

FOURIER SERIES FOR FOX'S H-FUNCTION

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Two integrals involving Fox's H-function have been evaluated and used to establish two Fourier series for the H-function. On specialising the parameters, the H-function can be reduced to Meijer G-function, MacRobert's E-function, generalised hypergeometric functions and many other higher transcendental functions¹. The results established are of a general character.

Carlson & Greiman² have obtained a cosine series for Gegenbauer's function. MacRobert^{3,4} has established a cosine and sine series for MacRobert's E-function. Jain⁵, Kesarwani⁶ and Bajpai⁷⁻⁹ have obtained some Fourier series for Meijer's G-function. Except a few^{7,9} all the Fourier series for the G-function have been established following the results of MacRobert^{3,4}. The Fourier series for H-function in this paper have been obtained with the help of a result given by Nielsen¹⁰.

The H-function introduced by Fox¹¹ is represented and defined as follows :

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{p,q}^{m,n} \left[z \mid \begin{matrix} (a_1, e_1), \dots, (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_1, f_1), \dots, (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right] \\
 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j - f_j s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1 - a_j + e_j s) z^s ds}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1 - b_j + f_j s) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - e_j s)}, \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where an empty product is interpreted as 1, $0 \leq m \leq q$, $0 \leq n \leq p$; e 's and f 's are all positive numbers, L is suitable contour of Barnes type such that the poles of $\Gamma(b_j - f_j s)$, $j = 1, \dots, m$ lie on the right hand side of the contour and those of $\Gamma(1 - a_j + e_j s)$, $j = 1, \dots, n$ lie on the left hand side of the contour.

Asymptotic expansion and analytic continuation of the H-function have been discussed by Braaksma¹².

Following formulae are required in the proofs :

(a) The following integrals¹⁰.

$$\int_0^\pi (\sin \theta)^\rho \cos u\theta \, d\theta = \frac{\pi \Gamma(1 + \rho) \cos(\pi u/2)}{2^\delta \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{\rho + u}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{\rho - u}{2}\right)}, \quad (2)$$

$$\int_0^\pi (\sin \theta)^\rho \sin u \theta \, d\theta = \frac{\pi \Gamma(1 + \rho) \sin(\pi u/2)}{2^\rho \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{\rho + u}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{\rho - u}{2}\right)}, \tag{3}$$

where $\rho > -1$

(b) The duplication formula for the gamma-function¹³.

$$(\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(2z) = 2^{(2z-1)} \Gamma(z) \Gamma\left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right). \tag{4}$$

In what follows for sake of brevity (α_p, e_p) denotes $(\alpha_1, e_1), \dots, (\alpha_p, e_p)$; α_p stand for $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ and the symbol $\Delta(\delta, \alpha)$ represents the set of parameters

$\alpha/\delta, \frac{\alpha+1}{\delta}, \dots, \frac{\alpha+\delta-1}{\delta}$, where δ is a positive integer.

THE INTEGRALS

The integrals to be established are :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\pi (\sin \theta)^\rho \cos u \theta \, H_{p,q}^{m,n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \mid \begin{matrix} (\alpha_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right] d\theta \\ &= (\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos \frac{\pi u}{2} H_{p+2, q+2}^{m, n+2} \left[z \mid \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{2}, \delta\right), (-\rho/2, \delta), (\alpha_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q), \left(-\frac{\rho+u}{2}, \delta\right), \left(-\frac{\rho-u}{2}, \delta\right) \end{matrix} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\pi (\sin \theta)^\rho \sin u \theta \, H_{p,q}^{m,n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \mid \begin{matrix} (\alpha_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right] d\theta \\ &= (\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \frac{\pi u}{2} H_{p+2, q+2}^{m, n+2} \left[z \mid \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{2}, \delta\right), (-\rho/2, \delta), (\alpha_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q), \left(-\frac{\rho+u}{2}, \delta\right), \left(-\frac{\rho-u}{2}, \delta\right) \end{matrix} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where δ is a positive number and

$$\sum_{j=1}^p e_j - \sum_{j=1}^q f_j \leq 0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n e_j - \sum_{j=n+1}^p e_j + \sum_{j=1}^m f_j - \sum_{j=m+1}^q f_j \equiv K > 0,$$

$$|\arg z| < \frac{1}{2} K \pi, \quad \operatorname{Re} 2 \delta b_j/f_j > 1 - \rho \quad (j = 1, \dots, m).$$

Proof

To prove (5), expressing the H -function in the integrand as a Mellin-Barnes type integral (1) and interchanging the order of integrations, which is justified due to the absolute convergence of the integrals involved in the process, we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\tilde{L}} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j - f_j s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1 - a_j + e_j s) z^s}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1 - b_j + f_j s) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - e_j s)} \int_0^\pi (\sin \theta)^{\rho + 2\delta s} \cos u \theta \, d\theta \, ds.$$

Now evaluating the inner integral with the help of (2) and using duplication formula for Gamma-function (4), we get

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\tilde{L}} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j - f_j s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1 - a_j + e_j s) \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{1+\rho}{2} + \delta s\right)}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1 - b_j + f_j s) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - e_j s) \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{\rho+u}{2} + \delta s\right)} \times \\ \times \frac{\Gamma(1 + \rho/2 + \delta s) \cos(\pi u/2)}{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{\rho-u}{2} + \delta s\right)} ds$$

On applying (1), the result (5) is established.

The integral (6) is established on applying the same procedure and using (3).

