

PERIODIC SOLUTIONS OF INVERSE QUANTUM ORTHOGONAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In the year 1939, the Mathematician G.H. Hardy proved that the only functions f which satisfy the classical orthogonality relation

$$\int_0^1 f(\lambda_m t) f(\lambda_n t) dt = 0, \quad m \neq n,$$

are the Bessel functions $J_\nu(t)$ under certain constraints, where $\nu > -1$ is the order of the Bessel function, and λ_m, λ_n are the zeros of the Bessel function. More recently, the Mathematician L.D. Abreu proved that if a function $f \in \mathcal{L}_q^2(0, 1)$ is q -orthogonal with respect to its own zeros in the interval $(0, 1)$, then it satisfies the q -orthogonality relation

$$\int_0^1 f(\lambda_m t) f(\lambda_n t) d_q t = 0, \quad m \neq n,$$

where the q -integral is a Riemann-Stieltjes integral with respect to a step function having infinitely many points of increase at the points q^ℓ , with the step size at the point q^ℓ being q , $\forall \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0$, where $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, and $0 < q < 1$. Following these developments, herein we present an equivalence class of entire q^{-1} -periodic functions satisfying the q^{-1} -orthogonality relation

$$\int_0^1 f(\lambda_m t) f(\lambda_n t) d_{q^{-1}} t = 0, \quad m \neq n.$$

1. INTRODUCTION

The quantum calculus, otherwise known as the q -calculus [1], has been found to have a wide variety of interesting applications in number theory [2], and the theory of orthogonal polynomials [3, 4, 5], for example. As such, herein we investigate a class of entire functions that are q^{-1} -orthogonal with respect to their own zeros,

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and find that in this equivalence class, the only q^{-1} -periodic functions are nonzero constant-valued functions. It is well understood by the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra [6], that a nonzero constant function has no roots. Accordingly, this study aims to develop a novel approach to the field of q^{-1} -orthogonal polynomials [7], and the distribution of their zeros [8].

The paper is organized as follows: In Sec. 2 we introduce a class of entire functions, q^{-1} -orthogonal with respect to their own zeros, and demonstrate that the class is comprised of q^{-1} -periodic (i.e. constant) functions on the complex plane. Sec. 3 details the q^{-1} -Fourier series, and the completeness relations of the class. In Sec. 4, a first-order linear q^{-1} -difference equation is obtained for arriving at the value of the q^{-1} -periodic constant constituted by the class. Finally, concluding remarks are made in Sec. 5.

1.1. Preliminaries. If $q^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ is fixed, then a subset of \mathbb{C} is named \mathcal{A} , and is also q^{-1} -geometric if $q^{-1}x \in \mathcal{A}$ whenever $x \in \mathcal{A}$. If $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{C}$ is q^{-1} -geometric then it contains all geometric sequences $\{xq^{-\ell}\}_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$, where $x \in \mathcal{A}$ such that as $q \rightarrow 1$ then $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Unless otherwise noted, herein $0 < q < 1$ [9].

Definition 1.1. A function f defined on the q -geometric set \mathcal{A} , where $0 \in \mathcal{A}$, is said to be q -regular at zero if

$$(1.1) \quad \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} f(xq^{\ell}) = f(0), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Definition 1.2. A function f defined on the q^{-1} -geometric set \mathcal{A} , where $0 \in \mathcal{A}$, is said to be q -regular at infinity if there exists a constant \mathcal{C} such that

$$(1.2) \quad \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} f(xq^{-\ell}) = \mathcal{C}, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Definition 1.3. The Euler-Heine q^{-1} -difference operator [10, 11], is defined by

$$(1.3) \quad \hat{D}_{q^{-1}}f(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(q^{-1}x)}{x - q^{-1}x}, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A} / \{0\}.$$

If $0 \in \mathcal{A}$, the q -derivative at zero is defined for $|q| < 1$ by

$$(1.4) \quad \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}} f(0) := \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(sq^{-\ell}) - f(0)}{sq^{-\ell}}, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{A} / \{0\}.$$

The q^{-1} -derivative at zero is denoted as $f'(0)$, assuming the limit exists and is independent of x .

