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q-ABEL INTEGRAL EQUATION WITH n TERMS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper solution of Abel's integral equation with n terms is discussed by using Laplace transform. Furthermore we derive the results about the solution of q-Abel integral equation as well as q-Abel integral equation with n-terms using different techniques.

1. Introduction and basic results

Abel's integral equation is an important singular integral equation and Abel found this equation from a problem of mechanics, namely the tautochrone problem, which is considered to be the first application of fractional calculus to an engineering problem [2, 3, 12]. This equation and some variants of it found applications in heat transfer between solids and gases under non-linear boundary conditions, theory of superfluidity, percolation of water, subsolutions of a non-linear diffusion problem, propagation of shock-waves in gas fields tubes, microscopy, seismology, radio astronomy, satellite photometry of airglows, electron emission, atomic scattering, radar ranging, optical fiber evaluation, X-ray radiography, flame and plasma diagnostics [6,10]. Abel's integral equation, is the very first integral equation which is studied, and the relevant integral equation have never ceased to inspire mathematicians to investigate and to generalize them [4,7,8]. The Abel's integral equation are use in different fields of physics and experimental sciences (for example scattering theory, spectroscopy, seismology, elasticity theory, plasma physics, etc. [5,11]. One of the recently influential works on the subject of Abel integral equation is the monograph of Gorenflo and Vessella [13].

Abel's integral equation is connected to the first fractional integral operator which is defined by Riemann and Liouville

(1.1)
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{a}^{x} (x-t)^{\alpha-1} \Phi(t) dt = f(x), \ x > a, \alpha > 0, \ f \in L_{1}(a,b).$$

Let us state result about existance for solution of Abel's integral equation (1.1).

Theorem 1.1. [12] The function $f_{1-\alpha}$ defined by

$$f_{1-\alpha}(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_{a}^{x} (x-t)^{-\alpha} f(t) dt$$

with $f_{1-\alpha}(a) = 0$ and absolutely continuous on [a,b] if and only if the Abel's integral equation (1.1) with $0 < \alpha < 1$ has a unique solution in $L_1(a,b)$. If the

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formar conditions are fulfilled, then the unique solution Φ is given by

(1.2)
$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x (x-t)^{-\alpha} f(t) dt = \frac{d}{dx} f_{1-\alpha}(x), a.e.$$

If $f \in AC[a,b]$, then $f_{1-\alpha} \in AC[a,b]$ and from equation (1.2) we have

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left[\frac{f(a)}{(x-a)^{\alpha}} + \int_{a}^{x} \frac{f'(s)}{(x-a)^{\alpha}} ds \right].$$

Consider the cross section of a weir notch. The cross section is symmetrical with respect to the x-axis. The flow rate through the notch per unit of time will be determined by

(1.3)
$$Q = C \int_0^h \sqrt{h-x} \Phi(x) dx,$$

where the form of the notch is determined by $y = \Phi(x)$; $x \ge 0$. From equation (1.3) determining $\Phi(x)$ so that the quantity of flow per unit of time shall be proportional to a given power of the depth of stream; i.e., $Q = kh^m$, m > 0. Hence we must find $\Phi(x)$ from an integral equation of the form

(1.4)
$$\int_0^h \sqrt{h-x}\Phi(x)dx = kh^m.$$

Differentiating (1.4), we have:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_0^h (h-x)^{-1/2} \Phi(x) dx = mkh^{m-1}.$$

More generally, we can extend above equation as follows

(1.5)
$$\int_0^h \frac{\Phi(x)dx}{\sqrt{h-x}} = 2kmh^{m-1}$$

and a solution of equation (1.5) will be a also solution of equation (1.4). But equation (1.5) comes under the form of Abel's integral equation,

$$\int_{a}^{x} \frac{\Phi(y)dy}{(x-y)^{\alpha}} = g(x), \ (0 < \alpha < 1).$$

This Abel's integral equation can be converted into Riemann and Liouville fractional integral operator. Furthermore by using (1.1) one can find its continuous solution Φ as given in [6].

