

## Some inequalities for the $q, k$ -Gamma and Beta functions

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### Abstract

Using  $q$ -integral inequalities we establish some new inequalities for the  $q$ - $k$  Gamma, Beta and Psi functions.

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## 1 Introduction

The  $q$ -analogue  $\Gamma_q$  of the well known Gamma function was initially introduced by Thomae [11] and later deeply studied by Jackson [6]. The reader will find in the research literature more about this feature.

In [1], R. Diaz and C. Truel introduced a  $q, k$ -generalized Gamma and Beta functions and they proved integral representations for  $\Gamma_{q,k}$  and  $B_{q,k}$  functions.

This work is devoted to establish some inequalities for the generalized  $q, k$ -Gamma and Beta functions and this has been possible thanks to the inequalities that verify the  $q$ -Jackson's integral.

The paper is organized as follows: In section 2, we present some preliminaries and notations that will be useful in the sequel. In section 3, we recall the  $q$ -Čebyšev's integral inequality for  $q$ -synchronous ( $q$ -asynchronous) functions and in direct consequence, we deduce some inequalities involving  $q, k$ -Beta and  $q, k$ -Gamma functions. In section 4, we establish some inequalities for these functions owing to the  $q$ -Holder's inequality. Finally section 5 is devoted to some applications of  $q$ -Grüss integral inequality.

## 2 Notations and preliminaries

To make this paper self containing, we provide in this section a summary of the mathematical notations and definitions useful. All of these results can be found in [4], [8] or [9].

Throughout this paper, we will fix  $q \in ]0, 1[$ ,  $k > 0$  a real number.

For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , we write

$$[a]_q = \frac{1 - q^a}{1 - q}, \quad (a; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \infty,$$

$$[n]_q! = [1]_q [2]_q \dots [n]_q, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The  $q$ -derivative  $D_q$  of a function  $f$  is given by

$$(D_q f)(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(qx)}{(1 - q)x}, \quad \text{if } x \neq 0, \quad (2.1)$$

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and  $(D_q f)(0) = f'(0)$  provided  $f'(0)$  exists.

The  $q$ -Jackson integrals from 0 to  $b$  and from 0 to  $\infty$  are defined by (see [7])

$$\int_0^b f(x) d_q x = (1-q)b \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(bq^n) q^n \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) d_q x = (1-q) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(q^n) q^n, \quad (2.3)$$

provided the sums converge absolutely.

The  $q$ -Jackson integral in a generic interval  $[a, b]$  is given by (see [7])

$$\int_a^b f(x) d_q x = \int_0^b f(x) d_q x - \int_0^a f(x) d_q x. \quad (2.4)$$

We denote by  $I$  one of the following sets:

$$\mathbb{R}_{q,+} = \{q^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \quad (2.5)$$

$$[0, b]_q = \{bq^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}, \quad b > 0, \quad (2.6)$$

$$[a, b]_q = \{bq^r : 0 \leq r \leq n\}, \quad b > 0, \quad a = bq^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (2.7)$$

and we note  $\int_I f(x) d_q x$  the  $q$ -integral of  $f$  on the correspondent  $I$ .

**Definition 2.1.** let  $x, y, s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we note by

$$1. (x+y)_{q,k}^n := \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (x + q^{jk}y)$$

$$2. (1+x)_{q,k}^{\infty} := \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 + q^{jk}x)$$

$$3. (1+x)_{q,k}^t := \frac{(1+x)_{q,k}^{\infty}}{(1+q^{kt}x)_{q,k}^{\infty}}.$$

We have  $(1+x)_{q,k}^{s+t} = (1+x)_{q,k}^s (1+q^{ks}x)_{q,k}^t$ .