The q^{-1} -product rule is [12]

$$(1.5) \quad \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}}[f(x)g(x)] = f(q^{-1}x)\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}}g(x) + g(x)\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}}f(x),$$

and the q^{-1} -integral in the interval $(0, x)$ is

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^x f(t)d_{q^{-1}}t = (1-q) \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f(xq^{-\ell})xq^{-\ell}.$$

Now let $1 \leq p < \infty$, $x > 0$, and $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$. Also let $\mathcal{L}_{q^{-1}, \eta}^p(0, x)$ be the space of all equivalence classes of functions satisfying

$$(1.7) \quad \int_0^x t^\eta |f(t)|^p d_{q^{-1}}t < \infty,$$

where two functions are defined as equivalent if they are equivalent on the sequence $\{xq^{-\ell} : \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$, where $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. Hence, f is a function in the Banach space $\mathcal{L}_{q^{-1}, \eta}^p(0, x)$ with norm

$$(1.8) \quad \|f\|_{p, \eta, x} := \left(\int_0^x t^\eta |f(t)|^p d_{q^{-1}}t \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

For the case when $p = 2$, it can be seen that the inner product

$$(1.9) \quad \langle f, g \rangle := \int_0^x t^\eta f(t)\overline{g(t)}d_{q^{-1}}t,$$

is a separable Hilbert space, where $f, g \in \mathcal{L}_{q^{-1}, \eta}^2(0, x)$. If $x = 1$, the resulting Hilbert space is $\mathcal{L}_{q^{-1}, \eta}^2(0, 1)$, and the function $f \in \mathcal{L}_{q^{-1}, \eta}^2(0, 1)$ is q^{-1} -orthogonal

with respect to its own zeros in the interval $(0, 1)$ if

$$(1.10) \quad \int_0^1 f(\lambda_m t) f(\lambda_n t) d_{q^{-1}} t = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} f(\lambda_m q^{-\ell}) f(\lambda_n q^{-\ell}) q^{-\ell} = 0, \quad m \neq n.$$

Here, it should be pointed out that an orthonormal basis of $\mathcal{L}_{q^{-1}, \eta}^2(0, x)$ is [13]

$$(1.11) \quad \varphi_n(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t^{\eta+1}(1-q)}}, & t = xq^{-\ell}, \quad \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2. q^{-1} -PERIODICITY

Theorem 2.1. *If the class constituted by all entire functions f of order less than 1, or of order 1 and minimal type of the form*

$$(2.1) \quad f(x) = x^{\rho(x)} F(x),$$

where $f(0) = -1/2$, and $\rho(x)$ is given by the natural logarithmic relation [14]

$$(2.2) \quad \rho(x) = \frac{\log\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-x)\Gamma(1+x/2)}\right)}{\log(x)} > -\frac{1}{2},$$

where Γ is the gamma function, and the entire function $F(x)$, with real but not necessarily positive zeros is

$$(2.3) \quad F(x) = \exp(cx) \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{x}{\lambda_n}\right) \exp\left(\frac{x}{\lambda_n}\right) \right\},$$

where $c = \log(2\pi) - 1 - \gamma/2$, γ is the Euler-Mascheroni constant; if $F(x) \neq 0$ and $f(x)$ is q^{-1} -orthogonal with respect to its zeros; $\sum_n \lambda_n^{-1}$ is convergent, but not absolutely [16]; then f has the q^{-1} -periodic representation

$$(2.4) \quad f_{q^{-1}}(x) = \prod_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q^{2\ell+1} + q^2},$$

defined on the q^{-1} -geometric set \mathcal{A} , i.e., $f_{q^{-1}}(x)$ is constant in x .

Proof. The proof depends on two lemmas. If

$$(2.5) \quad \int_0^1 \{f(\lambda_n t)\}^2 d_{q^{-1}} t = (q^{-\ell})^{\eta+1} (1-q),$$

then the system

$$(2.6) \quad \varphi_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q^{-\ell})^{\eta+1} (1-q)}} f(\lambda_n t)$$

is orthonormal in $(0, 1)$. The following Theorem 2.2 demonstrates the system $\varphi_n(t)$ is complete, independent of q^{-1} -orthogonality.

Theorem 2.2. *If f satisfies the conditions of the previous Theorem 2.1, other than q^{-1} -orthogonality, g is q^{-1} -integrable, and*

$$(2.7) \quad \int_0^1 g(t) f(\lambda_n t) d_{q^{-1}} t = 0, \quad \forall n,$$

then $g(t) \equiv 0$.

