)r_n - q^{-1}r_{n-1} = 0, \quad n \geq 2,$$

with the associated characteristic equation  $r^2 - (q^{-1} - 1)r - q^{-1} = 0$  having to roots  $q^{-1}$  and  $-1$ . Consequently, there exist two complex numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  such that

$$r_n = \alpha q^{-n} + \beta (-1)^n, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{2.12}$$

Now, taking into account (2.8), (2.12) becomes

$$r_n = \frac{(1+\theta)q}{\gamma_1} q^{-n}, \quad n \geq 1 \tag{2.13}$$

and (2.7) is valid.

From (2.5) and (1.12), the relation in (2.13) yields to

$$\gamma_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma_1}{1+\theta} q^n \left( [n+1]_q + \theta \frac{1+(-1)^n}{2} \right), \quad n \geq 0, \tag{2.14}$$

with the regularity condition

$$\theta \neq -[2n+1]_q, \quad n \geq 0.$$

**Theorem 2.3.** *The symmetric  $T_{(\theta,q)}$ -Appell classical form, up to a dilatation, is the  $q^2$ -analogue of Generalized Hermite  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  where  $\mu := (1+\theta)/(q(1+q) - \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\mu \neq -[n]_{q^2} - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  which is  $H_q$ -semiclassical of class one having the  $q$ -distributional equation*

$$H_q(x\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)) + (q+1)(x^2 - \mu - \frac{1}{2})\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2) = 0$$

for  $\mu \neq 1/q(1+q) - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu \neq -[n]_{q^2} - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  [12] and its (MOPS) satisfies (1.2) with [12]

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\beta}_n = 0, \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+1} = q^{2n} \left( [n]_{q^2} + \mu + \frac{1}{2} \right), \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+2} = q^{2n} [n+1]_{q^2}, \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.15}$$

We may write some special particular cases:

(i) If  $\theta \neq 1/(q-1)$ ,  $q \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}$ , then the symmetric case of the Al-Salam–Verma form  $S\mathcal{V}(a, q^2)$  where  $a := 1/(1+\theta(1-q))$  which is  $H_q$ -semiclassical of class one such that

$$H_q(xS\mathcal{V}(a, q^2)) - (aq^2(q-1))^{-1}(x^2 - 1 + aq^2)S\mathcal{V}(a, q^2) = 0$$

for  $q \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}$ ,  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a \neq q^{-1}$ ,  $a \neq q^{-2n-2}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  [14] and its (MOPS) satisfies (1.2) with [7,12]

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\beta}_n = 0, \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+1} = q^{2n}(1 - aq^{2n+2}), \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+2} = aq^{2n+2}(1 - q^{2n+2}), \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.16}$$

(ii) If  $\theta = 1/(q-1)$ ,  $q \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}$ , then the symmetric form  $u$  which is  $H_q$ -semiclassical of class one fulfilling

$$H_q(xu) + (q-1)^{-1}(x^2 + 1)u = 0$$

for  $q \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}$  [12] and its (MOPS) satisfies (1.2) with [12]

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\beta}_n = 0, \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+1} = -q^{4n}, \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2n+2} = q^{2n}(1 - q^{2n+2}), \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.17}$$

**Proof.** Let  $\{\beta_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a symmetric  $T_{(\theta, q)}$ -Appell classical sequence and  $u$  its associated regular form. By virtue of (2.14) and (2.2) we get

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = 0, \\ \gamma_{2n+1} = \frac{\gamma_1}{1+\theta} q^{2n} ([2n+1]_q + \theta), \\ \gamma_{2n+2} = \frac{\gamma_1}{1+\theta} q^{2n+1} [2n+2]_q, \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.18}$$

From assumption of regularity we get  $\theta \neq -[2n+1]_q$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .

Moreover, from (1.13) we obtain

$$\begin{cases} [2n+1]_q = q(q+1)[n]_{q^2} + 1, \\ [2n+2]_q = (q+1)[n+1]_{q^2}, \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0.$$

Consequently, the system (2.18) becomes

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = 0, \\ \gamma_{2n+1} = \frac{\gamma_1 q(q+1)}{1+\theta} q^{2n} \left( [n]_{q^2} + \frac{1+\theta}{q(q+1)} \right), \\ \gamma_{2n+2} = \frac{\gamma_1 q(q+1)}{1+\theta} q^{2n} [n+1]_{q^2}, \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.19}$$

With the choice  $A^2 = \gamma_1 q(q+1)/(1+\theta)$  in (1.5) and putting  $\mu := (1+\theta)/q(1+q) - \frac{1}{2}$ , the system (2.19) leads to (2.15) and the desired result is then proved.  $\square$

