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# On Unified Fractional Integration Operators <sup>1</sup>

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We investigate two new fractional integration operators associated with a generalized  $H$ -function, due to A. A. Inayat-Hussain and a general class of polynomials introduced by H. M. Srivastava. Properties of these operators associated with Mellin transforms are investigated, generalizing a number of results on various integration operators of one variable scattered in literature.

## 1. Introduction

In order to unify and extend the results on various fractional integration operators of one variable, the authors introduce two new fractional integration operators associated with a generalized  $H$ -function due to A. A. Inayat-Hussain [7,p.4126] and a general class of polynomials due to H. M. Srivastava [25,p.1,(1)].

These operators are extensions of the operators of fractional integration defined and studied earlier by many authors notably by A. Erdélyi [3], H. Kober [15], E. R. Love [6], R. K. Saxena [19], R. K. Saxena and R. K. Kumbhat [22]-[24], S. L. Kalla [8], S. L. Kalla and R. K. Saxena [10], S. L. Kalla and V. Kiryakova [11],[12], V. Kiryakova [13],[14], M. Saigo [16], M. Saigo et al. [17],[18], and several others.

Integration operators associated with a multivariable  $H$ -function due to H. M. Srivastava and R. Panda [26],[27,p.251,(C.1)-(C.3)] and a general class of polynomials defined by H. M. Srivastava [25,p.1,(1)] have been recently introduced and studied by R. K. Saxena, V. Kiryakova and O. P. Dave [20] and R. K. Saxena and O. P. Dave [21].

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## 2. The $H$ -function and a general class of polynomials

The generalized  $H$ -function, introduced by A. A. Inayat-Hussain [7] in terms of Mellin-Barnes type contour integral, is defined by

$$(2.1) \quad \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n} \left[ z \left| \begin{matrix} (\alpha_j, A_j; a_j)_{1,n}; (\alpha_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} \\ (\beta_j, B_j)_{1,m}; (\beta_k, B_k; b_k)_{m+1,q} \end{matrix} \right. \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \Theta(s) z^s ds,$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad \Theta(s) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(\beta_j - B_j s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1 - \alpha_j + A_j s)^{a_j}}{\prod_{k=m+1}^q \Gamma(1 - \beta_k + B_k s)^{b_k} \prod_{k=n+1}^p \Gamma(\alpha_k - A_k s)}$$

which contains fractional powers of some of the  $\Gamma$ -functions. Here  $z$  may be real or complex but is not equal to zero and an empty product is interpreted as unity;  $p, q, m$  and  $n$  are integers such that  $1 \leq m \leq q, 1 \leq n \leq p$ ;  $A_j (j = 1, \dots, p), B_j (j = 1, \dots, q)$  are complex numbers. The exponents  $a_j (j = 1, \dots, n)$  and  $b_k (k = 1, \dots, q)$  can take noninteger values. When these exponents are integers, the  $\overline{H}$ -function reduces to the familiar  $H$ -function of Fox [4]. Analytical continuation and asymptotic expansions of the  $H$ -function have been obtained by B. L. J. Braaksma [1].

Also, due to A. A. Inayat-Hussain [7] we have

$$(2.3) \quad \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n}(z) = O(|z|^g) \quad \text{for small } |z|,$$

where

$$g = \min_{1 \leq j \leq m} \Re(\beta_j / B_j).$$

Again, from [7],

$$(2.4) \quad \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n}(z) = O(|z|^h) \quad \text{for large } |z|,$$

where

$$h = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \Re\{a_j(\alpha_j - 1/A_j)\}.$$

The following conditions [2, p.4708] are also satisfied:

$$(2.5) \quad \Omega = \sum_{j=1}^m |B_j| + \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j A_j| - \sum_{j=m+1}^q |b_j B_j| - \sum_{j=n+1}^p |A_j| > 0,$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad |\arg(z)| < \frac{1}{2} \Omega \pi.$$

The general class of polynomials, denoted by  $S_n^m[x]$ , due to Srivastava [25,p.1,(1)] is defined as:

$$(2.7) \quad S_n^m[x] = \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} A_{n,k} x^k, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $m$  is an arbitrary positive integer and the coefficients  $A_{n,k}$ ,  $n, k \geq 0$  are arbitrary real or complex constants.

### 3. Definitions

We define two new fractional integration operators by means of the following integral representations:

