

# New Types of Q-Integral Inequalities

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## Abstract

Several new q-integral inequalities are presented. Some of them are new, One concerning double integrals, and others are generalizations of results of Miao and Qi [1]. A new key lemma is proved as well.

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## 1. Introduction

For  $0 < q < 1$  the q-analog of the derivative, denoted by  $D_q$  is defined by (see [2])

$$D_q f(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{x - qx}, \quad x \neq 0. \quad (1)$$

Whenever  $f'(0)$  exists,  $D_q f(0) = f'(0)$ , and as  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ , the q-derivative reduces to the usual derivative.

The q-analog of integration from 0 to a is given by (see [3])

$$\int_0^a f(x) d_q x = a(1-q) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(aq^k) q^k, \quad (2)$$

provided the sum converges absolutely. On a general interval  $[a, b]$  the q-integral is defined by (see [4])

$$\int_a^b f(x) d_q x = \int_0^b f(x) d_q x - \int_0^a f(x) d_q x. \quad (3)$$

The q-Jackson integral and the q-derivative are related by the fundamental theorem of quantum calculus, which can be stated as follows (see [4, p. 73]):

If  $F$  is an anti q-derivative of the function  $f$ , namely  $D_q F = f$ , continuous at  $x = a$ , then

$$\int_a^b f(x) d_q x = F(b) - F(a). \quad (4)$$

For any function  $f$ , we have

$$D_q \int_a^x f(t) d_q t = f(x) \quad (5)$$

For  $b > 0$  and  $a = bq^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote

$$[a, b]_q = \{bq^k : 0 \leq k \leq n\} \quad \text{and} \quad (a, b]_q = [aq^{-1}, b]_q. \quad (6)$$

It is not difficult to check the following

$$D_q (f(x)g(x)) = f(x)D_q g(x) + g(qx)D_q f(x) \quad (7)$$

$$D_q \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{g(x)D_q f(x) - f(x)D_q g(x)}{g(x)g(qx)} \quad (8)$$

In [5] the following result was proved

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $f$  be a function defined on  $[a, b]_q$  satisfying

$$f(a) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad D_q f(x) \geq (t-2)(x-a)^{t-3} \quad \text{for } x \in (a, b]_q \quad \text{and } t \geq 3.$$

Then

$$\int_a^b f^t(x) d_q x \geq \left( \int_a^b f(qx) d_q x \right)^{t-1} \quad (9)$$

and in [1], the following results were proved

**Theorem 1.2.** If  $f(x)$  is a non-negative and increasing function on  $[a, b]_q$  and satisfies

$$(\alpha-1)f^{\alpha-2}(qx)D_q f(x) \geq \beta(\beta-1)f^{\beta-1}(x)(x-a)^{\beta-2} \quad (10)$$

for  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $\beta \geq 1$  then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(x) d_q x \geq \left( \int_a^b f(x) d_q x \right)^\beta. \quad (11)$$

**Theorem 1.3.** If  $f(x)$  is a non-negative and increasing function on  $[bq^{n+m}, b]$  and satisfies

$$(\alpha-1)D_q f(x) \geq \beta(\beta-1)f^{\beta-\alpha+1}(q^m x)(x-a)^{\beta-2} \quad (12)$$

on  $[a, b]_q$  and for  $\alpha, \beta \geq 1$  then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(x) d_q x \geq \left( \int_a^b f(q^m x) d_q x \right)^\beta. \quad (13)$$

**Theorem 1.4.** *If  $f(x)$  is a non-negative function on  $[0, b]_q$  and satisfies*

$$\int_x^b f^\beta(t) d_q t \geq \int_x^b t^\beta d_q t \quad (14)$$

for  $x \in [0, b]_q$  and  $\beta > 0$  then the inequality

$$\int_x^b f^{\beta+\alpha}(t) d_q t \geq \int_x^b t^\alpha f^\beta(t) d_q t \quad (15)$$

holds for all positive numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

**Lemma 1.5[5].** *Let  $p \geq 1$  and  $g(x)$  be a nonnegative, monotonic function on  $[a, b]_q$ . Then*

$$p g^{p-1}(qx) D_q g(x) \leq D_q (g^p(x)) \leq p g^{p-1}(x) D_q g(x). \quad (16)$$

**Remark 1.** It may be mentioned that the function  $g$  should be non-decreasing, which is not stated. As well if  $g$  is non-increasing, (16) reverses. If  $g$  non-decreasing and  $p$  is such that  $0 < p < 1$ , then it is not difficult to show that (14) reverses.