Let us consider the basic notions of q-calculus and q-fractional calculus from [1]: Let $q \in [0,1]$ is fixed real number, a subset A of \mathbb{R} is called q-geometric if $qz \in A$ whenever $z \in A$.

Definition 1.2. A function g which is defined on a q-geometric set A, $0 \in A$, is said to be q-regular at zero if

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} g(zq^n) = g(0) \text{ for all } z \in A.$$

Furthermore, if A is also q^{-1} -geometric, then we say that g is q-regular at infinity if there exists a constant C such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} g\left(zq^{-n}\right) = C \text{ for all } z \in A.$$

Henceforth, if $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is q-geometric and g is a q-regular at zero function defined on A, we define $g(0^+)$ and $g(0^-)$ by

$$g\left(0^{+}\right) := \lim_{\substack{n \to \infty, \\ x > 0}} g\left(xq^{k}\right), g\left(0^{-}\right) := \lim_{\substack{n \to \infty, \\ x < 0}} g\left(xq^{k}\right).$$

Remark 1.3. Clearly, if g is q-regular at zero, then

$$g\left(0\right) = g\left(0^{+}\right) = g\left(0^{-}\right).$$

The q-regularity at zero plays the role of continuity in the classical sense in some setting. On the other hand, continuity at zero implies q-regularity at zero, but the converse is not necessarily true.

Example 1.4. The function $u:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, n \text{ is prime} \\ x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is q-regular at zero for rational q, but it is not continuous at zero.

Let us now define the fractional q-integral and q-derivative:

Definition 1.5. The fractional q-integral is

$$I_{q,c}^{\alpha}g(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_c^x (qt/x;q)_{\alpha-1}g(t)d_qt,$$

and the fractional q-derivative is

$$D_{q,c}^{\alpha}g(x) = D_q^{[\alpha]}I_{q,c}^{\alpha-[\alpha]}g(x).$$

Definition 1.6. A function g defined on [0, a] is called q-absolutely continuous if g is q-regular at zero, and there exist K > 0, such that

(1.6)
$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |g(tq^j) - g(tq^{j+1})| \le K, \text{ for all } t \in (qa, a].$$

If equation (1.6) holds then it can be extended through out (0, a]. To see this, it suffices to investigate the case when $x \in (0, a]$ then there exists $t \in (qa, a]$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x = tq^k$. Then

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left| g(xq^j) - g(xq^{j+1}) \right| &= \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left| g(tq^j) - g(tq^{j+1}) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left| g(tq^j) - g(tq^{j+1}) \right| < \infty. \end{split}$$

We shall use $\mathbb{AC}_q[0,a]$ to denote the class of q-absolutely continuous function on [0,a].

Definition 1.7. q-Laplace transform of a function g can be defined as

$$_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[g(x)\right] = \Phi(s) = \frac{1}{1-q} \int_{0}^{s^{-1}} E_{q}(-qsx)g(x)d_{q}x.$$

Theorem 1.8. Let g be a function on [0,a]. Then ,the function $g \in \mathbb{AC}_q[0,a]$ if and only if there exist a constant Φ in $\mathcal{L}_q^1[0,a]$ such that

(1.7)
$$g \in \mathbb{AC}_q[0, a] \Leftrightarrow g(x) = c + \int_0^x \Phi(x) d_q u, \forall x \in [0, a].$$

Moreover, the constant c and the function Φ are uniquely determined via c = f(0) and

$$\Phi(x) = D_q g(x), \forall x \in (0, a].$$

Example 1.9. Let $g:[0,a]\to\mathbb{R}$, $g(x)=x^2$ is a continuous $\Rightarrow g\in\mathbb{AC}_q[0,a]$.

