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## On generalized k-fractional derivative operator

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**Abstract:** The principal aim of this paper is to introduce k-fractional derivative operator by using the definition of k-beta function. This paper establishes some results related to the newly defined fractional operator such as the Mellin transform and the relations to k-hypergeometric and k-Appell’s functions. Also, we investigate the k-fractional derivative of k-Mittag-Leffler and the Wright hypergeometric functions.

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### 1. Introduction

The classical beta function

$$\mathbb{B}(\delta_1, \delta_2) = \int_0^1 t^{\delta_1-1} (1-t)^{\delta_2-1} dt, (\Re(\delta_1) > 0, \Re(\delta_2) > 0) \tag{1.1}$$

and its relation with well known gamma function is given by

$$\mathbb{B}(\delta_1, \delta_2) = \frac{\Gamma(\delta_1)\Gamma(\delta_2)}{\Gamma(\delta_1 + \delta_2)}, \Re(\delta_1) > 0, \Re(\delta_2) > 0.$$

The Gauss hypergeometric, confluent hypergeometric and Appell’s functions which are respectively defined by(see [27])

$${}_2F_1(\delta_1, \delta_2; \delta_3; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\delta_1)_n (\delta_2)_n}{(\delta_3)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}, (|z| < 1), \tag{1.2}$$

$$(\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3 \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \delta_3 \neq 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots),$$

and

$${}_1\Phi_1(\delta_2; \delta_3; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\delta_2)_n z^n}{(\delta_3)_n n!}, (|z| < 1), \tag{1.3}$$

$$(\delta_2, \delta_3 \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \delta_3 \neq 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots).$$

The Appell’s series or bivariate hypergeometric series is defined by

$$F_1(\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3; \delta_4; x, y) = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\delta_1)_{m+n}(\delta_2)_m(\delta_3)_n x^m y^n}{(\delta_4)_{m+n} m! n!}; \tag{1.4}$$

for all  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \delta_4 \in \mathbb{C}, \delta_4 \neq 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots, |x|, |y| < 1 < 1$ .

The integral representation of hypergeometric, confluent hypergeometric and Appell’s functions are respectively defined by

$${}_2F_1(\delta_1, \delta_2; \delta_3; z) = \frac{\Gamma(\delta_3)}{\Gamma(\delta_2)\Gamma(\delta_3 - \delta_2)} \int_0^1 t^{\delta_2-1} (1-t)^{\delta_3-\delta_2-1} (1-zt)^{-\delta_1} dt, \tag{1.5}$$

$$(\Re(\delta_3) > \Re(\delta_2) > 0, |\arg(1-z)| < \pi),$$

and

$${}_1\Phi_1(\delta_2; \delta_3; z) = \frac{\Gamma(\delta_3)}{\Gamma(\delta_2)\Gamma(\delta_3 - \delta_2)} \int_0^1 t^{\delta_2-1} (1-t)^{\delta_3-\delta_2-1} e^{zt} dt, \tag{1.6}$$

$$(\Re(\delta_3) > \Re(\delta_2) > 0).$$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_1(\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3; \delta_4; x, y) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\delta_4)}{\Gamma(\delta_1)\Gamma(\delta_4 - \delta_1)} \int_0^1 t^{\delta_1-1} (1-t)^{\delta_4-\delta_1-1} (1-xt)^{-\delta_2} (1-yt)^{-\delta_3} dt. \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

The k-gamma function, k-beta function and the k-Pochhammer symbol introduced and studied by Diaz and Pariguan [5]. The integral representation of k-gamma function and k-beta function respectively given by

$$\Gamma_k(z) = k^{\frac{z}{k}-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{k}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{z-1} e^{-\frac{t}{k}} dt, \quad \Re(z) > 0, k > 0 \tag{1.8}$$

$$\mathbb{B}_k(x, y) = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^1 t^{\frac{x}{k}-1} (1-t)^{\frac{y}{k}-1} dt, \quad \Re(x) > 0, \Re(y) > 0. \tag{1.9}$$

Here, we recall the following relations (see [5]).