Now, let us suppose  $q \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}$ . In this case and on account of (1.13) an other time, the system (2.18) becomes

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = 0, \\ \gamma_{2n+1} = \frac{\gamma_1}{(1+\theta)(1-q)} q^{2n} (1+\theta(1-q)-q^{2n+1}), \\ \gamma_{2n+2} = \frac{\gamma_1}{(1+\theta)(1-q)} q^{2n+1} (1-q^{2n+2}), \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.20}$$

There are two ways to read (2.20)

If  $\theta \neq 1/(q-1)$  then

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = 0, \\ \gamma_{2n+1} = \frac{\gamma_1}{(1+\theta)(1-q)} (1+\theta(1-q))q^{2n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+\theta(1-q)}q^{2n+1}\right), \\ \gamma_{2n+2} = \frac{\gamma_1}{(1+\theta)(1-q)} q^{2n+1}(1-q^{2n+2}), \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.21}$$

If  $\theta = 1/(q-1)$  then

$$\begin{cases} \beta_n = 0, \\ \gamma_{2n+1} = \gamma_1 q^{4n}, \\ \gamma_{2n+2} = -\gamma_1 q^{2n}(1-q^{2n+2}), \end{cases} \quad n \geq 0. \tag{2.22}$$

With the choice  $A^2 = \gamma_1(1+\theta(1-q))/(1+\theta)(1-q)$  in (1.5) and putting  $a := 1/(1+\theta(1-q))$ , the system (2.21) leads to (2.16) and the point (i) is then proved.  $\square$

With the choice  $A^2 = -\gamma_1$  in (1.5), the system (2.22) leads to (2.17) and the point (ii) is then proved.

**Remark.** In [12], the moments and integral representations or discrete measure of  $\mathcal{SV}(a, q^2)$  (see the situation (i) in Theorem 2.3) and those for  $u$  (see the situation (ii) in Theorem 2.3), are established. Our aim in the sequel is to establish analogue results for the  $q^2$ -analogue of Generalized Hermite  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$ . According to (2.15), the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  is positive definite if and only if  $q > 0, \mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ .

### 3. Moments, integral representation and discrete measure of $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$

Firstly, let us recall the following standard expressions [9,13,22]:

$$(a; q)_0 := 1; \quad (a; q)_n := \prod_{k=1}^n (1-aq^{k-1}), \quad n \geq 1, \tag{3.1}$$

$$(a; q)_\infty := \prod_{k=0}^{+\infty} (1-aq^k), \quad |q| < 1, \tag{3.2}$$

$$(a; q)_n = \begin{cases} \frac{(a; q)_\infty}{(aq^n; q)_\infty}, & 0 < q < 1, \\ \frac{(aq^{-1}q^n; q^{-1})_\infty}{(aq^{-1}; q^{-1})_\infty}, & q > 1. \end{cases} \tag{3.3}$$

The  $q$ -binomial theorem

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(a; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} z^k = \frac{(az; q)_\infty}{(z; q)_\infty}, \quad |z| < 1, |q| < 1, \tag{3.4}$$

the  $q$ -analogue of the exponential function

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{q^{1/2k(k-1)}}{(q; q)_k} z^k = (-z; q)_\infty, \quad |q| < 1, \tag{3.5}$$



$$\int_0^{+\infty} t^{x-1} \frac{(-at; q)_\infty}{(-t; q)_\infty} dt = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi x)} \frac{(a; q)_\infty}{(aq^{-x}; q)_\infty} \frac{(q^{1-x}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}, & x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \setminus \mathbb{N}, |a| < q^x, \quad 0 < q < 1, \\ \frac{(-q)^m}{1-q^m} \frac{(q^{-1}; q^{-1})_m}{(aq^{-1}; q^{-1})_m} \ln(q^{-1}), & x = m \in \mathbb{N}^*, |a| < q^m, \quad 0 < q < 1. \end{cases} \tag{3.6}$$

Also, in what follows we are going to use the principal branch of the square root

$$\sqrt{z} = \sqrt{|z|} \exp\left(i \frac{\text{Arg}z}{2}\right), \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad -\pi < \text{Arg} z \leq \pi, \tag{3.7}$$

where the logarithmic function denoted by  $\text{Log} : \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$\text{Log}z = \ln|z| + i\text{Arg}z, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad -\pi < \text{Arg}z \leq \pi.$$

$\text{Log}$  is the principal branch of  $\log$  and includes  $\ln : \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as a special case.

