

# Application of differential transformation method to nonlinear $q$ -symmetric damped systems

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## Abstract

In this paper, we first induce the recursive formula of  $q$ -symmetric polynomials and prove the product rule of two  $q$ -symmetric polynomials at 0. Then differential transformation method can be applied to find approximate solution of nonlinear  $q$ -symmetric difference equation. Last but not least, the approximate solutions are also contrasted with the numerical solutions to verify their accuracy.

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## 1 Introduction

Differential transformation method based on the Taylor series expansion is a semi-numerical-analytic method for solving nonlinear ordinary differential problems. It was first proposed by Zhou [1] in 1986 for the solution of linear and nonlinear initial value problems that appear in electrical circuits. Besides, it has been used to obtain numerical and analytical solutions of various equations [2-10]. Recently, there are many studies on the applications of it to the damped systems in literature. For instance, Jang and Chen [11] employed it to investigate the response of a strongly nonlinear damped system. Kuo and Lo [12] applied it to analyze the response of a damped system with high nonlinearity. Moreover, Hsuan-Ku Liu [13] extended the use of differential transformation method to the case of strongly nonlinear damped  $q$ -difference equations.

With the development of  $q$ -analysis,  $q$ -symmetric analysis motivates the interests of many scientists. Actually, Artur M.C. Brito da Cruz [14] has introduced a wealth of knowledge about  $q$ -symmetric variational calculus, which laid a good foundation to the continue study. On the other hand,  $q$ -symmetric quantum calculus does play an important role in various areas, such as conformal quantum mechanics [15] and so on. As noticed in [15], the  $q$ -symmetric derivative let the  $q$ -exponential function have unique properties. We believe that the  $q$ -symmetric derivative has, in general, better properties than the  $h$ -derivative  $\frac{f(t+h)-f(t)}{h}$  and the  $q$ -derivative  $\frac{f(qt)-f(t)}{(q-1)t}$ . However, to the best of our knowledge, there are no papers concerned with the theory of approximate solutions for nonlinear  $q$ -symmetric difference equations.

This dissertation aims to extend the differential transformation method to the nonlinear damped  $q$ -symmetric difference equation, which defined on

$$\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}} = \{q^n | n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$$

for  $q \in [0, 1]$ . To put it precisely, the strongly nonlinear damped  $q$ -symmetric difference equation is described as

$$\tilde{d}_q^2 x + (2\gamma + \epsilon\gamma_1 x)\tilde{d}_q x + \Omega^2 x + x^2 = 0. \quad (1)$$

with  $x(0) = a$ ,  $\tilde{d}_q x(0) = b$ . Where,  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma_1$  represent linear damping parameters,  $\epsilon$  is nonlinear parameter,  $\Omega$  is the frequency of underdamped motion.

For convenience, we assume that  $\sum_{n=i}^j A_n = 0$  and  $\prod_{n=i}^j A_n = 1$  for this.

## 2 $q$ -symmetric polynomials

It is known that Hilger [16] proposed the calculus of time scales to make a connection between discrete and continuous analysis. However, as to the same problem, different derivatives result in different effects on literature. This section will study  $q$ -symmetric polynomials on the time scale  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$  for  $q \in [0, 1]$  on which  $q$ -symmetric derivative is defined.

Let  $q \in [0, 1]$  and let  $I$  be an interval (bounded or unbounded) of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing 0. We will denote by  $I_q$  the set

$$I_q := qI := \{qx : x \in I\}.$$

Note that

$$I_q \subset I.$$

**Definition 2.1** ([19]) *Let  $f$  be a real function defined on  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$ . The  $q$ -symmetric difference operator of  $f$  is defined by*

$$\tilde{d}_q[f](t) = \frac{f(qt) - f(q^{-1}t)}{(q - q^{-1})t},$$

if  $t \in \overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}} \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $\tilde{d}_q[f](0) := f'(0)$ , provided  $f$  is differentiable at 0. We usually call  $\tilde{d}_q[f]$  the  $q$ -symmetric derivative of  $f$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([17]) On a time scale  $\mathbb{T}$ , the generalized polynomials  $h_k(\cdot, t_0) : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are defined recursively as follows:

$$h_0(t, s) = 1, \quad h_{k+1} = \int_s^t h_k(\tau, s) \tilde{d}_q \tau,$$

where

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots .$$

**Definition 2.3** ([15]) Assume that  $f : \overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function. The function  $F$  which is pre-differentiable in  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$  such that

$$\tilde{d}_q F(t) = f(t), \forall t \in \overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$$

is called a pre-antiderivative of  $f$ .