$$\mathbb{B}_k(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_k(x)\Gamma_k(y)}{\Gamma_k(x+y)}, \quad (1.10)$$

$$(z)_{n,k} = \frac{\Gamma_k(z+n\mathbf{k})}{\Gamma_k(z)}, \quad (1.11)$$

where  $(z)_{n,k} = (z)(z+\mathbf{k})(z+2\mathbf{k})\cdots(z+(n-1)\mathbf{k})$ ;  $(z)_{0,k} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{k} > 0$  and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha)_{n,k} \frac{z^n}{n!} = (1 - \mathbf{k}z)^{-\frac{\alpha}{\mathbf{k}}}. \quad (1.12)$$

These studies were followed by Mansour [16], Kokologiannaki [13], Krasniqi [14] and Merovci [17]. In 2012, Mubeen and Habibullah [18] defined the  $\mathbf{k}$ -hypergeometric function as

$${}_2F_{1,k}(\delta_1, \delta_2; \delta_3; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\delta_1)_{n,k}(\delta_2)_{n,k}}{(\delta_3)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n}{n!}, \quad (1.13)$$

where  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\delta_3 \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$  and its integral representation is given by

$${}_2F_{1,k}(\delta_1, \delta_2; \delta_3; z) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{k}\mathbb{B}_k(\delta_2, \delta_3 - \delta_2)} \times \int_0^1 t^{\frac{\delta_2}{\mathbf{k}}-1} (1-t)^{\frac{\delta_3-\delta_2}{\mathbf{k}}-1} (1-\mathbf{k}tz)^{-\frac{\delta_1}{\mathbf{k}}} dt. \quad (1.14)$$

The  $\mathbf{k}$ -Riemann-Liouville (R-L) fractional integral using  $\mathbf{k}$ -gamma function introduced in [19]:

$$(I_{\mathbf{k}}^{\alpha} f(t))(x) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{k}\Gamma_{\mathbf{k}}(\alpha)} \int_0^x f(t)(x-t)^{\frac{\alpha}{\mathbf{k}}-1} dt, \mathbf{k}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (1.15)$$

Later on Mubeen and Iqbal [11] established the improved version of Gruss type inequalities by utilizing  $k$ -fractional integrals. In [1], Agarwal et al. presented certain Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for generalized  $k$ -fractional integrals. Set et al. [29] presented an integral identity and generalized Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for Riemann-Liouville fractional integral. Mubeen et al. [24] established integral inequalities of Ostrowski type for  $k$ -fractional Riemann-Liouville integrals. Recently, many researchers have introduced generalized version of  $k$ -fractional integrals and investigated a large bulk of various inequalities via the said fractional integrals. The interesting readers are referred to see the work of [9, 10, 26, 30]. Farid et al. [7] introduced Hadamard  $k$ -fractional integrals. In [8] introduced Hadamard-type inequalities for  $k$ -fractional Riemann-Liouville integrals. In [12, 31], the authors established certain inequalities by utilizing Hadamard-type inequalities for  $k$ -fractional Riemann-Liouville integrals. In [25], Nisar et al. established certain Gronwall type inequalities associated with Riemann-Liouville  $k$ - and Hadamard  $k$ -fractional derivatives and their applications. In [25], they presented dependence solutions of certain  $k$ -fractional differential equations of arbitrary real order with initial conditions. Recently, Samraiz et al. [28] defined an extension of Hadamard  $k$ -fractional derivative and proved its various properties.

The solution of some integral equations involving confluent  $k$ -hypergeometric functions and  $k$ -analogue of Kummer's first formula are given in [22, 23]. While the  $k$ -hypergeometric and confluent  $k$ -hypergeometric differential equations are introduced in [20]. In 2015, Mubeen et al. [21] introduced  $k$ -Appell hypergeometric function as

$$F_{1,k}(\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3; \delta_4; z_1, z_2) = \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\delta_1)_{m+n,k}(\delta_2)_{m,k}(\delta_3)_{n,k}}{(\delta_4)_{m+n,k}} \frac{z_1^m z_2^n}{m!n!} \quad (1.16)$$

for all  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \delta_4 \in \mathbb{C}, \delta_4 \neq 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots$ ,  $\max\{|z_1|, |z_2|\} < \frac{1}{k}$  and  $k > 0$ . Also, Mubeen et al. defined its integral representation as

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{1,k}(\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3; \delta_4; z_1, z_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{k\mathbb{B}_k(\delta_1, \delta_4 - \delta_1)} \int_0^1 t^{\frac{\delta_1}{k}-1} (1-t)^{\frac{\delta_4-\delta_1}{k}-1} (1-kz_1t)^{-\frac{\delta_2}{k}} (1-kz_2t)^{-\frac{\delta_3}{k}} dt, \quad (1.17) \\ & (\Re(\delta_4) > \Re(\delta_1) > 0). \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Extension of fractional derivative operator

In this section, we recall the following definition of fractional derivatives from and give a new extension called Riemann-Liouville  $k$ -fractional derivative.