Secondly, let us state this technical lemma needed to the sequel and is easy to establish:

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let*

$$\xi_\mu(q) = 1 + (\mu + \frac{1}{2})(1 - q^2), \quad q > 0, \quad \mu > -\frac{1}{2}. \tag{3.8}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\mu(q) \neq 0, \quad q > 0, \quad q \neq q_\mu, \quad \mu > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \xi_\mu(q) < 0 &\iff q \in ]q_\mu, +\infty[, \quad 0 < \xi_\mu(q) < 1 \iff q \in ]1, q_\mu[, \\ \xi_\mu(q) > 1 &\iff q \in ]0, 1[, \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

where  $q_\mu := \sqrt{(\mu + \frac{3}{2}) / (\mu + \frac{1}{2})}$ .

Thirdly, from the  $H_q$ -semiclassical of class one conditions  $\mu \neq 1/q(1+q) - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu \neq -[n]_{q^2} - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  concerning the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  we get

$$\xi_\mu(q) \neq q^{-1}, \quad \xi_\mu(q) \neq q^{2n}, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{3.10}$$

Now, we are able to highlight integral representations and discrete measure of  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  in the positive definite case and for some values of parameters.

**Proposition 3.2.** *The form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  has the following properties.*

(1) *The moments of  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  are*

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_{2n+1} &= 0, & n \geq 0, \\ (\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_0 &= 1, \quad (\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_{2n} = \frac{\prod_{k=1}^n (q^{2k-2} - \xi_\mu(q))}{(q^2 - 1)^n}, & n \geq 1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

(2) *For all  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $1 < q < q_\mu$  and  $\mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ , the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  is represented by*

$$\langle \mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2), f \rangle = K \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{|x|^{-\ln \xi_\mu(q) / \ln q - 1}}{((1 - q^2)(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1} x^2; q^{-2})_\infty} f(x) dx, \tag{3.12}$$

where  $K^{-1} = \int_0^{+\infty} t^{-\ln \xi_\mu(q) / 2 \ln q - 1} / (- (q^2 - 1)(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1} t; q^{-2})_\infty dt$  is given by (3.6).

(3) *For all  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $0 < q < 1$  and  $\mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ , the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  is represented by*

$$\langle \mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2), f \rangle = K \int_{-q^{-1}(\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2))^{1/2}}^{q^{-1}(\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2))^{1/2}} |x|^{-\ln \xi_\mu(q) / \ln q - 1} ((1 - q^2)(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1} q^2 x^2; q^2)_\infty f(x) dx, \tag{3.13}$$

where

$$K^{-1} = 2 \int_0^{q^{-1}(\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2))^{1/2}} x^{-\ln \xi_\mu(q) / \ln q - 1} ((1 - q^2)(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1} q^2 x^2; q^2)_\infty dx.$$

(4) For all  $0 < q < 1$  and  $\mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ , the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  has the discrete measure

$$\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2) = \frac{((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}; q^2)_\infty}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(\xi_\mu(q))^{-k}}{(q^2; q^2)_k} \left( \delta_{q^k \sqrt{\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2)}} + \delta_{-q^k \sqrt{\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2)}} \right). \tag{3.14}$$

(5) For all  $q \in ]1, +\infty[$  and  $\mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ , the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  has the discrete measure

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2) &= \frac{1}{2((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1} q^{-2}; q^{-2})_\infty} \\ &\times \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{-k(k+1)} (\xi_\mu(q))^{-k}}{(q^{-2}; q^{-2})_k} \left( \delta_{q^k \sqrt{\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2)}} + \delta_{-q^k \sqrt{\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2)}} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

where  $\sqrt{\xi_\mu(q)/(1-q^2)}$  is given by (3.7).

**Proof.** For (1), it is seen in Theorem 2.3 that the  $q^2$ -analogue of generalized Hermite  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  is a symmetric  $H_q$ -semiclassical form of class one for  $\mu \neq 1/q(1+q) - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu \neq -[n]_{q^2} - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n \geq 0$  satisfying the  $q$ -distributional equation

$$H_q(x\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)) + (q+1)(x^2 - \mu - \frac{1}{2})\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2) = 0. \tag{3.16}$$

Equivalently with (3.16), we have

$$\langle H_q(x\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)) + (q+1)(x^2 - \mu - \frac{1}{2})\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2), x^n \rangle = 0, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Consequently, according to the symmetric character of this form, this yields the recurrence relation

$$\begin{cases} (\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_0 = 1, & (\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_1 = 0, \\ (\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_{n+2} = \left\{ \mu + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{[n]_q}{q+1} \right\} (\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_n, & n \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus the desired result (3.11) since the relation  $[2k]_q/(q+1) = [k]_{q^2} = (q^{2k} - 1)/(q^2 - 1)$ ,  $k \geq 0$  and the definition in (3.8).

