

# q- $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ and Associated Wave and Heat Equations

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**Abstract:** For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the  $q$ -deformation of the  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  Lie algebra (denoted by  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$ ) is introduced and we give its representation. The heat and wave equations associated to the generators of the  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$  are studied.

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## Introduction

A Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  (Erdmann and Wildon, 2006; Humphreys, 1978) is a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{K}$  with an associated bilinear map  $[\cdot, \cdot]: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ , such that the following hold:

- $[x; x] = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathfrak{g}$
- $[x; [y; z]] + [y; [z; x]] + [z; [x; y]] = 0$  for all  $x; y; z \in \mathfrak{g}$

The latter axiom of the above definition is called the Jacobi Identity. The idea of this axiom is to be a replacement for associativity, as we do not have that a Lie algebra is an associative algebra. We refer to this bilinear map  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  as the Lie bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be any field and let  $\mathfrak{gl}(n; \mathbb{K})$  be the vector space of all  $n \times n$  matrices defined over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{gl}(n; \mathbb{K})$  is a Lie algebra with Lie bracket given by:

$$[x; y] = xy - yx \quad \forall x; y \in \mathfrak{gl}(n; \mathbb{K}); \tag{1}$$

i.e., the commutator bracket. The special linear Lie algebra of order  $n$  (denoted  $\mathfrak{sl}_n(\mathbb{K})$  or  $\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{K})$ ) is the Lie algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices with trace zero and with the Lie bracket given by (1). This algebra is well studied and understood and is often used as a model for the study of other Lie algebras. The Lie group that it generates is the special linear group. For  $n = 2$ , the space:

$$\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{K}) = \{s \in \mathfrak{gl}(n; \mathbb{K}) \mid \text{tr}(s) = 0\} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(n; \mathbb{K})$$

be the vector subspace of  $\mathfrak{gl}(n; \mathbb{K})$  whose elements have trace 0 where  $\mathbb{K}$  is any field. Now if  $x; y \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{K})$  then we will have  $[x; y] = xy - yx \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{K})$  hence the commutator brackets gives  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{K})$  a Lie algebra structure, we denote  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{K})$  by  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  for simplicity. As a vector space it can be shown that  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{K})$  has a basis given by:

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$h = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

These elements have the following Lie bracket relations:

$$[e, f] = h,$$

$$[h, f] = -2f,$$

$$[h, e] = 2e.$$

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  plays an important role in the study of chaos and fractals, as it generates the Mobius group  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ , which describes the automorphisms of the hyperbolic plane, the simplest Riemann surface of negative curvature; by contrast,  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  describes the automorphisms of the hyperbolic 3-dimensional ball. The simplest non-trivial Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . Also, the  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  can be defined as the \*-Lie algebra with three generators  $B^-, B^+, M$  and relations:

$$[B^-, B^+] = M, [M, B^\pm] = \pm 2B^\pm, (B^\pm)^* = M^* = M.$$

Let  $\mathfrak{g}_1; \mathfrak{g}_2$  be Lie algebras defined over a common field  $\mathbb{K}$ . Then a homomorphism of Lie algebras  $\varphi: \mathfrak{g}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_2$  is a linear map of vector spaces such that  $\varphi([x; y]) = [\varphi(x); \varphi(y)]$ , i.e., it preserves the Lie bracket. A representation (Erdmann and Wildon, 2006; Humphreys, 1978) of a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a pair  $(V; \varphi)$  where  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\varphi: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(V)$  is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

On the other hand, the language of  $q$  calculus (Abdi, 1962; Adams, 1929; Gasper and Rahman, 1990; Jackson,

1910; Leeuwen and Maassen, 1995) appeared. The natural number  $n$  has the following  $q$ -deformation:

$$[n]_q := 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{n-1}, \text{ with } [0]_q = 0.$$

Also, many important algebras were deformed using the  $q$ -calculus. Our question is, what is the  $q$ -analogue of the  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ ?

As a response to this question, in this study, we introduce the  $q$ -deformation of the  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  Lie algebra (denoted by  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$ ) is introduced. Moreover, as an application, we study the heat and wave equations associated to the generators of the  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$ .

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$  and we give its representation. In Section 3, we study the heat equations associated to the generators of the  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$ . In Section 4, we study the wave equations associated to the generators of the  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$ .

## $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$

### Definition 2.1

For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the  $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$  is by definition the Lie algebra spanned by the operators  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} [A, C] &= -2q^2 A \\ [B, C] &= 2q^2 B \\ [A, B] &= C \end{aligned}$$

### Theorem 2.1. (Representation of the $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$ )

Let  $q \in (0, 1)$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [A_q, C_q] &= -2q^2 A_q, \\ [B_q, C_q] &= 2q^2 B_q, \\ [A_q, B_q] &= C_q \end{aligned}$$

where,  $A_q$ ,  $B_q$  and  $C_q$  are given by:

$$A_q \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B_q \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ q & 0 \end{pmatrix}, C_q \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -q^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Proof

We have:

$$A_q C_q \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -q^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$C_q A_q \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} [A_q, C_q] &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2q^3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -2q^2 A_q. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have:

$$B_q C_q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ q^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and:

$$C_q B_q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -q^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} [B_q, C_q] &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2q^3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2q^2 B_q. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have:

$$A_q B_q = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} [A_q, B_q] &= \begin{pmatrix} q^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -q^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= C_q \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