**Definition 2.1.** *The well-known R-L fractional derivative of order  $\mu$  is defined by*

$$\mathfrak{D}_x^\mu \{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\mu)} \int_0^x f(t)(x-t)^{-\mu-1} dt, \quad \Re(\mu) < 0. \quad (2.1)$$

For the case  $m-1 < \Re(\mu) < m$  where  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_x^\mu \{f(x)\} &= \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \mathfrak{D}_x^{\mu-m} \{f(x)\} \\ &= \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\mu+m)} \int_0^x f(t)(x-t)^{-\mu+m-1} dt \right\}. \quad (2.2) \end{aligned}$$

For further study and applications, we refer the readers to the work of [2–4, 15, 32]. In the following, we define Riemann-Liouville  $k$ -fractional derivative of order  $\mu$  as

**Definition 2.2.**

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_x^\mu \{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^x f(t)(x-t)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} dt, \quad \Re(\mu) < 0, k \in \mathbb{R}^+. \quad (2.3)$$

For the case  $m-1 < \Re(\mu) < m$  where  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , it follows

$$\begin{aligned} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_x^\mu \{f(x)\} &= \frac{d^m}{dx^m} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_x^{\mu-mk} \{f(x)\} \\ &= \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left\{ \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu+mk)} \int_0^x f(t)(x-t)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}+m-1} dt \right\}. \quad (2.4) \end{aligned}$$

Note that for  $k = 1$ , definition 2.2 reduces to the classical R-L fractional derivative operator given in definition 2.1.

Now, we are ready to prove some theorems by using the new definition 2.2.

**Theorem 1.** *The following formula holds true,*

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}}\} = \frac{z^{\frac{\eta-\mu}{k}}}{\Gamma_k(-\mu)}\mathbb{B}_k(\eta + k, -\mu), \Re(\mu) < 0. \quad (2.5)$$

*Proof.* From (2.3), we have

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}}\} = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\frac{\eta}{k}}(z-t)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} dt. \quad (2.6)$$

Substituting  $t = uz$  in (2.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}}\} &= \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^1 (uz)^{\frac{\eta}{k}}(z-uz)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} z du \\ &= \frac{z^{\frac{\eta-\mu}{k}}}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{\eta}{k}}(1-u)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} du. \end{aligned}$$

Applying definition (1.9) to the above equation, we get the desired result.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\Re(\mu) > 0$  and suppose that the function  $f(z)$  is analytic at the origin with its Maclaurin expansion given by  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  where  $|z| < \rho$  for some  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Then*

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{f(z)\} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{z^n\}. \quad (2.7)$$

*Proof.* Using the series expansion of the function  $f(z)$  in (2.3) gives

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{f(z)\} = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^z \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n (z-t)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} dt.$$

As the series is uniformly convergent on any closed disk centered at the origin with its radius smaller than  $\rho$ , therefore the series so does on the line segment from 0 to a fixed  $z$  for  $|z| < \rho$ . Thus it guarantee terms by terms integration as follows

$$\begin{aligned} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{f(z)\} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \left\{ \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^z t^n (z-t)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} dt \right\} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\{z^n\}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the required proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *The following result holds true:*

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}\} = \frac{\Gamma_k(\eta)}{\Gamma_k(\mu)} z^{\frac{\mu}{k}-1} {}_2F_{1,k}(\beta, \eta; \mu; z), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\Re(\mu) > \Re(\eta) > 0$  and  $|z| < 1$ .