Proof. Let $t = r q^{-\ell} \exp(i\theta)$, where θ is the complex argument, $i = \sqrt{-1}$, and

$$(2.8) \quad h(x) = \int_0^1 g(t) f(xt) d_{q^{-1}} t.$$

It is clear that

$$(2.9) \quad h(x) = x^{\rho(x)} H(x),$$

where $H(x)$ is an entire function. Here, we suppose that $F(x)$ is of order less than 1, when $H(x)$ is also of order less than 1. Since $h(\lambda_n) = 0 \forall n$, it then follows that the ratio [17]

$$(2.10) \quad \chi(x) = \frac{h(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{H(x)}{F(x)}$$

is also an entire function of order less than 1. Along the imaginary axis $t = r q^{-\ell} \sin(\theta)$ it can be seen that $|\exp(cx)| = |\exp(x\lambda_n^{-1})| = 1 \forall n$, where again

$c = \log(2\pi) - 1 - \gamma/2$, and

$$(2.11) \quad \nu(x, t) = \left| \frac{F(xt)}{F(x)} \right| = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\lambda_n - rt \sin(\theta)}{\lambda_n - r \sin(\theta)} \right|.$$

Here it should be pointed out that no factor exceeds 1, and the limit of each factor as $r \rightarrow \infty$ is simply t . Therefore $|\nu| \leq 1 \forall r, t$. Moreover, for every fixed value of $t < 1$, as $r \rightarrow \infty$ it can be seen that $\nu \rightarrow \infty$. As such,

$$(2.12) \quad |\chi(x)| = \left| \int_0^1 g(t) \frac{F(xt)}{F(x)} d_{q^{-1}} t \right| \leq \int_0^1 |g(t)| \nu(x, t) d_{q^{-1}} t$$

is bounded, and tends to zero along the imaginary axis $t = rq^{-\ell} \sin(\theta)$. Furthermore, suppose that $\chi(x)$ makes an angle of π/α at the origin, and also along the imaginary axis. By denoting the bound on $\chi(x)$ as \mathcal{B} , such that along the imaginary axis

$$(2.13) \quad |\chi(x)| \leq \mathcal{B},$$

then as $r \rightarrow \infty$, it can be seen that

$$(2.14) \quad \chi(x) = \mathcal{O}\left(\exp(\delta r^\alpha)\right)$$

for every positive δ , uniformly in the angle. It then follows that the boundedness holds in the region where f is entire and regular for $t = rq^{-\ell} \exp(i\theta)$. Without loss of generality, suppose that $\theta = \pm\pi/(2\alpha)$ for the two angles $(-\pi/(2\alpha), 0)$, and $(0, \pi/(2\alpha))$. Also, by letting

$$(2.15) \quad F(x) = \exp(-\varepsilon x^\alpha) f(x)$$

it can be seen that $F(x)$ tends to zero on the real axis $t = rq^{-\ell} \cos(\theta)$, and therefore has an upper bound, denoted \mathcal{B}' . Then, by denoting

$$(2.16) \quad \mathcal{B}'' = \max(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'),$$

it can be seen that

$$(2.17) \quad |F(x)| = \left| \exp \left[-\varepsilon \left(r \exp(i\theta) \right)^\alpha \right] f(x) \right|,$$

where again $\theta = \pm\pi/(2\alpha)$. It then follows that throughout the angle, and along the imaginary axis $t = rq^{-\ell} \sin(\theta)$, that

$$(2.18) \quad |F(x)| \leq \mathcal{B}''.$$

Here, it should be pointed out that if $\mathcal{B}' \leq \mathcal{B}$, then $|F(x)|$ assumes the value \mathcal{B}' at any point of the real axis $t = rq^{-\ell} \cos(\theta)$. Consequently $\mathcal{B}' = \mathcal{B}''$, $F(x)$ reduces to a constant, and $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}''$. Otherwise $\mathcal{B}' < \mathcal{B}''$, such that $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}''$ regardless. Thus,

$$(2.19) \quad |F(x)| \leq \mathcal{B}.$$

Accordingly,

$$(2.20) \quad |f(x)| \leq \mathcal{B} |\exp(-\varepsilon x^\alpha)|.$$

Taking $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ implies that $\mathcal{B} = 0$, since $\nu \rightarrow 0$ for every fixed $t < 1$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore,

$$(2.21) \quad \int_0^1 g(t) f(xt) d_{q^{-1}} t = 0.$$

However, we are interested in the class of functions of the form of Eq. (2.1), i.e.,

$$(2.22) \quad f(x) = x^{\rho(x)} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} a_\ell x^\ell,$$

where $a_\ell \neq 0$ for any ℓ . As such, we assume the following [15]:

- (1) There exists a class of series, larger than that of series known classically as convergent, such that a *sum* corresponds to each series of that class;

- (2) Let m and n , where $n < m$, be two positive integers. We then have the relation

$$(2.23) \quad \frac{1 - x^n}{1 - x^m} = 1 - x^n + x^m - x^{n+m} + x^{2m} + \dots .$$

At $t = q^{-\ell}$, we obtain the Euler series

$$(2.24) \quad \frac{n}{m} = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$$

which belongs to the class from assumption (1).