We define the indefinite integral of the function  $f$  by

$$\int f(t) \tilde{d}_q t = F(t) + C,$$

where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant. Moreover, the definite integral is defined as

$$\int_a^b f(t) \tilde{d}_q t = \int_0^b f(t) \tilde{d}_q t - \int_0^a f(t) \tilde{d}_q t,$$

Let  $a, b \in I$  and  $a < b$ . For  $f : \overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and for  $q \in ]0, 1[$  the  $q$ -symmetric integral of  $f$  from  $a$  to  $b$  is given by

$$\int_a^b f(t) \tilde{d}_q t = F(b) - F(a), \forall a, b \in \overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}.$$

**Lemma 2.4** If  $t^n$  has  $q$ -symmetric derivative on  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$ , then

$$\int t^n \tilde{d}_q t = \frac{t^{n+1}}{A_n} + C,$$

Where

$$A_n = \sum_{j=0}^n q^{n-j} q^{-j}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots .$$

and  $C$  is an arbitrary constant.

*Proof.* Let  $F(t) = \frac{t^{n+1}}{A_n} + C$ , it is obviously that  $F(t)$  is  $q$ -symmetric differentiable. Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{d}_q F(t) &= \frac{\frac{(qt)^{n+1}}{A_n} + C - \frac{(q^{-1}t)^{n+1}}{A_n} - C}{qt - q^{-1}t} \\ &= \frac{(qt)^{n+1} - (q^{-1}t)^{n+1}}{A_n(qt - q^{-1}t)} \\ &= t^n. \end{aligned}$$

□

For convenience, we assume  $\sum_{n=i}^j A_n = 0$  and  $\prod_{n=i}^j A_n = 1$  for  $i > j$ .

**Theorem 2.5** *On the time scale  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$ , Based on the above knowledge, after computing the recurrence relation, the  $q$ -symmetric polynomials are described as*

$$h_k(t, s) = \frac{t^k - s^k}{\prod_{n=0}^{k-1} A_n} - \frac{s(t^{k-1} - s^{k-1})}{\prod_{n=0}^{k-2} A_n} - \sum_{i=2}^{k-1} B_{i-1} \frac{s^i(t^{k-i} - s^{k-i})}{\prod_{n=0}^{k-i-1} A_n}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \tag{2}$$

where

$$A_n = \sum_{j=0}^n q^{n-j} q^{-j}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$B_1 = \frac{1}{q + q^{-1}} - 1,$$

$$B_{i-1} = \frac{1}{\prod_{n=0}^{i-1} A_n} - \frac{1}{\prod_{n=0}^{i-2} A_n} - \frac{B_1}{\prod_{n=0}^{i-3} A_n} - \dots - \frac{B_{i-3}}{\prod_{n=0}^1 A_n} - B_{i-2}. \quad i = 3, 4, 5, \dots$$

