

## TURÁN TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR SOME $(q, k)$ - SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

FATON MEROVCI

ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper is to establish new Turán-type inequalities involving the  $(q, k)$ -polygamma functions. As an application, when  $q \rightarrow 1$  and  $k \rightarrow 1$ , we obtain results from [12] and [13].

2000 *Mathematics Subject Classification*: 33B15, 26A48.

*Key words and phrases*:  $(q, k)$ -Gamma function,  $(q, k)$ -psi function

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The inequalities of the type

$$f_n(x)f_{n+2}(x) - f_{n+1}^2(x) \leq 0$$

have many applications in pure mathematics as in other branches of science. They are named by Karlin and Szegő [4], Turán-type inequalities because the first of these type of inequalities was introduced by Turán [15]. More precisely, he used some results of Szegő [14] to prove the previous inequality for  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , where  $f_n$  is the Legendre polynomial of degree  $n$ . This classical result has been extended in many directions, as ultraspherical polynomials, Laguerre and Hermite polynomials, or Bessel functions, and so forth. Many results of Turán-type have been established on the zeros of special functions.

Recently, W. T. Sulaiman [13] proved some Turán-type inequalities for some  $q$ -special functions as well as the polygamma functions, by using the following inequality:

Let  $a \in R_+ \cup \{\infty\}$  and let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonnegative functions. Then

$$\left( \int_0^a g(x) f^{\frac{m+n}{2}} d_q x \right)^2 \leq \left( \int_0^a g(x) f^m d_q x \right) \left( \int_0^a g(x) f^n d_q x \right) \quad (1)$$

Lets give some definitions for gamma and polygamma function.

The Euler gamma function  $\Gamma(x)$  is defined for  $x > 0$  by

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt.$$

The digamma (or psi) function is defined for positive real numbers  $x$  as the logarithmic derivative of Euler's gamma function, that is  $\psi(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \Gamma(x) = \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)}$ . The following integral and series representations are valid (see [2]):

$$\psi(x) = -\gamma + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t} - e^{-xt}}{1 - e^{-t}} dt = -\gamma - \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x}{n(n+x)}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\gamma = 0.57721 \dots$  denotes Euler's constant.

Jackson defined the  $q$ -analogue of the gamma function as

$$\Gamma_q(x) = \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}}{(q^x; q)_{\infty}} (1 - q)^{1-x}, \quad 0 < q < 1, \quad (3)$$

and

$$\Gamma_q(x) = \frac{(q^{-1}; q^{-1})_{\infty}}{(q^{-x}; q^{-1})_{\infty}} (q - 1)^{1-x} q^{\binom{x}{2}}, \quad q > 1, \quad (4)$$

where  $(a; q)_{\infty} = \prod_{j \geq 0} (1 - aq^j)$ .

The  $q$ -gamma function has the following integral representation

$$\Gamma_q(t) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{t-1} E_q^{-qx} d_q x,$$

where  $E_q^x = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{j(j-1)}{2}} \frac{x^j}{[j]!} = (1 + (1-q)x)_q^{\infty}$ , which is the  $q$ -analogue of the classical exponential function. The  $q$ -analogue of the psi function is defined for  $0 < q < 1$  as the logarithmic derivative of the  $q$ -gamma function, that is,  $\psi_q(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \log \Gamma_q(x)$ . It is well known that  $\Gamma_q(x) \rightarrow \Gamma(x)$  and  $\psi_q(x) \rightarrow \psi(x)$  as  $q \rightarrow 1^-$ . From (3), for  $0 < q < 1$  and  $x > 0$  we get

$$\psi_q(x) = -\log(1 - q) + \log q \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n+x}}{1 - q^{n+x}} = -\log(1 - q) + \log q \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{q^{nx}}{1 - q^n}$$

and from (4) for  $q > 1$  and  $x > 0$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_q(x) &= -\log(q - 1) + \log q \left( x - \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{-n-x}}{1 - q^{-n-x}} \right) \\ &= -\log(q - 1) + \log q \left( x - \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{q^{-nx}}{1 - q^{-n}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