Theorem 1.10. The q-Abel integral equation

(1.8)
$$\frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_0^x (qt/x; q)_{\alpha-1} \Phi(t) d_q t = g(x), (0 < \alpha < 1, x \in (0, a])$$

has a unique solution $\Phi \in \mathcal{L}_q^1[0,a]$ if and only if

(1.9)
$$I_q^{1-\alpha}g(x) \in \mathbb{AC}_q[0,a] \text{ and } I_q^{1-\alpha}g(0) = 0.$$

Furthermore, the unique solution Φ is given by

(1.10)
$$\Phi(x) = D_{q,x} I_q^{1-\alpha} g(x).$$

The following example confirm the validity of the theorem.

Example 1.11. Consider for $0 < \alpha < 1$ the q-Abel integral equation

(1.11)
$$\frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_0^x (qt/x; q)_{\alpha-1} \Phi(t) d_q t = x^2, (0 < \alpha < 1, x \in (0, a]).$$

An easy computation of $I_q^{1-\alpha}g(x)$ gives

$$I_q^{1-\alpha}g(x) = \frac{x^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \int_0^x (qt/x;q)_{-\alpha} x^2 d_q t$$
$$= \frac{x^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \int_0^x (qt/x;q)_{-\alpha} d_q t.$$

Taking substitution t/x = u, above equation becomes

$$I_q^{1-\alpha}g(x) = \frac{x^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (qu;q)_{-\alpha}x d_q u$$

$$= \frac{x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (qu;q)_{-\alpha} d_q u$$

$$= \frac{x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \int_0^1 x^0 (qu;q)_{-\alpha} d_q u$$

$$= \frac{x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} B_q(1,1-\alpha)$$

$$= \frac{x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma_q(1)\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma_q(1+1-\alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma_q(3)\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma_q(3+1-\alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)} \frac{2\Gamma_q(2)\Gamma_q(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma_q(4-\alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{x^{3-\alpha}}{1} \frac{2.1}{\Gamma_q(4-\alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{2!x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q(4-\alpha)}.$$

Then, $I_q^{1-\alpha}f(0)=0$ and $I_q^{1-\alpha}f(x)\in\mathbb{AC}_q[0,a]$. Consequently, equation (1.11) has unique solution given by

$$\begin{split} \Phi(x) &= D_{q,x} I_q^{1-\alpha} f(x) \\ &= D_{q,x} f\left(\frac{2x^{3-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q (4-\alpha)}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma_q (3-\alpha)} \frac{f(x^{3-\alpha}) - f(xq)^{3-\alpha}}{x - qx} \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma_q (4-\alpha)} \frac{x^{3-\alpha} - x^{3-\alpha} q^{3-\alpha}}{x - qx} \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma_q (4-\alpha)} \frac{x^{3-\alpha} \left(1 - q^{3-\alpha}\right)}{x (1-q)} \\ &= \frac{2}{\Gamma_q (3-\alpha)} \frac{x^{2-\alpha} \left(1 - q^{3-\alpha}\right)}{(1-q)} \end{split}$$

Since $\Gamma_q(x+1) = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q}\Gamma_q(x)$

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{2x^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q (4-\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma_q (3-\alpha+1)}{\Gamma_q (3-\alpha)}$$
$$= \frac{2x^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma_q (3-\alpha)}.$$

2. The N-Terms Abel's integral equation

In this section, we discuss solution method for n-term Abel's integral equation. First of all we consider the general form of two terms Abel's integral equations. For $\alpha, \beta > 0$, such that $0 < \beta < \alpha < 1$

(2.1)
$$\int_0^x \left\{ \frac{P}{(x-t)^{\alpha}} + \frac{Q}{(x-t)^{\beta}} \right\} u(t)dt = f(x), \ x > 0$$

we put $F(s) = \mathcal{L} \{f(x)\}$ and $U(s) = \mathcal{L} \{u(x)\}$, then:

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^x \left(\frac{P}{(x-t)^\alpha} + \frac{Q}{(x-t)^\beta}\right) u(t)dt\right\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{f(x)\right\}$$

$$P\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^x (x-t)^{-\alpha} u(t)dt\right\} + Q\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^x (x-t)^{-\beta} u(t)dt\right\} = F(s).$$

Since $\mathcal{L}(x^{\alpha}) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{S^{\alpha+1}}$, or $\mathcal{L}((x-t)^{\alpha}) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{S^{\alpha+1}}$, also $\mathcal{L}((x-t)^{-\alpha}) = \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha+1)}{S^{-\alpha+1}}$,

$$U(s) = \frac{S^{1-\alpha}S^{1-\beta}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)S^{1-\beta} + Q\Gamma(1-\beta)S^{1-\alpha}}F(s).$$

Divided by $S^{1-\beta}$ on numerator and denominator:

(2.2)
$$U(s) = \frac{S^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}} S^{\beta-\alpha} F(s)$$

provided that

$$\left| \frac{P\Gamma(1-\beta)}{Q\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \right| |S|^{\beta-\alpha} < 1.$$

Convergence of the geometric series implies that

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\beta-\alpha}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \left(\frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\beta-\alpha}\right)^n.$$

Equation (2.2) implies that

(2.3)
$$U(s) = \frac{S^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \left(\frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\beta-\alpha} \right)^n \right) F(s)$$

In more compact form:

$$U(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} S^{(\beta-\alpha)^{n+1-\alpha}} F(s)$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{1}{S^{\eta}} F(s).$$

Here $\eta = (n+1)\alpha - n\beta - 1$. Since $\mathcal{L}(x^{\eta}) = \frac{\Gamma(\eta+1)}{S^{\eta+1}}$. Also $\mathcal{L}(x^{\eta-1}) = \frac{\Gamma(\eta-1+1)}{S^{\eta-1+1}} = \frac{\Gamma(\eta)}{S^{\eta}}$, so $\frac{1}{S^{\eta}} = \frac{\mathcal{L}(x^{\eta-1})}{\Gamma(\eta)}$.

$$U(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{\mathcal{L}(x^{\eta-1})}{\Gamma(\eta)} \mathcal{L}(f(x))$$

By using convolution theorem, we obtain:

$$\mathcal{L}(u(x)) = \mathcal{L}\left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\eta)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\eta-1} f(t) dt\right]$$

Applying Laplace inverse on both sides, we obtain

$$u(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\eta)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\eta-1} f(t) dt$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n D_x^{-\eta} f(x), 0 < \beta < \alpha < 1$$

where $c_n = (-)^n \frac{(B\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(A\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}}, D_x^{-\eta} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\eta)} \int_0^x (x \cdot -t)^{\eta-1} f(t) dt, \ \eta = (n+1)\alpha - n\beta - 1.$

Now we consider the three terms Abel's integral equation in the general form:

$$(2.4) \quad \int_0^x \left\{ \frac{P}{(x-t)^{\alpha}} + \frac{Q}{(x-t)^{\beta}} + \frac{R}{(x-t)^{\gamma}} \right\} u(t)dt = f(x), 0 < \gamma < \beta < \alpha < 1,$$

Applying Laplace transforms and putting $F(s) = \mathcal{L}\{f(x)\}\ U(s) = \mathcal{L}\{u(x)\},\ \mathcal{L}(x^{\alpha}) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{S^{\alpha+1}},\ \text{and}\ \mathcal{L}((x-t)^{\alpha}) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{S^{\alpha+1}},$

$$\left\{P\frac{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{S^{1-\alpha}} + Q\frac{\Gamma(1-\beta)}{S^{1-\beta}} + R\frac{\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{S^{1-\gamma}}\right\}U(s)$$

$$= \frac{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)S^{1-\beta}S^{1-\gamma} + Q\Gamma(1-\beta)S^{1-\alpha}S^{1-\gamma} + R\Gamma(1-\gamma)S^{1-\alpha}S^{1-\beta}}{S^{1-\alpha}S^{1-\beta}S^{1-\gamma}}U(s) = F(s).$$