on  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, according to the definition 2.2 and lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(t, s) &= t - s, \\ \tilde{d}_q h_1(t, s) &= \frac{qt - s - q^{-1}t + s}{(q - q^{-1})t} = 1 = h_0(t, s), \\ h_2(t, s) &= \frac{t^2 - s^2}{A_1} - \frac{s(t - s)}{A_0} = \frac{t^2 - s^2}{q + q^{-1}} - s(t - s), \\ \tilde{d}_q h_2(t, s) &= \frac{1}{(q - q^{-1})t} \left( \frac{(qt)^2 - s^2}{q + q^{-1}} - s(qt - s) - \frac{(q^{-1}t)^2 - s^2}{q + q^{-1}} + s(q^{-1}t - s) \right) = h_1(t, s). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we assume (2) holds when  $k = m, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{d}_q h_{m+1}(t, s) &= \frac{1}{(q - q^{-1})t} \left( h_{m+1}(qt, s) - h_{m+1}(q^{-1}t, s) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(q - q^{-1})t} \left( \frac{(qt)^{m+1} - s^{m+1}}{\prod_{n=0}^m A_n} - \frac{s((qt)^m - s^m)}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} - \sum_{i=2}^m B_{i-1} \frac{s^i((qt)^{m+1-i} - s^{m+1-i})}{\prod_{n=0}^{k-i-1} A_n} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{(q^{-1}t)^{m+1} - s^{m+1}}{\prod_{n=0}^m A_n} + \frac{s((q^{-1}t)^m - s^m)}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} + \sum_{i=2}^m B_{i-1} \frac{s^i((q^{-1}t)^{m+1-i} - s^{m+1-i})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-i} A_n} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(q - q^{-1})t} \left( \frac{(q^{m+1} - (q^{-1})^{m+1})t^{m+1}}{\prod_{n=0}^m A_n} - \frac{s((qt)^m - (q^{-1}t)^m)}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{i=2}^m B_{i-1} \frac{s^i((qt)^{m-i+1} - (q^{-1}t)^{m-i+1})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-i} A_n} \right) \\
 &= \frac{t^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} - \frac{st^{m-1}}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-2} A_n} - \sum_{i=2}^m B_{i-1} \frac{s^i((qt)^{m-i+1} - (q^{-1}t)^{m-i+1})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-i} A_n (q - q^{-1})t} \\
 &= \frac{t^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} - \frac{st^{m-1}}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-2} A_n} - \sum_{i=2}^m B_{i-1} \frac{s^i t^{m-i}}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-i-1} A_n} \\
 &= \frac{t^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} - \frac{st^{m-1}}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-2} A_n} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} B_{i-1} \frac{s^i t^{m-i}}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-i-1} A_n} - B_{m-1} s^m \\
 &= \frac{t^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} - \frac{st^{m-1}}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-2} A_n} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} B_{i-1} \frac{s^i t^{m-i}}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-i-1} A_n} \\
 &\quad - \frac{s^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} + \frac{s^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-2} A_n} + \frac{B_1 s^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-3} A_n} + \frac{B_2 s^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-4} A_n} + \dots + s^m B_{m-2} \\
 &= \frac{t^m - s^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} - \frac{s(t^{m-1} - s^{m-1})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-2} A_n} - B_1 \frac{s^2(t^{m-2} - s^{m-2})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-3} A_n} \\
 &\quad - B_2 \frac{s^3(t^{m-3} - s^{m-3})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-4} A_n} - \dots - B_{m-2} s^{m-1} t + s^m B_{m-2} \\
 &= \frac{t^m - s^m}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-1} A_n} - \frac{s(t^{m-1} - s^{m-1})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-2} A_n} - \sum_{i=2}^{m-1} B_{i-1} \frac{s^i(t^{m-i} - s^{m-i})}{\prod_{n=0}^{m-i-1} A_n} = h_m(t, s). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Agarwal and Bohner [18] gave the Taylor formula for functions on a general time scale. On  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$  the Taylor formula is written as

**Theorem 2.6** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose  $f$  is  $n$  times continuously differentiable on  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$ . Let  $\alpha, t \in \overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$ . Then the Taylor formula of  $f$  near  $x = \alpha$  is given by*

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} h_k(t, \alpha) \tilde{d}_q^k f(\alpha) + \int_{\alpha}^{\rho^{n-1}(t)} h_{n-1}(t, \sigma(\tau)) \tilde{d}_q^n f(\tau) \tilde{d}_q \tau.$$

To develop an approximate solution of (1), the product rule of two  $q$ -polynomials at 0 is derived.

**Lemma 2.7** *Let  $h_i(t, 0)$  and  $h_j(t, 0)$  be two  $q$ -symmetric polynomials at zero. Then the product rule of two  $q$ -symmetric polynomials is*

$$h_i(t, 0)h_j(t, 0) = \frac{(q^{-2(i+1)}; q^{-2})_j}{(q^{-2}; q^{-2})_j} h_{i+j}(t, 0),$$

