

## A general volterra-type integral equation associated with an integral operator with the $\overline{H}$ -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 with the  $\overline{H}$ -function in its Kernel. We make use of convolution technique to solve the main equation. Since  $\overline{H}$ -function occurring in the fractional operator herein is general in nature we can obtain a number of special cases from our main findings, by reducing  $\overline{H}$ -function to its many special cases. We record here two such special cases which involve generalized Riemann-Zeta function and polylogarithmic function respectively. Results obtained by Srivastava and Bushman [4, 5], Rashmi Jain [9] follow as special cases of our main findings.

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### 1. Introduction

The  $\overline{H}$ -function occurring in the present work will be defined and represented here in the following manner [3]

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n}[z] &= \overline{H}_{p,q}^{m,n} \left[ z \left| \begin{array}{cc} (a_j, \alpha_j; A_j)_{1,n}, & (a_j, \alpha_j)_{n+1,p} \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,m}, & (b_j, \beta_j; B_j)_{m+1,q} \end{array} \right. \right] \\ &:= \frac{1}{2\pi\omega} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \overline{\Theta}(\xi) z^\xi d\xi \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

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where,  $\omega = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  being the set of complex numbers,

$$\bar{\Theta}(\xi) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j - \beta_j \xi) \prod_{j=1}^n \{\Gamma(1 - a_j + \alpha_j \xi)\}^{A_j}}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \{\Gamma(1 - b_j + \beta_j \xi)\}^{B_j} \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - \alpha_j \xi)} \quad (1.2)$$

The sufficient condition for the absolute convergence of the integral have been established by Bushman and Srivastava [8, p. 4708] The series representation for the  $\bar{H}$ -Function is as follows:

$$\bar{H}_{p,q}^{m,n} \left[ z \left| \begin{array}{cc} (a_j, \alpha_j; A_j)_{1,n}, & (a_j, \alpha_j)_{n+1,p} \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,m}, & (b_j, \beta_j; B_j)_{m+1,q} \end{array} \right. \right] = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{h=1}^m \bar{\Theta}_{\mathfrak{s}_{t,h}} z^{\mathfrak{s}_{t,h}} \quad (1.3)$$

where,

$$\bar{\Theta}_{\mathfrak{s}_{t,h}} = \frac{\prod_{j=1, j \neq h}^m \Gamma(b_j - \beta_j \mathfrak{s}_{t,h}) \prod_{j=1}^n \{\Gamma(1 - a_j + \alpha_j \mathfrak{s}_{t,h})\}^{A_j}}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \{\Gamma(1 - b_j + \beta_j \mathfrak{s}_{t,h})\}^{B_j} \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - \alpha_j \mathfrak{s}_{t,h})} \quad (1.4)$$

## 2. An integral operator involving $\bar{H}$ -function

In our present investigation, we make use of the following fractional integral operator with  $\bar{H}$ -function in its kernel

$$\left( \bar{\mathcal{H}}_{a+; p, q; \rho}^{1, n; \sigma} \varphi \right) (x) := \int_a^x (x-t)^{\rho-1} \bar{H}_{p, q}^{1, n} [(x-t)^{\sigma}] \varphi(t) dt \quad \Re(\rho) > 0 \quad (2.1)$$

The following property of Laplace transform [1]

$$L(f^{(n)}(x); s) = s^n F(s)$$

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

$$L(f(x); s) = \int_0^x e^{-sx} f(x) dx = F(s)$$

The well-known convolution theorem for Laplace transform

$$L \left( \int_0^x f(x-u)g(u)du; s \right) = L(f(x); s)L(g(x); s) \quad (2.2)$$

holds provided that the various Laplace transforms occurring in (2.2) exists. For  $a = 0$ , by using the *Convolution Theorem* for the Laplace Transform, we find from the definition (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{L}\left[\left(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{0+;p,q;\rho}^{1,n;\sigma} \varphi\right)(x)\right](s) \\ &= \mathcal{L}\left[x^{\rho-1} \overline{H}_{p,q}^{1,n}[x^\sigma]\right](s) \cdot \mathcal{L}[\varphi(x)](s) \\ &= s^{-\rho} \overline{H}_{p+1,q}^{1,n+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} s^{-\sigma} & (1-\rho, \sigma; 1), (a_j, \alpha_j; A_j)_{1,n}, (a_j, \alpha_j)_{n+1,p} \\ & (0, 1), (b_j, \beta_j; B_j)_{2,q} \end{matrix} \right] \Phi(s) \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$\Re(s, \rho, \sigma) > 0$$

