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**Noncommutative hypergeometric  
and basic hypergeometric differential  
equations over an abstract unital  
Banach algebra**

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## Known results

$${}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} A, B \\ C \end{matrix} ; z \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(A)_n (B)_n}{(C)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

where

$$(\alpha)_0 = 1, \quad (\alpha)_n = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\alpha + j)$$

**Proposition 1** (Euler).

$$F(z) = {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} A, B \\ C \end{matrix} ; z \right] F_0$$

*is the unique solution analytic at  $z = 0$  of the hypergeometric differential equation*

$$z(1-z)F''(z) + (C - z(1+A+B))F'(z) - ABF(z) = 0,$$

*where  $F(0) = F_0$ .*

## Notation

Let  $R$  be a unital Banach algebra with norm  $\| \cdot \|$ , and identity  $I$  and zero element  $O$ .

*Noncommutative product* ( $\forall m \geq l - 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ )

$$\prod_{j=l}^m A_j = \begin{cases} I & m = l - 1 \\ A_l A_{l+1} \cdots A_m & m \geq l. \end{cases}$$

## Noncommutative shifted factorial of type I

$(\forall k, r \in \mathbb{N})$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{array} ; Z \right]_k := \prod_{j=1}^k \left[ \left( \prod_{i=1}^r (C_i + (k-j)I)^{-1} (A_i + (k-j)I) \right) Z \right]$$

## noncommutative shifted factorial of type II

$(\forall k, r \in \mathbb{N})$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{array} ; Z \right]_k := \prod_{j=1}^k \left[ \left( \prod_{i=1}^r (C_i + (j-1)I)^{-1} (A_i + (j-1)I) \right) Z \right].$$

## Noncommutative hypergeometric series of type I

$${}_{r+1}F_r \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{matrix}; Z \right] := \sum_{k \geq 0} \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r, I \end{matrix}; Z \right]_k$$

## Noncommutative hypergeometric series of type II

$${}_{r+1}F_r \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{matrix}; Z \right] := \sum_{k \geq 0} \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r, I \end{matrix}; Z \right]_k$$

The series terminates if one of the upper parameters  $A_i$  is of the form  $-nI$ . If the series is nonterminating, then the series converges in  $R$  if  $\|Z\| < 1$ .

Given an identity  $E \in R$ , we get a new one  $\sim E$  by simply reversing all the products (e.g. if  $R = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{K})$  it is the transposition of matrices).

For instance,

$$\sim \left[ \begin{array}{c} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{array} ; Z \right]_k = \prod_{j=1}^k \left( Z \prod_{i=1}^r (A_i + (j-1)I)(C_i + (j-1)I)^{-1} \right).$$

From now on, let always

$$Z \in \{X \in R : XY = YX, \forall Y \in R\} \text{ with } \|Z\| < 1.$$

## Type I noncommutative hypergeometric equations

**Theorem 2.**

$$F(Z) = {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} A, B \\ C \end{matrix}; Z \right] F_0$$

*is the unique solution analytic at  $Z = 0$  of the noncommutative hypergeometric equation*

$$\begin{aligned} Z(I - Z)F''(Z) + (C - Z(I + A + B))F'(Z) \\ - ABF(Z) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

*where  $F(0) = F_0$ .*

## Type II noncommutative hypergeometric equations

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $C(C - A - B) + AB$  be invertible.*

*Then*

$$F(Z) = F_0 {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} A, B \\ C \end{matrix}; Z \right]$$

*is the unique solution analytic at  $Z = O$  of the noncommutative hypergeometric equation*

$$Z(I - Z)F''(Z) + ZF'(Z)(C - I - A - B) + ((I - Z)F'(Z) - F(Z)C^{-1}AB) \cdot$$

$$(C(C - A - B) + AB)^{-1}C(C(C - A - B) + AB) = O,$$

*where  $F(O) = F_0$ .*



## Known results over basic hypergeometric series

Let  $0 < |q| < 1$ .

Define

$$(a, q)_{\infty} := \prod_{j \geq 0} (1 - aq^j), \quad (a, q)_k = \frac{(a, q)_{\infty}}{(aq^k, q)_{\infty}}.$$

Therefore

$$(a, q)_k = \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (1 - aq^j) \quad \text{if } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix} ; q, z \right] := \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{(a, q)_k (b, q)_k}{(c, q)_k (q, q)_k} z^k$$

satisfies a differential equation of the second order.