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} R[f(x)] &= R_{x: (a_j, A_j; \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p}; a; b}^{\eta: (a_j, A_j; \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p}; a; b} [f(x)] \\ &= x^{-\eta-1} \int_0^x t^{\eta} \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n} \left[ \left( \frac{t}{x} \right)^{\mu} \middle| \begin{matrix} (a_j, A_j; \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} \\ (b_j, B_j)_{1,m}; (b_k, B_k; \beta_k)_{m+1,q} \end{matrix} \right] \\ &\quad \times S_b^a \left[ y \left( \frac{t}{x} \right)^{\sigma} \right] f(t) \theta \left( \frac{t}{x} \right) dt, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} K[f(x)] &= K_{x: (c_j, C_j; \gamma_j)_{1,N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1,P}; c; f}^{\delta: (c_j, C_j; \gamma_j)_{1,N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1,P}; c; f} [f(x)] \\ &= x^{\delta} \int_x^{\infty} t^{-\delta-1} \overline{H}_{P,Q}^{M,N} \left[ \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^{\nu} \middle| \begin{matrix} (c_j, C_j; \gamma_j)_{1,N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1,P} \\ (d_j, D_j)_{1,M}; (d_k, D_k; \xi_k)_{M+1,Q} \end{matrix} \right] \\ &\quad \times S_f^c \left[ y' \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^{\rho} \right] f(t) \theta \left( \frac{x}{t} \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

The kernel  $\theta(t/x)$  occurring in (3.1) and (3.2) is supposed to be a continuous function such that the integrals make sense for wide classes of functions  $f(x)$  and  $\mu, \sigma, \nu, \rho$  are positive numbers.

These operators exist under the following conditions:

- (i)  $p \geq 1, q < \infty, p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $\Re [\eta + \mu(b_j/B_j)] > -1/q; j = 1, \dots, m$ ,
- (iii)  $\Re [\delta + \nu(d_j/D_j)] > -1/p; j = 1, \dots, M$ ,
- (iv)  $f(x) \in L_p(0, \infty)$ .

The condition (iv) ensures that both operators  $R$  and  $K$  exist and also belong to  $L_p(0, \infty)$ .

It is interesting to observe that the operators of Kalla and Kiryakova [11],[12], Kiryakova [13],[14] can be derived as special cases of operators (3.1),(3.2).

#### 4. The Mellin transform

The Mellin transform of  $f(x)$  will be denoted by  $M[f(x)]$  or by  $F(s)$ . We denote  $s = p^{-1} + it$ , where  $p$  and  $t$  are real. If  $p \geq 1$ ,  $f(x) \in L_p(0, \infty)$ , then for  $p = 1$ ,

$$(4.1) \quad M[f(x)] = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{s-1} f(x) dx$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad f(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi w)^r} \int_{c-w\infty}^{c+w\infty} F(s) x^{-s} ds,$$

where  $w = (-1)^{1/2}$  under suitable conditions on the parameters and variables.

For  $p > 1$ ,

$$(4.3) \quad M[F(x)] = F(s) = \text{l.i.m} \int_{1/x}^x f(x) x^{s-1} dx,$$

where l.i.m denotes the usual limit in the mean of the  $L_p$ -spaces.

#### 5. Theorems related to Mellin transforms

**Theorem 1.** If  $f(x) \in L_p(0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  ( or  $f(x) \in M_p(0, \infty)$  with  $p > 2$  ),  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $\Re [\eta + \mu(b_j/B_j)] > -1/q$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, m$  and the integrals involved are absolutely convergent, then the following result holds:

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & M \left[ R_x^\eta : (a_j, A_j, \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} : a : b [f(x)] \right] \\ &= M[f(x)] K_x^{-s+1} : (a_j, A_j, \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} : a : b [1], \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_p(0, \infty)$  denotes the class of all functions  $L_p(0, \infty)$  with  $p > 2$  which are inverse Mellin transforms of the functions of  $L_q(-\infty, \infty)$ .

**Proof.** From (3.1) it follows that

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{aligned} M[R[f(x)]] &= \int_0^{\infty} x^{s-1} x^{-\eta-1} \int_0^x t^\eta f(t) \\ &\times \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n} |(t/x)^\mu| S_b^\alpha [y(t/x)^\sigma] \theta(t/x) dt dx \end{aligned}$$

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} &= \int_0^{\infty} t^\eta f(t) dt \int_t^{\infty} x^{s-\eta-2} \\ &\times \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n} |(t/x)^\mu| S_b^\alpha [y(t/x)^\sigma] \theta(t/x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

on interchanging the order of integration, which is permissible under the conditions stated in the theorem. Then the assertion follows on interpreting the above result with the help of (3.2). ■

In a similar manner, the following theorems can be established.

**Theorem 2.** *If  $f(x) \in L_p(0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  ( or  $f(x) \in M_p(0, \infty)$  with  $p > 2$  ),  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $\Re [\delta + \nu(d_j/D_j)] > -1/p$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, M$  and the integrals involved are absolutely convergent, then the following result holds:*

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & M [K[f(x)]] \\ &= M[f(x)] R_{x: (d_j, D_j)_{1, M}; (d_k, D_k; \xi_k)_{M+1, q}}^{\delta+s-1: (c_j, C_j, \gamma_j)_{1, N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1, P}} : c [1]. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.** *If  $f(x) \in L_p(0, \infty)$ ,  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $g(x) \in L_q(0, \infty)$ ,  $\Re [\eta + \mu(b_j/B_j)] > -1/q$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\Re [\delta + \nu(d_j/D_j)] > -1/p$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, M$ , then the following result holds:*

$$(5.5) \quad \int_0^\infty g(x) R[f(x)] dx = \int_0^\infty f(x) K[g(x)] dx.$$

## 6. Inversion formulae

In this section we establish two theorems for the operators defined by (3.1) and (3.2) which provide formal inversion formulas for them.