- (3) Let \mathcal{S} be the sum of the series $x^{\rho(x)} \sum_n a_n$ of the class, where $x^{\rho(x)}$ is given by Eq. (2.2). Then the series itself belongs to the class, and has the sum $x^{\rho(x)} \mathcal{S}$.
- (4) If the series $a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n + \dots$ has the sum \mathcal{S} , then the series $a_1 + \dots + a_n + \dots$ itself has the sum $\mathcal{S} - a_0$. As such, it can be seen that

$$(2.25) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots \\ &= 1 - (1 - 1 + 1 - \dots) \\ &= 1 - \mathcal{S}, \end{aligned}$$

from which we obtain $\mathcal{S} = 1/2$.

Hence,

$$(2.26) \quad \int_0^1 g(t) t^{\rho(xt)+n} d_{q^{-1}} t = 0, \quad \forall n,$$

and therefore $g(t) \equiv 0$. □

3. q^{-1} -FOURIER SERIES

The q^{-1} -Fourier series of $f(xt)$ with respect to the system Eq. (1.11) is

$$\begin{aligned} f(xt) &\sim \sum_n a_n(x) \varphi_n(t) \\ (3.1) \quad &= \sum_n a_n(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q^{-\ell})^{\eta+1}(1-q)}}, \end{aligned}$$

where the Fourier coefficient

$$\begin{aligned} a_n(x) &= \int_0^1 f(xt) \varphi_n(t) d_{q^{-1}}t \\ (3.2) \quad &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q^{-\ell})^{\eta+1}(1-q)}} \int_0^1 f(xt) f(\lambda_n t) d_{q^{-1}}t; \end{aligned}$$

and by the Parseval completeness theorem [19], we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(x, x') &= \int_0^1 f(xt) f(x't) d_{q^{-1}}t \\ (3.3) \quad &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x) a_n(x'). \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem gives the value of $a_n(x)$.

Theorem 3.1. *If the conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied, and $x \neq \lambda_n$, then*

$$(3.4) \quad \int_0^1 f(xt) f(\lambda_n t) d_{q^{-1}}t = \frac{(q^{-\ell})^{\eta+1}(1-q)}{f'(\lambda_n)} \cdot \frac{f(x)}{x - \lambda_n}.$$

Proof. First, supposing that $F(x)$ is of order less than 1, we write

$$(3.5a) \quad h(x) = \int_0^1 f(xt) f(\lambda_n t) d_{q^{-1}}t,$$

$$(3.5b) \quad f_n(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x - \lambda_n},$$

$$(3.5c) \quad g(x) = \frac{h(x)}{f_n(x)},$$

$$(3.5d) \quad G(x) = \frac{g(x)}{x + 1}.$$

It then follows that g is an entire function of order less than 1; G is regular and of order less than 1 in the half-plane $rq^{-\ell} \cos(\theta) > 0$; and

$$(3.6) \quad G(x) = \frac{x - \lambda_n}{x + 1} \int_0^1 \frac{f(xt)}{f(x)} f(\lambda_n t) d_{q^{-1}} t$$

is bounded, and goes to zero along the angle $\theta = \pm\pi/4$. It then follows in the quadrant between $\theta = \pm\pi/4$ that

$$(3.7) \quad g(x) = \mathcal{O}(|x|).$$

In a similar fashion, the same result follows for the remaining three quadrants in the complex plane \mathbb{C} . Obviously, g is linear and

$$(3.8) \quad h(x) = g(x)f_n(x) = \frac{ax + b}{x - \lambda_n} f(x).$$

However, G goes to zero along the angle $\theta = \pi/4$ such that $a = 0$, and

$$(3.9) \quad h(x) = \frac{b}{x - \lambda_n} f(x).$$

The constant b can be obtained by making $x \rightarrow \lambda_n$, to obtain Eq. (3.4). □