If  $q \in (0, 1)$ , using the second representation of  $\psi_q(x)$  given in () can be shown that

$$\psi_q^{(k)}(x) = \log^{k+1} q \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^k \cdot q^{nx}}{1 - q^n}$$

and hence  $(-1)^{k-1} \psi_q^{(k)}(x) > 0$  with  $x > 1$ , for all  $k \geq 1$ . If  $q > 1$ , from the second representation of  $\psi_q(x)$  given in () we obtain

$$\psi'_q(x) = \log q \left( 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{nq^{-nx}}{1 - q^{-nx}} \right)$$

and for  $k \geq 2$ ,

$$\psi_q^{(k)}(x) = (-1)^{k-1} \log^{k+1} q \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^k q^{-nx}}{1 - q^{-nx}}$$

and hence  $(-1)^{k-1} \psi_q^{(k)}(x) > 0$  with  $x > 0$ , for all  $q > 1$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $x \in C, k \in R$  and  $n \in N^+$ , the Pochhammer  $k$ -symbol is given by

$$(x)_{n,k} = x(x+k)(x+2k) \cdots (x+(n-1)k). \quad (5)$$

**Definition 1.1.** For  $k > 0$ , the  $k$ -gamma function  $\Gamma_k$  is given by

$$\Gamma_k(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n! k^n (nk)^{\frac{x}{k}-1}}{(x)_{n,k}}, x \in C \setminus kZ^- \quad (6)$$

For  $x \in C, Re(x) > 0$ , the function  $\Gamma_k$  is given by the integral

$$\Gamma_k(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-\frac{t^k}{k}} dt. \quad (7)$$

$k$ -analogue of the psi function is defined as the logarithmic derivative of the  $\Gamma_k$  function, that is

$$\psi_k(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \Gamma_k(x) = \frac{\Gamma'_k(x)}{\Gamma_k(x)}, k > 0. \quad (8)$$

The function  $\psi_k(x)$  defined by (8) has the following series representation

$$\psi_k(x) = \frac{\ln k - \gamma}{k} - \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{x}{nk(x+nk)} \quad (9)$$

$$\psi_k^{(n)}(x) = (-1)^{n+1} \cdot n! \sum_{p=0}^\infty \frac{1}{(x+pk)^{n+1}} \quad (10)$$

Rafael Díaz (see [3]) defined the  $(q, k)$ -analogue of the gamma function as

$$\Gamma_{q,k} = \frac{(1 - q^k)_{q,k}^{\infty}}{(1 - q^k)_{q,k}^{\infty} \cdot (1 - q^k)^{\frac{x}{k} - 1}} \quad (11)$$

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

We define the  $(q, k)$ -analogue of the psi function, for  $0 < q < 1$  and  $k > 0$ , as the logarithmic derivative of the  $(q, k)$ -gamma function, that is,  $\psi_{q,k}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \Gamma_{q,k}(x)$ . Many properties of the  $(q, k)$ -gamma function were derived by Díaz [4]. It is well known that  $\Gamma_{q,k}(x) \rightarrow \Gamma_q(x)$  as  $k \rightarrow 1$ . From (11), for  $0 < q < 1$  and  $x > 0$  we get

$$\psi_{q,k}(x) = \frac{-\log((1 - q))}{k} + \log q \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{q^{nkx}}{1 - q^{nk}} \quad (12)$$

One can easily show that  $\psi_{(q,k)}(x) \rightarrow \psi_q(x)$  as  $k \rightarrow 1$ . If  $q \in (0, 1)$  then by using the second representation of  $\psi_{q,k}(x)$  given in (12) can be shown that

$$\psi_{(q,k)}^{(j)}(x) = \log^{j+1} q \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^j k^j \cdot q^{nkx}}{1 - q^{nk}} \quad (13)$$

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

*Theorem 2.1.* For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , let  $\psi_{(q,k),n} = \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n)}$  the  $n$ -th derivative of the function  $\psi_{(q,k)}$ . Then

$$\psi_{(q,k), \frac{m+n}{s} + \frac{n}{t}} \left( \frac{x}{s} + \frac{y}{t} \right) \leq \psi_{(q,k),m}^{\frac{1}{s}}(x) \psi_{(q,k),n}^{\frac{1}{t}}(y), \quad (14)$$

where  $\frac{m+n}{2}$  is an integer,  $s > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} = 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $m$  and  $n$  be two integers of the same parity. From (13), it follows

