

# Solution of Some Integral Equations Involving Confluent $k$ -Hypergeometric Functions

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## ABSTRACT

The principle aim of this research article is to investigate the properties of  $k$ -fractional integration introduced and defined by Mubeen and Habibullah [1], and secondly to solve the integral equation of the form

$$g(x) = \int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{\gamma/k}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| t-x \right] f(t) dt$$
, for  $k > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0, 0 < x < t < \infty$ , where  ${}_1F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| x \right]$  is the confluent  $k$ -hypergeometric functions, by using  $k$ -fractional integration.

**Keywords:** Linear Integral Equations; Fractional Integrals; Confluent Hypergeometric Functions

## 1. Introduction

Erdélyi [2] investigated the solutions of integral equations whose kernels contain Legendre functions. Love [3] solved the integral equations involving hypergeometric functions using fractional derivatives. Using variance of fractional integration, Habibullah [4] investigated the solution of the integral equations involving confluent hypergeometric functions and Srivastava [5] discussed the equations with polynomial kernels.

Diaz *et al.* [6-8] have introduced  $k$ -gamma and  $k$ -beta functions and proved a number of their properties that we are interested in. They have also studied  $k$ -zeta function and  $k$ -hypergeometric function based on Pochhammer  $k$ -symbols for factorial functions. These studies were then followed by works of Mansour [9], Kokologiannaki [10], Krasniqi [11,12] and Merovci [13] elaborating and strengthening the scope of  $k$ -gamma and  $k$ -beta functions. Very recently, Mubeen and Habibullah [14] gave a simple and useful integral representations of generalized  $k$ -hypergeometric and confluent  $k$ -hypergeometric functions that could helpful in completing the present research paper.

## 2. Fractional Integration

Mubeen and Habibullah [1] defined a  $k$ -fractional integration as a variant of Riemann-Liouville fractional integral as

$$I_k^\alpha (f)(x) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{(\alpha/k)-1} f(t) dt,$$

for  $k > 0, 0 < x < t < \infty$ . It reduces to the classical Riemann-Liouville fractional integral by taking  $k \rightarrow 1$  as

$$I^\alpha (f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, 0 < x < t < \infty.$$

## 3. $k$ -Hypergeometric and Confluent $k$ -Hypergeometric Differential Equations

The following  $k$ -hypergeometric function defined by Mubeen and Habibullah [14]

$$\omega = {}_2F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\alpha, k), (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| z \right] \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_{n,k} (\beta)_{n,k}}{(\gamma)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n}{n!}, k > 0$$

is the solution of the linear second order differential equation of the form

$$kz(1-kz)\omega'' + [\gamma - k(\alpha + \beta + k)z]\omega' - \alpha\beta\omega = 0.$$

In this article, we call it  $k$ -hypergeometric differential equation. It reduces to ordinary hypergeometric differential equation by taking  $k \rightarrow 1$ .

And also the following confluent  $k$ -hypergeometric function defined by Mubeen and Habibullah [14]

$$\omega = {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} z \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta)_{n,k}}{(\gamma)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n}{n!}, k > 0,$$

is the solution of the linear second order differential equation of the form

$$kz\omega'' + (\gamma - kz)\omega' - \beta\omega = 0.$$

In this article, we call it confluent  $k$ -hypergeometric differential equation. It reduces to ordinary hypergeometric differential equation by taking  $k \rightarrow 1$ .

### 4. Main Results

**Theorem 4.1.** If  $\lambda > 0, \gamma > 0$  and  $x > t$ , then

$$\int_t^x \frac{(x-s)^{(\lambda/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda)} \frac{(s-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} t-s \right] ds$$

$$= \frac{k(x-t)^{((\gamma+\lambda)/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma+\lambda)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma+\lambda, k); \end{matrix} t-x \right]$$

**Proof.** Consider

$$\int_0^1 \frac{(1-u)^{(\lambda/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda)} \frac{u^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} zu \right] du$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-u)^{(\lambda/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda)} \frac{u^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta)_{n,k}}{(\gamma)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n u^n}{n!} du$$

$$= k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta)_{n,k}}{(\gamma)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n}{n!} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(1-u)^{(\lambda/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda)} \frac{u^{(\gamma/k)+n-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} du \right]$$

$$= k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta)_{n,k}}{(\gamma)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n}{n!} \frac{\Gamma_k(\gamma+nk)}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)\Gamma_k(\gamma+\lambda+nk)}$$

$$= \frac{k}{\Gamma_k(\gamma+\lambda)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta)_{n,k}}{(\gamma+\lambda)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{k}{\Gamma_k(\gamma+\lambda)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma+\lambda, k); \end{matrix} z \right]$$

Put  $u = \frac{s-t}{x-t}$  and  $z = t-x$  in the above equation, then we get the desired result.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} t-x \right] f(t) dt = g(x)$$

for  $k > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$  and  $0 < x < t < \infty$ .

