

On Various Forms of Solution of k-Hypergeometric Differential Equations

Nafis Ahmad 

Department of Mathematics, Shibli National College, Azamgarh, U.P., India

Corresponding Author E-mail: nafis.sncmaths@gmail.com

Received: 15 July 2026 | Accepted: 13 August 2026 | Published: 27 August 2026

ABSTRACT

In this paper, the series solutions of the second order k-hypergeometric differential equation based on the Frobenius method have been discussed. First, we obtained two linearly independent solutions and then the two derived forms each valid in their respective complex region characterize by the regular singular points of this differential equation. The main objective of the paper is to present the existence of various forms of solutions of the k-hypergeometric differential equation valid in different regions of the complex z-plane.

Keywords: k-hypergeometric equations; Frobenius method; k-hypergeometric series solutions, regular singular point.

Mathematics Subject Classification (MSC) 2020: 33C05, 34A25.

1. Introduction

The Gauss hypergeometric equation which is expressed by

$$z(1-z)\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + [c - (1+a+b)z]\frac{dy}{dz} - aby = 0 \quad (1)$$

with 3 regular singularities $\{0, 1, \infty\}$ has been extensively studied by various authors including Coddington[3], Campos [4], Gasper [6], Rainville [11], Slater [12], Whittaker [14].

A hypergeometric series solution ${}_2F_1[a, b; c; z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n(b)_n}{(c)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}$

of (1) can be derived by the Frobenius method is convergent in the region.

$R = \{z: |z| < 1\}$, when $c \notin \mathbb{Z}$, $z^{1-c} {}_2F_1[a-c+1, b-c+1; 2-c; z]$ is also a linearly independent solution of (1) and convergent in the region R.

Kummer discuss the existence of twenty-four solutions Slater [12], which provide complete solutions of (1) valid in any region of complex z-plane. Let us consider a k-hypergeometric equation of the form:

$$kz(1-kz)\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + [c - (k+a+b)kz]\frac{dy}{dz} - aby = 0 \quad (2)$$

This differential equation is called the homogenous k-hypergeometric equation, which has been defined only in recent years and has limited studies. The aim of this paper is to find out the different form of k-hypergeometric series solutions, valid in different region of the complex z- plane.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we briefly review some basic definitions and facts concerning the Fuchsiion type differential equation and k-hypergeometric series. Some surveys and literature for k-hypergeometric series and the k- hypergeometric differential equation can be found in Diaz et al. [5], Krasniqi [7], Mubeen [8-10], Shengfeng [13] and Yilmazer [15].

Definition 1: Assume that $p(z)$ and $q(z)$ be two complex valued functions. Let a second order differential equation in standard form:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + p(z) \frac{dy}{dz} + q(z)y(z) = 0 \quad (3)$$

Then the method about finding an infinite series solution of equation (3) is called the Frobenius method.

Definition 2: If $z = z_0$ is a singularity of (3), then $z = z_0$ is a regular singularity of (3) if and only if $(z - z_0)p(z)$, $(z - z_0)^2q(z)$ are analytic in $\{z: |z - z_0| < R\}$, where R is a positive real number.

Definition 3:

The Pochhammer k-symbol $(\sigma)_{n,k}$ is defined by:

$$(\sigma)_{n,k} = \sigma(\sigma + k)(\sigma + 2k) \dots (\sigma + (n - 1)k), \sigma \neq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$(\sigma)_{0,k} = 1 \text{ where } k > 0$$

Definition 4: The k-hypergeometric series with three parameters a , b , and c is defined as:

$${}_2F_{1,k}[(a, k), (b, k); (c, k); z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n,k}(b)_{n,k}}{(c)_{n,k}} \frac{z^n}{n!} \quad (5)$$

3. Theorem

The homogeneous k-hypergeometric differential equation (2) has a general solution in the form

$$y(z) = A {}_2F_{1,k}[(a, k), (b, k); (c, k); z] + B z^{1-\frac{c}{k}} {}_2F_{1,k}[(a + k - c, k), (b + k - c, k); (2k - c, k); z]$$

for $|z| < \frac{1}{k}$, $k \in R^+$, $a, b, c \in R$ and $2k - c$ neither zero nor negative integer.