We recall the two  $q, k$ -analogues of the exponential function (see [1]) given by

$$E_{q,k}^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{kn(n-1)}{2}} \frac{x^n}{[n]_{q,k}!} = (1 + (1-q^k)x)_{q,k}^{\infty} \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$e_{q,k}^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{[n]_{q,k}!} = \frac{1}{(1 - (1-q^k)x)_{q,k}^{\infty}}. \quad (2.9)$$

These  $q, k$ -exponential functions satisfy the following relations:

$$D_{q^k} e_{q,k}^x = e_{q,k}^x, \quad D_{q^k} E_{q,k}^x = E_{q,k}^{q^k x} \quad \text{and} \quad E_{q,k}^{-x} e_{q,k}^x = e_{q,k}^x E_{q,k}^{-x} = 1.$$

The  $q, k$ -Gamma function is defined by [1]

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(x) = \frac{(1-q^k)_{q,k}^{\infty}}{(1-q^x)_{q,k}^{\infty} (1-q)^{\frac{x}{k}-1}} \quad x > 0. \quad (2.10)$$

When  $k = 1$  it reduces to the known  $q$ -Gamma function  $\Gamma_q$ .

It satisfies the following functional equation:

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(x+k) = [x]_q \Gamma_{q,k}(x), \quad \Gamma_{q,k}(k) = 1 \tag{2.11}$$

and having the following integral representation (see [1])

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(x) = \int_0^{(\frac{[k]_q}{1-q^k})^{\frac{1}{k}}} t^{x-1} E_{q,k}^{-\frac{q^k t^k}{[k]_q}} d_q t, \quad x > 0. \tag{2.12}$$

The previous integral representation, give that  $\Gamma_{q,k}$  is an infinitely differentiable function on  $]0, +\infty[$  and

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(i)}(x) = \int_0^{(\frac{[k]_q}{1-q^k})^{\frac{1}{k}}} t^{x-1} (\ln t)^i E_{q,k}^{-\frac{q^k t^k}{[k]_q}} d_q t, \quad x > 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{2.13}$$

The  $q, k$ -Beta function is defined by (see [1])

$$B_{q,k}(t,s) = [k]_q^{-\frac{t}{k}} \int_0^{[k]_q^{\frac{1}{k}}} x^{t-1} (1 - q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q})_{q,k}^{\frac{s}{k}-1} d_q x, \quad s > 0, t > 0. \tag{2.14}$$

By using the following change of variable  $u = \frac{x}{[k]_q^{\frac{1}{k}}}$ , the last equation becomes

$$B_{q,k}(t,s) = \int_0^1 u^{t-1} (1 - q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{s}{k}-1} d_q u, \quad s > 0, t > 0. \tag{2.15}$$

It satisfies

$$B_{q,k}(t,s) = \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(t)\Gamma_{q,k}(s)}{\Gamma_{q,k}(t+s)}, \quad s > 0, t > 0. \tag{2.16}$$

### 3 $q$ -Čebyšev's integral inequality and applications

We begin this section by recalling the  $q$ -Čebyšev's integral inequality for  $q$ -synchronous ( $q$ -asynchronous) mappings [3] and as applications we give some inequalities for the  $q, k$ -Beta and the  $q, k$ -Gamma functions.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions defined on  $I$ . The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are said  $q$ -synchronous ( $q$ -asynchronous) on  $I$  if

$$(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \geq (\leq) 0 \quad \forall x, y \in I. \tag{3.17}$$

Note that if  $f$  and  $g$  are both  $q$ -increasing or  $q$ -decreasing on  $I$  then they are  $q$ -synchronous on  $I$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $f, g$  and  $h$  be three functions defined on  $I$  such that:

1.  $h(x) \geq 0, \quad x \in I,$
2.  $f$  and  $g$  are  $q$ -synchronous ( $q$ -asynchronous) on  $I$ .

Then

$$\int_I h(x) d_q x \int_I h(x) f(x) g(x) d_q x \geq (\leq) \int_I h(x) f(x) d_q x \int_I h(x) g(x) d_q x. \tag{3.18}$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_I h(x) d_q x \int_I h(x) f(x) g(x) d_q x - \int_I h(x) f(x) d_q x \int_I h(x) g(x) d_q x = \\ & 1/2 \int_I \int_I h(x) h(y) [f(x) - f(y)] [g(x) - g(y)] d_q x d_q y. \end{aligned}$$