If  $g(x)$  is a given function, then

$$f(x) = e^{-x} I_k^{-\beta} e^x I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^{\beta} g(x).$$

**Proof.** Set

$$H_k(\beta, \gamma) f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} t-x \right] f(t) dt,$$

where  $k > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$  and  $0 < x < t < \infty$ .

Apply  $I_k^{\lambda}$  on both sides, we get the following

$$I_k^{\lambda} H_k(\beta, \gamma) f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{(x-s)^{(\lambda/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda)} \times \left[ \int_0^s \frac{(s-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} t-s \right] f(t) dt \right] ds.$$

Changing the order of integration by using Fubini's theorem.

$$I_k^{\lambda} H_k(\beta, \gamma) f(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \times \left[ \int_t^x \frac{(x-s)^{(\lambda/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\lambda)} \frac{(s-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} t-s \right] ds \right] dt.$$

By Theorem 4.1, we have

$$I_k^{\lambda} H_k(\beta, \gamma) f(x) = k \int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{((\gamma+\lambda)/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma+\lambda)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma+\lambda, k); \end{matrix} t-x \right] f(t) dt.$$

This implies that

$$I_k^{\lambda} H_k(\beta, \gamma) f(x) = k H_k(\beta, \gamma + \lambda) f(x).$$

Since

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} t-x \right] f(t) dt = g(x),$$

$$H_k(\beta, \gamma) f(x) = g(x),$$

$$I_k^{\beta} H_k(\beta, \gamma) f(x) = I_k^{\beta} g(x),$$

$$k H_k(\beta, \beta + \gamma) f(x) = I_k^{\beta} g(x),$$

$$I_k^{\gamma} H_k(\beta, \beta) f(x) = I_k^{\beta} g(x),$$

$$H_k(\beta, \beta) f(x) = I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^{\beta} g(x).$$

This may be written as

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\beta/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\beta)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\beta, k); \end{matrix} t-x \right] f(t) dt = I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^{\beta} g(x).$$

Since  ${}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\beta, k); \end{matrix} t-x \right] = e^{t-x}$ , we obtain

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\beta/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\beta)} e^{t-x} f(t) dt = I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^\beta g(x),$$

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\beta/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\beta)} e^t f(t) dt = e^x I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^\beta g(x),$$

$$I_k^\beta e^x f(x) = e^x I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^\beta g(x),$$

$$e^x f(x) = I_k^{-\beta} e^x I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^\beta g(x),$$

$$f(x) = e^{-x} I_k^{-\beta} e^x I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^\beta g(x).$$

This is the solution of the integral equation, if it exists. This integral equation implies that

$$g(x) = I_k^{-\beta} I_k^\gamma e^{-x} I_k^\beta e^x f(x).$$

Now, we find a solution of another integral equation

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| x-t \right] f(t) dt = g(x),$$

for  $k > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$  and  $0 < x < t < \infty$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| x-t \right] f(t) dt = g(x),$$

for  $k > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$  and  $0 < x < t < \infty$ .

If  $g(x)$  is a given function, then

$$f(x) = I_k^{\beta-\gamma} e^x I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^{\gamma-\beta} e^{-x} g(x).$$

**Proof.** Consider

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| x-t \right] f(t) dt = g(x).$$

Using the Mubeen's relation [15]

$${}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| x \right] = e^x {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\gamma - \beta, k); \\ (\beta, k); \end{matrix} \middle| -x \right],$$

we obtain the following

$$\int_0^x \frac{(x-t)^{(\gamma/k)-1}}{\Gamma_k(\gamma)} e^x {}_1F_{1,k} \left[ \begin{matrix} (\gamma - \beta, k); \\ (\gamma, k); \end{matrix} \middle| t-x \right] f(t) dt = g(x).$$

Thus, if  $k > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$  and  $0 < x < t < \infty$ , then

$$f(x) = I_k^{\beta-\gamma} e^x I_k^{-\gamma} I_k^{\gamma-\beta} e^{-x} g(x).$$

Also, we have the following result

$$g(x) = e^x I_k^{\beta-\gamma} I_k^\gamma e^{-x} I_k^{\gamma-\beta} f(x).$$

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