

**ON SOME PROPERTIES OF GENERALIZED  
q-MITTAG LEFFLER FUNCTION**

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**Abstract**

In the present paper, we make an attempt to introduce q-analogue of generalized Mittag Leffler function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}(z; q)$  and its q-recurrence relations with q-derivative. Also, we present q-fractional operators and properties of  $E_{\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(z; q)$  by using fractional q-calculus.

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**1. Introduction**

In 1903, the Swedish mathematician Gosta Mittag Leffler [5] introduced the function  $E_\alpha(z)$  by

$$E_\alpha(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + 1)}, \quad (\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0) \quad (1.1)$$

The generalization of  $E_\alpha(z)$  was studied by Wiman [12], who defined the function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}(z)$  as below

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)}, \quad (\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbf{C}, \operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \operatorname{Re}(\beta) > 0, \operatorname{Re}(\gamma) > 0) \quad (1.2)$$

In 1971, Prabhakar [6] introduced the function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(z)$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma) > 0$  which is defined by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma)_n}{\Gamma(\alpha n + \beta)} \cdot \frac{z^n}{n!} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $(\lambda)_n$  is the Pochhammer symbol [7] defined by

$$(\lambda)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda + n)}{\Gamma(\lambda)} = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, \lambda \neq 0 \\ \lambda(\lambda+1) \dots (\lambda+n-1), & n \in \mathbf{N}, \lambda \in \mathbf{C} \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

$\mathbf{N}$  being the set of positive integers.

In the sequel to this study, we define the  $q$ -analogue of generalized Mittag-Leffler function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(z; q)$  as follows

**Definition 1 :** For  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma) > 0$  and  $|q| < 1$  the function  $E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(z; q)$  is defined as

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} \quad (1.5)$$

where  $\Gamma_q(\lambda)$  is the  $q$ -gamma function.

The  $q$ -analogue of the Pochhammer symbol ( $q$ -shifted factorial) is defined by

$$(\lambda; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - \lambda q^k) = \frac{(\lambda; q)_{\infty}}{(\lambda q^n; q)_{\infty}} \quad (1.6)$$

and the  $q$ -analogue of the power  $(a - b)^n$  is

$$(a - b)^0 = 1, (a - b)^n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (a - b q^k) \quad (1.7)$$

There is following relationship between them :

$$(a - b)^n = a^n \left(\frac{b}{a}; q\right)_n, \quad (a \neq 0)$$

$$= a^n \frac{(b/a; q)_\infty}{(q^n b/a; q)_\infty} \tag{1.8}$$

Also, Predrag M. Rajkovic, et. al. [8], define a  $q$ -derivative of a function  $f(z)$  by

$$D_q f(z) = \frac{f(z) - f(qz)}{z - qz} \quad (z \neq 0) \tag{1.9}$$

Further, the  $\Gamma_q(z)$  satisfies the functional equation,

$$\Gamma_q(z+1) = \frac{1 - q^z}{1 - q} \Gamma_q(z) \tag{1.10}$$

Again, the  $q$ -analogue of the beta function is defined by

$$B_q(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} \frac{(tq; q)_\infty}{(tq^y; q)_\infty} d_q(t) \tag{1.11}$$

The relation between  $q$ -beta function and  $q$ -gamma function is

$$B_q(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(y)}{\Gamma_q(x+y)}, \quad (\text{Re}(x) > 0, \text{Re}(y) > 0) \tag{1.12}$$

The detailed account of generalized Mittag-Leffler function can be found in research monographs due to Agrawal [1], Kilbas, et. al. [3], Gupta and Debnath [2], and Shukla and Prajapati [9, 10, 11].

In this paper, the motive is to evaluate the recurrence relation with  $q$ -derivative and in the last section, properties of  $E_{\alpha, \beta}^\gamma(z; q)$  by using fractional  $q$ -calculus.

### 2. Recurrence Relations

**Theorem 1 :** If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ ,  $\text{Re}(\beta) > 0$ ,  $\text{Re}(\gamma) > 0$  then

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}^\gamma(z; q) = E_{\alpha, \beta}^{\gamma+1}(z; q) - zq^\gamma E_{\alpha, \alpha+\beta}^\gamma(z; q) \tag{2.1}$$

**Proof:** From (1.5), we write

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}^\gamma(z; q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\beta)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\beta)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q^\gamma)(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_{n-1}}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)}$$

Since  $(1-q^\gamma) = (1-q^{\gamma+n}) - q^\gamma(1-q^n)$  then, the above equation becomes equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\beta)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_{n-1}}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{[(1-q^{\gamma+n}) - q^\gamma(1-q^n)]z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\beta)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} - q^\gamma \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_{n-1}}{(q; q)_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} - q^\gamma \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_{n-1}}{(q; q)_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} \end{aligned}$$

On replacing  $n$  by  $m+1$  in second summation, the RHS of above equation becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \cdot \frac{z^n}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)} - q^\gamma z \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{\gamma+1}; q)_m}{(q; q)_m} \cdot \frac{z^m}{\Gamma_q[\alpha m + (\alpha + \beta)]}$$

In view of definition (1.5), the above expression becomes

$$E_{\alpha, \beta}^{\gamma+1}(z; q) - \gamma z E_{\alpha, \alpha+\beta}^{\gamma+1}(z; q)$$

This completes the proof of the result (2.1).

