

On the k -Riemann-Liouville Fractional Derivative

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Abstract

The main object of this paper is to introduce a new fractional operator called k -Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative defined by using the k -Gamma function, which is a generalization of the classical Gamma function. We also investigate relationships with the k -Riemann-Liouville integral and derive some properties by using Fourier and Laplace transform.

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I Introduction and Preliminaries

Since the k -Gamma function and the k -Pochhammer symbol introduced by Diaz y Pariguan (cf. [2]) the fractional calculus has been significant development through the generalization of the so-called special functions, like the k -Beta, the k -Mittag-Leffler function, the k -Wright function, the k -Bessel functions. (cf. [1], [3], [7], [9]).

Also a k -fractional integral of the Riemann-Liouville type has been introduced in 2012.(cf [5]).

For the development of our work, recalling the definition of the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral we have

Definition 1 *Let f be a sufficiently well-behaved function with support in \mathbb{R}^+ , and let ν be a real number, $\nu > 0$. The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order ν , $I_+^\nu f$ is given by*

$$I_+^\nu f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t (t - \tau)^{\nu-1} f(\tau) d\tau \quad (\text{I.1})$$

where $\Gamma(z)$ is the Euler Gamma function

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt$$

for $\text{Re}(z) > 0$, z a complex number.

As a particular case of (I.1), taking $a = 0$ results

$$I_+^\nu f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\nu-1} f(\tau) d\tau \quad (\text{I.2})$$

The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order $\nu > 0$, D_+^ν is defined as the left inverse of the Riemann-Liouville integral of order ν ; i. e.,

$$D_+^\nu I_+^\nu = Id, \quad \nu > 0 \quad \text{cf. [10]} \quad (\text{I.3})$$

Another way to defined this fractional derivative is as follows.

Definition 2 Let ν be a real number, and let m be the integer such that $m - 1 < \nu \leq m$. Then the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order ν is given by

$$D_+^\nu f(t) = D^m I_+^{m-\nu} f(t) \quad (\text{I.4})$$

Equivalently, we have

$$D_+^\nu f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{d^m}{dt^m} \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\nu)} \int_0^t \frac{f(\tau) d\tau}{(t-\tau)^{\nu+1-m}} \right], & m - 1 < \nu \leq m \\ \frac{d^m}{dt^m} f(t) & , \quad \nu = m \end{cases} \quad (\text{I.5})$$

Let $\mathfrak{L}(f)(z)$ be the Laplace transform of an exponential order function and piecewise continuous given by

$$\mathfrak{L}(f)(z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-zt} f(t) dt \quad (\text{I.6})$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, and $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

And let $\mathfrak{F}[\varphi]$ be the Fourier Transform of the function φ belonging to $S(\mathbb{R})$ the Schwartzian space of functions that decay rapidly at infinity together with all derivatives, defined by the integral

$$\mathfrak{F}[\varphi](x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ixt} \varphi(t) dt \quad (\text{I.7})$$

Relationships between these integral transforms and the Riemann-Liouville operators are listed below.

For the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral we have

$$\mathfrak{L} [I_+^\nu f] (z) = \frac{\mathfrak{L} (f) (z)}{z^\nu} \quad \text{cf. [6]} \quad (\text{I.8})$$

and for the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative

$$\mathfrak{L} [D_+^\nu f] (z) = z^\nu \mathfrak{L} (f) (z) - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} [D^k I_+^{m-k}] f(0^+) z^{m-k-1}; \quad m-1 < k \leq m \quad (\text{I.9})$$

cf.[6].

Also, the Fourier transform of the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral is given by

$$\mathfrak{F} [I_+^\nu f] (x) = \frac{\mathfrak{F} (f) (x)}{(-ix)^\nu} \quad (\text{I.10})$$

and for the Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative

$$\mathfrak{F} [D_+^\nu f] (x) = (-ix)^\nu \mathfrak{F} (f) (x) \quad (\text{I.11})$$

cf.[4], cf.[6].