*Proof.* By direct calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}\} &= \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\mu-\eta)} \int_0^z t^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kt)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}(z-t)^{\frac{\mu-\eta}{k}-1} dt \\ &= \frac{z^{\frac{\mu-\eta}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\mu-\eta)} \int_0^z t^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kt)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}\left(1-\frac{t}{z}\right)^{\frac{\mu-\eta}{k}-1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $t = zu$  in the above equation, we get

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}\} = \frac{z^{\frac{\mu}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\mu-\eta)} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kuz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}(1-u)^{\frac{\mu-\eta}{k}-1} z du.$$

Applying (1.14) and after simplification we get the required proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** *The following result holds true:*

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kaz)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}}(1-kbz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}\} = \frac{\Gamma_k(\eta)}{\Gamma_k(\mu)} z^{\frac{\mu}{k}-1} F_{1,k}(\eta, \alpha, \beta; \mu; az, bz), \quad (2.9)$$

where  $\Re(\mu) > \Re(\eta) > 0$ ,  $\Re(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\Re(\beta) > 0$ ,  $\max\{|az|, |bz|\} < \frac{1}{k}$ .

*Proof.* To prove (2.9), we use the power series expansion

$$(1-kaz)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}}(1-kbz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha)_{m,k} (\beta)_{n,k} \frac{(az)^m (bz)^n}{m! n!}.$$

Now, applying Theorem 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &{}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kaz)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}}(1-kbz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}\} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha)_{m,k} (\beta)_{n,k} \frac{(a)^m (b)^n}{m! n!} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}+m+n-1}\} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha)_{m,k} (\beta)_{n,k} \frac{(a)^m (b)^n \beta_k(\eta + mk + nk, \mu - \eta)}{m! n! \Gamma_k(\mu - \eta)} z^{\frac{\mu}{k}+m+n-1} \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha)_{m,k} (\beta)_{n,k} \frac{(a)^m (b)^n \Gamma_k(\eta + mk + nk)}{m! n! \Gamma_k(\mu + mk + nk)} z^{\frac{\mu}{k}+m+n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (1.16), we get

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}(1-kaz)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}}(1-kbz)^{-\frac{\beta}{k}}\} = \frac{\Gamma_k(\eta)}{\Gamma_k(\mu)} z^{\frac{\mu}{k}-1} F_{1,k}(\eta, \alpha, \beta; \mu; az, bz).$$

$\square$

**Theorem 5.** *The following Mellin transform formula holds true:*

$$M\{e^{-x} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\mu}(z^{\frac{\eta}{k}}); s\} = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \mathbb{B}_k(\eta + k, -\mu) z^{\frac{\eta-\mu}{k}}, \quad (2.10)$$

where  $\Re(\eta) > -1$ ,  $\Re(\mu) < 0$ ,  $\Re(s) > 0$ .

*Proof.* Applying the Mellin transform on definition (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M\{e^{-x} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu(z^{\frac{\eta}{k}}); s\} &= \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu(z^\eta); s\} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x} \left\{ \int_0^x t^{\frac{\eta}{k}} (z-t)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} dt \right\} dx \\ &= \frac{z^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x} \left\{ \int_0^x t^{\frac{\eta}{k}} \left(1 - \frac{t}{z}\right)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} dt \right\} dx \\ &= \frac{z^{\frac{\eta-\mu}{k}}}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x} \left\{ \int_0^1 u^{\frac{\eta}{k}} (1-u)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} du \right\} dx \end{aligned}$$

Interchanging the order of integrations in above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} M\{e^{-x} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu(z^{\frac{\eta}{k}}); s\} &= \frac{z^{\frac{\eta-\mu}{k}}}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \int_0^1 u^{\frac{\eta}{k}} (1-u)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} \left( \int_0^\infty x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx \right) du \\ &= \frac{z^{\frac{\eta-\mu}{k}}}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \Gamma(s) \int_0^1 u^{\frac{\eta}{k}} (1-u)^{-\frac{\mu}{k}-1} du \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \mathbb{B}_k(\eta + k, -\mu) z^{\frac{\eta-\mu}{k}}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** The following Mellin transform formula holds true:

$$M\{e^{-x} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu((1-kz)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}}); s\} = \frac{z^{-\frac{\mu}{k}} \Gamma(s)}{\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \mathbb{B}_k(k, -\mu) {}_2F_{1,k}(\alpha, k; -\mu + k; z), \quad (2.11)$$

where  $\Re(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\Re(\mu) < 0$ ,  $\Re(s) > 0$ , and  $|z| < 1$ .

