

# **Iterative $q$ difference Galois theory**

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## Iterative $q$ -difference rings

Let  $C$ , be an algebraically closed field and  $q$  an element of  $C$ . Let  $F = C(t)$  be the field of rational functions over  $C$  and let  $\sigma_q$  be the automorphism of  $F$  given by  $\sigma_q(f)(t) = f(qt)$ .

*$q$ -arithmetical properties*

**Definition 1** Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Put  $[k]_q := \frac{q^k - 1}{q - 1}$

1. Let us denote by  $[k]_q!$  the element of  $C$  defined by  $[k]_q [k - 1]_q \dots [1]_q$ . We will say that  $[k]_q!$  is the  $q$ -factorial of  $k$ .
2. Let us denote by  $\binom{r}{k}_q$  the element of  $C$  defined by  $\frac{[r]_q!}{[k]_q! [(r - k)]_q!}$ . We will say that  $\binom{r}{k}_q$  is the  $q$ -binomial coefficient of  $r$  to  $k$ .

## Iterative $q$ -difference ring

**Definition 2** Let  $R$  be a  $q$ -difference ring extension of  $F$  and let  $\delta_R^* := (\delta_R^{(k)})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a collection of maps from  $R$  to  $R$ . The family  $\delta_R^*$  is called an **iterative  $q$ -difference** of  $R$ , if all the following properties are satisfied

1.  $\delta_R^{(0)} = id.$
2.  $\delta_R^{(1)} = \frac{\sigma_q - id}{(q-1)t}$
3.  $\delta_R^{(k)}(x + y) = \delta_R^{(k)}(x) + \delta_R^{(k)}(y)$
4.  $\delta_R^{(k)}(ab) = \sum_{i+j=k} \sigma_q^i(\delta_R^{(j)}(a))\delta_R^{(i)}(b).$
5.  $\delta_R^{(i)} \circ \delta_R^{(j)} = \binom{i+j}{i}_q \delta_R^{(i+j)}$

for all  $a, b \in R$  and all  $i, j, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The set of such iterative  $q$ -differences is denoted by  $ID_q(R)$ .

For  $\delta_R^* \in ID_q(R)$ , the tuple  $(R, \delta_R^*)$  is called an **iterative  $q$ -difference ring** ( $ID_q$ -ring). We say that an element  $c$  of  $R$  is a constant if  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}^*, \delta_R^{(k)}(c) = 0$ . We will denote by  $C(R)$  the ring of constants of  $R$ .

## Iterative $q$ -difference modules

Now let  $q$  be a  $n$ -th primitive root of unity.

**Definition 3** Let  $(R, \delta_R^*)$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference ring. Let  $M$  be a free  $R$ -module of finite type over  $R$ . We will say that  $(M, \delta_M^*)$  is an iterative  $q$ -difference module if there exists a family of map  $\delta_M^* = (\delta_M^{(k)})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , such that for all  $i, j, k \in \mathbb{N}$  :

1.  $\delta_M^{(0)} = id_M$ .
2.  $\delta_M^{(k)}$  is an additive map from  $M$  to  $M$ .
3.  $\delta_M^{(k)}(am) = \sum_{i+j=k} \sigma_q^i(\delta_R^{(j)}(a)) \delta_M^{(i)}(m)$  for  $a \in R$  and  $m \in M$ .
4.  $\delta_M^{(i)} \circ \delta_M^{(j)} = \binom{i+j}{i}_q \delta_M^{(i+j)}$ .

The set of all iterative  $q$ -difference modules over  $R$  is denoted by  $IDM_q(R)$ .

**Theorem 4** Let  $(L, \delta_L^*)$  be  $ID_q$  field. Then  $IDM_q(L)$  is a neutral Tannakian category over  $L$ . The unit object is  $(L, \delta_L^*)$ .

## *Iterative $q$ -difference equation( $ID_qE$ )*

**Notations 5** *Let  $(L, \delta_L^*)$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference field. If,*

- 1. the characteristic of the constants field  $C$  of  $L$  is zero then let us denote by  $(k_C)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  the family  $(k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,*
- 2. the characteristic of the constants field  $C$  of  $L$  is positive equal to  $p$  then let us denote by  $(k_C)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  the family  $\{1, (np^k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\}$ .*

**Proposition 6** *Let  $M \in IDM_q(L)$  of dimension  $m$  and let  $B_0 = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  be a basis of  $M$ . Then, there exist  $\{A_k \in M_m(L)\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that the following statements are equivalent :*

- 1. For all  $\mathbf{y} \in L^n$  s.t  $B_0 \cdot \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i b_i \in V_M = \cap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} Ker(\delta_M^{(k)})$ .*
- 2.  $\delta_L^{(k_C)}(\mathbf{y}) = A_k \mathbf{y}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Definition 7** *The family of equations  $\{\delta_L^{(k_C)}(\mathbf{y}) = A_k \mathbf{y}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  related to the  $IDM_q$ -module  $(M, \delta_M^*)$  in proposition 6 is called an **iterative  $q$ -difference equation( $ID_qE$ )**.*

## Iterative $q$ -difference Picard-Vessiot extensions

**Definition 8** Let  $(L, \delta_L^*)$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference field, and let  $(M, \delta_M^*)$  be an object of  $IDM_q(L)$  and let  $\{\delta_L^{(kC)}(\mathbf{y}) = A_k \mathbf{y}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an **iterative  $q$ -difference equation** related to the  $IDM_q$ -module  $(M, \delta_M^*)$ , denote by  $IDE_q(M)$ .

