

## Integrals involving Fox's $H$ -function

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**Abstract.** We evaluate four integrals involving Fox's  $H$ -functions and a general class of polynomials  $S_n^m[x]$ , introduced earlier by Srivastava.

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### 1. Introduction and definitions

Recently Kalla *et al* [1] and Kalla [2] established a number of integrals involving Jacobi polynomials and generalized Jacobi functions. The aim of this paper is to evaluate four integrals involving Fox's  $H$ -function and a general class of polynomials  $S_n^m[x]$ . The technique followed is essentially that of Kalla [1], [2]. Srivastava [4] studied the general class of polynomials  $S_n^m[x]$ , defined as

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

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

$$(\lambda)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda + n)}{\Gamma(\lambda)}. \quad (2)$$

By suitably specialising the coefficients  $A_{n,k}$ , the polynomials  $S_n^m[x]$  can be reduced to the classical orthogonal polynomials (see Srivastava and Singh [5] for details). The Fox's  $H$ -function is defined and represented as follows [6]:

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) &= H_{P,Q}^{M,N} \left[ x \left| \begin{matrix} (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1,P} \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,Q} \end{matrix} \right. \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \theta(s) x^s ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where

$$\theta(s) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^M \Gamma(b_j - \beta_j s) \prod_{j=1}^N \Gamma(1 - a_j + \alpha_j s)}{\prod_{j=M+1}^Q \Gamma(1 - b_j + \beta_j s) \prod_{j=N+1}^P \Gamma(a_j - \alpha_j s)}. \quad (4)$$

By summing up the residues at the simple poles of the integrand of (3), the following expression for  $H[x]$  was derived by Braaksma [see 6]:

$$H[x] = \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(-1)^r \phi(\lambda)}{r! \beta_h} x^\lambda \right\}, \quad (5)$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{b_h + r}{\beta_h}, \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (6)$$

and

$$\phi(t) = \frac{\theta(t)}{\Gamma(b_h - \beta_h t)}, \quad (7)$$

provided that the series on the right side of (5) is absolutely convergent.

## 2. Result required

The following integral is required to establish the main integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^1 (1-x)^a (1+x)^b S_n^m \left[ c \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^{\delta_1} \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^{\delta_2} \right] \\ & \times H_{P,Q}^{M,N} \left[ z \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^u \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^v \middle| \begin{matrix} (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1,P} \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,Q} \end{matrix} \right] dx \\ & = 2^{a+b+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} A_{n,k} H_{P+2,Q+1}^{M,N+2} \left[ z \middle| \begin{matrix} (-a - \delta_1 k, \mu), \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1,Q} \end{matrix} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \begin{matrix} (-b - \delta_2 k, \nu), (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1,P} \\ (-1 - a - b - \delta_1 k - \delta_2 k, \mu + \nu) \end{matrix} \right] c^k, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$= 2^{a+b+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(-n)_{mk} (-1)^r}{k! r!} f(\lambda) A_{n,k} c^k \frac{z^\lambda}{\beta_h} \right\} \quad (9)$$

with

$$\lambda = \frac{b_h + r}{\beta_h}, \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$f(t) = \phi(t) B(1 + a + \delta_1 k + \mu t, 1 + b + \delta_2 k + \nu t), \quad (10)$$

provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $A > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ,  $|\arg(z)| < (1/2)A\pi$

where

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^N (\alpha_j) - \sum_{j=N+1}^P (\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^M (\beta_j) - \sum_{j=M+1}^Q (\beta_j) \quad (11)$$

and

$$\delta = \sum_{j=1}^Q (\beta_j) - \sum_{j=1}^P (\alpha_j); \quad (12)$$

(ii)  $a, b, \delta_1, \delta_2, \mu, \nu$  are all positive, and

(iii)  $\mu \min_{1 \leq j \leq M} [\operatorname{Re}(b_j/\beta_j)] + 1 > 0,$

$\nu \min_{1 \leq j \leq M} [\operatorname{Re}(b_j/\beta_j)] + 1 > 0.$

The result in (8) is easily established when we replace the  $H$ -function by its Mellin-Barnes contour integral from (3), interchange the order of integrations (which is justified due to absolute convergence of the integrals involved in the process), replace  $S_n^m[x]$  by its series representation with the help of (1) and then integrate term by term with the help of the result [3], viz.