It implies that

$$U(s) = \frac{S^{1-\alpha}S^{1-\beta}S^{1-\gamma}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)S^{1-\beta}S^{1-\gamma} + Q\Gamma(1-\beta)S^{1-\alpha}S^{1-\gamma} + R\Gamma(1-\gamma)S^{1-\alpha}S^{1-\beta}}F(s).$$

Divided by $S^{1-\beta}S^{1-\gamma}$ on numerator and denominator:

$$U(s) = \frac{S^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha) + Q\Gamma(1-\beta)S^{1-\alpha-1+\beta} + R\Gamma(1-\gamma)S^{1-\alpha-1+\gamma}}F(s)$$
$$= \frac{S^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha) + Q\Gamma(1-\beta)S^{\beta-\alpha} + R\Gamma(1-\gamma)S^{\gamma-\alpha}}F(s).$$

It follows that

(2.5)
$$U(s) = \frac{S^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\beta-\alpha} + \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\gamma-\alpha}} \right] F(s),$$

with

$$\left| \frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \right| \left| S \right|^{\beta-\alpha} < 1, \left| \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \right| \left| S \right|^{\gamma-\alpha} < 1.$$

Using the geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\beta-\alpha} + \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\gamma-\alpha}} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\beta-\alpha} - \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\gamma-\alpha}\right)}.$$

Let

$$r = -\frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\beta-\alpha} - \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)}S^{\gamma-\alpha},$$

then

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\beta-\alpha} - \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\gamma-\alpha} \right)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \left(\frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\beta-\alpha} - \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\gamma-\alpha} \right)^n. \end{split}$$

So equation (2.5)(2.6)

$$U(s) = \frac{S^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{Q\Gamma(1-\beta)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\beta-\alpha} + \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)}{P\Gamma(1-\alpha)} S^{\gamma-\alpha} \right)^n \right) F(s).$$

More explicitly

$$U(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \left(\frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} S^{(\beta-\alpha)^{n+1-\alpha}} + \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} S^{(\gamma-\alpha)^{n+1-\alpha}} \right) F(s)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \left(\frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{1}{S^{\eta}} + \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{1}{S^{\xi}} \right) F(s),$$

where $\eta = (n+1)\alpha - n\beta - 1$, $\xi = (n+1)\alpha - n\gamma - 1$

$$\mathcal{L}\left(u(x)\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-)^n \left(\frac{(Q\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{\mathcal{L}\left(x^{\eta-1}\right)}{\Gamma(\eta)} + \frac{R\Gamma(1-\gamma)^n}{(P\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{\mathcal{L}\left(x^{\xi-1}\right)}{\Gamma(\xi)}\right) \mathcal{L}\left(f(x)\right)$$

By using convolution theorem and inverse Laplace, we obtain

$$u(x) = C_n D_x^{-\eta} f(x) + E_n D_x^{-\xi} f(x),$$

 $u(x) = C_n D_x^{-\eta} f(x) + E_n D_x^{-\xi} f(x),$ where $C_n = (-)^n \frac{(B\Gamma(1-\beta))^n}{(A\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}}$, $E_n = (-)^n \frac{C\Gamma(1-\gamma)^n}{(A\Gamma(1-\alpha))^{n+1}}$. Similarly the solution of the following nth terms Abel's integral equation:

$$\int_0^x \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{P_i}{(x-t)^{\alpha i}} \right) u(t)dt = f(x), x > 0, 0 < \alpha_{i+1} < \alpha_i < 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots n.$$

$$u(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} C_j D_x^{-\eta_i} f(x).$$

3. Two term q-Abel integral equation

Now consider the following two term q-Abel integral equation

$$\frac{1}{1-a} \int_{0}^{x} Px^{-\alpha} (qt/x;q)_{-\alpha} \Phi(t) d_{q}t + \frac{1}{1-a} \int_{0}^{x} Qx^{-\beta} (qt/x;q)_{-\beta} \Phi(t) d_{q}t = h(x) .$$