Now we introduced the k -Riemann-Liouville fractional integral by the following

Definition 3 *Let f be a sufficiently well-behaved function with support in \mathbb{R}^+ , and let ν be a real number, $\nu > 0$. The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order ν , $I_+^\nu f$ is given by*

$$I_{k,a}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1} f(t) dt \quad (\text{I.12})$$

As special case can be obtained the definition due to Mubeem and G. Habibullah (cf. [5])

$$I_k^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1} f(t) dt \quad (\text{I.13})$$

where $\Gamma_k(z)$ denote the k-Gamma function given (cf. [2]) by

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

Romero, Cerutti and Dorrego introduced the k-Riemann-Liouville singular kernel given (cf. [8]) the following

Definition 4 *Let α be a real number, $0 < \alpha < 1$, $k > 0$. The k-Riemann-Liouville singular kernel is given by*

$$j_{\alpha,k}(t) = \frac{t^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \quad t > 0 \quad (\text{I.14})$$

It can be proved that the k-Riemann-Liouville fractional integral may be expressed as the convolution

$$I_k^\alpha f(x) = j_{\alpha,k}(t) * f(t) \quad (\text{I.15})$$

II Main Result

This section presents results linking k-fractional integral with Fourier integral transform and Laplace transform as well as some examples of application.

For the development of our work we need to remember the following

Definition 5 *Let β be a real number, $0 < \beta \leq 1$. The k-Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative is given by*

$$D_k^\beta f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} I_k^{1-\beta} f(t) \quad (\text{II.1})$$

Easily it can be proved that $I_k^{1-\beta} (j_{\alpha,k}(t)) = j_{\alpha+1-\beta,k}(t)$ and $\frac{d}{dt} j_{\alpha,k}(t) = \frac{1}{k} j_{\alpha-k,k}(t)$ then we have

$$D_k^\beta (j_{\alpha,k}(t)) = \frac{1}{k} j_{\alpha+1-\beta-k,k}(t) \quad (\text{II.2})$$

However, this operator is not a left inverse operator with respect the k-Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator. In fact,

Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. From definition (II.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_k^\beta I_k^\beta f(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[I_k^{1-\beta} \left(I_k^\beta f(t) \right) \right] = \frac{d}{dt} I_k^1 f(t) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(1)} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\frac{1}{k}-1} f(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(1)} \frac{1-k}{k} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\frac{1-k}{k}-1} f(\tau) d\tau = \\
 &= \frac{1-k}{k\Gamma_k(1)} \frac{\Gamma_k\left(\frac{1-k}{k}\right)}{k\Gamma_k\left(\frac{1-k}{k}\right)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\frac{1-k}{k}-1} f(\tau) d\tau \\
 &= \frac{(1-k)\Gamma_k\left(\frac{1-k}{k}\right)}{k\Gamma_k(1)} I_k^{\frac{1-k}{k}} f(t) \neq f(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the two next lemmas we will evaluate the Laplace and Fourier transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville fractional integral.

Lemma 1 *Let f be a sufficiently well-behaved function and let α be a real number, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. The Laplace transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of the f function is given by*

$$\mathfrak{L} [I_k^\alpha f] (s) = (ks)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}} \mathfrak{L} [f] (s) \tag{II.3}$$

Proof.

First, we evaluate the Laplace Transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville singular kernel.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathfrak{L} [j_{\alpha,k}(t)] (s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{t^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} e^{-st} dt = \\
 &= \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^{+\infty} t^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1} e^{-st} dt \tag{II.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account that the integral in (II.4) is

$$\int_0^{+\infty} t^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1} e^{-st} dt = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{k}\right)}{s^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \tag{II.5}$$

From (II.5) and (II.4) we have

$$\mathfrak{L} [j_{\alpha,k}(t)] (s) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{k}\right)}{s^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} =$$

$$\frac{1}{k \cdot k^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{k}\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{k}\right)}{s^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} = (ks)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}} \quad (\text{II.6})$$

We know that the Laplace transform applied the convolution product to a point wise product, then it results

$$\mathfrak{L}[I_k^\alpha f](s) = \mathfrak{L}[j_{\alpha,k} * f](s) = \mathfrak{L}[j_{\alpha,k}](s) \cdot \mathfrak{L}[f](s) \quad (\text{II.7})$$

Finally, from (II.7) and (II.6) we obtain

$$\mathfrak{L}[I_k^\alpha f](s) = (ks)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}} \mathfrak{L}[f](s) \quad (\text{II.8})$$

Lemma 2 *Let f be a sufficiently well-behaved function and let α be a real number, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. The Fourier transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of the f function is*

$$\mathfrak{F}[I_k^\alpha f](\omega) = (-ik\omega)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}} \mathfrak{F}[f](\omega) \quad (\text{II.9})$$

Proof.