So, the result follows from the conditions (1) and (2). □

The following theorem is a direct consequence of the previous proposition.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $m, n, p$  and  $p'$  be some positive reals such that

$$(p - m)(p' - n) \leq (\geq) 0.$$

Then

$$B_{q,k}(p, p')B_{q,k}(m, n) \geq (\leq) B_{q,k}(p, n)B_{q,k}(m, p') \quad (3.19)$$

and

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(p + n)\Gamma_{q,k}(p' + m) \geq (\leq) \Gamma_{q,k}(p + p')\Gamma_{q,k}(m + n). \quad (3.20)$$

*Proof.* Fix  $m, n, p$  and  $p'$  in  $]0, +\infty[$ , satisfying the condition of the theorem and the functions  $f, g$  and  $h$  defined on  $[0, 1]_q$  by

$$f(u) = u^{p-m}, \quad g(u) = (1 - q^n u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{p'-n}{k}} \quad \text{and} \quad h(u) = u^{m-1}(1 - q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}-1}.$$

From the relations

$$D_q f(u) = [p - m]_q u^{p-m-1} \quad (3.21)$$

and

$$D_q g(u) = [n - p']_q q^{p'} u^{k-1} (1 - q^{n+k} u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{p'-n}{k}-1}, \quad (3.22)$$

one can see that  $f$  and  $g$  are  $q$ -synchronous ( $q$ -asynchronous) on  $I = [0, 1]_q$ .

So, by using the relation (2.15) and Proposition 3.1,

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 u^{m-1} (1 - q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} d_q u \int_0^1 u^{p-1} (1 - q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} (1 - q^n u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{p'-n}{k}} d_q u \geq \\ & (\leq) \int_0^1 u^{p-1} (1 - q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} d_q u \int_0^1 u^{m-1} (1 - q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} (1 - q^n u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{p'-n}{k}} d_q u, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$B_{q,k}(m, n)B_{q,k}(p, p') \geq (\leq) B_{q,k}(p, n)B_{q,k}(m, p'). \quad (3.23)$$

Now, according to the relations (2.16) and (3.19), we obtain

$$\frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(m)\Gamma_{q,k}(n)}{\Gamma_{q,k}(m+n)} \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(p)\Gamma_{q,k}(p')}{\Gamma_{q,k}(p+p')} \geq (\leq) \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(p)\Gamma_{q,k}(n)}{\Gamma_{q,k}(p+n)} \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(m)\Gamma_{q,k}(p')}{\Gamma_{q,k}(m+p')}. \quad (3.24)$$

Therefore

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(p + n)\Gamma_{q,k}(p' + m) \geq (\leq) \Gamma_{q,k}(p + p')\Gamma_{q,k}(m + n). \quad (3.25)$$

□

**Corollary 3.1.** For all  $p, m > 0$ , we have

$$B_{q,k}(p, m) \geq [B_{q,k}(p, p)B_{q,k}(m, m)]^{1/2} \quad (3.26)$$

and

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(p + m) \leq [\Gamma_{q,k}(2p)\Gamma_{q,k}(2m)]^{1/2}. \quad (3.27)$$

*Proof.* A direct application of Theorem 3.1, with  $p' = p$  and  $n = m$ , gives the results. □

**Corollary 3.2.** For all  $u, v > 0$ , we have

$$\Gamma_{q,k}\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \leq \sqrt{\Gamma_{q,k}(u)\Gamma_{q,k}(v)}. \quad (3.28)$$

*Proof.* The inequality follows from (3.27), by taking  $p = \frac{u}{2}$  and  $m = \frac{v}{2}$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $m, p$  and  $r$  be real numbers satisfying  $m, p > 0$  and  $p > r > -m$  and let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer.

If

$$r(p - m - r) \geq (\leq) 0 \tag{3.29}$$

then

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(p)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(m) \geq (\leq) \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(p - r)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(m + r). \tag{3.30}$$

*Proof.* Let  $f, g$  and  $h$  be the functions defined on  $I = [0, (\frac{[k]_q}{1-q^k})^{\frac{1}{k}}]_q$  by

$$f(x) = x^{p-m-r}, \quad g(x) = x^r \quad \text{and} \quad h(x) = x^{m-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n}.$$

We have

$$D_q f(x) = [p - m - r]_q x^{p-m-r-1} \quad \text{and} \quad D_q g(x) = [r]_q x^{r-1}.$$

