# A General Volterra-type Integral Equation Associated with an Integral Operator involving the product of general class of polynomials and multivarible H-Function in the Kernel

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we solve a general Volterra-type fractional equation associated with an integral operator involving a product of general class of polynomials and the multivariable H-function in its Kernel. We make use of convolution technique to solve the main equation. On account of the general nature of multivariable H-function and general class of polynomials, We can obtain a large number of integral equations involving products of several useful polynomials and special functions as its special cases. For the lack of space, we record here only two such special cases which involve the product of general class of polynomials  $S_N^M$  & Appell's function  $F_3$  and a general class of polynomials. The main result derived in this paper also generalizes the results obtained by Gupta et. al.[2] and Jain[3, p. 102-103, eq. (3.5),eq.(3.6)]

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

General class of polynomials: Srivastava [4, p.1 eq. (1)] has introduced the general class of polynomials

$$S_N^M[x] = \sum_{R=0}^{[N/M]} \frac{(-N)_{MR} A_{N,R} x^R}{R!} \qquad (N = 0, 1, 2, ...),$$
 (1.1)

where M is an arbitrarty positive integer, and the coefficients  $A_{N,R}(N,R \ge 0)$  are arbitrary constants, real or complex. On suitably specializing the coefficients  $A_{N,R}, S_N^M[x]$  yields a number of known polynomials as its special cases. These include, among others, Jacobi polynomial, Laguerre polynomial and several others[8, p. 158-161].

Multivarible H-function: A special case of the H-function of r variables is defined as follows: [7, p.271,

$$H\begin{bmatrix} z_{1}(x-t) \\ \vdots \\ z_{r}(x-t) \end{bmatrix} = H_{p,q:p_{1},q_{1}+1;\dots;p_{r},q_{r}+1}^{0,0:1,n_{1};\dots;1,n_{r}} \\ X\begin{bmatrix} z_{1} & (a_{j};\alpha_{j}^{(1)},\dots,\alpha_{j}^{(r)})_{1,p} : (c_{j}^{(1)},\gamma_{j}^{(1)})_{1,p_{1}};\dots;(c_{j}^{(r)},\gamma_{j}^{(r)})_{1,p_{r}} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ z_{r} & (b_{j};\beta_{j}^{(1)},\dots,\beta_{j}^{(r)})_{1,q} : (0,1), (d_{j}^{(1)},\delta_{j}^{(1)})_{1,q_{1}};\dots;(0,1), (d_{j}^{(r)},\delta_{j}^{(r)})_{1,q_{r}} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \frac{1}{(2\pi\omega)^{r}} \int_{L_{1}} \dots \int_{L_{r}} \psi(\xi_{1},\dots,\xi_{r}) \prod_{i=1}^{r} (\phi_{i}(\xi_{i})z_{i}^{\xi_{i}})\Gamma(-\xi_{1})\dots\Gamma(-\xi_{r})z_{1}^{\xi_{1}}\dots z_{r}^{\xi_{r}}d\xi_{1}\dots d\xi_{r}$$

$$(1.2)$$

where (i = 1, ..., r)  $\omega = \sqrt{-1}$ Or equivalently [6, p.64, eq.(1.3)]

$$H\begin{bmatrix} z_1(x-t) \\ \vdots \\ z_r(x-t) \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} \phi_1(k_1)\dots\phi_r(k_r)\psi(k_1,\dots,k_r) \frac{(-z_1)^{k_1}}{k_1!} \dots \frac{(-z_r)^{k_r}}{k_r!}$$
(1.3)

where

$$\phi_i(k_i) = \frac{\prod\limits_{j=1}^{n_i} \Gamma(1 - c_j^{(i)} + \gamma_j^{(i)} k_i)}{\prod\limits_{j=1}^{q_i} \Gamma(1 - d_j^{(i)} + \delta_j^{(i)} k_i) \prod\limits_{j=n_i+1}^{p_i} \Gamma(c_j^{(i)} - \gamma_j^{(i)} k_i)} \qquad (i = 1, ..., r)$$

$$(1.4)$$

$$\psi(k_1, ..., k_r) = \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^{q} \Gamma(1 - b_j + \sum_{i=1}^{r} \beta_j^{(i)} k_i) \prod_{j=1}^{p} \Gamma(a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_j^{(i)} k_i)}$$
(1.5)

