

# On the k-Bessel Functions

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## Abstract

In this brief paper introduces some k-generalizations of the so-called special functions as Bessel functions and the Fox-Wright functions.

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## I Introduction and Preliminaries

Since Diaz and Pariguan (cf.[2]) have introduced the k-gamma function  $\Gamma_k(z)$  and the generalized Pochhammer k-symbol, several articles have been devoted to studying generalizations of some of the so-called special functions. So can be found the k-Beta function, the k-Zeta function, the k-Mittag-Leffler function and the k-Wright function.

The integral expression of the k-gamma function is given by

$$\Gamma_k(z) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t^k}{k}} t^{z-1} dt, \quad \operatorname{Re}(z) > 0, k > 0. \quad (\text{I.1})$$

Whose relationship with the classical Gamma Euler functions is given by

$$\Gamma_k(z) = k^{\frac{z}{k}-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{k}\right) \quad (\text{I.2})$$

We collect some of its properties in the following

**Lemma 1** *The k-gamma function  $\Gamma_k(z)$  verified that:*

1.  $\Gamma_k(z+k) = z\Gamma_k(z)$

2.  $\Gamma_k(k) = 1$

3. Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\Gamma_k(z) = a^{\frac{z}{k}} \int_0^\infty t^{z-1} e^{-\frac{t^k}{k} a} dt. \quad (\text{I.3})$$

4.  $\Gamma_k(z)\Gamma_k(k-z) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi z/k)}$

For the proof, that we omit, we refer to [2].

Right now we also have the k-Beta function  $B_k(z)$  that is defined by the formula

$$B_k(z, w) = \frac{\Gamma_k(z)\Gamma_k(w)}{\Gamma_k(z+w)}; \quad \text{Re}(z) > 0, \text{Re}(w) > 0. \quad (\text{I.4})$$

that have the integral representation given by

$$B_k(z, w) = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{z}{k}-1} (1-t)^{\frac{w}{k}-1} dt \quad (\text{I.5})$$

Two functions widely used in fractional calculus because of the importance of their roles in the solution of fractional differential equations are the Mittag-Leffler function  $E_\alpha(z)$  and the Wright functions  $W(z)$ .

The Mittag-Leffler function is an entire function defined by

$$E_\alpha(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + 1)}, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad (\text{I.6})$$

A first generalization is given by a more general series

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)}, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0. \quad (\text{I.7})$$

called the Mittag-Leffler of two parameters.

From (I.6) and (I.7) we have

$$E_{\alpha,1}(z) = E_\alpha(z)$$

Another generalization was done by Prabhakar (cf.[7]) who introduced the Mittag-Leffler type function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z)$  defined by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)} \frac{z^n}{n!}, \quad \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \text{Re}(\beta) > 0 \quad (\text{I.8})$$

with  $(\gamma)_n$  the Pochhammer symbol given by

$$(\gamma)_n = \gamma(\gamma + 1)(\gamma + 2)\dots(\gamma + n - 1) = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma + n)}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \tag{I.9}$$

In a recent paper of us (cf.[3]) we have defined a new Mittag-Leffler type function as the series

$$E_{k,\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\alpha n + \beta)} \frac{z^n}{n!} \tag{I.10}$$

valid for  $Re(\alpha) > 0, Re(\beta) > 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $(\gamma)_{n,k}$  is the Pochhammer  $k$ -symbol given by

$$(\gamma)_{n,k} = \gamma(\gamma + k)(\gamma + 2k)\dots(\gamma + (n - 1)k), \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{C}, k \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{I.11}$$

It may be observed that  $E_{k,\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z)$  is such that  $E_{k,\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z) \rightarrow E_{\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z)$  as  $k \rightarrow 1$ , since  $(\gamma)_{n,k} \rightarrow (\gamma)_n, \Gamma_k(z) \rightarrow \Gamma(z)$  and the convergence of the series in (I.10) is uniform on compact subsets.

Also we have defined (cf.[?]) the  $k$ -Wright type function as the series

$$W_{k,\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\alpha n + \beta)} \frac{z^n}{(n!)^2} \tag{I.12}$$

for  $Re(\alpha) > -1, Re(\beta) > 0, k \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Can be easily seen that when  $\gamma = 1$  and  $k = 1$  (I.12) reduces to the classical Wright function

$$W_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)} \frac{z^n}{n!} \tag{I.13}$$

## II $k$ -Bessel functions

Based on the well know relation (cf.[5])

$$J_\nu(z) = \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu W_{1,\nu+1}\left(-\frac{z^2}{4}\right) \tag{II.1}$$

where  $W_{\lambda,\nu}(z)$  is the Wright function defined in (I.13) and  $J_\nu(z)$  is the Bessel function of the first kind of order  $\nu$  (cf.[?]) given by the series

$$J_\nu(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (z/2)^{\nu+2n}}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(n+\nu+1)} \quad (\text{II.2})$$

we have defined (cf.[1]) the  $k$ -Bessel function of the first kind  $J_{k,\nu}^{(\gamma)(\lambda)}(z)$  as

$$J_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda n + \nu + 1)} \frac{(-1)^n (z/2)^n}{(n!)^2} \quad (\text{II.3})$$

where  $(\gamma)_{n,k}$  is the Pochhammer  $k$ -symbol and  $\Gamma_k(z)$  is the  $k$ -gamma function.

