

## NEW GENERALIZATIONS OF SOME INEQUALITIES FOR $k$ -SPECIAL AND $q, k$ -SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

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In this work, we establish some new inequalities involving some  $k$ -special and  $q, k$ -special functions, by using the technique of A. McD. Mercer [11].

### 1. Introduction

Let  $L$  be a positive linear functional defined on a subspace  $C^*(I) \subset C(I)$ , where  $I$  is the interval  $(0, a)$  with  $a > 0$  or  $(0, +\infty)$ .

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions continuous on  $I$  which are strictly increasing and strictly positive on  $I$ .

In [11], A. McD. Mercer, posed the following result:

Supposing that  $f, g \in C^*(I)$  such that  $f(x) \rightarrow 0, g(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$  and  $\frac{f}{g}$  is strictly increasing, we define the function  $\phi$  by

$$\phi = g \frac{L(f)}{L(g)},$$

and let  $F$  be a function defined on the ranges of  $f$  and  $g$  such that the compositions  $F(f)$  and  $F(g)$  each belong to  $C^*(I)$ .

a) If  $F$  is convex then

$$L[F(f)] \geq L[F(\phi)]. \quad (1)$$

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b) If  $F$  is concave then

$$L[F(f)] \leq L[F(\phi)]. \quad (2)$$

The objective of this paper is to use the technique of A. McD. Mercer [11] to develop some new inequalities for  $k$ -Gamma,  $k$ -Beta and  $k$ -Zeta functions then  $q, k$ -Gamma and  $q, k$ -Beta functions which are a generalization of some inequalities studied in [11, 13].

Note that for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the function

$$F(t) = t^\alpha$$

is convex if  $\alpha < 0$  or  $\alpha > 1$  and concave if  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

Then, for  $f$  and  $g$  satisfying the conditions (1) and (2), we have:

$L(f^\alpha) > L(\phi^\alpha)$  if  $\alpha < 0$  or  $\alpha > 1$  and  $L(f^\alpha) < L(\phi^\alpha)$  if  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

Substituting for  $\phi$  this reads:

$$\frac{[L(g)]^\alpha}{L(g^\alpha)} > (\text{resp. } <) \frac{[L(f)]^\alpha}{L(f^\alpha)},$$

if  $\alpha < 0$  or  $\alpha > 1$  (resp.  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ). In particular, if we take  $f(x) = x^\beta$  and  $g(x) = x^\delta$  with  $\beta > \delta > 0$ , we obtain the following useful inequality:

$$\frac{[L(x^\delta)]^\alpha}{L(x^{\alpha\delta})} \gtrless \frac{[L(x^\beta)]^\alpha}{L(x^{\alpha\beta})}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\gtrless$  correspond to the case ( $\alpha < 0$  or  $\alpha > 1$ ) and ( $0 < \alpha < 1$ ) respectively.

In recent years, many authors have studied Gamma and Beta functions. For more information see [1], [2], [3], [5], [6], [10], [13].

## 2. Basic Results

Throughout this paper, we will fix  $q \in (0, 1)$ . For the convenience of the reader, we provide in this section a summary of the mathematical notions and definitions used in this paper (see [7], [9], [12]). We write for  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$[a]_q = \frac{1 - q^a}{1 - q}.$$

The  $q$ -Jackson integrals from 0 to  $a$  and from 0 to  $\infty$  are defined by (see[8])

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

$$\int_0^\infty f(x) d_q x = (1 - q) \sum_{n=-\infty}^\infty f(q^n) q^n,$$

provided the sums converge absolutely.

For  $k > 0$ , the  $\Gamma_k$  function is defined by (see[4], [10])

$$\Gamma_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n! k^n (nk)^{\frac{x}{k} - 1}}{(x)_{n,k}}, x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus k\mathbb{Z}^-,$$

where  $(x)_{n,k} = x(x+k)(x+2k) \dots (x+(n-1)k)$ .