To establish (3.12) and (3.13), we look for a function  $U$  such that (see (1.7))

$$\langle \mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2), f \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} U(x)f(x) dx, \quad f \in \mathcal{P}. \tag{1.7'}$$

From the hypothesis of (2), we have  $1 < q < q_\mu$ ,  $\mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ . By virtue of (1.7)' and (3.16), the  $q$ -difference Eq. (1.10) becomes

$$U(q^{-1}x) = q\xi_\mu(q)(1+(q^2-1)(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}x^2)U(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{3.17}$$

with  $0 < \xi_\mu(q) < 1$  according to (3.9). Consequently, we seek  $U$  as

$$U(x) = \frac{V(x)}{((1-q^2)(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}x^2; q^{-2})_\infty}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Replacing in (3.17) this leads to  $V(q^{-1}x) = q\xi_\mu(q)V(x)$ , therefore

$$V(x) = K|x|^{-\ln \xi_\mu(q)/\ln q - 1}.$$

It follows the result (3.12).

From the hypothesis of (3), we have  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $\mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ . By virtue of (1.7)' and (3.16), the  $q$ -difference equation (1.11) becomes

$$U(qx) = \frac{(q\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}}{1-(1-q^2)q^2(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}x^2} U(x), \tag{3.18}$$

with  $\xi_\mu(q) > 1$  according to (3.9). Consequently, we seek  $U$  as

$$U(x) = \begin{cases} ((1-q^2)q^2(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}x^2; q^2)_\infty V(x), & |x| \leq q^{-1} \left(\frac{\xi_\mu(q)}{1-q^2}\right)^{1/2}, \\ 0, & |x| > q^{-1} \left(\frac{\xi_\mu(q)}{1-q^2}\right)^{1/2}. \end{cases}$$

Replacing in (3.18) this leads to  $V(qx) = (q\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}V(x)$ , therefore

$$V(x) = K|x|^{-\ln \xi_\mu(q)/\ln q - 1}.$$

It follows the result (3.13).

To establish (3.14) and (3.15), from (3.11), the notations in (3.1), (3.8) and the first property in (3.9), we have for  $q > 0, q \neq q_\mu, \mu > -\frac{1}{2}$

$$(\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_{2n} = \left(\frac{\xi_\mu(q)}{1-q^2}\right)^n ((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}; q)_n, \quad n \geq 0. \tag{3.19}$$

According to (3.3) and (3.10), the relation in (3.19) becomes

$$(\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2))_{2n} = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\xi_\mu(q)}{1-q^2}\right)^n \frac{((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}; q^2)_\infty}{((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}q^{2n}; q^2)_\infty}, & 0 < q < 1, \\ \left(\frac{\xi_\mu(q)}{1-q^2}\right)^n \frac{((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}q^{-2}q^{2n}; q^{-2})_\infty}{((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}q^{-2}; q^{-2})_\infty}, & q > 1, \quad q \neq q_\mu. \end{cases} \tag{3.20}$$

But, by the  $q$ -binomial (3.4), the  $q$ -analogue of the exponential function (3.5) and the last property in (3.9), the equality in (3.19) yields to

$$\langle \mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2), x^{2n} \rangle = ((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}; q^2)_\infty \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(\xi_\mu(q))^{-k}}{(q^2; q^2)_k} \left( q^k \sqrt{\frac{\xi_\mu(q)}{1-q^2}} \right)^{2n}, \quad 0 < q < 1, \tag{3.21}$$

and

$$\langle \mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2), x^{2n} \rangle = \frac{1}{((\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}q^{-2}; q^{-2})_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^k q^{-k(k+1)} (\xi_\mu(q))^{-k}}{(q^{-2}; q^{-2})_k} \left( q^k \sqrt{\frac{\xi_\mu(q)}{1-q^2}} \right)^{2n}, \quad q > 1, \quad q \neq q_\mu. \tag{3.22}$$

Thus the desired results (3.14) and (3.15) according to the fact the form  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  is symmetric and (3.7).  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** (1) When  $q > q_\mu, \mu > -\frac{1}{2}$ , it is not known whether results on integral representations exist and the problem in this case is open.

(2) In (3.12), by taking into account (3.5) and the fact that

$$-\frac{\ln \xi_\mu(q)}{\ln q} - 1 \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow 1^+} 2\mu,$$

we get formally for  $\mu > -\frac{1}{2}$  the following

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1^+} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{|x|^{-\ln \xi_\mu(q)/\ln q - 1}}{((1-q^2)(\xi_\mu(q))^{-1}x^2; q^{-2})_\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x|^{2\mu} e^{-x^2} f(x) dx, \quad f \in \mathcal{P},$$

which confirm an other time that  $\mathcal{H}(\mu, q^2)$  is a  $q^2$ -analogue of generalized Hermite.

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