that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_{(q,k), \frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t}} \left( \frac{x}{s} + \frac{y}{t} \right) &= \log_{\frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t} + 1} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^{\frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t}} k^{\frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t}} \cdot q^{ik \left( \frac{x}{s} + \frac{y}{t} \right)}}{1 - q^{ik}} \\
 &= \log_{\frac{m+1}{s} + \frac{n+1}{t}} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^{\frac{m}{s}} k^{\frac{m}{s}} \cdot q^{\frac{ikx}{s}} \cdot i^{\frac{n}{t}} k^{\frac{n}{t}} \cdot q^{\frac{iky}{t}}}{\left(1 - q^{ik}\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \cdot \left(1 - q^{ik}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}} \\
 &\leq \left( \log^{m+1} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^m k^m \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \cdot \left( \log^{n+1} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^n k^n \cdot q^{iky}}{1 - q^{ik}} \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \\
 &= \psi_{(q,k), m}^{\frac{1}{s}}(x) \psi_{(q,k), n}^{\frac{1}{t}}(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 2.2.* Let  $k$  tend to 1 then we obtain Theorem 2.2 from [13]

$$\psi_{q, \frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t}} \left( \frac{x}{s} + \frac{y}{t} \right) \leq \psi_{q, m}^{\frac{1}{s}}(x) \psi_{q, n}^{\frac{1}{t}}(y), \quad (15)$$

On putting  $y = x$  and for  $k, q$  tend to 1, then we obtain Theorem 2.1 from [12]

$$\psi_{q, \frac{m}{s} + \frac{n}{t}}(x) \leq \psi_{q, m}^{\frac{1}{s}}(x) \psi_{q, n}^{\frac{1}{t}}(y), \quad (16)$$

Another type via Minkowski's inequality is the following. *Theorem 2.3* For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , let  $\psi_{(q,k), n} = \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n)}$  the  $n$ -th derivative of the function  $\psi_{(q,k)}$ . Then

$$\left( \psi_{(q,k), m}(x) + \psi_{(q,k), n}(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \psi_{(q,k), m}^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) + \psi_{(q,k), n}^{\frac{1}{p}}(y), \quad (17)$$

where  $\frac{m+n}{2}$  is an integer,  $p \geq 1$ . *Proof.* Since,

$$(a + b)^p \geq a^p + b^p, \quad a, b \geq 0, \quad p \geq 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \psi_{(q,k),m}(x) + \psi_{(q,k),n}(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= \left[ \sum_{i \geq 1} \left( \log^{m+1} q \frac{i^m k^m \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}} + \log^{n+1} q \frac{i^n k^n \cdot q^{iky}}{1 - q^{ik}} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= \left[ \sum_{i \geq 1} \left( \left( \log^{\frac{m+1}{p}} q \frac{i^{\frac{m}{p}} k^{\frac{m}{p}} \cdot q^{\frac{ikx}{p}}}{(1 - q^{ik})^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right)^p + \left( \log^{\frac{n+1}{p}} q \frac{i^{\frac{n}{p}} k^{\frac{n}{p}} \cdot q^{\frac{iky}{p}}}{(1 - q^{ik})^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right)^p \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\leq \left[ \sum_{i \geq 1} \left( \left( \log^{\frac{m+1}{p}} q \frac{i^{\frac{m}{p}} k^{\frac{m}{p}} \cdot q^{\frac{ikx}{p}}}{(1 - q^{ik})^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left[ \sum_{i \geq 1} \left( \log^{\frac{n+1}{p}} q \frac{i^{\frac{n}{p}} k^{\frac{n}{p}} \cdot q^{\frac{iky}{p}}}{(1 - q^{ik})^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right)^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= \left[ \log^{m+1} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^m k^m \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left[ \log^{n+1} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^n k^n \cdot q^{iky}}{1 - q^{ik}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &= \psi_{(q,k),m}^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) + \psi_{(q,k),n}^{\frac{1}{p}}(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 2.3.* Let  $k, q$  tend to 1 then we have

$$\left( \psi_m(x) + \psi_n(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \psi_m^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) + \psi_n^{\frac{1}{p}}(y), \quad (18)$$

*Theorem 2.4.* For every  $x > 0$  and integers  $n \geq 1$ , we have:

1. If  $n$  is odd, then  $\left( \exp \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n)}(x) \right)^2 \geq \exp \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n+1)}(x) \cdot \exp \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n-1)}(x)$
2. If  $n$  is even, then  $\left( \exp \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n)}(x) \right)^2 \leq \exp \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n+1)}(x) \cdot \exp \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n-1)}(x)$

*Proof.* We use (13) to estimate the expression

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n)}(x) - \frac{\psi_{(q,k)}^{(n+1)}(x) + \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n-1)}(x)}{2} &= \\ \log^{n+1} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^n k^n \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}} & \\ - \frac{\log^{n+2} q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^{n+1} k^{n+1} \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}} + \log^n q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^{n-1} k^{n-1} \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}}}{2} & \\ = \log^n q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^{n-1} k^{n-1} \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}} \left( ik \log q - \frac{i^2 k^2 \log^2 q + 1}{2} \right) & \\ = -\log^n q \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{i^{n-1} k^{n-1} \cdot q^{ikx}}{1 - q^{ik}} \frac{(ik \log q - 1)^2}{2} & \end{aligned}$$

Now, the conclusion follows by exponentiating the inequality

$$\psi_{(q,k)}^{(n)}(x) \geq (\leq) \frac{\psi_{(q,k)}^{(n+1)}(x) + \psi_{(q,k)}^{(n-1)}(x)}{2}$$

as  $n$  is odd, respective even.

*Remark 2.5.*

Let  $q, k$  tend to 1 then we obtain generalization of Theorem 3.3 from [12]

## References

- [1] H. Alzer, On some inequalities for the gamma and psi function, *Math. Comp.* **66** (1997), 373-389.
- [2] M. Abramowitz and I.A. Stegun, *Handbook of Mathematical Functions with Formulas and Mathematical Tables*, Dover, NewYork, 1965.
- [3] R. Diaz, C. Teruel,  $q, k$ -generalized gamma and beta functions, *J. Nonlin. Math. Phys.* 12 (2005) 118-134.
- [4] S. Karlin and G. Szegő, On certain determinants whose elements are orthogonal polynomials, *J. Anal. Math.*, 8 (1961), 1-157.
- [5] T. Kim and S.H. Rim, A note on the  $q$ -integral and  $q$ -series, *Advanced Stud. Contemp. Math.* **2** (2000), 37-45.

- [6] V. Krasniqi and F. Merovci, Logarithmically completely monotonic functions involving the generalized Gamma Function, *Le Matematiche* **LXV**, Fasc. II (2010), 15-23.
- [7] V.Krasniqi and F.Merovci,Some Completely Monotonic Properties for the  $(p, q)$ -Gamma Function,Mathematica Balkanica, New Series Vol. 26, 2012, Fasc. 1-2, 133-146.
- [8] V. Krasniqi and A. Shabani, Convexity properties and inequalities for a generalized gamma functions, *Appl. Math. E-Notes* **10** (2010), 27-35.
- [9] V. Krasniqi, T. Mansour, A.Sh. Shabani, Some monotonicity properties and inequalities for the Gamma and Riemann Zeta functions, *Math. Commun.* **15**, No 2 (2010), 365-376.
- [10] F. Merovci, Turán type inequalities for  $p$ – polygamma functions, *Le Matematiche* (to appear).
- [11] F. Merovci, Turán type inequalities for  $(p, q)$ – gamma function, *Scientia Magna* Vol. 9 (2013), No. 1, 27-32.
- [12] C. Mortici, Turán-type inequalities for the Gamma and Polygamma functions, *Acta Universitatis Apulensis*, No. 23/2010, pp. 117-121.
- [13] W. T. Sulaiman, Turán type inequalities for some  $q$ -special functions, *The Australian Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*, Volume 9, Issue 1, Article 1, pp. 1-7, 2012.
- [14] G. Szegő, *Orthogonal Polynomials*, 4th ed., Colloquium Publications, vol. 23, American Mathematical Society, Rhode Island, 1975.
- [15] P. Turán, On the zeros of the polynomials of Legendre, *Casopis Pro Pěstování Matematiky* 75 (1950), 113–122.

Faton Merovci  
Department of Mathematics  
University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"  
Prishtinë 10000, Republic of Kosova  
email: *fmerovci@yahoo.com*