The above definition is a generalization of the definition of  $\Gamma(x)$  function.

For  $x \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re(x) > 0$ , the function  $\Gamma_k(x)$  is given by the integral (see [4])

$$\Gamma_k(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-\frac{t^k}{k}} dt,$$

and satisfies the following properties: (see [5], [10])

1.  $\Gamma_k(x+k) = x\Gamma_k(x)$
2.  $(x)_{n,k} = \frac{\Gamma_k(x+nk)}{\Gamma_k(x)}$
3.  $\Gamma_k(k) = 1$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $x, y, s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we note by

1.  $(x+y)_{q,k}^n := \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (x+q^{jk}y)$
2.  $(1+x)_{q,k}^\infty := \prod_{j=0}^\infty (1+q^{jk}x)$
3.  $(1+x)_{q,k}^t := \frac{(1+x)_{q,k}^\infty}{(1+q^t x)_{q,k}^\infty}$ .

We have  $(1+x)_{q,k}^{s+t} = (1+x)_{q,k}^s (1+q^{ks}x)_{q,k}^t$ .

We recall the two  $q, k$ -analogues of the exponential functions (see [5])

$$E_{q,k}^x = \sum_{n=0}^\infty q^{\frac{kn(n-1)}{2}} \frac{x^n}{[n]_{q^k}!} = (1 + (1 - q^k)x)_{q,k}^\infty$$

and

$$e_{q,k}^x = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{x^n}{[n]_{q^k}!} = \frac{1}{(1 - (1 - q^k)x)_{q,k}^\infty}.$$

These  $q, k$ -exponential functions satisfy the following relations:

$$D_{q^k} e_{q,k}^x = e_{q,k}^x, \quad D_{q^k} E_{q,k}^x = E_{q,k}^{q^k x} \quad \text{and} \quad E_{q,k}^{-x} e_{q,k}^x = e_{q,k}^x E_{q,k}^{-x} = 1.$$

The  $q, k$ -Gamma function is defined by [5]

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(x) = \frac{(1 - q^k)_{q,k}^\infty}{(1 - q^x)_{q,k}^\infty (1 - q)^{\frac{x}{k} - 1}}, \quad x > 0.$$

When  $k = 1$  it reduces to the known  $q$ -Gamma function  $\Gamma_q$ .

It satisfies the following functional equation:

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(x+k) = [x]_q \Gamma_{q,k}(x), \quad \Gamma_{q,k}(k) = 1$$

and it has the following integral representation (see[5])

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(x) = \int_0^{\left(\frac{[k]_q}{1-q^k}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}} t^{x-1} E_{q,k}^{-\frac{q^k t}{[k]_q}} d_q t, \quad x > 0.$$

The  $k$ -Beta function is defined by (see [4])

$$B_k(t, s) = \int_0^\infty x^{t-1} (1+x^k)^{-\frac{t+s}{k}} dx, \quad t, s > 0.$$

By using the following change of variable  $x^k = u$  and  $u = \frac{y}{1-y}$ , we obtain

$$B_k(t, s) = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{t}{k}-1} (1-u)^{\frac{s}{k}-1} du, \quad s, t, k > 0.$$

It is well-known that

$$B_k(s, t) = \frac{\Gamma_k(s)\Gamma_k(t)}{\Gamma_k(s+t)}.$$

The  $q, k$ -Beta function is defined by (see [5])

$$B_{q,k}(t, s) = [k]_q^{-\frac{t}{k}} \int_0^{\left(\frac{[k]_q}{1-q^k}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}} x^{t-1} \left(1 - q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}\right)_{q,k}^{\frac{s}{k}-1} d_q x, \quad s > 0, t > 0.$$

By using the following change of variable  $u = \frac{x}{[k]_q^{\frac{1}{k}}}$ , the last equation becomes

$$B_{q,k}(t, s) = \int_0^1 u^{t-1} (1 - q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{s}{k}-1} d_q u, \quad s > 0, t > 0.$$