## 2. Results

We start with the following key lemmas

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\phi, f \geq 0$ , and both non-decreasing functions,  $\phi$  is differentiable,  $f$  defined on  $[a, b]_q$ . Then*

$$\phi' \circ f(qx) D_q f(x) \leq D_q \phi \circ f(x) \leq \phi' \circ f(x) D_q f(x), \quad (17)$$

If  $f$  is non-increasing, (15) reverses.

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \circ f(x) - \phi \circ f(qx) &= \phi(f(x)) - \phi(f(qx)) \\ &= \int_{f(qx)}^{f(x)} \phi'(t) dt \leq \phi'(f(x)) \int_{f(qx)}^{f(x)} dt \\ &= \phi'(f(x))(f(x) - f(qx)) \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} D_q \phi \circ f(x) &= \frac{\phi \circ f(x) - \phi \circ f(qx)}{(1-q)x} \\ &\leq \phi'(f(x)) \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{(1-q)x} = \phi' \circ f(x) D_q f(x) \end{aligned}$$

The rest is also similar.

Probably the following lemma is useful in some cases.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\phi, f \geq 0$ , and both non-decreasing functions,  $f$  defined on  $[a, b]_q$ . Define*

$$D_q(\phi, f) = \frac{\phi \circ f(x) - \phi \circ f(qx)}{f(x) - f(qx)}. \quad (18)$$

Then

$$D_q(\phi, f) D_q f(x) \leq (\phi' \circ f)(x) D_q f(x) \quad (19)$$

**Proof.** We have,

$$\begin{aligned} D_q \phi(f(x)) &= \frac{\phi(f(x)) - \phi(f(qx))}{(1-q)x} \\ &= \frac{\phi \circ f(x) - \phi \circ f(qx)}{f(x) - f(qx)} \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{(1-q)x} = D_q(\phi, f) D_q f(x) \end{aligned}$$

By (17),

$$D_q(\phi, f) D_q f(x) = D_q \phi \circ f(x) \leq (\phi' \circ f)(x) D_q f(x).$$

All the rest are similar.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\phi, \varphi, f, g \geq 0, \varphi, g$  are both non-decreasing and defined on  $[a, b]_q, \varphi \circ g(a) = 0$ . If*

$$(\phi \circ f)(x) \geq (\varphi' \circ g)(x) D_q g(x), \quad (20)$$

then

$$\int_a^x (\phi \circ f)(t) d_q t \geq (\varphi \circ g)(x). \quad (21)$$

If  $g$  is non-increasing and

$$(\phi \circ f)(x) \geq (\varphi' \circ g)(qx) D_q g(x), \quad (22)$$

satisfies, then (21) reverses.

**Proof.** Set

$$F(x) = \int_a^x (\phi \circ f)(t) d_q t - (\varphi \circ g)(x).$$

We have, by lemma 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} D_q F(x) &= D_q \left( \int_a^x (\phi \circ f)(t) d_q t \right) - D_q (\varphi \circ g)(x) \\ &\geq (\phi \circ f)(x) - (\varphi' \circ g)(x) D_q g(x) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $F$  is non-decreasing, which implies

$$F(x) \geq F(a) = 0.$$

The result follows.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $f(x)$  be a nonnegative and increasing function on  $[a, b]_q$  such that  $f(a) = 0$ . Let  $\alpha > \gamma > 0, \alpha \geq 1, \beta \geq 2$ . If*

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(qx) D_q f(x) \\ \geq \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta-1)}(x) (x-a)^{\beta-2}, \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(x) d_q x \geq \left( \int_a^b f^\gamma(x) d_q x \right)^\beta. \quad (24)$$