where

$$(q^{-2(i+1)}; q^{-2})_j = \prod_{n=0}^{j-1} q^{n+i}(1 - q^{-2(i+1)}q^{-2n}).$$

*Proof.* By

$$h_{i+j}(t, 0) = \frac{t^{i+j}}{\prod_{n=0}^{i+j-1} A_n} = \frac{t^i}{\prod_{n=0}^{i-1} A_n} \frac{t^j}{\prod_{n=0}^{j-1} A_n} \frac{\prod_{n=0}^{j-1} A_n}{\prod_{n=i}^{i+j-1} A_n},$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h_i(t, 0)h_j(t, 0) &= \frac{\prod_{n=i}^{i+j-1} A_n}{\prod_{n=0}^{j-1} A_n} h_{i+j}(t, 0) \\ &= \frac{\prod_{n=i}^{i+j-1} \sum_{u=0}^n q^{n-u} q^{-u}}{\prod_{n=0}^{j-1} \sum_{u=0}^n q^{n-u} q^{-u}} h_{i+j}(t, 0) \\ &= \prod_{n=0}^{j-1} \frac{\sum_{u=0}^{n+i} q^{n-u+i} q^{-u}}{\sum_{u=0}^n q^{n-u} q^{-u}} h_{i+j}(t, 0) \\ &= \prod_{n=0}^{j-1} \frac{q^{n+i} - q^{-(n+i+2)}}{q^n - q^{-(n+2)}} h_{i+j}(t, 0) \\ &= \frac{(q^{-2(i+1)}; q^{-2})_j}{(q^{-2}; q^{-2})_j} h_{i+j}(t, 0). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 2.8** *Let  $h_i(t, 0)$  and  $h_j(t, 0)$  be two  $q$ -symmetric polynomials at zero. Then*

$$h_i(t, 0)h_j(t, 0) = h_j(t, 0)h_i(t, 0).$$

### 3 The differential transformation technique on $q$ -symmetric calculus

Based on earlier research [12,13], the basic definitions and operations of differential transformation method are extended. The definition of the Taylor series on a time scale can be found in [17].

**Definition 3.1** A real-valued function  $f$  defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  is said to be  $q$ -symmetric analytic at  $t_0$  if and only if there is a power series centered at  $t_0$  that converges to  $f$  near  $t_0$ , i.e. there exists coefficients  $\{a_k\}$  and points  $c, d \in \mathbb{T}$ . such that  $c < t_0 < d$  and  $f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n_1} a_k h_k(t, t_0)$  for  $t \in (c, d) \cap \mathbb{T}$ . If  $x(t)$  is  $q$ -symmetric analytic in the time domain  $\overline{q^{\mathbb{N}}}$ , then  $x(t)$  is continuously differentiable with respect to  $t$ .

**Definition 3.2** Let the  $\mathbb{K}$  domain be the set of nonnegative integers. The spectrum of  $x(t)$  at  $t_i$  in the  $\mathbb{K}$  domain is written as

$$X(k) = \left[ \frac{\widetilde{d}_q^k x(t)}{\widetilde{d}_q t^k} \right]_{t=t_i}, \forall k \in \mathbb{K}. \tag{3}$$

**Definition 3.3** If  $x(t)$  can be expressed by the Taylor series on , then the differential transformation of  $X(k)$  is represented as

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X(k) h_k(t, t_i), \tag{4}$$

where  $h_k(t, t_i), k \in \mathbb{N}$  are  $q$ -symmetric polynomials with degree  $k$  and  $X(t)$  is the spectrum of  $x(t)$  at  $t = t_i$ .

Applying the differential transformation method in Definition 3.3, the solution of the nonlinear  $q$ -symmetric difference equation (1) can be represented as

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X(k) h_k(t, 0), \tag{5}$$

where  $X(k)$  is the spectrum of  $x(t)$  at 0. The products of  $x(t)\widetilde{d}_q(t)$  and  $x(t)$  in (1) are expressed as follows:

$$x(t)\widetilde{d}_q x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^k X(k-i)X(i+1)h_{k-i}(t, 0)h_i(t, 0) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^k X(k-i)X(i+1)H(k-i, i) \right] h_k(t, 0), \tag{6}$$

$$x^2(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^k X(k-i)X(i)H(k-i, i) \right] h_k(t, 0), \tag{7}$$

where  $H(i, j) = \frac{(q^{-2(i+1)}; q^{-2})_j}{(q^{-2}; q^{-2})_j}$ ,  $H(i, 0) = H(0, j) = 1, i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Substituting (5),(6) and (7) into the nonlinear equation (1), it can be transformed into an algebraic equation as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ X(k+2) + 2\gamma X(k+1) + \varepsilon\gamma_1 \sum_{i=0}^k X(k-i)X(i+1)H(k-i, i) \right. \\ & \left. + \Omega^2 X(k) + \sum_{i=0}^k X(k-i)X(i)H(k-i, i) \right] h_k(t, 0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