Proof: Let us assume that

$$y = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} u_r z^{l+r} \text{ (where } u_0 \neq 0)$$

Is any solution of the equation (2). Then by direct differentiation of the series, we have

$$kz(1 - kz) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (l + r)(l + r - 1)u_r z^{l+r-2} + [c - (a + b + k)kz] \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (l + r)u_r z^{l+r-1} - ab \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} u_r z^{l+r} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} k(l + r)(l + r - 1)u_r z^{l+r-1} + \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} c(l + r)u_r z^{l+r-1} \\ & - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} k^2(l + r)(l + r - 1)u_r z^{l+r} \\ & - \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} k(a + b + k)(l + r)u_r z^{l+r} \\ & - ab \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} u_r z^{l+r} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & kz^l \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (l + r)(l + r - 1)u_r z^{r-1} + cz^l \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (l + r)u_r z^{r-1} \\ & - k^2 z^l \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (l + r - 1)(l + r - 2)u_{r-1} z^{r-1} - k(a + b \\ & + k)z^l \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (l + r - 1)u_{r-1} z^{r-1} \\ & - ab z^l \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} u_{r-1} z^{r-1} + u_0 l(k(l - 1) + c)z^{l-1} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Hence by comparing the coefficient on both sides of above equation, we must have as the indicial equation

$$l[k(l-1) + c] = 0 \quad (9)$$

and the difference equation

$$(l+r+1)[k(l+r) + c]u_{r+1} = [k(l+r) + a][k(l+r) + b]u_r \quad (10)$$

for $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

On solving the indicial equation (9), we have $l = 0$ and $l = 1 - \frac{c}{k}$

Case I: $l = 0$, From equation (10), we have the solution of equation (2):

$$y_1(z) = u_0 {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(a, k), (b, k), (c, k); z] \quad (11)$$

Provided that c is neither zero nor a negative integer.

Case II: $l = 1 - \frac{c}{k}$, From equation (10), we have a difference equation

$$(r+1)(2k-c+kr)u_{r+1} = (a+k-c+kr)(b+k-c+kr)u_r \quad (12)$$

and equation (12) gives a second solution

$$y_2(z) = u_0 z^{1-\frac{c}{k}} {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(a+k-c, k), (b+k-c, k); (2k-c, k); z] \quad (13)$$

Provided that c is not a positive integer $\geq 2k$

Hence one complete solution of equation (2) is

$$y(z) = A {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(a, k), (b, k); (c, k); z] + B z^{1-c/k} {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(a+k-c, k), (b+k-c, k); (2k-c, k); z] \quad (14)$$

Where $|z| < \frac{1}{k}$ and A, B are constant.

4. Forms of the solutions of the equations (2) valid in the region $|z| < 1/k$.

$$\text{Now let } y(z) = \left(\frac{1}{k} - z\right)^s w(z) \quad (15)$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{k^s} [(1-kz)^s \frac{dw}{dz} - sk(1-kz)^{s-1}w]$$

$$y'' = \frac{1}{k^s} [(1-kz)^s \frac{d^2w}{dz^2} - 2sk(1-kz)^{s-1} \frac{dw}{dz} + sk^2(s-1)(1-kz)^{s-2}w]$$

On plunging everything into the equation (2) yields the equation (16)

$$kz(1-kz)w'' + [c - (a+b+k+2sk)kz]w' + \left[\frac{s(s-1)k^3z - sk\{c - (a+b+k)kz\}}{(1-kz)} - ab\right]w = 0 \quad (16)$$

This equation is also of k -hypergeometric type if $(1-kz)$ exactly divides $s(s-1)k^3z - sk\{c - (a+b+k)kz\}$, that is, if either $s = 0$ or $s = \frac{1}{k}(c-a-b)$.

When $s = 0$ the two solutions (11) and (13) are given; but when $s = \frac{1}{k}(c-a-b)$, then two new solutions are given, valid in the region $|z| < \frac{1}{k}$.

These are

$$y_3(z) = \left(\frac{1}{k} - z\right)^{\frac{1}{k}(c-a-b)} {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(c-a, k), (c-b, k); (c, k); z] \quad (17)$$

and

$$y_4(z) = z^{1-\frac{c}{k}} \left(\frac{1}{k} - z\right)^{\frac{1}{k}(c-a-b)} {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(k-a, k), (k-b, k); (2k-c, k); z] \quad (18)$$

5. Forms of the solutions of the equations (2) valid in the region $|z-1| < 1/k$.

let $t = \frac{1}{k} - z$, then

$$y' = \frac{dy}{dz} = -\frac{dy}{dt} = -\dot{y} \text{ and } y'' = \ddot{y}$$

Thus $kz(1-kz)y'' + [(c - (k+a+b)kz)y' - aby] = 0$ becomes

$$kt(1-kt)\ddot{y} + [(k+a+b-c) - (k+a+b)kt]\dot{y} - aby = 0$$

This is in form of k -hypergeometric equation satisfied by

$$y = {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(a, k), (b, k); (k+a+b-c, k); t]$$