Let  $(R, \delta_R^*)$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference extension of  $(L, \delta_L^*)$ . A matrix  $Y \in Gl_n(R)$  is called a **fundamental solution matrix** for  $ID_qE(M)$  if  $\delta_R^{(kC)}(Y) = A_k Y, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The ring  $R$  is called an **iterative  $q$ -difference Picard-vessiot ring** for  $ID_qE(M)$  ( $IPV_q$ -ring) if it fulfills the following conditions :

1.  $R$  is a simple  $ID_q$  ring (that means that  $R$  contains no proper iterative  $q$ -difference ideal ),
2.  $ID_qE(M)$  has a fundamental solution matrix  $Y$  with coefficients in  $R$ ,
3.  $R$  is generated by the coefficients of  $Y$  and  $\det(Y)^{-1}$ .
4.  $C(R) = C(L)$

## *Existence of Picard-Vessiot Rings and Iterative Galois groups*

**Theorem 9** *Let  $(L, \delta_L^*)$  be an  $ID_q$  field with  $C(L)$  algebraically closed and  $(M, \delta_M^*) \in IDM_q(L)$  with  $ID_q E : \delta_L^{(k_C)}(\mathbf{y}) = A_k \mathbf{y}$ . Then, there exists an iterative  $q$ -difference Picard-Vessiot ring for the iterative  $q$ -difference equation which is unique up to iterative  $q$ -difference isomorphism.*

**Definition 10** *Let  $(L, \delta_L^*)$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference field, with an algebraically closed field of constants  $K$ ,  $R/L$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference Picard-Vessiot ring for some iterative  $q$ -difference equation. An automorphism  $\tau \in \text{Hom}_{ID_q}(R/L)$  is called an iterative difference automorphism. The group  $\text{Gal}(R/L) := \text{Aut}_{ID_q}(R/L)$  of all such automorphisms is called the **iterative  $q$ -difference Galois group** of the extension  $R/L$ .*

## *Kolchin's Approach and Galois correspondance*

**Proposition 11** *If  $R/L$  is an iterative  $q$ -difference Picard-Vessiot ring for some iterative  $q$ -difference equation  $\delta_L^{(kC)}(\mathbf{y}) = A_k \mathbf{y}$  with  $A_k \in \text{Gl}_n(L)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\text{Gal}(R/L)$  is embedded in  $\text{Gl}_n(C(L))$  and has a structure of reduced linear algebraic group.*

**Proposition 12** *Let  $(L, \delta_L^*)$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference field with field of constants  $C$ , and let  $M$  be an iterative  $q$ -difference module over  $L$ . Let us denote by  $R/L$  an  $\text{IPV}_q$  ring for  $M$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} \subset \text{Gl}_n(C(L))$  be a reduced linear group such that  $\mathcal{G}(C(L)) = \text{Gal}(R/L)$ . Then  $\text{Spec}(R)$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor.*

## *Galois Correspondence*

let  $(L, \delta_L^*)$  be an  $ID_q$ -field with  $C = C(L)$  ,  
 $M \in ID_q L$  an  $ID_q$ -module and let  $E/L$  be  
an  $IPV_q$  extension for  $M$ . Let us denote by  
 $\mathcal{G}$  a reduced linear algebraic group such that  
 $\mathcal{G}(C) = \text{Gal}(E/L)$ . Put

$$\mathfrak{H} = \{\mathcal{H} | \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G} \text{ is a Zariski}$$

closed reduced linear algebraic subgroup\},

and

$$\mathfrak{L} = \{T | T \text{ is an intermediate}$$

iterative difference field  $L \subset T \subset E\}$ .

Then

1. the map  $\Psi$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi : \quad \mathfrak{H} &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{L} \\ \mathcal{H} &\longrightarrow E^{\mathcal{H}(C)} \end{aligned}$$

is an anti-isomorphism of lattices with inverse  $\psi^{-1}$  given by

$$\psi^{-1} : \quad \mathfrak{L} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{H}$$

$$T \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}(C) := \text{Gal}(E/T)$  ;

2. if  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{G}$  is a Zariski closed reduced normal subgroup, then  $T := E^{\mathcal{H}(C)}$  is an iterative Picard-Vessiot extension of  $L$  with Galois group  $(\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H})(C)$ .