It verifies the relation

$$B_{q,k}(t, s) = \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(t)\Gamma_{q,k}(s)}{\Gamma_{q,k}(t+s)}, \quad s, t > 0.$$

The function  $B_{q,k}$  satisfies the following formulas for  $s, t > 0$

1.  $B_{q,k}(t, \infty) = (1 - q)^{\frac{t}{k}} \Gamma_{q,k}(t)$
2.  $B_{q,k}(t + k, s) = \frac{[t]_q}{[s]_q} B_{q,k}(t, s + k)$
3.  $B_{q,k}(t, s + k) = B_{q,k}(t, s) - q^s B_{q,k}(t + k, s)$
4.  $B_{q,k}(t, s + k) = \frac{[s]_q}{[s+t]_q} B_{q,k}(t, s)$
5.  $B_{q,k}(t, k) = \frac{1}{[t]_q}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** We define the function  $\zeta_k$  as (see [10])

$$\zeta_k(s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_k(s)} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{s-k}}{e^t - 1} dt, \quad s > k.$$

Note that when  $k = 1$  we obtain the known Riemann Zeta function  $\zeta(s)$ .

### 3. Main results

We start with the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f$  be the function defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k+x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k+\alpha x)}$$

then for all  $\alpha > 1$  (resp.  $0 < \alpha < 1$ )  $f$  is decreasing (resp. increasing) on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* The  $k$ -Gamma function is infinitely differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  and we have

$$\Gamma_k^{(n)}(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} [\log(t)]^n e^{-\frac{t}{k}} dt, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We consider the subspace  $C^*(I)$  obtained from  $C(I)$  by requiring its members to satisfy:

- (i)  $\omega(x) = O(x^\theta)$  (for any  $\theta > -k$ ) as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,
- (ii)  $\omega(x) = O(x^\varphi)$  (for any finite  $\varphi$ ) as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Then, for  $\omega \in C^*(I)$  we define

$$L(\omega) = \int_0^\infty \omega(t) t^{k-1} (\log(t))^{2n} e^{-\frac{t}{k}} dt.$$

The operator  $L$  is well-defined on  $C^*(I)$  and it is a positive linear functional on  $C^*(I)$ .

Using the inequality (3), we obtain for  $\beta > \delta > 0$

$$\frac{[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \delta)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \alpha\delta)} \geq \frac{[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \beta)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \alpha\beta)}.$$

Theorem 3.1 is thus proved. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *For all  $x \in [0, k]$ , we have:*

$$\frac{[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(2k)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \alpha k)} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \alpha x)} \leq [\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k)]^{\alpha-1}, \quad \alpha \geq 1,$$

and

$$[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k)]^{\alpha-1} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \alpha x)} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(2k)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k^{(2n)}(k + \alpha k)}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1.$$

**Corollary 3.3.** *For all  $x \in [0, k]$ , we have*

$$\frac{k^\alpha}{\Gamma_k(\alpha k + k)} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_k(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k(k + \alpha x)} \leq 1, \quad \alpha \geq 1,$$

and

$$1 \leq \frac{[\Gamma_k(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_k(k + \alpha x)} \leq \frac{k^\alpha}{\Gamma_k(\alpha k + k)}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $f$  be the function defined by*

$$f(x) = \frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \alpha k)}$$

then for all  $\alpha > 1$  (resp.  $0 < \alpha < 1$ )  $f$  is decreasing (resp. increasing) on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* Since that  $\Gamma_{q,k}$  is an infinitely differentiable function on  $(0, +\infty)$ , we have

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(n)}(x) = \int_0^{(\frac{[k]_q}{1-q^k})^{\frac{1}{k}}} t^{x-1} (\log(t))^n E_{q,k}^{-\frac{q^k t^k}{[k]_q}} d_q t, \quad x > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

We consider  $I = (0, (\frac{[k]_q}{1-q^k})^{\frac{1}{k}})$  and the subspace  $C^*(I)$  obtained from  $C(I)$  by requiring its members to satisfy:

- (i)  $\omega(x) = O(x^\theta)$  (for any  $\theta > -k$ ) as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,

(ii)  $\omega(x) = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow (\frac{[k]_q}{(1-q^k)})^{\frac{1}{k}}$ .