For the convergence, existence conditions and other details of other details of the multivariable H-function refer the book[5, p.251-253, eq. (C.2)-(C.8)]

Laplace transform: The following property of Laplace transform[1, p.131]:

$$\frac{d^n}{ds^n} \left\{ \mathcal{L}\left[f(x)\right](s) \right\} = (-1)^n \mathcal{L}\left[x^n f(x)\right](s), \tag{1.6}$$

holds provided that  $f^{(i)}(0) = 0$ , i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n - 1, n being a positive integer, where

$$\mathcal{L}[f(x)](s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} f(x)dx \qquad (\Re(s) > 0), \tag{1.7}$$

The well-known convolution theorem for Laplace transform

$$L\left\{\int_{0}^{x} f(x-u)g(u)du; s\right\} = L\{f(x); s\}L\{g(x); s\}$$
 (1.8)

holds provided that the various Laplace transforms occurring in (1.8) exist.

# 2 MAIN RESULT

A general volterra-type integral equation associated with an integral operator involving a product of general class of polynomials and multivariable H-function in its kernel is given by:

$$\int_{0}^{x} (x-t)^{\beta-1} S_{N}^{M}[-z_{r+1}(x-t)] H \begin{bmatrix} z_{1}(x-t) \\ \vdots \\ z_{r}(x-t) \end{bmatrix} y(t) dt + \frac{a}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_{0}^{x} (x-t)^{\nu-1} y(t) dt := g(x)$$
 (2.9)

 $\Re(\beta,\nu) > 0$ 

has the solution

$$y(x) = \int_0^x (x-t)^{l-\beta-\mu-1} \sum_{j=0}^\infty \frac{E_j(x-t)^j}{\Gamma(j+l-\beta-\mu)} g^{(l)}(t) dt$$
 (2.10)

where  $\Re(l-\beta-\mu)>0$ 

provided that

 $g^{(i)}(0) = 0$  for  $0 \le i \le l-1$ , l being a positive integer and  $\nu - \beta$  is an integer. Also

$$E_{j} = (-1)^{j} (\lambda_{\mu}^{-j-1} \det \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{\mu+1} & \lambda_{\mu} & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \lambda_{\mu+2} & \lambda_{\mu+1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \lambda_{\mu+j} & \lambda_{\mu+j-1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \lambda_{\mu+1} \end{bmatrix}$$
(2.11)

and  $\mu$  is the least B for which

$$\lambda_B = (-1)^B \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_{r+1} = B} \Delta(k_1, \dots, k_{r+1}) \frac{z_1^{k_1}}{k_1!} \dots \frac{z_{r+1}^{k_{r+1}}}{k_{r+1}!}$$
(2.12)

where

$$\Delta(k_1, ..., k_{r+1}) = \phi_1(k_1)...\phi_{r+1}(k_r+1)\psi(k_1, ..., k_{r+1})$$
(2.13)

$$\psi(k_1, ..., k_{r+1}) = \Gamma(\beta + k_1 + ... + k_{r+1}) \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^{p} \Gamma\left(a_j - \sum_{i=1}^{r} \alpha_j^{(i)} k_i\right) \prod_{j=1}^{q} \Gamma\left(1 - b_j + \sum_{i=1}^{r} \beta_j^{(i)} k_i\right) \right\}^{-1}$$
(2.14)