which yields the following algebraic equation

$$X(k+2)+2\gamma X(k+1)+\varepsilon\gamma_1 \sum_{i=0}^k X(k-i)X(i+1)H(k-i,i)+\Omega^2 X(k)+\sum_{i=0}^k X(k-i)X(i)H(k-i,i) = 0, \tag{8}$$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . As  $X(0) = a$  and  $\tilde{d}_q x(0) = b$ , the initial estimate of the series solution can be given as  $x(t) = a + bh_i(t, 0)$ , i.e. the first two terms in the algebraic equation are  $X(0) = a$  and  $X(1) = b$ . Hence, the spectrum  $X(k)$  of  $x(t)$  at 0 satisfies the algebraic equation (8) with initial conditions  $X(0) = a$  and  $X(1) = b$ , where the solution can be obtained iteratively from  $X(0) = a$  and  $X(1) = b$ .

### 4 Numerical method

To display the accuracy of the differential transformation method, a numerical method for the  $q$ -symmetric difference equation is developed. Since 0 is a cluster point of  $q^{\mathbb{N}}$ , the derivative of  $x(t)$  at 0 is defined as  $\tilde{d}_q x(0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x(q^n) - x(0)}{q^n}$ , if  $q < 1$ . Let  $n_0$  be a nonnegative integer. To obtain an approximation for the  $q$ -symmetric derivative of  $x(t)$  at  $t = 0$ , we use  $x(q^{n_0}) = x(0) + q^{n_0} \tilde{d}_q x(0) + \frac{q^{2n_0}}{2} \tilde{d}_q^2 x(0) + \dots$ . Rearrangement leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{d}_q x(0) &\approx \frac{x(q^{n_0}) - x(0)}{q^{n_0}} - \frac{q^{n_0}}{2} \tilde{d}_q^2 x(0) \\ &= \frac{x(q^{n_0}) - x(0)}{q^{n_0}} + O(q^{n_0}). \end{aligned}$$

where the dominate term in the truncation error is  $O(q^{n_0})$ . As  $\tilde{d}_q x(0) = b$ , that is to say  $\frac{x(q^{n_0}) - x(0)}{q^{n_0}}$ , which yields  $x(q^{n_0}) = x(0) + q^{n_0} b = a + q^{n_0} b$ . Set  $t_0 = 0$  and  $t_1 = q^{n_0}$ , Let  $t_i = q^{n_0 - (i-1)}$ , where  $i = 2, \dots, n_0 + 1$ . For convenience, we let  $t_i = 0$ , where  $i = -1, -2, \dots$ . Then the interval  $[0, 1]$  is partitioned into  $n_0$  subintervals. Now  $x_i = x(t_i), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n_0 + 1$ . The  $q$ -symmetric derivative of  $x(t)$  at  $t_i$  can be calculated as

$$\tilde{d}_q x_i = \frac{x_{i+1} - x_{i-1}}{t_{i+1} - t_{i-1}} = D_i x_{i+1} - D_i x_{i-1}, \tag{9}$$

and

$$\tilde{d}_q^2 x_i = \frac{\tilde{d}_q x_{i+1} - \tilde{d}_q x_{i-1}}{t_{i+1} - t_{i-1}} = A_i x_{i+2} - B_i x_i + C_i x_{i-2} \tag{10}$$

where

$$A_i = \frac{1}{(t_{i+2} - t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_{i-1})}, B_i = \frac{t_{i+2} - t_{i-2}}{(t_{i+2} - t_i)(t_{i+2} - t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_{i-1})},$$



$$C_i = \frac{1}{(t_i - t_{i-2})(t_{i+1} - t_{i-1})}, D_i = \frac{1}{t_{i+1} - t_{i-1}}.$$

Substituting (10) and (11) into (1) yields the following equation

$$A_i x_{i+2} + (\Omega^2 - B_i)x_i + 2\gamma D_i x_{i+1} + \varepsilon \gamma_1 D_i x_i x_{i+1} - D_i x_{i-1} + C_i x_{i-2} + x_i^2 = 0.$$

This implies that

$$x_{i+2} = -\frac{1}{A_i} [(\Omega^2 - B_i)x_i + 2\gamma D_i x_{i+1} + \varepsilon \gamma_1 D_i x_i x_{i+1} - D_i x_{i-1} + C_i x_{i-2} + x_i^2]. \quad (11)$$

## 5 Numerical results

The theoretical considerations introduced in the previous sections will be illustrated with some examples, where the approximate solutions are compared with numerical solutions.