### 3. Main Result

A general Volterra-type integral equation associated with an integral operator with the  $\overline{H}$ -function in its kernel is given by

$$\left(\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{0+;p,q;\rho}^{1,n;\sigma} y\right)(x) + \frac{a}{\Gamma(\eta)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\eta-1} y(t) dt := g(x) \tag{3.1}$$

$$\Re(\rho, \sigma, \eta) > 0; 0 \leq n \leq p$$

has the solution

$$y(x) = \int_0^x (x-t)^{l-\sigma k-\rho-1} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_\lambda (x-t)^{\sigma \lambda}}{\Gamma(l-\sigma k+\sigma \lambda-\rho)} D_t^l \{g(t)\} dt, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $l$  is a positive integer such that  $Re(l - \sigma k - \rho) > 0$ , where  $k$  denotes the least  $\nu$  for which  $C_\nu \neq 0$ , where

$$C'_\nu = \frac{\Gamma(\rho + \sigma \nu) \prod_{j=1}^n \{\Gamma(1 - a_j + \alpha_j \nu)\}^{A_j}}{\prod_{j=2}^q \{\Gamma(1 - b_j + \beta_j \nu)\}^{B_j} \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - \alpha_j \nu) \nu!} (-1)^\nu \tag{3.3}$$

$g$  is prescribed such that  $g^{(u)}(0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq u \leq l - 1$   
 $C_\lambda$  are given by

$$C_\lambda = (-1)^\lambda (C'_k)^{-\lambda-1} \det \begin{bmatrix} C'_{k+1} & C'_k & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ C'_{k+2} & C'_{k+1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \\ \left( C_{k+\frac{\eta-\rho}{\sigma}} + a \right) & \cdot & & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \\ C'_{k+\lambda} & C'_{k+\lambda-1} & \dots & \left( C_{k+\frac{\eta-\rho}{\sigma}} + a \right) & \dots & C'_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} \tag{3.4}$$

*Proof.* To solve Eq. (3.1), we first take the Laplace transform of its both sides with the help of (2.3), we get

$$s^{-\rho} \overline{H}_{p+1,q}^{1,n+1} \left[ s^{-\sigma} \left| \begin{array}{l} (1 - \rho, \sigma; 1), (a_j, \alpha_j; A_j)_{1,n}, (a_j, \alpha_j)_{n+1,p} \\ (0, 1), (b_j, \beta_j; B_j)_{2,q} \end{array} \right. \right] Y(s) + aS^{-\eta} Y(s) = G(s) \tag{3.5}$$

Now, expressing  $\overline{H}$ -function involved in the above equation in terms of series with the help of (1.3) we have

$$s^{-\rho} \left[ \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} C'_v s^{-\sigma v} + a s^{-\eta+\rho} \right] Y(s) = G(s) \tag{3.6}$$

where  $C'_v$  is given by (3.4). The other details of the proof would run parallel to those given already in [7] so we omit them here. ■

### 4. Special Cases

If we take  $\sigma = 1, A_j(j = 1, 2, \dots, n) = B_j(j = 2, \dots, q) = 1$  and  $a = 0$  in our main result we arrive at the result derived by [4, 5].

If we take  $a = 0$  in the main result we arrive at the result obtained by [9]

1. If we reduce the  $\overline{H}$ -function involved in (3.1) to the generalized Riemann Zeta function,  $\phi((x - t)^\sigma, \mu, \xi)$ , [2, 6], we arrive at the following interesting result:

$$\int_0^x (x-t)^{\rho-1} \phi((x-t)^\sigma, \mu, \xi) y(t) dt + \frac{a}{\Gamma(\eta)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\eta-1} y(t) dt := g(x) \tag{4.1}$$

has the solution given by

$$y(x) = \int_0^x (x-t)^{l-\sigma k-\rho-1} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_\lambda (x-t)^{\sigma\lambda}}{\Gamma(l-\sigma k+\sigma\lambda-\rho)} D_t^l \{g(t)\} dt \tag{4.2}$$

provided that  $\min \{\Re(\rho), \Re(\sigma), \Re(l-\rho-\sigma)\} > 0$ ,  $l$  is a positive integer and  $C_\lambda$  is given by (3.4) where

$$C'_\nu = \frac{\Gamma(\rho + \sigma\nu)}{(\xi + \nu)^\mu}, \nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{4.3}$$

Also  $g^{(u)}(0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq u \leq l-1$ .

2. If we reduce the  $\overline{H}$ -function involved in (3.1) to the Polylogarithm function  $F(t, \mu)$  of order  $\mu$  [2, p.30,p.315][6], we get the following interesting result:

$$\int_0^x (x-t)^{\rho-1} F((x-t)^\sigma, \mu) y(t) dt + \frac{a}{\Gamma(\eta)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\eta-1} y(t) dt := g(x) \tag{4.4}$$

has the solution given by

$$y(x) = \int_0^x (x-t)^{l-\sigma k-\rho-1} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_\lambda (x-t)^{\sigma\lambda}}{\Gamma(l-\sigma k+\sigma\lambda-\rho)} D_t^l \{g(t)\} dt \tag{4.5}$$

provided that  $\min \{\Re(\rho), \Re(\sigma), \Re(l-\rho-\sigma)\} > 0$ ,  $l$  is a positive integer and  $C_\lambda$  is given by (3.4) where

$$C'_\nu = \frac{\Gamma(\rho + \sigma + \sigma\nu)}{(1 + \nu)^\mu}, \nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{4.6}$$

Also  $g^{(u)}(0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq u \leq l-1$ .

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