From (I.13) and (II.3) it may be write

$$J_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) = \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu W_{k,\lambda,\nu+1}^\gamma\left(-\frac{z^2}{4}\right). \quad (\text{II.4})$$

Next, we put the following

**Definition 1** *The  $k$ -modified Bessel function of the first kind of order  $\nu$  (or  $-\nu$  respectively) as*

$$I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda n + \nu + k)} \frac{(z/2)^{\nu+2n}}{(n!)^2} \quad (\text{II.5})$$

or

$$I_{k,-\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda n - \nu + k)} \frac{(z/2)^{2n-\nu}}{(n!)^2} \quad (\text{II.6})$$

In terms of the  $k$ -Wright function we have

$$I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) = \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\nu W_{k,\lambda,\nu+k}^\gamma\left(\frac{z^2}{4}\right). \quad (\text{II.7})$$

Also we have following

**Definition 2** *The  $k$ -modified Bessel function of the third kind  $K_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z)$  is*

$$K_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) = \frac{\pi \left[ I_{k,-\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) - I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,\lambda}(z) \right]}{2 \sin(\nu\pi)} \quad (\text{II.8})$$

Now, we will show some elementary properties.

**Lemma 2** *Let  $\nu$  be a complex number,  $Re(\nu) > 0$  and let  $k, \gamma, z$  be real non negative numbers. For  $\lambda = 1$  holds*

$$\frac{d}{dz} (z^{\nu/2} I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})) = 2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} I_{k,\nu-k}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) \tag{II.9}$$

*Proof.* From Definition (II.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} z^{\nu/2} I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) &= z^{\nu/2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k} (\sqrt{z}/2)^{\nu+2n}}{\Gamma_k(n + \nu + k) (n!)^2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2^\nu} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{(n!)^2 4^n} \frac{z^{\nu+n}}{\Gamma_k(n + \nu + k)} \end{aligned} \tag{II.10}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} (z^{\nu/2} I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})) &= \frac{1}{2^\nu} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{(n!)^2 4^n} \frac{(\nu + n) z^{\nu+n-1}}{\Gamma_k(n + \nu + k)} \\ &= 2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-1}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k} (\sqrt{z}/2)^{\nu-1+2n}}{(n!)^2 \Gamma_k(\nu + n)} \\ &= 2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k} (\sqrt{z}/2)^{(\nu-k)+2n}}{(n!)^2 \Gamma_k(\nu + n)} \\ &= 2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} I_{k,\nu-k}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3** *Let  $I_{k,-\nu}^{\gamma,1}(z)$  be the  $k$ -modified Bessel function of the first kind of order  $-\nu$ , and let  $z$  be a real non negative number. Then holds*

$$\frac{d}{dz} (z^{\nu/2} I_{k,-\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})) = 2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} I_{k,-\nu-k}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) \tag{II.11}$$

The proof is completely analogous to the Lemma 2 and then we omit it.

**Lemma 4** *Let  $\nu$  be a complex number,  $Re(\nu) > 0$  and let  $k, \gamma, z$  be real non negative numbers, and  $\lambda = 1$ . Then:*

$$\frac{d}{dz} [z^{z/2} K_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})] = 2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} K_{k,\nu-k}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) \tag{II.12}$$

*Proof.* From (II.8), (II.9) and (II.10) we have

$$z^{\nu/2} K_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) = z^{\nu/2} [I_{k,-\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) - I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})] \frac{\pi}{2 \sin(\nu\pi)}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} [z^{\nu/2} K_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})] &= \frac{2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} \pi}{2 \sin(\nu\pi)} [I_{k,-\nu-1}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) - I_{k,\nu+1}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})] \\ &= \frac{2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} 2 \sin(\nu+1) \pi}{2 \sin(\nu\pi)} \left[ \frac{I_{k,-\nu-1}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}) - I_{k,\nu+1}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z})}{2 \sin(\nu+1) \pi} \right] \\ &= -2^{-k} z^{\frac{\nu-k}{2}} z^{k-1} K_{k,\nu+1}^{\gamma,1}(\sqrt{z}). \end{aligned}$$

In the next we will use a fractional integral called  $k$ -fractional integral (cf.[6]) that is a  $k$ -generalization of the classical Riemann-Liouville fractional integral (cf.[4]).

The  $k$ -fractional integral of order  $\alpha$  is defined by

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

It may be observed that when  $k \rightarrow 1$ , (II.13) reduces to the classical Riemann-Liouville fractional integral.

Taking into account that (cf.[6])

$$I_k^\alpha \left( \frac{x^{\frac{\beta}{k}-1}}{\Gamma_k(\beta)} \right) = \frac{x^{\frac{\alpha+\beta}{k}+1}}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+\beta)}, \quad (\text{II.14})$$

we have the following

### Lemma 5

$$I_k^\alpha (z^{\nu/2} I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(2\sqrt{z})) = z^{\frac{\alpha}{k}+\nu} {}_{k,1}\Psi_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} (k(\nu+1), k) \\ (\alpha+k(\nu+1), k), ((\nu+k), 1) \end{matrix} \mid z \right] \quad (\text{II.15})$$

*Proof.* By the uniform convergence on compact subsets of the series  $I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(z)$ , from (II.10) and (II.14) we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_k^\alpha (z^{\nu/2} I_{k,\nu}^{\gamma,1}(2\sqrt{z})) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_{n,k}}{(n!)^2} \frac{\Gamma_k(k(\nu+1) + kn)}{\Gamma_k(k(\nu+1) + \alpha + kn)} \frac{z^{\frac{\alpha}{k}+\nu+n}}{\Gamma_k(n+\nu+k)} \\ &= z^{\frac{\alpha}{k}+\nu} {}_{k,1}\Psi_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} (k(\nu+1), k) \\ (\alpha+k(\nu+1), k), ((\nu+k), 1) \end{matrix} \mid z \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  ${}_{k,1}\Psi_2$  denote the  $k$ -Fox-Wright function.

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