The time scale  $q^{\mathbb{Z}_+}$  is given as  $\{0.9^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\} \cup \{0\} = 1, 0.9, 0.81, 0.729, \dots, 0$ , where 0 is the cluster point of  $q^{\mathbb{Z}_+}$ . The maximum error and the average error are defined as

$$\text{maximum error} = \max\{|\bar{x}_n(t) - \hat{x}(t)| | t \in q^{\mathbb{Z}_+}, t \geq 0.9^{100}\},$$

and

$$\text{average error} = \frac{\text{sum}\{|\bar{x}_n(t) - \hat{x}(t)| | t \in q^{\mathbb{Z}_+}, t \geq 0.9^{100}\}}{100},$$

respectively, where  $\bar{x}_n(t)$  is the approximate solution with  $n$  iterations and  $\hat{x}(t)$  is the numerical solution obtained by (12).

The under-damped cases are considered with (i)  $2\gamma = 0$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1$  and  $\Omega = 1$ ; (ii)  $2\gamma = 0.1$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1$  and  $\Omega = 1$ ; (iii)  $2\gamma = 2.5$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\varepsilon = 1$  and  $\Omega = 1$ . In order to satisfy the initial conditions,  $x(0) = 1$  and  $\tilde{d}_q x(0) = 0.5$ , the initial approximation can be given  $x_0 = 1 + 0.5t$ . By the recurrence relation(7), the first 4 components of  $x_n(t)$  are obtained. In the same manner, the rest of components of the iteration formula were obtained using the symbolic toolbox in Mathematics package. For the numerical computations, the interval  $[0, 1]$  is partitioned into 101 subintervals, i.e.  $n_0 = 100$ . For case (i)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0), \\ x_2 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 2.05h_2(t, 0), \\ x_3 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 2.05h_2(t, 0) - 1.32h_3(t, 0), \\ x_4 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 2.05h_2(t, 0) - 1.32h_3(t, 0) + 5.988h_4(t, 0). \end{aligned}$$

and so on.

For case (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0), \\
x_2 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 2.10h_2(t, 0), \\
x_3 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 2.10h_2(t, 0) - 1.11h_3(t, 0), \\
x_4 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 2.10h_2(t, 0) - 1.11h_3(t, 0) + 6.099h_4(t, 0).
\end{aligned}$$

and so on.

For case (iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0), \\
x_2 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 4.30h_2(t, 0), \\
x_3 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 4.30h_2(t, 0) + 9.43h_3(t, 0), \\
x_4 &= 1 + 0.5h_1(t, 0) - 4.30h_2(t, 0) + 9.43h_3(t, 0) - 17.587h_4(t, 0).
\end{aligned}$$

and so on.

Using the calculator, we get the corresponding values of the approximate solution  $\bar{x}_n(t)$  at each point of  $q^{\mathbb{Z}^+}$ , while the values of the numerical solution  $\hat{x}(t)$  can be easily seen from the Figures.1-3 generated by Mathematica 9.0. Besides, we calculate the maximum errors shown in the following table, which indicates the accuracy.

Table 1

The comparison table of each case.

Time domain	.109	.205	.313	.430	.531	.656	.729	.81	.9
case 1	.0007	.0023	.0085	.0125	.0150	.0156	.0032	.0138	.0308
case 2	.0007	.0023	.0083	.0118	.0148	.0142	.0029	.0156	.0312
case 3	.0008	.0011	.0101	.0115	.0142	.0287	.0103	.0147	.0186

## 6 Conclusions

In this study, a product rule of two generalized polynomials on  $q^{\mathbb{Z}^+}$  is derived, which overcomes the difficulty of developing a theory of series solutions of  $q$ -symmetric difference equation. In future studies, the use of differential transformation method will be extended to other nonlinear  $q$ -symmetric difference equations.

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