## Heat Equations Associated to the Generator of $q\text{-}\mathfrak{sl}_2$

In this section, we will study the following three equations:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} ut = A_q ut \\ u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbb{C}. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} ut = B_q ut \\ u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbb{C}. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} ut = C_q ut \\ u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbb{C}. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

**Theorem 3.1**

For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the solution of the heat Equation (2) is given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} qY_0 t + X_0 \\ Y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proof**

Let  $u_t$  given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ Y_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, we get:

$$A_q u_t = \begin{pmatrix} qY_t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} X_t = qY_t \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y_t = 0 \end{cases}$$

which implies that:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} X_t = qY_t \\ Y_t = Y_0 \end{cases}$$

This gives:

$$\begin{cases} X_t = qY_0 t + X_0 \\ Y_t = Y_0 \end{cases}$$

which completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.2**

For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the solution of the heat Equation (3) is given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 \\ qX_0 t + Y_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proof**

Let  $u_t$  given by

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ Y_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, we get;

$$B_q u_t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ qX_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} X_t = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y_t = qX_t \end{cases}$$

This gives:

$$\begin{cases} X_t = X_0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y_t = qX_t \end{cases}$$

which implies that:

$$\begin{cases} X_t = X_0 \\ Y_t = qX_0 t + Y_0 \end{cases}$$

Hence, we complete the proof.

**Theorem 3.3**

For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the solution of (4) is given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 e^{q^2 t} \\ Y_0 e^{-q^2 t} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Proof**

Let  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $u_t$  given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ Y_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_q u_t = \begin{pmatrix} qY_t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, we get:

$$C_q u_t = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 X_t \\ -q^2 Y_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} X_t = q^2 X_t \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y_t = -q^2 Y_t \end{cases}$$

which implies that:

$$\begin{cases} X_t = X_0 e^{q^2 t} \\ Y_t = Y_0 e^{-q^2 t} \end{cases}$$

This completes the proof.

### Wave Equations Associated to the Generators of $q\text{-sl}_2$

In this section we are interested in the study of three wave equations associated to  $A_q, B_q$  and  $C_q$ .

#### Theorem 4.1

For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the solutions of the following wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u_t = A_q u_t \\ u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

are of the form:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \alpha q t^3 + \frac{1}{2} Y_0 q t^2 + \beta t + X_0 \\ \alpha t + Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}.$$

#### Proof

Let  $u_t$  given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ Y_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, since we have:

We get:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} X_t = q Y_t \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} Y_t = 0 \end{cases}$$

which implies that:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} X_t = q Y_t \\ Y_t = \alpha t + Y_0, \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

This gives:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} X_t = \frac{\alpha}{2} q t^2 + Y_0 q t + \beta \\ Y_t = \alpha t + Y_0, \alpha \beta \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

Then we get:

$$\begin{cases} X_t = \frac{1}{6} \alpha q t^3 + \frac{1}{2} q Y_0 t^2 + \beta t + X_0 \\ Y_t = \alpha t + Y_0, \alpha \beta \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

This completes the proof.

#### Theorem 4.2

For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the solutions of the following wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u_t = B_q u_t \\ u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

are of the form:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha t + X_0 \\ \frac{1}{6} \alpha q t^3 + \frac{1}{2} X_0 q t^2 + \beta t + Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

#### Proof

Let  $u_t$  given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ Y_t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, since we have:

$$B_q u_t = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ qX_t \end{pmatrix}$$

We get:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} X_t = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} Y_t = qX_t \end{cases}$$

which implies that:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y_t = \alpha X_t \\ X_t = \alpha t + X_0, \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

This gives:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Y_t = \frac{\alpha}{2} q t^2 + X_0 q t + \beta \\ X_t = \alpha t + X_0, \alpha \beta \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

Then, we get:

$$\begin{cases} Y_t = \frac{1}{6} \alpha q t^3 + \frac{1}{2} q X_0 t^2 + \beta t + Y_0 \\ X_t = \alpha t + X_0, \alpha \beta \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

This completes the proof.

#### Theorem 4.3

For  $q \in (0, 1)$ , the solution of the following wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u_t = C_q u_t \\ u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 \\ Y_0 \end{pmatrix}, X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbb{C} \end{cases}$$

is given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_0 e^{qt} \\ Y_0 e^{iqt} \end{pmatrix}.$$

#### Proof

Let  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $u_t$  given by:

$$u_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ Y_t \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, since we have:

$$C_q u_t = \begin{pmatrix} q^2 X_t \\ -q^2 Y_t \end{pmatrix}$$

We get:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} q^2 X_t \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} Y_t = -q^2 Y_t \end{cases}$$

which gives:

$$\begin{cases} X_t = X_0 e^{qt} \\ Y_t = Y_0 e^{iqt} \end{cases}$$

This completes the proof.

#### Remark 1

In this study we introduced the  $q$ -sI<sub>2</sub>. A  $q$ -deformation of some nuclear algebras of operators acting on space of holomorphic functions on a  $q$ -deformed complexification of real nuclear space can be studied and we expect to develop a new  $q$ -deformed white noise theory to overcome the renormalisation problem, (Altoum *et al.*, 2017; Ettaieb *et al.*, 2012; 2014a; 2014b; 2016; Ouerdiane and Rguigui, 2012; Rguigui, 2015a; 2015b; 2016a; 2016b).

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