Then we have,

$$L(\omega) = \int_0^{(\frac{[k]_q}{(1-q^k)})^{\frac{1}{k}}} \omega(t)t^{k-1}(\log(t))^{2n} E_{q,k}^{-\frac{q^k t}{[k]_q}} d_q t.$$

The operator  $L$  is a positive linear functional on  $C^*(I)$ .

By applying the inequality (3), we obtain for  $\beta > \delta > 0$

$$\frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \delta)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \alpha\delta)} \geq \frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \beta)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \alpha\beta)}.$$

Theorem 3.4 is thus proved. □

In particular, we have the following results

**Corollary 3.5.** For all  $x \in [0, k]$ , we have:

$$\frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(2k)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \alpha k)} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \alpha x)} \leq [\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k)]^{\alpha-1}, \quad \alpha \geq 1,$$

and

$$[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k)]^{\alpha-1} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \alpha x)} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(2k)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(k + \alpha k)}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1.$$

**Corollary 3.6.** For all  $x \in [0, k]$ , we have

$$\frac{k^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}(\alpha k + k)} \leq \frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}(k + \alpha x)} \leq 1, \quad \alpha \geq 1,$$

and

$$1 \leq \frac{[\Gamma_{q,k}(k + x)]^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}(k + \alpha x)} \leq \frac{k^\alpha}{\Gamma_{q,k}(\alpha k + k)}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1.$$

**Remark 3.7.** Applying Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.4 for  $k = 1$ , we obtain the Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 3.2 in [13].

**Theorem 3.8.** For  $s > 0$ , let  $f$  be the function defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{[B_k(k(x+1), s)]^\alpha}{B_k(k(\alpha x + 1), s)}$$

then for all  $\alpha > 1$  (resp.  $0 < \alpha < 1$ )  $f$  is decreasing (resp. increasing) on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* The  $k$ -Beta function is defined by

$$B_k(t, s) = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^1 x^{\frac{t}{k}-1} (1-x)^{\frac{s}{k}-1} dx.$$

We consider the interval  $I = (0, 1)$  and the subspace  $C^*(I)$  obtained from  $C(I)$  by requiring its members to satisfy:

(i)  $\omega(x) = O(x^\theta)$  (for  $\theta > -1$ ) as  $x \rightarrow 0$

(ii)  $\omega(x) = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .

For  $\omega \in C^*(I)$ , we define

$$L(\omega) = \int_0^1 \omega(x) (1-x)^{\frac{s}{k}-1} dx.$$

$L$  is a positive linear functional on  $C^*(I)$ .

Applying the inequality (3), we obtain for  $\beta > \delta > 0$

$$\frac{[B_k(k(\delta+1), s)]^\alpha}{B_k(k(\alpha\delta+1), s)} \geq \frac{[B_k(k(\beta+1), s)]^\alpha}{B_k(k(\alpha\beta+1), s)}.$$

Theorem 3.8 is thus proved. □

**Corollary 3.9.** For  $x \in [0, k]$  and  $s > 0$ , we have

$$\frac{k^{2(\alpha-1)}(\alpha k^2 + s) [B_k(k^2, s)]^\alpha}{\alpha(k^2 + s)^\alpha B_k(\alpha k^2, s)} \leq \frac{[B_k(k(x+1), s)]^\alpha}{B_k(k(\alpha x + 1), s)} \leq [B_k(k, s)]^{\alpha-1} \quad \alpha \geq 1.$$