**Theorem 2 :** Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \omega \in \mathbb{C}$ , then for any  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$D_q^n [z^{\beta-1} E_{\alpha, \beta}^\gamma(\omega z^\alpha; q)] = z^{\beta-n-1} E_{\alpha, \beta-n}^\gamma(\omega z^\alpha; q) \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\text{Re}(\beta) > n$ .

**Proof :** Consider the function

$$f(z) = z^{\beta-1} E_{\alpha, \beta}^\gamma(\omega z^\alpha; q) \text{ in (1.9) and applying the definition (1.5)}$$

$$D_q [z^{\beta-1} E_{\alpha, \beta}^\gamma(\omega z^\alpha; q)] \text{ becomes}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \frac{(1-q^{\alpha n + \beta - 1})}{(1-q)} \frac{\omega^n z^{\alpha n + \beta - 2}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta)}$$

According to the functional equation (1.10) the above expression becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \frac{\omega^n z^{\alpha n + \beta - 2}}{\Gamma_q(\alpha n + \beta - 1)}$$

which equals  $z^{\beta-2} E_{\alpha,\beta-1}^\gamma(\omega x^\alpha; q)$

Finally, we obtain

$$D_q [z^{\beta-1} E_{\alpha,\beta}^\gamma(\omega x^\alpha; q)] = z^{\beta-2} E_{\alpha,\beta-1}^\gamma(\omega x^\alpha; q)$$

Iterating this result, upto  $n-1$  times, we obtain the required formula.

### 3. Fractional $q$ -Calculus

We define the fractional  $q$ -integral of operator and the fractional  $q$ -derivative of Miller and Ross [4] type by

**Definition 2:** The fractional  $q$ -integral operator of order  $\nu$  defined as for  $\text{Re}(\nu) > 0$

$$I_q^\nu f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\nu)} \int_0^t (t - q\xi)^{(\nu-1)} f(\xi) d_q \xi \tag{3.1}$$

**Definition 3 :** The fractional  $q$ -differential operator of order  $\mu$  defined as

$$D_q^\mu f(t) = D_q^k \{I^{k-\mu} f(t)\} \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\text{Re}(\mu) > 0$  and if  $k$  is the smallest integer with the property that  $k \geq \text{Re}(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 3 :** Let  $\gamma \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\text{Re}(\gamma) > 0$  and  $c$  is any arbitrary constant, then

$$I_q^\nu E_{1,1}^\gamma(ct; q) = t^\nu E_{1,\nu+1}^\gamma(ct; q) \tag{3.3}$$

**Proof :** Consider the function  $f(t) = E_{1,1}^\gamma(ct; q)$  in (3.1) and applying the definition (1.5), the LHS of above expression becomes.

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\nu)} \int_0^t (t - q\xi)^{(\nu-1)} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n (c\xi)^n}{(q; q)_n \Gamma_q(n+1)} d_q \xi$$

Now, using relation (1.8) above expression reduce to

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\nu)} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n c^n}{(q; q)_n} \int_0^t \frac{t^{\nu-1} \left(\frac{q\xi}{t}; q\right)_\infty}{\left(\frac{q^\nu \xi}{t}; q\right)_\infty} \xi^n d_q \xi$$

On simplification, we have

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\nu)} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n c^n}{(q; q)_n} t^{\nu+n-1} \int_0^t \left(\frac{\xi}{t}\right)^n \frac{\left(\frac{q\xi}{t}; q\right)_\infty}{\left(\frac{q^\nu \xi}{t}; q\right)_\infty} d_q \xi$$

substituting  $\xi=xt$ , which yields

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\nu)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n c^n}{(q; q)_n} t^{\nu+n} \int_0^1 x^n \frac{(qx; q)_\infty}{(q^\nu x; q)_\infty} d_q x$$

Using the definition of beta function (1.11), the above expression becomes

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\nu)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n c^n}{(q; q)_n} t^{\nu+n} B_q(n+1, \nu)$$

Also, using the relation (1.12) and on simplification, the RHS of above equation reduce to

$$t^\nu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \frac{(ct)^n}{\Gamma_q(\nu+n+1)} = t^\nu E_{1, \nu+1}^\gamma(ct; q)$$

This completes the proof of the result (3.3).

**Theorem 4 :** Let  $\gamma \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\text{Re}(\gamma) > 0$  and  $c$  is any arbitrary constant, then

$$D_q^\mu E_{1,1}^\gamma(ct; q) = t^{-\mu} E_{1,1-\mu}^\gamma(ct; q) \quad (3.4)$$

**Proof :** Consider the function  $f(t) = E_{1,1}^\gamma(ct; q)$  in (3.2)

The LHS of above expression reduce to  $D_q^k \left\{ I_q^{k-\mu} E_{1,1}^\gamma(ct; q) \right\}$

Now using theorem (3) it becomes  $D_q^k \left\{ t^{k-\mu} E_{1, k-\mu+1}^\gamma(ct; q) \right\}$

Using definition (1.5) and on simplification we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n c^n}{(q; q)_n} D_q^k \left\{ \frac{t^{k-\mu+n}}{\Gamma_q(k-\mu+n+1)} \right\}$$

On applying (1.9) and (1.10) upto  $k$  times the above equation reduce to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^\gamma; q)_n c^n}{(q; q)_n} \frac{t^{-\mu+n}}{\Gamma_q(n+1-\mu)}$$

It can be written as  $t^{-\mu} E_{1,1-\mu}^\gamma(ct; q)$

This completes the proof of the result (3.4).

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