If the condition (3.29) holds, one can show that the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are  $q$ -synchronous ( $q$ -asynchronous) on  $I$  and Proposition 3.1 gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_I x^{m-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x \int_I x^{p-m-r} x^r x^{m-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x \\ & \geq (\leq) \int_I x^{p-m-r} x^{m-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x \int_I x^r x^{m-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_I x^{m-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x \int_I x^{p-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x \\ & \geq (\leq) \int_I x^{p-r-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x \int_I x^{r+m-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{x^k}{[k]_q}} (\ln x)^{2n} d_q x. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the relation

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(i)}(x) = \int_I t^{x-1} (\ln t)^i E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} d_q t, \quad x > 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{N},$$

gives

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(m)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(p) \geq (\leq) \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(p - r)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(m + r). \tag{3.31}$$

□

Taking  $n = 0$  in the previous theorem, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $m, p$  and  $r$  be some real numbers under the conditions of Theorem 3.2, we have

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(p)\Gamma_{q,k}(m) \geq (\leq) \Gamma_{q,k}(p - r)\Gamma_{q,k}(m + r) \tag{3.32}$$

and

$$B_{q,k}(p, m) \geq (\leq) B_{q,k}(p - r, m + r). \tag{3.33}$$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer,  $p > 0$  and  $p' \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|p'| < p$ . Then

$$\left[ \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(p) \right]^2 \leq \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(p - p')\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(p + p'). \tag{3.34}$$

*Proof.* By choosing  $m = p$  and  $r = p'$ , we obtain

$$r(p - m - r) = -(p')^2 \leq 0$$

and the result turns out from Theorem 3.2.

□

Taking in the previous result  $p = \frac{u+v}{2}$  and  $p' = \frac{u-v}{2}$ , we obtain the following result:

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $u, v$  be two positive real numbers and  $n$  be a nonnegative integer. Then*

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \leq \sqrt{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(u)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(v)}. \quad (3.35)$$

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $p > 0$  and  $p' \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|p'| < p$ .*

*Then*

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^2(p) \leq \Gamma_{q,k}(p-p')\Gamma_{q,k}(p+p') \quad (3.36)$$

*and*

$$B_{q,k}(p, p) \leq B_{q,k}(p-p', p+p'). \quad (3.37)$$

*Proof.* For  $n = 0$ , the inequality (3.34) becomes

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^2(p) \leq \Gamma_{q,k}(p-p')\Gamma_{q,k}(p+p').$$

The inequality (3.37) follows from (2.16). □

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two positive real numbers such*

$$(a-k)(b-k) \geq (\leq) 0$$

*and  $n$  a nonnegative integer. Then*

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(2k)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(a+b) \geq (\leq)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(a+k)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(b+k). \quad (3.38)$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.2, set  $m = 2k$ ,  $p = a+b$  and  $r = b-k$ . The condition (3.29) becomes

$$r(p-m-r) = (a-k)(b-k) \geq (\leq) 0. \quad (3.39)$$

So,

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(2k)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(a+b) \geq (\leq)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(a+k)\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(b+k). \quad (3.40)$$

□

**Corollary 3.7.** *If  $a, b > 0$  such  $(a-k)(b-k) \geq (\leq) 0$ . Then*

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(a+b) \geq (\leq) \frac{[a]_q [b]_q}{[k]_q} \Gamma_{q,k}(a) \Gamma_{q,k}(b) \quad (3.41)$$

*and*

$$B_{q,k}(a, b) \leq (\geq) \frac{[k]_q}{[a]_q [b]_q}. \quad (3.42)$$

*Proof.* The inequality (3.41) follows from the previous theorem by taking  $n = 0$  and using the facts that  $\Gamma_{q,k}(2k) = [k]_q$ ,  $\Gamma_{q,k}(a+k) = [a]_q \Gamma_{q,k}(a)$  and  $\Gamma_{q,k}(b+k) = [b]_q \Gamma_{q,k}(b)$ . (2.16) together with (3.41) give (3.42). □

**Corollary 3.8.** *The function  $\ln \Gamma_{q,k}$  is superadditive for  $x \geq k$  and  $k \geq 1$ , in the sense that*

$$\ln \Gamma_{q,k}(a+b) \geq \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(a) + \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(b).$$