The Fourier transform verified a property analogous to the Laplace transform with respect the convolution product. In fact

$$\mathfrak{F}[I_k^\alpha f](\omega) = \mathfrak{F}[j_{\alpha,k} * f](\omega) = \mathfrak{F}[j_{\alpha,k}](\omega) \cdot \mathfrak{F}[f](\omega) \quad (\text{II.10})$$

By evaluating the Fourier transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville singular kernel

$$\mathfrak{F}[j_{\alpha,k}(t)](\omega) = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{t^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} e^{i\omega t} dt \quad (\text{II.11})$$

and making the change of variables $-s = i\omega$ it result

$$\mathfrak{F}[j_{\alpha,k}(t)](\omega) = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{t^{\frac{\alpha}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} e^{-st} dt =$$

$$\mathfrak{L}[j_{\alpha,k}(t)](s) = (ks)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}} = (-i\omega k)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}} \quad (\text{II.12})$$

Replacing (II.12) in (II.10) we have

$$\mathfrak{F}[I_k^\alpha f](\omega) = (-i\omega k)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}} \mathfrak{F}[f](\omega) \quad (\text{II.13})$$

We also will use the following properties of the Fourier and Laplace Transform

$$\mathfrak{L} \left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right] (s) = s \mathfrak{L} [f(t)] (s) - f(0) \quad (\text{II.14})$$

and

$$\mathfrak{F} \left[\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right] (\omega) = (-i\omega) \mathfrak{F} [f(t)] (\omega) \quad (\text{II.15})$$

To obtain the Fourier and Laplace transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative.

Lemma 3 *Let β be a real number, $0 < \beta \leq 1$. The Laplace transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative is given by*

$$\mathfrak{L} \left[D_k^\beta f \right] (s) = s \cdot (ks)^{-\frac{1-\beta}{k}} \mathfrak{L} [f] (s) - I_k^{1-\beta} f(0) \quad (\text{II.16})$$

Proof.

By definition (II.1) and property (II.14) we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{L} \left[D_k^\beta f(t) \right] (s) &= \mathfrak{L} \left[\frac{d}{dt} I_k^{1-\beta} f(t) \right] (s) = \\ & s \mathfrak{L} \left[I_k^{1-\beta} f(t) \right] (s) - I_k^{1-\beta} f(0) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.17})$$

From (II.8) and (II.17) we have

$$\mathfrak{L} \left[D_k^\beta f \right] (s) = s \cdot (ks)^{-\frac{1-\beta}{k}} \mathfrak{L} [f] (s) - I_k^{1-\beta} f(0)$$

Lemma 4 *Let β be a real number, $0 < \beta \leq 1$. The Fourier transform of the k -Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative is given by*

$$\mathfrak{F} \left[D_k^\beta f \right] (\omega) = (-i\omega) \cdot (-i\omega k)^{-\frac{1-\beta}{k}} \mathfrak{F} [f] (\omega) \quad (\text{II.18})$$

Proof.

By definition (II.1) and property (II.15) we have

$$\mathfrak{F} \left[D_k^\beta f(t) \right] (\omega) = \mathfrak{F} \left[\frac{d}{dt} I_k^{1-\beta} f(t) \right] (\omega) =$$

$$(-i\omega)\mathfrak{F}\left[I_k^{1-\beta}f(t)\right](\omega) \quad (\text{II.19})$$

From (II.13) and (II.19) we have

$$\mathfrak{F}\left[D_k^\beta f\right](\omega) = (-i\omega) \cdot (-i\omega k)^{-\frac{1-\beta}{k}} \mathfrak{F}[f](\omega)$$

Examples of application

Example 1

$$(D_{k,a}^\alpha(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) = \frac{k^{1-n}\Gamma_k(k\beta)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\beta-kn)}(x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}+\beta-(n+1)}$$

Proof.

$$(D_{k,a}^\alpha(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) = \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n (I_{k,a}^{n-\alpha}(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) \quad (\text{II.20})$$

In (II.20), calling $p = n - \alpha$ we calculate

$$(I_{k,a}^{n-\alpha}(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) = (I_{k,a}^p(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) =$$

$$\frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(p)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\frac{p}{k}-1} (t-a)^{\beta-1} dt \quad (\text{II.21})$$

Making the change of variables $t = a + \varepsilon(x-a)$ it result

$$\begin{aligned} (I_{k,a}^{n-\alpha}(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) &= \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(p)} \int_0^1 [(1-\varepsilon)((x-a))]^{\frac{p}{k}-1} [\varepsilon(x-a)]^{\beta-1} (x-a) d\varepsilon = \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma_k(p)} (x-a)^{\frac{p}{k}+\beta-1} \frac{1}{k} \int_0^1 (1-\varepsilon)^{\frac{p}{k}-1} \varepsilon^{\beta-1} d\varepsilon = \\ &= \frac{(x-a)^{\frac{p}{k}+\beta-1}}{\Gamma_k(p)} B_k(p, k\beta) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.22})$$

where $B_k(x, y)$ denote the k-Beta function.