$$\phi_{i}(k_{i}) = \prod_{j=1}^{n_{i}} \Gamma\left(1 - c^{(i)}_{j} + \gamma_{j}^{(i)} k_{i}\right) \left\{ \prod_{j=n_{i}+1}^{p_{i}} \Gamma\left(c_{j} - \gamma_{j}^{(i)} k_{i}\right) \prod_{j=1}^{q} \Gamma\left(1 - d_{j} + \delta_{j}^{(i)} k_{i}\right) \right\}^{-1}$$

$$(i = 1, ..., r)$$

$$(2.15)$$

and

$$\phi_{r+1}(k_{r+1}) = \begin{cases} (-N)_M k_{r+1} A_{N,k_{r+1}}, & 0 \le k_{r+1} \le \left[\frac{N}{M}\right] \\ 0, & k_{r+1} > \left[\frac{N}{M}\right] \end{cases}$$
(2.16)

*Proof.* To solve (2.9) we first take Laplace transform of its both sides. We easily obtain by definition of Laplace transform and its convolution property stated in (1.8), the following result

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-sx}(x)^{\beta-1} S_{N}^{M}[-z_{r+1}x]H\begin{bmatrix} z_{1}x \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ z_{r}x \end{bmatrix} dx Y(s) + as^{-\nu}Y(s) = G(s)$$
(2.17)

Now expressing the  $S_N^M[-z_{r+1}x]$  and  $H\begin{bmatrix} z_1x\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ z_rx \end{bmatrix}$  involved in (2.17) in series using (1.1) and (1.3), changing

the order of series and integration and evaluating the x-integral, we obtain

$$\left[\sum_{k_1,\dots,k_{r+1}=0}^{\infty} \Delta(k_1,\dots,k_{r+1}) \frac{-z_1^{k_1}}{k_1!} \dots \frac{-z_{r+1}^{k_{r+1}}}{k_{r+1}!} s^{-\beta - (k_1 + \dots + k_{r+1})} + a s^{-\nu}\right] Y(s) = G(s)$$
(2.18)

where  $\Delta(k_1, ..., k_{r+1})$  is defined by (2.13).

Re-writing (2.18), we get

$$s^{-\beta} \left[ \sum_{B=0}^{\infty} \lambda_B s^{-B} + a s^{-\nu+\beta} \right] Y(s) = G(s)$$
 (2.19)

where  $\lambda_B$  is given by (2.12). Again, (2.19) is equivalent to

$$Y(s) = s^{\beta} \left[ \sum_{B=0}^{\infty} \lambda_B s^{-B} + a s^{-\nu + \beta} \right]^{-1} G(s)$$
 (2.20)

If  $\mu$  denotes the least B for which  $\lambda_B \neq 0$ , the series given by (2.20) can be reciprocated. Writing

$$\left[\sum_{B=0}^{\infty} \lambda_B s^{-B} + a s^{-\nu+\beta}\right]^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} E_j s^{-j}$$
 (2.21)

(2.20) takes the following form:

$$Y(s) = s^{\beta - l + \mu} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} E_j s^{-j} [s^l G(s)]$$
 (2.22)

(2.22) can be written as (using (1.6))

$$L\{y(x);s\} = L\left\{\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} E_j \frac{x^{j+l-\mu-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(j+l-\mu-\beta)};s\right\} L\{g^{(l)}(x);s\}$$
 (2.23)

Now using the convolution theorem in the RHS of (2.23) we get

$$L\{y(x);s\} = L\left\{ \int_0^x \sum_{j=0}^\infty E_j \frac{(x-t)^{j+l-\mu-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(j+l-\mu-\beta)} g^{(l)}(t) dt; s \right\}$$
 (2.24)

Finally, on taking the inverse of the Laplace transform of both sides of (2.24) we arrive at the desired result (2.10).