*Proof.* For all  $a, b \geq k$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(a+b) &\geq \ln \frac{[a]_q [b]_q}{[k]_q} + \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(a) + \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(b) \\ &\geq \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(a) + \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(b), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. □

**Corollary 3.9.** For  $a \geq k$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , we have

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(na) \geq \frac{[n-1]_{q^a}! [a]_q^{2(n-1)}}{[k]_q^{n-1}} [\Gamma_{q,k}(a)]^n. \tag{3.43}$$

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on  $n$ .

It is clear that the inequality is true for  $n = 1$ .

Suppose that (3.43) holds for an integer  $n \geq 1$  and let us prove it for  $n + 1$ .

By (3.41), we have

$$\Gamma_{q,k}((n+1)a) = \Gamma_{q,k}(na+a) \geq \frac{[na]_q [a]_q}{[k]_q} \Gamma_{q,k}(na) \Gamma_{q,k}(a) \tag{3.44}$$

and by hypothesis, we have

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(na) \geq \frac{[n-1]_{q^a}! [a]_q^{2(n-1)}}{[k]_q^{n-1}} [\Gamma_{q,k}(a)]^n. \tag{3.45}$$

The use of the fact that  $[na]_q = [n]_{q^a} [a]_q$ , gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{q,k}((n+1)a) &\geq \frac{[na]_q [a]_q [n-1]_{q^a}! [a]_q^{2(n-1)}}{[k]_q^n} [\Gamma_{q,k}(a)]^n \Gamma_{q,k}(a) \\ &\geq \frac{[n]_{q^a}! [a]_q^{2n}}{[k]_q^n} [\Gamma_{q,k}(a)]^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

The inequality (3.43) is then true for  $n + 1$ . □

For a given real  $m > 0$  and a nonnegative integer  $n$ , consider the mapping

$$\Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(x) = \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(x+m)}{\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(m)}.$$

We have the following result.

**Corollary 3.10.** The mapping  $\Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(\cdot)$  is supermultiplicative on  $[0, \infty)$ , in the sense

$$\Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(x+y) \geq \Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(x) \Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(y).$$

*Proof.* Fix  $x, y$  in  $[0, \infty)$  and put  $p = x + y + m$  and  $r = y$ . We have

$$y(x+y+m-m-y) = xy \geq 0.$$

So, the theorem 3.2 leads to

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(m) \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(x+y+m) \geq \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(x+m) \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(y+m), \tag{3.46}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(x+y) \geq \Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(x) \Gamma_{q,k,m,n}(y). \tag{3.47}$$

This achieves the proof. □

## 4 Inequalities via the $q$ - Hölder's one

We begin this section by recalling the  $q$ -analogue of the Hölder's integral inequality [3].

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $p$  and  $p'$  be two positive reals satisfying  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions defined on  $I$ . Then

$$\left| \int_I f(x)g(x)d_qx \right| \leq \left( \int_I |f(x)|^p d_qx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_I |g(x)|^{p'} d_qx \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}. \tag{4.48}$$

Owing this lemma, one can establish some new inequalities involving the  $q, k$ -Gamma and  $q, k$ -Beta functions.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer,  $x, y$  be two positive real numbers and  $a, b$  be two nonnegative real numbers such that  $a + b = 1$ . Then*

$$\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(ax + by) \leq \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(x) \right]^a \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}(y) \right]^b, \quad (4.49)$$

that is, the mapping  $\Gamma_{q,k}^{(2n)}$  is logarithmically convex on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* Consider the following functions defined on  $I = [0, (\frac{[k]_q}{(1-q^k)})^{\frac{1}{k}}]_q$ ,

$$f(t) = t^{a(x-1)} \left( E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} \right)^a \quad \text{and} \quad g(t) = t^{b(y-1)} \left( E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} \right)^b.$$