$$\int_{-1}^1 (1-x)^{a-1}(1+x)^{b-1} dx = 2^{a+b-1} B(a, b), \operatorname{Re}(a) > 0, \operatorname{Re}(b) > 0. \quad (13)$$

(See also Theorem 1 of [5] for a multivariable  $H$ -function integral analogous to (8) above.)

### 3. Main integrals

If  $\psi(z)$  denotes the logarithmic derivative of the gamma function  $\Gamma(z)$ , i.e.,  $\psi(z) = \Gamma'(z)/\Gamma(z)$ , then with  $\lambda = (b_h + r)/(\beta_h)$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f(t)$  given by (10), we have, for  $A > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ,  $|\arg z| < 1/2 A\pi$  ( $A$  and  $\delta$  being given by (11) and (12),  $a, b, \delta_1, \delta_2, \mu, \nu > 0$  and

$$\mu \min_{1 \leq j \leq M} [\operatorname{Re}(b_j/\beta_j)] + 1 > 0, \quad \nu \min_{1 \leq j \leq M} [\operatorname{Re}(b_j/\beta_j)] + 1 > 0$$

and

$$F(x) = (1-x)^a(1+x)^b S_n^m \left[ c \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^{\delta_1} \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^{\delta_2} \right] \\ \times H_{P, Q}^{M, N} \left[ z \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^\mu \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^\nu \right], \quad (14)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 F(x) \log(1-x) dx = 2^{b+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \left[ \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} A_{n,k} c^k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left\{ 2^a \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. H_{P+2, Q+1}^{M, N+2} \left[ z \left( \begin{array}{l} (-a - \delta_1 k, \mu), (-b - \delta_2 k, \nu), (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1, P} \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1, Q}, (-1 - a - b - \delta_1 k - \delta_2 k, \mu + \nu) \end{array} \right) \right] \right\} \right] \\ = 2^{a+b+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-n)_{mk} (-1)^r f(\lambda)}{k! r! \beta_h} A_{n,k} \{ \log 2 + \psi(1 + a + \delta_1 k + \mu \lambda) \right. \\ \left. - \psi(2 + a + b + (\delta_1 + \delta_2)k + (\mu + \nu)\lambda) \} c^k z^{\lambda} \right]; \quad (15)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 F(x) \log(1+x) dx = 2^{a+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \left[ \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} A_{n,k} c^k \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \left\{ 2^b \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. H_{P+2, Q+1}^{M, N+2} \left[ z \left( \begin{array}{l} (-a - \delta_1 k, \mu), (-b - \delta_2 k, \nu), (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1, P} \\ (b_j, \beta_j)_{1, Q}, (-1 - a - b - \delta_1 k - \delta_2 k, \mu + \nu) \end{array} \right) \right] \right\} \right]$$

$$= 2^{a+b+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} \frac{(-1)^r f(\lambda)}{r! \beta_h} A_{n,k} \{ \log 2 + \psi(1+b+\delta_2 k + v\lambda) \right. \\ \left. - \psi(a+b+2+(\delta_1+\delta_2)k+(\mu+v)\lambda) \} c^k z^\lambda \right]; \quad (16)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 F(x) \log(1-x^2) dx = 2^{a+b+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} \frac{(-1)^r f(\lambda)}{r! \beta_h} A_{n,k} \right. \\ \times \{ \log 4 + \psi(1+a+\delta_1 k + \mu\lambda) + \psi(1+b+\delta_2 k + v\lambda) \\ \left. - 2\psi(a+b+2+(\delta_1+\delta_2)k+(\mu+v)\lambda) \} c^k z^\lambda \right]; \quad (17)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 F(x) \log\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) dx = 2^{a+b+1} \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} \frac{(-1)^r f(\lambda)}{r! \beta_h} A_{n,k} \right. \\ \left. \times \{ \psi(1+a+\delta_1 k + \mu\lambda) - \psi(1+b+\delta_2 k + v\lambda) \} c^k z^\lambda \right]. \quad (18)$$

Outline of Proof: The results in (15) and (16) are established by taking the partial derivatives of both the sides of (9) with respect to  $a$  and  $b$  respectively. The integrals in (17) and (18) are obtained by first adding (15) and (16) and then subtracting them.