**Theorem 3.10.** For  $s > 0$ , let  $f$  be the function defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{[B_{q,k}(k+x, s)]^\alpha}{B_{q,k}(k+\alpha x, s)}$$

then for all  $\alpha > 1$  (resp.  $0 < \alpha < 1$ )  $f$  is decreasing (resp. increasing) on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* The  $q, k$ -Beta function is defined by

$$B_{q,k}(t, s) = \int_0^1 x^{t-1} (1 - q^k x^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{s}{k}-1} d_q x.$$

We consider the interval  $I = (0, 1)$  and the subspace  $C^*(I)$  obtained from  $C(I)$  by requiring its members to satisfy:

(i)  $\omega(x) = O(x^\theta)$  (for any  $\theta > -k$ ) as  $x \rightarrow 0$

(ii)  $\omega(x) = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$

Then we put,

$$L(\omega) = \int_0^1 \omega(x) x^{k-1} (1 - q^k x^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{s}{k}-1} d_q x.$$



$L$  is defined on  $C^*(I)$  and it is a positive linear functional on  $C^*(I)$ .

Applying the inequality (3), we obtain for  $\beta > \delta > 0$

$$\frac{[B_{q,k}(k + \delta, s)]^\alpha}{B_{q,k}(k + \alpha\delta, s)} \geq \frac{[B_{q,k}(k + \beta, s)]^\alpha}{B_{q,k}(k + \alpha\beta, s)}$$

Theorem 3.10 is thus proved. □

**Corollary 3.11.** For  $x \in [0, k]$  and  $s > 0$ , we have

$$\frac{[k]_q^\alpha [\alpha k + s]_q B_{q,k}^\alpha(k, s)}{[k + s]_q^\alpha [\alpha k]_q B_{q,k}(\alpha k, s)} \leq \frac{[B_{q,k}(k + x, s)]^\alpha}{B_{q,k}(k + \alpha x, s)} \leq [B_{q,k}(k, s)]^{\alpha-1} \quad \alpha \geq 1.$$

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $f$  be the function defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{[\zeta_k(x + k + 1)\Gamma_k(x + k + 1)]^\alpha}{\zeta_k(\alpha x + k + 1)\Gamma_k(\alpha x + k + 1)}$$

then for all  $\alpha > 1$  (resp.  $0 < \alpha < 1$ )  $f$  is decreasing (resp. increasing) on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of Zeta function, we can write

$$\zeta_k(s)\Gamma_k(s) = \int_0^\infty x^{s-k} \frac{1}{e^x - 1} dx, \quad s > k.$$

We consider the subspace  $C^*(I)$  obtained from  $C(I)$  by requiring its members to satisfy:

- (i)  $\omega(x) = O(x^\theta)$  (for any  $\theta > -1$ ) as  $x \rightarrow 0$
- (ii)  $\omega(x) = O(x^\varphi)$  (for any finite  $\varphi$ ) as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Then we have,

$$L(\omega) = \int_0^\infty \omega(x) \frac{x}{e^x - 1} dx.$$

The linear functional  $L$  is well-defined on  $C^*(I)$  and it is positive.

Applying the inequality (3), we obtain  $\beta > \delta > 0$

$$\frac{[\zeta_k(\delta + k + 1)\Gamma_k(\delta + k + 1)]^\alpha}{\zeta_k(\alpha\delta + k + 1)\Gamma_k(\alpha\delta + k + 1)} \geq \frac{[\zeta_k(\beta + k + 1)\Gamma_k(\beta + k + 1)]^\alpha}{\zeta_k(\alpha\beta + k + 1)\Gamma_k(\alpha\beta + k + 1)}$$

Theorem 3.12 is thus proved. □

**Remark 3.13.** Applying Theorem 3.12 for  $k = 1$ , we obtain the inequality for  $\zeta$  function proved in [11].

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