By application of the  $q$ -Hölder's integral inequality, with  $p = \frac{1}{a}$ , we get

$$\int_I t^{ax-1} t^{b(y-1)} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} d_q t \leq \left[ \int_I t^{a(x-1) \cdot (1/a)} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} d_q t \right]^a \times \left[ \int_I t^{b(y-1) \cdot (1/b)} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} d_q t \right]^b,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\int_I t^{ax+by-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} d_q t \leq \left[ \int_I t^{x-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} d_q t \right]^a \left[ \int_I t^{y-1} E_{q,k}^{-q^k \frac{t^k}{[k]_q}} (Int)^{2n} d_q t \right]^b.$$

Then, (4.49) is a direct consequence of (2.13).  $\square$

**Corollary 4.11.** *Let  $(p, p'), (m, m') \in (0, \infty)^2$  such that  $p + p' = m + m'$  and  $a, b \geq 0$  with  $a + b = 1$ . Then, we have*

$$B_{q,k}(a(p, p') + b(m, m')) \leq \left[ B_{q,k}(p, p') \right]^a \left[ B_{q,k}(m, m') \right]^b. \quad (4.50)$$

*Proof.* On the one hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B_{q,k}(a(p, p') + b(m, m')) &= B_{q,k}(ap + bm, ap' + bm') = \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(ap + bm)\Gamma_{q,k}(ap' + bm')}{\Gamma_{q,k}(ap + bm + ap' + bm')} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(ap + bm)\Gamma_{q,k}(ap' + bm')}{\Gamma_{q,k}(a(p + p') + b(m + m'))}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p + p' = m + m'$  and  $a + b = 1$ , we have

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(a(p + p') + b(m + m')) = \Gamma_{q,k}(p + p') = \Gamma_{q,k}(m + m'). \quad (4.51)$$

On the other hand, from Theorem 4.4, with  $n = 0$ , we obtain

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(ap + bm) \leq \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}(p) \right]^a \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}(m) \right]^b \quad (4.52)$$

and

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(ap' + bm') \leq \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}(p') \right]^a \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}(m') \right]^b. \quad (4.53)$$

Thus

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(ap + bm)\Gamma_{q,k}(ap' + bm') \leq \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}(p)\Gamma_{q,k}(p') \right]^a \left[ \Gamma_{q,k}(m)\Gamma_{q,k}(m') \right]^b. \quad (4.54)$$

From (4.51), we deduce that

$$\frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(ap + bm)\Gamma_{q,k}(ap' + bm')}{\Gamma_{q,k}(a(p + p') + b(m + m'))} \leq \left[ \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(p)\Gamma_{q,k}(p')}{\Gamma_{q,k}(p + p')} \right]^a \left[ \frac{\Gamma_{q,k}(m)\Gamma_{q,k}(m')}{\Gamma_{q,k}(m + m')} \right]^b, \quad (4.55)$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$



Now, we recall that the logarithmic derivative of the  $q, k$ -Gamma function is defined on  $(0, \infty)$ , by

$$\Psi_{q,k}(x) = \frac{\Gamma'_{q,k}(x)}{\Gamma_{q,k}(x)}.$$

The following result gives some properties of the function  $\Psi_{q,k}$ .

**Theorem 4.5.**  $\Psi_{q,k}$  is monotonic non-decreasing and concave on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* By taking  $n = 0$  in Theorem 4.4, we obtain

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(ax + by) \leq [\Gamma_{q,k}(x)]^a [\Gamma_{q,k}(y)]^b,$$

for  $x, y > 0$  and  $a, b \geq 0$  such that  $a + b = 1$ .

So the function  $\ln \Gamma_{q,k}$  is convex. Then the monotonicity of  $\Psi_{q,k}$  follows from the relation

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln \Gamma_{q,k}(x)] = \frac{\Gamma'_{q,k}(x)}{\Gamma_{q,k}(x)} = \Psi_{q,k}(x), \quad x > 0.$$