#### 4. Particular cases

1. If, in (17) we take

$$A_{n,k} = \frac{(\gamma+n)_k \prod_{j=1}^p (\varepsilon_j)_k}{\prod_{j=1}^q (\eta_j)_k} = D_{n,k}, \text{ say} \quad (19)$$

and  $m = 1$ , it reduces to the following integral involving extended Jacobi polynomials [5]:

$$\text{With } G(x) = (1-x)^a (1+x)^b H_{p,Q}^{M,N} \left[ z \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^\mu \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^\nu \right], \quad (20)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 G(x) \log(1-x^2) {}_{p+2}F_q \left[ \begin{matrix} -n, \gamma+n, (\varepsilon_p) \\ (\eta_q) \end{matrix}; c \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^{\delta_1} \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^{\delta_2} \right] dx \\ = 2^{a+b+1} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-n)_k}{k!} D_{n,k} c^k E_1(M, a, b, k), \quad (21)$$

where

$$E_1(M, a, b, k) = \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(-1)^r f(\lambda)}{r! \beta_h} L_1(a, b, k, r) z^\lambda \right\} \quad (22)$$

with

$$L_1(a, b, k, r) = \{ \log 4 + \psi(1+a+\delta_1 k + \mu\lambda) + \psi(1+b+\delta_2 k + v\lambda) \\ - 2\psi(a+b+2+(\delta_1+\delta_2)k+(\mu+v)\lambda) \},$$

$\lambda = (b_h + r)/\beta_h$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f(\lambda)$  is given by (10); provided that the conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) given with the integral (8) are satisfied.

2. If, in (18), we take

$$A_{n,k} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{l-1} \left( \frac{\gamma + n + j}{l} \right) \prod_{k,j=1}^p (\varepsilon_j)_k}{\prod_{j=1}^q (\eta_j)_k} = B_{n,k}, \quad \text{say} \tag{23}$$

and  $c = m^{-m}$  so that  $S_n^m[x]$  reduces to the generalized extended Jacobi polynomial [5].

$${}_{l+m+p}F_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \Delta(m; -n), \Delta(l; \gamma + n), (\varepsilon_p) \\ (\eta_q) \end{matrix} ; x \right],$$

then (18) gives the following integral:

With  $G(x)$  given by (20), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^1 G(x) \log \left( \frac{1-x}{1+x} \right) {}_{l+m+p}F_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \Delta(m; -n), \Delta(l; \gamma + n), (\varepsilon_p) \\ (\eta_q) \end{matrix} ; x \right] \\ & \times \left( \frac{1-x}{2} \right)^{\delta_1} \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^{\delta_2} dx \\ & = 2^{a+b+1} (n)! \sum_{k=0}^{[n/m]} \frac{(-1/m)^{mk}}{k!(n-mk)!} B_{n,k} E_2(M, a, b, k) \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where

$$E_2(M, a, b, k) = \sum_{h=1}^M \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(-1)^r f(\lambda)}{r! \beta_h} L_2(a, b, k, r) z^\lambda \right\} \tag{25}$$

with  $L_2(a, b, k, r) = \psi(1 + a + \delta_1 k + \mu\lambda) - \psi(1 + b + \delta_2 k + \nu\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda = b_h + r/\beta_h$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $f(\lambda)$  is given by (10); provided that the conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) given with the integral (8) are satisfied.

A number of other particular cases can be obtained from the main integrals but these are not recorded here for lack of space.

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