Hence four further solution of the k -hypergeometric equation (2) are

$$y_5 = {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k} \left[(a, k), (b, k); (k + a + b - c, k); \frac{1}{k} - z \right] \quad (19)$$

$$y_6 = \left(\frac{1}{k} - z\right)^{\frac{1}{k}(c-a-b)} {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(c-a, k), (c-b, k); (k-a-b+c, k); \frac{1}{k} - z] \quad (20)$$

$$y_7 = z^{1-\frac{c}{k}} {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(k+a-c, k), (k+b-c, k); (k+a+b-c, k); \frac{1}{k} - z] \quad (21)$$

and

$$y_8 = z^{1-\frac{c}{k}} \left(\frac{1}{k} - z\right)^{\frac{1}{k}(c-a-b)} {}_2\mathcal{F}_{1,k}[(k-a, k), (k-b, k); (k-a-b+c, k); \frac{1}{k} - z] \quad (22)$$

These solution hold in the region $|z - 1| < \frac{1}{k}$, provided a, b and c are neither negative integers nor zero.

Conclusion:

In this paper, we investigate the four solutions of k-hypergeometric differential equations in each of the region $|z| < 1/k$ and in the region $|z-1| < 1/k$. By combining the solutions of the said regions, we may derived other forms of solutions, for the Gauss hypergeometric differential equation valid in some other region of the complex z- plane. Since the results investigated here are general in nature, it is expected that the results will be useful addition in the theory of the Gauss hypergeometric functions. It would be interesting to have more research about this case.

References

- [1]. Ahmad, N.; Khan, M.S.; Aziz, M.I. Generalisation of Euler's Identity in the form of k-Hypergeometric Function. American J. Appl. Math,6,240-243,2022.
- [2]. Ali,A.; Iqbal,M.Z.;Iqbal,T.; Hadir,M. Study of Generalisation k-hypergeometric Functions. Int. J Math and Comp.Sci 2021,16,379-388.
- [3]. Coddington, E. A.; Levinson, N. Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations; McGraw-Hill: New York, NY, USA, 1955.
- [4]. Campos, L. On some solutions of extended confluent hypergeometric differential equation, Journal of computational and applied mathematics 2001, 137 (1) 177-200.
- [5]. Diaz, R.; and Pariguan, E. On hypergeometric function and Pochhammer k-symbol, Divulg. Mat. 2007, 15, 179-192.
- [6]. Gasper, G.; Rahman, M. Basic Hypergeometric Series, 2nd, ed.; Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, UK, 2004.
- [7]. Krasniqi, V. A limit for the k-gamma and k-beta function. Int. Math. Forum 2010, 5, 1613-1617.
- [8]. Mubeen, S.; Habibullah, G. M. An integral representation of some k-hypergeometric function. Int. Math. Forum 2012, 7, 203-207.
- [9]. Mubeen, S.; Rehman, A. A Note on k-Gamma function and Pochhammer k-symbol. J. Inf. Math. Sci. 2014, 6, 93-107.
- [10]. Mubeen, S.;Naz, M. A. Rehman, G. Rahman. Solution of k-hypergeometric differential equations. J. Appl. Math. 2014, 1-13. [Cross Ref].
- [11]. Rainville, E. D., Special Functions, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1960.
- [12]. Slater, L. J. Confluent Hypergeometric Functions, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge New York, 1960.
- [13]. Shengfeng, L.; and Dong, Y. k-Hypergeometric series solutions to one type of non-homogeneous k-Hypergeometric equations, Symmetry 2019, 11, 262.
- [14]. Whittaker, E. T.; and Watson, G. N. A Course of Modern Analysis, Cambridge University Press, 1950.
- [15]. Yilmazer, R; Ali, K. Fractional Solutions of a k-hypergeometric Differential Equation. Conference Proceedings of Science and Technology 2019, 2 (3), 212-214.

Cite this Article:

Ahmad, N. (2026). On Various Forms of solution of k-Hypergeometric Differential Equations. Pi International Journal of Mathematical Sciences, 2(4), 15-18.

Journal URL: <https://pijms.com/>

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.59828/pijms.v2i4.45>

Disclaimer/Publisher's Note: The author(s) are solely responsible for the content and claims of this article. The publisher and editors assume no legal liability for any errors, copyright violations, or damages arising from its use.