The q-convolution implies that

$$Px^{-\alpha} *_{q} \Phi(x) + Qx^{-\beta} *_{q} \Phi(x) = h(x).$$

Applying q-Laplace on both sides, we have

(3.2)
$$P_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[x^{-\alpha}\right]\Phi\left(s\right) + Q_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[x^{-\beta}\right]\Phi\left(s\right) = H\left(s\right).$$

Now

$$_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[x^{-\alpha}\right] = \frac{\left(1-q\right)^{-\alpha}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)}{s^{1-\alpha}}$$

and

$$_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[x^{-\beta}\right] = \frac{\left(1-q\right)^{-\beta}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)}{s^{1-\beta}}.$$

Substituting in equation (3.2), we can obtain the following form:

$$\begin{split} \Phi\left(s\right) &= \frac{s^{1-\alpha}H\left(s\right)}{P\left(1-q\right)^{-\alpha}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right) + Q\left(1-q\right)^{-\beta}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)s^{1-\alpha}s^{\beta-1}} \\ &= \frac{s^{1-\alpha}H\left(s\right)}{P\left(1-q\right)^{-\alpha}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right) + Q\left(1-q\right)^{-\beta}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)s^{\beta-\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{s^{1-\alpha}\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha}}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right) + Q\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha-\beta}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)s^{\beta-\alpha}} H\left(s\right) \\ &= \frac{s^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)} \frac{\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha}}{1 + \frac{Q\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha-\beta}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)}} H\left(s\right) \\ &= \frac{s^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)} \frac{\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha}}{1 - \left(-\frac{Q\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha-\beta}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)}} H\left(s\right). \end{split}$$

By using geometric series form, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \Phi\left(s\right) &= \frac{s^{1-\alpha}}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)} \left(\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-1\right)^{n} \left(\frac{Q\left(1-q\right)^{\alpha-\beta} \Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)} s^{\beta-\alpha} \right)^{n} \right) H\left(s\right) \\ &= \frac{s^{1-\alpha} \left(1-q\right)^{\alpha}}{P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-1\right)^{n} \frac{\left(1-q\right)^{n(\alpha-\beta)} \left(Q\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)\right)^{n}}{\left(P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)\right)^{n}} s^{n(\beta-\alpha)} \right) H\left(s\right). \end{split}$$

$$(3.3) \quad \Phi(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma_q (1-\beta))^n (1-q)^{(n+1)\alpha - n\beta}}{(P\Gamma_q (1-\alpha))^{n+1}} s^{-(n+1)\alpha + n\beta + 1)} H(s).$$

Now

$$\begin{split} \frac{(1-q)^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta}}{s^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-1}} &= \frac{(1-q)^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta}}{s^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2+1}} \\ &= \frac{(1-q)^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta} (1-q)^{-2}}{(1-q)^{-2} s^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2+1}} \\ &= \frac{(1-q)^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2+1}}{(1-q)^{-2} s^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2+1}} \end{split}$$

In q-Laplace form:

$$\frac{(1-q)^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta}}{s^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-1}} = \frac{1}{\left(1-q\right)^{-2}} \mathcal{L}_s \left[\frac{x^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2}}{\Gamma_q \left((n+1)\alpha-n\beta-1\right)} \right].$$