*Proof.* Using the power series for  $(1-kz)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}}$  and applying Theorem 5 with  $\eta = nk$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} M\{e^{-x} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu((1-kz)^{-\frac{\alpha}{k}}); s\} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_{n,k}}{n!} M\{e^{-x} {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu(z^n); s\} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(s)}{k\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_{n,k}}{n!} \mathbb{B}_k(nk + k, -\mu) z^{n-\frac{\mu}{k}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(s) z^{-\frac{\mu}{k}}}{\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{B}_k(nk + k, -\mu) \frac{(\alpha)_{n,k} z^n}{n!} \\ &= \Gamma(s) z^{-\frac{\mu}{k}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma_k(k + nk)}{\Gamma_k(-\mu + k + nk)} \frac{(\alpha)_{n,k} z^n}{n!} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma_k(-\mu + k)} z^{-\frac{\mu}{k}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k)_{n,k}}{(-\mu + k)_{n,k}} \frac{(\alpha)_{n,k} z^n}{n!} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(s) z^{-\frac{\mu}{k}}}{\Gamma_k(-\mu)} \mathbb{B}_k(k, -\mu) {}_2F_{1,k}(\alpha, k; -\mu + k; z), \end{aligned}$$

which is the required proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** *The following result holds true:*

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\left[z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}E_{k,\gamma,\delta}^\mu(z)\right] = \frac{z^{\frac{\mu}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\mu-\eta)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma n + \delta)} \mathbb{B}_k(\eta + nk, \mu - \eta) \frac{z^n}{n!}, \quad (2.12)$$

where  $\gamma, \delta, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\Re(p) > 0$ ,  $\Re(q) > 0$ ,  $\Re(\mu) > \Re(\eta) > 0$  and  $E_{k,\gamma,\delta}^\mu(z)$  is  $k$ -Mittag-Leffler function (see [6]) defined as:

$$E_{k,\gamma,\delta}^\mu(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma n + \delta)} \frac{z^n}{n!}. \quad (2.13)$$

*Proof.* Using (2.13), the left-hand side of (2.12) can be written as

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\left[z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}E_{k,\gamma,\delta}^\mu(z)\right] = {}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\left[z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}\left\{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma n + \delta)} \frac{z^n}{n!}\right\}\right].$$

By Theorem 2, we have

$${}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\left[z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1}E_{k,\gamma,\delta}^\mu(z)\right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu)_{n,k}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma n + \delta)} \left\{{}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^\mu\left[z^{\frac{\eta}{k}+n-1}\right]\right\}.$$

In view of Theorem 1, we get the required proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** *The following result holds true:*

$$\begin{aligned} &{}_k\mathfrak{D}_z^{\eta-\mu}\left\{z^{\frac{\eta}{k}-1} {}_m\Psi_n\left[\begin{matrix} (\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,m}; \\ (\beta_j, B_j)_{1,n}; \end{matrix} \middle| z\right]\right\} = \frac{z^{\frac{\mu}{k}-1}}{k\Gamma_k(\mu-\eta)} \\ &\times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m \Gamma(\alpha_i + A_i n)}{\prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(\beta_j + B_j n)} \mathbb{B}_k(\eta + nk, \mu - \eta) \frac{z^n}{n!}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

where  $\Re(p) > 0$ ,  $\Re(q) > 0$ ,  $\Re(\mu) > \Re(\eta) > 0$  and  ${}_m\Psi_n(z)$  is the Fox-Wright function defined by (see [15], pages 56–58)

$${}_m\Psi_n(z) = {}_m\Psi_n\left[\begin{matrix} (\alpha_i, A_i)_{1,m}; \\ (\beta_j, B_j)_{1,n}; \end{matrix} \middle| z\right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m \Gamma(\alpha_i + A_i n)}{\prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(\beta_j + B_j n)} \frac{z^n}{n!}. \quad (2.15)$$

*Proof.* Applying Theorem 1 and followed the same procedure used in Theorem 7, we get the desired result.  $\square$

### 3. Concluding remarks

Recently, many researchers have introduced various generalizations of fractional integrals and derivatives. In this line, we have established a  $k$ -fractional derivative and its various properties. If we letting  $k \rightarrow 1$  then all the results established in this paper will reduce to the results related to the classical Reimann-Liouville fractional derivative operator.



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