FOURIER SERIES

The Fourier series to be obtained are

$$(\sin \theta)^\rho H_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \left| \begin{matrix} (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right. \right] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} H_{p+1, q+1}^{m, n+1} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{2}, \delta\right), (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q), (-\rho/2, \delta) \end{matrix} \right. \right] \\ + \frac{2}{(\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} H_{p+2, q+2}^{m, n+2} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{2}, \delta\right), (-\rho/2, \delta), (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q), \left(-\frac{\rho+u}{2}, \delta\right), \left(-\frac{\rho-u}{2}, \delta\right) \end{matrix} \right. \right] \times \\ \times \cos \frac{\pi r}{2} \cos r\theta, \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\sin \theta)^\rho H_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \left| \begin{matrix} (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right. \right] \\
 &= \frac{2}{(\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} H_{p+2, q+2}^{m, n+2} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{2}, \delta \right), (-\rho/2, \delta), (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q), \left(-\frac{\rho+u}{2}, \delta \right), \left(-\frac{\rho-u}{2}, \delta \right) \end{matrix} \right. \right] \times \\
 & \times \sin \frac{\pi r}{2} \sin r \theta, \tag{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

where δ is a positive number and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{j=1}^p e_j - \sum_{j=1}^q f_j < 0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n e_j - \sum_{j=n+1}^p e_j + \sum_{j=1}^m f_j - \sum_{j=m+1}^q f_j \equiv K > 0, \\
 | \arg z | \leq \frac{1}{2} K < \pi, \quad \operatorname{Re} 2 \delta b_j / f_j > 1 - \rho \quad (j = 1, \dots, m), \quad 0 < \theta < \pi.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof

To establish (7), let

$$f(\theta) = (\sin \theta)^\rho H_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \left| \begin{matrix} (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right. \right] = \frac{C_0}{2} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} C_r \cos r\theta. \tag{9}$$

Equation (9) is valid since $f(\theta)$ is continuous and of bounded variation in the open interval $(0, \pi)$, when $\rho \geq 0$.

Multiplying both sides of (9) by $\cos(u\theta)$ and integrating with respect to θ from 0 to π , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^\pi (\sin \theta)^\rho \cos u \theta H_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \left| \begin{matrix} (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right. \right] d\theta \\
 &= \frac{C_0}{2} \int_0^\pi \cos u \theta d\theta + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} C_r \int_0^\pi \cos r\theta \cos u \theta d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Now using (5) and the orthogonality property of cosine functions, we have

$$C_u = \frac{2}{(\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cos \frac{\pi u}{2} H_{p+2, q+2}^{m, n+2} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{2}, \delta \right), (-\rho/2, \delta), (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q), \left(-\frac{\rho+u}{2}, \delta \right), \left(-\frac{\rho-u}{2}, \delta \right) \end{matrix} \right. \right]$$

From (9) and (10), the result (7) is obtained. (10)

To prove (8), let

$$f(\theta) = (\sin \theta)^{\rho} H_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \left| \begin{matrix} (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q) \end{matrix} \right. \right] = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} C_r \sin r\theta \quad (11)$$

Multiplying both sides of (11) by $\sin(u\theta)$ and integrating with respect to θ from 0 to π then using (6) and the orthogonality property of sine functions, we obtain

$$C_u = \frac{2}{(\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sin \frac{\pi u}{2} H_{p+2, q+2}^{m, n+2} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} \left(\frac{1-\rho}{2}, \delta \right), (-\rho/2, \delta), (a_p, e_p) \\ (b_q, f_q), \left(-\frac{\rho+u}{2}, \delta \right), \left(-\frac{\rho-u}{2}, \delta \right) \end{matrix} \right. \right] \quad (12)$$

From (11) and (12), the formula (8) follows immediately.

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In (7), assuming δ as a positive integer, putting $e_j = f_i = 1$ ($j = 1, \dots, p$; $i = 1, \dots, q$), using the formula

$$H_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} (a_p, 1) \\ (b_q, 1) \end{matrix} \right. \right] = G_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} a_p \\ b_i \end{matrix} \right. \right],$$

and simplifying with the help¹ of (1), (4) and (9), we get a result recently obtained by Bajpai², viz.

$$\begin{aligned} (\sin \theta)^{\rho} G_{p, q}^{m, n} \left[z (\sin \theta)^{2\delta} \left| \begin{matrix} a_p \\ b_q \end{matrix} \right. \right] &= \frac{1}{(\pi \delta)^{\frac{1}{2}}} G_{p+\delta, q+\delta}^{m, n+\delta} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} \Delta \left(\delta, \frac{1-\rho}{2} \right), a_p \\ b_q, \Delta \left(\delta, -\rho/2 \right) \end{matrix} \right. \right] \\ &+ \frac{2}{(\pi \delta)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sum_{r=1}^{\delta} G_{p+2\delta, q+2\delta}^{m, n+2\delta} \left[z \left| \begin{matrix} \Delta (2\delta, -\rho), a_p \\ b_q, \Delta \left(\delta, -\frac{\rho+r}{2} \right), \Delta \left(\delta, -\frac{\rho-r}{2} \right) \end{matrix} \right. \right] \\ &\times \cos \frac{\pi r}{2} \cos r\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where $2(m+n) > p+q$, $|\arg z| < (m+n - \frac{1}{2}p - \frac{1}{2}q)\pi$,

$\operatorname{Re}(2\delta b_j) > -\rho - 1$ ($j = 1, \dots, m$), $0 < \theta < \pi$.

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