# Some inequalities for q-polygamma function and $\zeta_q$ -Riemann zeta functions

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we present some inequalities for q-polygamma functions and  $\zeta_q$ -Riemann Zeta functions, using a q-analogue of Holder type inequality.

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# 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In this section, we provide a summary of notations and definitions used in this paper. For details, one may refer to [3, 5].

For  $n=1,2,\ldots$  we denote by  $\psi_n(x)=\psi^{(n)}(x)$  the polygamma functions as the n-th derivative of the psi function  $\psi(x)=\frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)},\ x>0$ , where  $\Gamma(x)$  denotes the usual gamma function.

Throughout this paper we will fix  $q \in (0,1)$ . Let a be a complex number. The q-shifted factorials are defined by

$$(a;q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$
  
 $(a;q)_{\infty} = \lim_{n \to \infty} (a;q)_n = \prod_{k \geqslant 0} (1 - aq^k).$ 

Jackson [4] defined the q-gamma function as

$$\Gamma_q(x) = \frac{(q;q)_{\infty}}{(q^x;q)_{\infty}} (1-q)^{1-x}, \quad x \neq 0, -1, \dots$$
 (1.1)

It satisfies the functional equation

$$\Gamma_q(x+1) = [x]_q \Gamma_q(x), \quad \Gamma_q(1) = 1, \tag{1.2}$$

where for x complex  $[x]_q = \frac{1-q^x}{1-q}$ .

The q-gamma function has the following integral representation (see [2])

$$\Gamma_q(x) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{1-q}} t^{x-1} E_q^{-qt} d_q t = \int_0^{\frac{\infty}{1-q}} t^{x-1} E_q^{-qt} d_q t, \quad x > 0.$$

where  $E_q^x = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{j(j-1)}{2}} \frac{x^j}{[j]_q!} = (1+(1-q)x)_q^{\infty}$ , which is the q-analogue of the classical exponential function.

The q-analogue of the  $\psi$  function is defined as the logarithmic derivative of the q-gamma function

$$\psi_q(x) = \frac{\Gamma_q'(x)}{\Gamma_q(x)}, \quad x > 0. \tag{1.3}$$

The q-Jackson integral from 0 to a is defined by (see [4, 5])

$$\int_0^a f(x)d_q x = (1 - q)a \sum_{n=0}^\infty f(aq^n)q^n.$$
 (1.4)

For  $a = \infty$  the q-Jackson integral is defined by (see [4, 5])

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} f(x)d_{q}x = (1 - q)\sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} f(q^{n})q^{n}$$
(1.5)

provided that sums in (1.4) and (1.5) converge absolutely.

In [2] the q-Riemman zeta function is defined as follows (see Section 2.3 for the definitions)

$$\zeta_q(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{n\}_q^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{(n+\alpha([n]_q))s}}{[n]_q^s}.$$
 (1.6)

In relation to (1.3) and (1.6), K. Brahim [1], using a q-analogue of the generalized Schwarz inequality, proved the following Theorems.

**Theorem 1.1.** For n = 1, 2 ...,

$$\psi_{q,n}(x)\psi_{q,m}(x) \geqslant \psi_{q,\frac{m+n}{2}}^2(x),$$

where  $\psi_{q,n} = \psi_q^{(n)}$  is n-th derivative of  $\psi_q$  and  $\frac{m+n}{2}$  is an integer.

Theorem 1.2. For all s > 1,

$$[s+1]_q \frac{\zeta_q(s)}{\zeta_q(s+1)} \geqslant q[s]_q \frac{\zeta_q(s+1)}{\zeta_q(s+2)}.$$

The aim of this paper is to present some inequalities for q-polygamma functions and q-zeta functions by using a q-analogue of Holder type inequality, similar to those in [1].

#### 2. Main results

#### 2.1. A lemma

In order to prove our main results, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $a \in \mathbf{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$ , let f and g be two nonnegative functions and let p, t > 1 such that  $p^{-1} + t^{-1} = 1$ . The following inequality holds

$$\int_0^a f(x)g(x)d_qx \leqslant \left(\int_0^a f^p(x)d_qx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_0^a g^t(x)d_qx\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$

**Proof.** Let a > 0. By (1.4) we have that

$$\int_0^a f(x)g(x)d_qx = (1-q)a\sum_{n=0}^\infty f(aq^n)g(aq^n)q^n.$$
 (2.1)

By the use of the Holder's inequality for infinite sums, we obtain

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(aq^n)g(aq^n)q^n\right) \leqslant \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f^p(aq^n)q^n\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g^t(aq^n)q^n\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$
 (2.2)

Hence

$$(1-q)a\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(aq^n)g(aq^n)q^n\right)$$

$$\leqslant ((1-q)a)^{\frac{1}{p}}\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f^p(aq^n)q^n\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot ((1-q)a)^{\frac{1}{t}}\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g^t(aq^n)q^n\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$
(2.3)

The result then follows from (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3).