4. FIRST-ORDER LINEAR q^{-1} -DIFFERENCE EQUATION

From Eqs. (3.1), and (3.3)-(3.4) it follows that

$$(4.1) \quad \mathcal{P}(x, x') = \int_0^1 f(xt)f(x't)d_{q^{-1}} t = -f(x)f(x') \frac{\tau(x) - \tau(x')}{x - x'},$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad \tau(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-\ell})^{\eta+1}(1-q)}{\{f'(\lambda_\ell)\}^2} \left(\frac{1}{x - \lambda_\ell} + \frac{1}{\lambda_\ell} \right),$$

such that $\tau(0) = 0$. Eq. (4.1) will enable us to determine f . By making $x' \rightarrow 0$, it follows that

$$(4.3) \quad \int_0^1 t^\eta f(xt) d_{q^{-1}} t = -f(x) \frac{\tau(x)}{x},$$

i.e.,

$$(4.4) \quad \int_0^x u^\eta f(u) d_q u = -x^\eta f(x) \tau(x).$$

Hence,

$$(4.5) \quad \tau'(0) = (q-1)q^{-\ell}[1 + \eta(q^{-\ell} - 1)].$$

Next, we write Eq. (4.1) in the form

$$(4.6) \quad \int_0^x u^{\rho(u)} F(u) (x't)^{\rho(x't)} F(x't) d_q u = -x^{\rho(x)+1} F(x) (x')^{\rho(x')} F(x') \frac{\tau(x) - \tau(x')}{x - x'}.$$

Differentiating with respect to x' , and evaluating at $x' = 0$, it can be seen that

$$(4.7a) \quad \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} (x't)^{\rho(x't)} F(x't) \right|_{x'=0} = -\frac{t}{4}(2 + 2c + \gamma),$$

$$(4.7b) \quad \left. -x f(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} (x')^{\rho(x')} F(x') \frac{\tau(x) - \tau(x')}{x - x'} \right|_{x'=0} = \frac{(2 + 2c + \gamma + 2x^{-1})\tau(x)}{4} f(x) - \frac{\tau'(0)}{2} f(x).$$

Using Eqs. (4.4)-(4.5), and by choosing $\eta = 1$ for brevity, we finally obtain the q^{-1} -integral equation for f , namely

$$(4.8) \quad \int_0^x u f(u) d_{q^{-1}} u = (1-q)q^{-2\ell} x^2 f(x).$$

By taking the q^{-1} -difference $\hat{D}_{q^{-1}}$, and using the q^{-1} -integration by parts, i.e.,

$$(4.9) \quad \int_0^x g(t) (\hat{D}_{q^{-1}} f(t)) d_{q^{-1}} t + \int_0^x (\hat{D}_{q^{-1}} g(t)) f(q^{-1}t) d_{q^{-1}} t = [fg](x) - \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} [fg](xq^{-\ell}),$$

it can be seen that since f and g are also q -regular at zero,

$$(4.10) \quad \hat{D}_{q^{-1}} \int_0^x u f(u) d_{q^{-1}} u = x f(x) - \lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} x q^\ell f(x q^\ell),$$

and

$$(4.11) \quad \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}}[x^2 f(x)] = (\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}} x^2) f(x) + (q^{-1} x)^2 \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}} f(x).$$

Hence, we arrive at the first-order linear q^{-1} -difference equation [18]

$$(4.12) \quad \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}} f(x) = \tilde{a}(x) f(x).$$

Carrying out the q^{-1} -difference $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{q^{-1}}$ and upon making further simplifications,

$$(4.13) \quad f(x) = \left[\frac{q}{q + x \tilde{a}(x)(1-q)} \right] f(q^{-1}x),$$

where

$$(4.14) \quad \tilde{a}(x) = \frac{q - q^2(q^{2\ell} + q)}{(q-1)x}.$$

Repeating the above recurrence relation N times,

$$(4.15) \quad f(x) = f(x_0) \prod_{t=qx_0}^x \frac{q}{q + t \tilde{a}(t)(1-q)}.$$

As $N \rightarrow \infty$ with $0 < q < 1$, then $q^{-N} \rightarrow \infty$, and

$$(4.16) \quad \begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(q^{-N}x) \prod_{\ell=0}^{N-1} \frac{q}{q + xq^{-\ell} \tilde{a}(xq^{-\ell})(1-q)} \\ &= f(\infty) \prod_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q^{2\ell+1} + q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since by Eq. (2.1) we have $f(\infty) = 1$, it can be seen in the classical limit where $q \rightarrow 1$ and $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that $f(x) = 1/2 \forall x \in \mathbb{C}$. \square

5. CONCLUSION

By examining a class of entire first order q^{-1} -orthogonal functions $f \in \mathcal{L}_{q^{-1}}^2(0, 1)$, it has been demonstrated that the class is indeed comprised of q^{-1} -periodic functions on the separable Hilbert space interval $(0, 1)$. This was accomplished with

the q^{-1} -Fourier series, and a q^{-1} -integral equation for obtaining the value of the q^{-1} -periodic constant constituted by the class.

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