Let  $Q$  be a parameter which commutes with any of the other parameters appearing in the series, e.g.  $Q = qI$ .

**Noncommutative  $Q$ -shifted factorial of type I**  
**I** ( $\forall k, r \in \mathbb{N}$ )

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{array} ; Q, Z \right]_k := \prod_{j=1}^k \left[ \left( \prod_{i=1}^r (I - C_i Q^{k-j})^{-1} (I - A_i Q^{k-j}) \right) Z \right]$$

**Noncommutative  $Q$ -shifted factorial of type II**  
**II**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{array} ; Q, Z \right]_k := \prod_{j=1}^k \left[ \left( \prod_{i=1}^r (I - C_i Q^{j-1})^{-1} (I - A_i Q^{j-1}) \right) Z \right]$$

**Noncommutative basic (or  $Q$ )  
hypergeometric series of type I**

$${}_{r+1}\phi_r \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{matrix}; Q, Z \right] := \sum_{k \geq 0} \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r, Q \end{matrix}; Q, Z \right]_k$$

**Noncommutative basic (or  $Q$ )  
hypergeometric series of type II**

$${}_{r+1}\phi_r \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r \end{matrix}; Q, Z \right] := \sum_{k \geq 0} \left[ \begin{matrix} A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{r+1} \\ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r, Q \end{matrix}; Q, Z \right]_k$$

The series terminates if one of the upper parameters  $A_i$  is of the form  $Q^{-n}$ . If the series does not terminate, then it converges if  $\|Z\| < 1$ .

## Type I and type II noncommutative basic hypergeometric equations

*Q-difference operator*  $\frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z}$

$$\frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z} F(Z) = (I - Q)^{-1} Z^{-1} (F(Z) - F(QZ)).$$

Remarks:

$$\frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z} Z^k = (I - Q)^{-1} (I - Q^k) Z^{k-1}$$

$$\frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z} (ZF(Z)) = F(Z) + QZ \frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z} F(Z)$$

$$\lim_{Q \rightarrow I} \frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z} = \frac{d}{dZ}$$

the standard differentiation operator

**Theorem 4.**

$$F(Z) = {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} A, B \\ C \end{matrix}; Q, Z \right] F_0$$

*is the unique solution analytic at  $Z = O$  of the noncommutative basic hypergeometric equation*

$$\begin{aligned} & Z(C - ABQZ) \frac{d_Q^2}{d_Q Z^2} F(Z) + (I - Q)^{-1} \\ & \cdot [(I - C) + (I - A)(I - B)Z - (I - ABQ)Z] \\ & \cdot \frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z} F(Z) \\ & - (I - Q)^{-2} (I - A)(I - B) F(Z) = O, \end{aligned}$$

*where  $F(O) = F_0$ .*

Let  $\frac{\widetilde{d}_Q}{d_Q Z}$  be the  $Q$ -difference operator acting from the *right* on functions over  $R$ , i.e.

$$F(Z) \frac{\widetilde{d}_Q}{d_Q Z} = \sim \left( \frac{d_Q}{d_Q Z} (\sim F(Z)) \right)$$


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Let  $C$  and  $(I - C^{-1}A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1}A)B)$  be invertible. Then

$$F(Z) = {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} A, B \\ C \end{matrix}; Q, Z \right] F_0$$

is the unique solution analytic at  $Z = O$  of the noncommutative basic hypergeometric equation

$$\begin{aligned}
& F(Z) \frac{\widetilde{d_Q^2}}{d_Q Z^2} Z(I - C^{-1} ABQZ). \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B)^{-1} C. \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B) \\
& + F(Z) \frac{\widetilde{d_Q}}{d_Q Z} (I - Q)^{-1}. \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B)^{-1} (I - C). \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B) \\
& + F(Z) \frac{\widetilde{d_Q}}{d_Q Z} Z(I - Q)^{-1} [C - A - B + (C^{-1} AB + C^{-1} ABQ - I)]. \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B)^{-1} C. \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B)] \\
& + F(Z) (I - Q)^{-2} [A + B - C - I - (C^{-1} AB - I)]. \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B)^{-1} C. \\
& (I - C^{-1} A - C^{-1}(I - C^{-1} A)B)] \\
& = O,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $F(O) = F_0$ .