So equation (3.3) becomes

$$\begin{split} &_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[\Phi\left(x\right)\right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(-1\right)^{n}\frac{\left(Q\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)\right)^{n}}{\left(P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)\right)^{n+1}\left(1-q\right)^{-2}}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[\frac{x^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2}}{\Gamma_{q}\left((n+1)\alpha-n\beta-1\right)}\right]_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[h\left(x\right)\right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(-1\right)^{n}\frac{\left(Q\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)\right)^{n}}{\left(P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)\right)^{n+1}\left(1-q\right)^{-2}}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[\frac{x^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2}}{\Gamma_{q}\left((n+1)\alpha-n\beta-1\right)}h\left(x\right)\right] \\ &=_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(-1\right)^{n}\frac{\left(Q\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)\right)^{n}}{\left(P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)\right)^{n+1}\left(1-q\right)^{-2}}\frac{x^{(n+1)\alpha-n\beta-2}}{\Gamma_{q}\left((n+1)\alpha-n\beta-1\right)}h\left(x\right)\right], \end{split}$$

where $\eta = (n+1)\alpha - n\beta - 1$

$${}_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[\Phi\left(x\right)\right] = {}_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(-1\right)^{n}\frac{\left(Q\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\beta\right)\right)^{n}}{\left(P\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha\right)\right)^{n+1}\left(1-q\right)^{-2}}\frac{x^{(\eta-1)}}{\Gamma_{q}\left(\eta\right)}h\left(x\right)\right].$$

Applying inverse Laplace on both sides, we obtain

$$\Phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma_q (1-\beta))^n (1-q)^2}{(P\Gamma_q (1-\alpha))^{n+1} \Gamma_q (\eta)} \frac{1}{1-q} \int_0^x x^{\eta-1} (qt/x; q)_{\eta-1} h(t) d_q t$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma_q (1-\beta))^n (1-q)}{(P\Gamma_q (1-\alpha))^{n+1}} \frac{x^{\eta-1}}{\Gamma_q (\eta)} \int_0^x (qt/x; q)_{\eta-1} h(t) d_q t$$

$$= (1-q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(Q\Gamma_q (1-\beta))^n}{(P\Gamma_q (1-\alpha))^{n+1}} I_{q,0}^{\eta} h(x).$$

In compact form:

$$\Phi(x) = (1 - q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n I_{q,0}^{\eta} h(x).$$

where $c_n = (-1)^n \frac{(B\Gamma_q(1-\beta))^n}{(A\Gamma_q(1-\alpha))^{n+1}}$

4. n-Terms q-Abel integral equation

Now let us derive the solution of the following n-term q-Abel integral equation:

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{1}{1-q} \int_0^x P_1 x^{-\alpha_1} (qt/x; q)_{-\alpha_1} \Phi(t) d_q t + \cdots + \frac{1}{1-q} \int_0^x P_n x^{-\alpha_n} (qt/x; q)_{-\alpha_n} \Phi(t) d_q t = h(x).$$

In *q*-convolution form:

$$P_1 x^{-\alpha_1} *_q \Phi(x) + \dots + P_n x^{-\alpha_n} *_q \Phi(x) = h(x).$$

Applying Laplace transform on both sides, we obtain

$$(4.2) P_{1q}\mathcal{L}_s\left[x^{-\alpha_1}\right]\Phi\left(s\right) + \dots + P_{nq}\mathcal{L}_s\left[x^{-\alpha_n}\right]\Phi\left(s\right) = H\left(s\right).$$

Since

$${}_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[x^{-\alpha_{1}}\right] = \frac{\left(1-q\right)^{-\alpha_{1}}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha_{1}\right)}{s^{1-\alpha_{1}}}$$

and

$$_{q}\mathcal{L}_{s}\left[x^{-\alpha_{n}}\right] = \frac{\left(1-q\right)^{-\alpha_{n}}\Gamma_{q}\left(1-\alpha_{n}\right)}{s^{1-\alpha_{n}}}.$$

After some basic steps we can obtain the following solution:

$$\Phi(x) = (1 - q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n I_{q,0}^{\eta_n} h(x).$$

Where $C_n = (-1)^n \frac{(P_2\Gamma_q(1-\alpha_2)\cdots P_n\Gamma_q(1-\alpha_n))^n}{(P_1\Gamma_q(1-\alpha_1))^{n+1}}$.

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