Remembering that $B_k(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_k(x)\Gamma_k(y)}{\Gamma_k(x+y)}$, it result

$$\begin{aligned} (I_{k,a}^{n-\alpha}(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) &= \frac{(x-a)^{\frac{x}{k}+\beta-1} \Gamma_k(p) \Gamma_k(k\beta)}{\Gamma_k(p) \Gamma_k(p+k\beta)} = \\ &= \frac{\Gamma_k(k\beta)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\beta)} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}+\beta-1} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.23})$$

Replacing (II.23) in (II.20) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{k,a}^\alpha(t-a)^{\beta-1})(x) &= \frac{\Gamma_k(k\beta)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\beta)} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}+\beta-1} = \\ &= \frac{\Gamma_k(k\beta)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\beta)} \frac{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\beta)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\beta-kn)} \frac{k^{1-\frac{n-\alpha+k\beta}{k}}}{k^{1-\frac{n-\alpha+k\beta-kn}{k}}} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}+\beta-(n+1)} = \\ &= \frac{\Gamma_k(k\beta)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\beta-kn)} k^{1-n} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}+\beta-(n+1)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.24})$$

Example 2

$$(D_{k,a}^\alpha 1)(x) = \frac{k^{1-n} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}-n}}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k(1-n))}$$

Proof.

It is sufficient take $\beta = 1$ in Example 1.

Example 3

$$(D_{k,a}^\alpha(t-a)^{\alpha-j})(x) = \frac{k^{1-n} \Gamma_k(n\alpha - kj + k)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\alpha - jk + k - kn)} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha+k\alpha-jk-kn}{k}}$$

Proof.

$$(D_{k,a}^\alpha(t-a)^{\alpha-j})(x) = \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n (I_{k,a}^{n-\alpha}(t-a)^{\alpha-j})(x) \quad (\text{II.25})$$

In (II.25), calling $p = n - \alpha$ we calculate

$$(I_{k,a}^p(t-a)^{\alpha-j})(x) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(p)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\frac{x}{k}-1} (t-a)^{\alpha-j} dt \quad (\text{II.26})$$

Making the change of variables $t = a + \varepsilon(x - a)$ it result

$$\begin{aligned}
(I_{k,a}^p(t-a)^{\alpha-j})(x) &= \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(p)} \int_0^1 [(1-\varepsilon)((x-a))]^{\frac{p}{k}-1} [\varepsilon(x-a)]^{\alpha-j} (x-a) d\varepsilon = \\
& \frac{1}{\Gamma_k(p)} (x-a)^{\frac{p}{k}+\alpha-j} \frac{1}{k} \int_0^1 (1-\varepsilon)^{\frac{p}{k}-1} \varepsilon^{\frac{k(\alpha-j+1)}{k}-1} d\varepsilon = \\
& \frac{(x-a)^{\frac{p}{k}+\alpha-j}}{\Gamma_k(p)} B_k(p, k(\alpha-j+1)) \\
& \frac{(x-a)^{\frac{p}{k}+\alpha-j}}{\Gamma_k(p)} \frac{\Gamma_k(p)\Gamma_k(k(\alpha-j+1))}{\Gamma_k(p+k(\alpha-j+1))} = \\
& \frac{\Gamma_k(k(\alpha-j+1))}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k(\alpha-j+1))} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}+\alpha-j} \tag{II.27}
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing (II.27) in (II.25) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(D_{k,a}^\alpha(t-a)^{\alpha-j})(x) &= \frac{\Gamma_k(k(\alpha-j+1))}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k(\alpha-j+1))} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha}{k}+\alpha-j} = \\
& \frac{\Gamma_k(n\alpha-kj+k)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\alpha-jk+k-kn)} k^{1-n} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha+k\alpha-jk-kn}{k}} \tag{II.28}
\end{aligned}$$

Example 4

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{k,a}^\alpha \left[\sum_{j=1}^n c_j (x-a)^{\alpha-j} \right] (x) &= \\
\sum_{j=1}^n c_j \left(\frac{\Gamma_k(n\alpha-kj+k)}{\Gamma_k(n-\alpha+k\alpha-jk+k-kn)} k^{1-n} (x-a)^{\frac{n-\alpha+k\alpha-jk-kn}{k}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Proof.

From (II.28) we have the example 4.

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