# 2.2. The q-polygamma function

From (1.1) one can derive the following series representation for the function  $\psi_q(x) = \frac{\Gamma_q'(x)}{\Gamma_q(x)}$ :

$$\psi_q(x) = -\log(1-q) + \log q \sum_{n>1} \frac{q^{nx}}{1-q^n}, \quad x > 0,$$
(2.4)

which implies that

$$\psi_q(x) = -\log(1-q) + \frac{\log q}{1-q} \int_0^q \frac{t^{x-1}}{1-t} d_q t. \tag{2.5}$$

**Theorem 2.2.** For  $n=2,4,6\ldots$  set  $\psi_{q,n}(x)=\psi_q^{(n)}(x)$  the n-th derivative of the function  $\psi_q$ . Then for p,t>1 such that  $\frac{1}{p}+\frac{1}{t}=1$  the following inequality holds

$$\psi_{q,n}\left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t}\right) \le \psi_{q,n}(x)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \psi_{q,n}(y)^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$
 (2.6)

**Proof.** From (2.5) we deduce that

$$\psi_{q,n}(x) = \frac{\log q}{1-q} \int_0^q \frac{(\log u)^n u^{x-1}}{1-u} d_q u, \tag{2.7}$$

hence

$$\psi_{q,n}\left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t}\right) = \frac{\log q}{1 - q} \int_0^q \frac{(\log u)^n u^{\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t} - 1}}{1 - u} d_q u.$$

By Lemma 2.1 with a = q we have

$$\begin{split} \psi_{q,n} \Big( \frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t} \Big) &= \frac{\log q}{1 - q} \int_0^q \left[ \frac{(\log u)^n}{1 - u} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} u^{\frac{x - 1}{p}} \left[ \frac{(\log u)^n}{1 - u} \right]^{\frac{1}{t}} u^{\frac{y - 1}{q}} d_q u \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\log q}{1 - q} \int_0^q \frac{(\log u)^n u^{x - 1}}{1 - u} d_q u \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{\log q}{1 - q} \int_0^q \frac{(\log u)^n u^{y - 1}}{1 - u} d_q u \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \\ &= (\psi_{q,n}(x))^{\frac{1}{p}} (\psi_{q,n}(y))^{\frac{1}{t}} \end{split}$$

where 
$$f(u) = \left(\frac{(\log u)^n}{1-u}\right)^p u^{\frac{x-1}{p}}$$
 and  $g(u) = \left(\frac{(\log u)^n}{1-u}\right)^t u^{\frac{y-1}{t}}$ .

For p = t = 2 in (2.6) one has the following result.

Corollary 2.3. We have

$$\psi_{q,n}\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leqslant \sqrt{\psi_{q,n}(x) \cdot \psi_{q,n}(y)}.$$

## 2.3. q-zeta function

For x > 0 we set  $\alpha(x) = \frac{\log x}{\log q} - E\left(\frac{\log x}{\log q}\right)$  and  $\{x\}_q = \frac{[x]_q}{q^{x + \alpha([x]_q)}}$ , where  $E\left(\frac{\log x}{\log q}\right)$  is the integer part of  $\frac{\log x}{\log q}$ .

In [2] the q-zeta function is defined as follows

$$\zeta_q(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\{n\}_q^s} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^{(n+\alpha([n]_q))s}}{[n]_q^s}.$$

There ([2]) it is proved that  $\zeta_q$  is a q-analogue of the classical Riemman Zeta function, and for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\Re(s) > 1$ , and for all u > 0 one has

$$\zeta_q(s) = \frac{1}{\widetilde{\Gamma}_q(s)} \int_0^\infty u^{s-1} Z_q(u) d_q u,$$

where  $Z_q(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e_q^{-\{n\}_q t}$ ,  $\widetilde{\Gamma}_q(t) = \frac{\Gamma_q(t)}{K_q(t)}$ , and

$$K_q(t) = \frac{(1-q)^{-s}}{1+(1-q)^{-1}} \cdot \frac{(-(1-q);q)_{\infty}(-(1-q)^{-1};q)_{\infty}}{(-(1-q)q^s;q)_{\infty}(-(1-q)^{-1}q^{1-s};q)_{\infty}}.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** For  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{t} = 1$  and  $\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t} > 1$ ,

$$\frac{\widetilde{\Gamma}_q\left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t}\right)}{\widetilde{\Gamma_q}^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) \cdot \widetilde{\Gamma_q}^{\frac{1}{t}}(y)} \leqslant \frac{\zeta_q^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) \cdot \zeta_q^{\frac{1}{t}}(y)}{\zeta_q\left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t}\right)}.$$

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.1 we have that

$$\begin{split} \int_0^\infty u^{\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t} - 1} Z_q(u) d_q u &= \int_0^\infty u^{\frac{x-1}{p}} \cdot (Z_q(u))^{\frac{1}{p}} u^{\frac{y-1}{t}} \cdot (Z_q(u))^{\frac{1}{t}} d_q u. \\ &\leqslant \left( \int_0^\infty u^{x-1} \cdot (Z_q(u)) d_q u \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left( \int_0^\infty u^{y-1} \cdot (Z_q(u)) d_q u \right)^{\frac{1}{t}}. \end{split}$$

For  $f(u) = u^{\frac{x-1}{p}} \cdot (Z_q(u))^{\frac{1}{p}}$  and  $g(u) = u^{\frac{y-1}{t}} \cdot (Z_q(u))^{\frac{1}{t}}$  we obtain that

$$\widetilde{\Gamma}_q\left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t}\right) \cdot \zeta_q\left(\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{t}\right) \leqslant \widetilde{\Gamma}_q^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) \cdot \widetilde{\Gamma}_q^{\frac{1}{t}}(y) \cdot \zeta_q^{\frac{1}{p}}(x) \cdot \zeta_q^{\frac{1}{t}}(y),$$

which completes the proof.

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