On the other hand, since

$$\Gamma_{q,k}(x) = \frac{(1 - q^k)_{q,k}^{\infty}}{(1 - q^x)_{q,k}^{\infty} (1 - q)^{\frac{x}{k} - 1}}, \tag{4.56}$$

we obtain, for  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{q,k}(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}[\ln \Gamma_{q,k}(x)] = -\frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q) + \ln q \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{x+jk}}{1 - q^{x+jk}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q) + \ln q \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{x+jk} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{(x+jk)n} = -\frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q) + \ln q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{(n+1)x}}{1 - q^{(n+1)k}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q) + \frac{\ln q}{(1 - q)} \int_0^q \frac{t^{x-1}}{1 - t^k} d_q t. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let  $x, y > 0$  and  $a, b \geq 0$  such that  $a + b = 1$ . Then

$$\Psi_{q,k}(ax + by) + \frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q) = \frac{\ln q}{(1 - q)} \int_0^q \frac{t^{ax+by-1}}{1 - t^k} d_q t = \frac{\ln q}{(1 - q)} \int_0^q \frac{t^{a(x-1)+b(y-1)}}{1 - t^k} d_q t. \tag{4.57}$$

Since the mapping  $x \mapsto t^x$  is convex on  $\mathbb{R}$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ , we have

$$t^{a(x-1)+b(y-1)} \leq at^{x-1} + bt^{y-1}, \quad \text{for } t \in [0, q]_q, \quad x, y > 0.$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\ln q}{(1 - q)} \int_0^q \frac{t^{ax+by-1}}{1 - t^k} d_q t \geq a \left( \frac{\ln q}{(1 - q)} \int_0^q \frac{t^{x-1}}{1 - t^k} d_q t \right) + b \left( \frac{\ln q}{(1 - q)} \int_0^q \frac{t^{y-1}}{1 - t^k} d_q t \right). \tag{4.58}$$

According to the relations (4.57) and (4.58), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{q,k}(ax + by) + \frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q) &\geq a(\Psi_{q,k}(x) + \frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q)) + b(\Psi_{q,k}(y) + \frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q)) \\ &\geq a\Psi_{q,k}(x) + b\Psi_{q,k}(y) + \frac{1}{k} \ln(1 - q). \end{aligned}$$

This proves the concavity of the function  $\Psi_{q,k}$ . □

## 5 Inequalities via the $q$ -Grüss's one

In [5] H. Gauchman gave a  $q$ -analogue of the Grüss' integral inequality namely.

**Lemma 5.2.** Assume that  $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ ,  $\varphi \leq g(x) \leq \Phi$ , for each  $x \in [a, b]$ , where  $m, M, \varphi, \Phi$  are given real constants. Then

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)d_q x - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b f(x)d_q x \int_a^b g(x)d_q x \right| \leq \frac{1}{4}(M-m)(\Phi-\varphi). \quad (5.59)$$

As application of the previous inequality we state the following result

**Theorem 5.6.** Let  $m, n > 0$ , we have

$$\left| B_{q,k}(m+k, n+k) - \frac{1}{[m+1]_q[n+k]_q} \right| \leq \frac{1}{4}. \quad (5.60)$$

Remark that from the relations (2.16) and (2.11), the inequality (5.60) is equivalent to

$$|\Gamma_{q,k}(m+n+2k) - \Gamma_{q,k}(n+2k)\Gamma_{q,k}(m+k)[m+1]_q| \leq \frac{1}{4}[m+1]_q[n+k]_q\Gamma_{q,k}(m+n+2k). \quad (5.61)$$

*Proof.* Consider the functions

$$f(u) = u^m, \quad g(u) = u^{k-1}(1-q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}}, \quad u \in [0, 1]_q, \quad m, n > 0.$$

We have

$$0 \leq f(u) \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq g(u) \leq 1 \quad \forall u \in [0, 1]_q.$$

Then, using the  $q$ -Grüss' integral inequality, we obtain

$$\left| \int_0^1 u^{m+k-1}(1-q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}} d_q u - \int_0^1 u^m d_q u \int_0^1 u^{k-1}(1-q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}} d_q u \right| \leq \frac{1}{4}. \quad (5.62)$$

The inequality (5.60) follows from the definition of the  $q, k$ -Beta function (2.15) and the following facts:

$$\int_0^1 u^m d_q u = \frac{1}{[m+1]_q} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int_0^1 u^{k-1}(1-q^k u^k)_{q,k}^{\frac{n}{k}} d_q u = B_{q,k}(k, n+k) = \frac{1}{[n+k]_q}. \quad \square$$

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