**Theorem 4.** *If  $f(x) \in L_p(0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  ( or  $f(x) \in M_p(0, \infty)$  with  $p > 2$  ),  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $\Re [\eta + \mu(b_j/B_j)] > -1/q$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , the integrals involved are absolutely convergent and*

$$(6.1) \quad R[f(x)] = g(x),$$

then the following result holds:

$$(6.2) \quad f(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{-1} g(t) h(x/t) dt,$$

where

$$(6.3) \quad h(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi w} \int_{c-w\infty}^{c+w\infty} \frac{x^{-s}}{\zeta(s)} ds$$

and

$$(6.4) \quad \zeta(s) = K_{x : (b_j, B_j)_{1, m}; (b_k, B_k)_{m+1, q} : b}^{\eta-s+1 : (a_j, A_j)_{1, m}; (a_k, A_k)_{m+1, p} : a} [1].$$

**Proof.** Multiply both sides of (6.1) by  $x^{s-1}$  and integrate with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $\infty$  and apply Theorem 1, we find that

$$(6.5) \quad M[f(x)] = \frac{Mg(x)}{\zeta(s)}.$$

Now the application of the inverse Mellin transform yields

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi w} \int_{c-w\infty}^{c+w\infty} x^{-s} \frac{M[g(x)]}{\zeta(s)} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi w} \int_{c-w\infty}^{c+w\infty} x^{-s} \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} \int_0^\infty t^{s-1} g(t) dt ds \\ &= \int_0^\infty t^{-1} [g(t)] [h(x/t)] dt. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.  $\blacksquare$

The following theorem follows similarly by using (5.4) instead of (5.1).

**Theorem 5.** If  $f(x) \in L_p(0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  ( or  $f(x) \in M_p(0, \infty)$  with  $p > 2$  ),  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $\Re [\delta + \nu(d_j/D_j)] > -1/p$ ;  $j = 1, \dots, M$ , the integrals involved are absolutely convergent and

$$(6.7) \quad K[f(x)] = n^*(x),$$

then the following result holds:

$$(6.8) \quad f(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{-1} n^*(t) L(x/t) dt,$$

where

$$(6.9) \quad L(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi w} \int_{c-w\infty}^{c+w\infty} \frac{x^{-s}}{\ell(s)} ds$$

and

$$(6.11) \quad U(s) = R_{x : (d_j, D_j)_{1, M}; (d_k, D_k)_{M+1, Q} : f}^{\delta+s-1 : (c_j, C_j)_{1, N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1, P} : c} [1].$$

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### 7. Some general properties of the operators

Here we present some formal properties of the operators consequences of the definitions of operators (3.1) and (3.2).

$$(7.1) \quad \begin{aligned} x^{-1} R_{\frac{1}{x}}^{\eta} &: (a_j, A_j, \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} :^a [f(1/x)] \\ &= K_x^{\eta} : (b_j, B_j)_{1,m}; (b_k, B_k; \beta_k)_{m+1,q} :^a [f(x)] ; \end{aligned}$$

$$(7.2) \quad \begin{aligned} x^{-1} K_{\frac{1}{x}}^{\delta} &: (c_j, C_j, \gamma_j)_{1,N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1,P} :^e [f(1/x)] \\ &= R_x^{\delta} : (d_j, D_j)_{1,M}; (d_k, D_k; \xi_k)_{M+1,Q} :^e [f(x)] ; \end{aligned}$$

$$(7.3) \quad \begin{aligned} x^{\lambda} R_x^{\eta} &: (a_j, A_j, \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} :^a [f(x)] \\ &= K_x^{\eta-\lambda} : (b_j, B_j)_{1,m}; (b_k, B_k; \beta_k)_{m+1,q} :^a [x^{\lambda} f(x)] ; \end{aligned}$$

$$(7.4) \quad \begin{aligned} x^{\lambda} K_x^{\delta} &: (c_j, C_j, \gamma_j)_{1,N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1,P} :^e [f(x)] \\ &= R_x^{\delta+\lambda} : (d_j, D_j)_{1,M}; (d_k, D_k; \xi_k)_{M+1,Q} :^e [x^{\lambda} f(x)] . \end{aligned}$$

If

$$R_x^{\eta} : (a_j, A_j, \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} :^a [f(x)] = g(x),$$

then

$$(7.5) \quad R_x^{\eta} : (a_j, A_j, \alpha_j)_{1,n}; (a_k, A_k)_{n+1,p} :^a [f(cx)] = g(cx).$$

If

$$K_x^{\delta} : (c_j, C_j, \gamma_j)_{1,N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1,P} :^e [f(x)] = h(x),$$

then

$$(7.6) \quad K_x^{\delta} : (c_j, C_j, \gamma_j)_{1,N}; (c_k, C_k)_{N+1,P} :^e [f(cx)] = h(cx).$$



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