Furthermore, if

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\alpha - \gamma)f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(qx)D_q f(x) \\
 &\geq \beta(\beta - 1)f^{\gamma(\beta-1)}(qx)(x-a)^{\beta-2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(x) d_q x \geq \left( \int_a^b f^\gamma(qx) d_q x \right)^\beta \tag{26}$$

**Proof.** For  $x \in [a, b]_q$  let

$$\phi(x) = x^\alpha, \quad \varphi(x) = x^\beta, \quad g(x) = \int_a^x f^\gamma(t) d_q t$$

then, we have, via lemma 1.5,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\phi \circ f)(x) - (\phi' \circ g)(x) D_q g(x) \\
 &= f^\alpha(x) - \beta \left( \int_a^x f^\gamma(t) d_q t \right)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(x) \\
 &= f^\gamma(x) \left( f^{\alpha-\gamma}(x) - \beta \left( \int_a^x f^\gamma(t) d_q t \right)^{\beta-1} \right) = f^\gamma(x) h(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_q h(x) &= D_q f^{\alpha-\gamma}(x) - \beta D_q \left( \int_a^x f^\gamma(t) d_q t \right)^{\beta-1} \\
 &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(qx) D_q f(x) \\
 &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) \left( \int_a^x f^\gamma(t) d_q t \right)^{\beta-2} f^\gamma(x) \\
 &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(qx) D_q f(x) \\
 &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta-1)}(x) (x-a)^{\beta-2} \\
 &\geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $h(x)$  is non-decreasing, but  $h(a) = 0$ , then  $h(x) \geq 0$ . The result follows by theorem 2.3.

The proof of the second part is similar, and therefore, it is omitted.

**Remark 2.** Theorem 1.2 follows from corollary 2.4, the first part, by putting  $\gamma = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f, g$  are non-negative functions on  $[a, b]_q$ , either  $f$  or  $g$  is non-decreasing and they satisfies

$$\int_x^b f^\beta(t) d_q t \geq \int_x^b g^\beta(t) d_q t, x \in [a, b]_q, \tag{27}$$

then the inequality

$$\int_x^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(t) d_q t \geq \int_x^b f^\alpha(t) g^\beta(t) d_q t \tag{28}$$

holds for all positive numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $f$  is non-decreasing. Using the fact

$$f(b) - f(a) = \int_a^b D_q f(x) d_q x$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_b^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(x) d_q x &= \int_a^b f^\beta(x) \left( \int_a^x D_q f^\alpha(t) d_q t + f(a) \right) d_q x \\
 &= \int_a^b D_q f^\alpha(t) \int_t^b f^\beta(x) d_q x d_q t + f(a) \int_a^b f^\beta(x) d_q x \\
 &\geq \int_a^b D_q f^\alpha(t) \int_t^b g^\beta(x) d_q x d_q t + f(a) \int_a^b g^\beta(x) d_q x \\
 &= \int_a^b g^\beta(x) \left( \int_a^x D_q f^\alpha(t) d_q t + f(a) \right) d_q x \\
 &= \int_a^b f^\alpha(x) g^\beta(x) d_q x.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, suppose  $g$  is non-decreasing, then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_b^b f^\beta(x) g^\alpha(x) d_q x \\
 &= \int_a^b f^\beta(x) \left( \int_a^x D_q g^\alpha(t) d_q t + g(a) \right) d_q x \\
 &= \int_a^b D_q g^\alpha(t) \int_t^b f^\beta(x) d_q x d_q t + g(a) \int_a^b f^\beta(x) d_q x \\
 &\geq \int_a^b D_q g^\alpha(t) \int_t^b g^\beta(x) d_q x d_q t + g(a) \int_a^b g^\beta(x) d_q x \\
 &= \int_a^b g^\beta(x) \left( \int_a^x D_q g^\alpha(t) d_q t + g(a) \right) d_q x \\
 &= \int_a^b g^{\alpha+\beta}(x) d_q x.
 \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Using the arithmetic geometric inequality yields

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} f^{\alpha+\beta}(x) + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} g^{\alpha+\beta}(x) \geq f^\beta(x) g^\alpha(x).$$

Integrating the above inequality and making use of (29) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \int_a^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(x) dx + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \int_a^b g^{\alpha+\beta}(x) dx \\
 &\geq \int_a^b f^\beta(x) g^\alpha(x) dx \geq \int_a^b g^{\alpha+\beta}(x) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

The result follows.