**Remark 1:**It is interesting to note that, if we put a = 0 in (2.9) we get the result obtained by Gupta et al[2].

#### 2.1 SPECIAL CASES

1. If we put r = 2 in (2.9) and reduce the H-function of two variables thus obtained to Appell's function  $F_3$  [5, p.89, eq.(6.4.6)] we find after a little simplification that the Volterra-type integral equation given by

$$\int_{0}^{x} (x-t)^{\beta-1} S_{N}^{M}[-z_{r+1}(x-t)] F_{3}[c_{1}^{(1)}, c_{1}^{(2)}, c_{2}^{(1)}, c_{2}^{(2)}; b; -z_{1}(x-t), -z_{2}(x-t)] y(t) dt + \frac{a}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_{0}^{x} (x-t)^{\nu-1} y(t) dt = g(x)$$
(2.25)

has the solution

$$y(x) = \frac{\Gamma(c_1^{(1)})\Gamma(c_1^{(2)})\Gamma(c_2^{(1)})\Gamma(c_2^{(2)})}{\Gamma(b)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{l-\beta-\mu-1} \sum_{i=0}^\infty \frac{E_j(x-t)^j}{\Gamma(j+l-\beta-\mu)} g^{(l)}(t) dt$$
 (2.26)

where  $\Re(l-\beta-\mu) > 0$ ,  $\Re(\beta) > 0$ ,  $|z_1(x-t)| < 1$ ,  $|z_2(x-t)| < 1$  provided that

 $g^{(i)}(0) = 0$  for  $0 \le i \le l - 1$ , l being a positive integer and  $\nu - \beta$  is an integer and  $E_j$  are given by the relation (2.11) and  $\mu$  is least B for which  $\lambda_B \ne 0$ 

$$\lambda_B = (-1)^B \sum_{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 = B} \Delta(k_1, k_2, k_3) \frac{z_1^{k_1}}{k_1!} \frac{z_2^{k_2}}{k_2!} \frac{z_3^{k_3}}{k_3!}$$
(2.27)

where in (2.27)

$$\Delta(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{\Gamma(c_1^{(1)} + k_1)\Gamma(c_1^{(2)} + k_2)\Gamma(c_2^{(1)} + k_1)\Gamma(c_2^{(2)} + k_2)\Gamma(\beta + k_1 + k_2 + k_3)}{\Gamma(b + k_1 + k_2)}\phi_3(k_3)$$
(2.28)

and

$$\phi_3(k_3) = \begin{cases} (-N)_M k_3 A_{N,k_3}, & 0 \le k_3 \le \left[\frac{N}{M}\right] \\ 0, & k_3 > \left[\frac{N}{M}\right] \end{cases}$$
 (2.29)

2. If we put  $r=1, p=q=0, z_2=-1$  in the LHS of (2.9), and further reduce the Fox's H-function thus obtained to  $e^{-z_1}[5, p.18, eq. (2.6.2)]$  and let  $z_1 \to 0$ , the Fox's H-function reduces to unity then we arrive at the following special case of (2.9):

$$\int_0^x (x-t)^{\beta-1} S_N^M[(x-t)] y(t) dt + \frac{a}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\nu-1} y(t) dt = g(x)$$
 (2.30)

has the solution

$$y(x) = \int_0^x (x-t)^{l-\beta-\mu-1} \sum_{i=0}^\infty \frac{E_j(x-t)^j}{\Gamma(j+l-\beta-\mu)} g^{(l)}(t) dt$$
 (2.31)

where  $\Re(l-\beta-\mu) > 0, \Re(\beta) > 0$  provided that

 $g^{(i)}(0) = 0$  for  $0 \le i \le l - 1$ , l being a positive integer and  $\nu - \beta$  is an integer and  $E_j$  are given by the relation (2.11) and  $\mu$  is least k for which  $\lambda_k \ne 0$ 

$$\lambda_k = \frac{(-N)_M k A_{N,k} \Gamma(\beta + k)}{k!} \tag{2.32}$$

k = 0, 1, ..., [N/M], N = 0, 1, 2, ...,

Remark 2: If we put a = 0 in (2.30) we get the result obtained by Jain[3, p. 102-103, eq. (3.5),eq. (3.6)]

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