

THE POWER QUANTUM CALCULUS AND VARIATIONAL PROBLEMS

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Abstract. We introduce the power difference calculus based on the operator $D_{n,q}f(t) = \frac{f(qt^n) - f(t)}{qt^n - t}$, where n is an odd positive integer and $0 < q < 1$. Properties of the new operator and its inverse — the $d_{n,q}$ integral — are proved. As an application, we consider power quantum Lagrangian systems and corresponding n, q -Euler–Lagrange equations.

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