**Remark 3.** Theorem 1.4 follows from theorem 2.5 by putting  $a = 0, g(x) = x$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $f \geq 0$ . If

$$\frac{\sin f(x)}{f(x)} \geq \cos \left( \int_a^x f(t) d_q t \right), \quad x \in [a, \pi/2]_q \quad (30)$$

then

$$\int_a^x \sin(f(t)) d_q t \geq \sin \left( \int_a^x f(t) d_q t \right) \quad (31)$$

**Proof.** The proof follows from theorem 2.3 by putting

$$\phi(x) = \varphi(x) = \sin x, \quad g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) d_q t,$$

as follows

$$\begin{aligned} & (\phi \circ f)(x) - (\phi' \circ g)(x) D_{q,x} g(x) \\ &= \sin(f(x)) - \cos \left( \int_a^x f(t) d_q t \right) f(x) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The following result concerning similar inequality but for double integrals.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $f \geq 0$  non-decreasing in both  $x$  and  $y$ ,  $f(a, y) = 0$ ,  $\alpha > \beta\gamma$ ,  $\beta \geq 2$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ . If

$$\begin{aligned} & f^{\alpha-\beta\gamma-1}(qx, y) D_{q,x} f(x, y) \\ & \geq \frac{\beta(\beta-1)}{(\alpha-\beta\gamma)} (x-a)^{\beta-2} (y-a)^\beta, \quad x, y \in [a, b]_q, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

then

$$\int_a^x \int_a^y f^\alpha(u, v) d_q u d_q v \geq \left( \int_a^x \int_a^y f^\gamma(u, v) d_q u d_q v \right)^\beta \quad (33)$$

**Proof.** Set

$$F(x, y) = \int_a^x \int_a^y f^\alpha(u, v) d_q u d_q v - \left( \int_a^x \int_a^y f^\gamma(u, v) d_q u d_q v \right)^\beta.$$

We have via lemma 2.1 and by keeping  $y$  fixed,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{q,x} F(x, y) &= D_{q,x} \int_a^x \int_a^y f^\alpha(u, v) d_q u d_q v \\ &\quad - D_{q,x} \left( \int_a^x \int_a^y f^\gamma(u, v) d_q u d_q v \right)^\beta \\ D_{q,x} F(x, y) &\geq \int_y^b f^\alpha(x, v) d_q v \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \beta \left( \int_a^x \int_a^y f^\gamma(u, v) d_q u d_q v \right)^{\beta-1} \int_a^y f^\gamma(x, v) d_q v \\ & \geq f^\alpha(x, y)(b-y) \\ & \quad - \beta f^{\gamma(\beta-1)}(x, y)(x-a)^{\beta-1} (y-a)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(x, y)(y-a) \\ & = f^{\beta\gamma}(x, y) \left( (b-y) f^{\alpha-\beta\gamma}(x, y) - \beta (x-a)^{\beta-1} (y-a)^\beta \right) \\ & = f^{\beta\gamma}(x, y) k(x). \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{q,x} k(x) &\geq (\alpha - \beta\gamma)(b-y) f^{\alpha-\beta\gamma-1}(qx, y) D_{q,x} f(x, y) \\ &\quad - \beta(\beta-1)(x-a)^{\beta-2} (y-a)^\beta \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $k$  is non-decreasing, as  $k(a) = 0$  then  $k(x) \geq 0$  which implies  $D_{q,x} F(x, y) \geq 0$ . that is  $F(x, y)$  is non-decreasing in  $x$ . But  $F(a, y) = 0$ , then  $F(x, y) \geq 0$ .

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