

# On Sequence of Functions Involving I-function

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**Abstract:** In the present paper we introduce a sequence of functions involving Rathie's I-function [6] by using operational techniques. Three generating relations pertaining to this sequence of functions have also been established. These generating relations are unified in nature and act as key formulae from which a large number of known or new results can be obtained as special cases. For the sake of illustration, some special cases of our main findings have been recorded here.

**Key words :-** Special function, generating relations, I-function, sequence of functions

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Rathie [6] has introduced the I-function which is a new generalization of the  $\bar{H}$ -function which was the generalization of the familiar H-function of Fox [8]. The I-function will be defined and represented by the following Mellin-Barnes type contour integral [6].

$$I_{P,Q}^{M,N} [z] = I_{P,Q}^{M,N} \left[ z \left| \begin{matrix} (a_j, A_j; \alpha_j)_{1,N}, (a_j, A_j; \alpha_j)_{N+1,P} \\ (b_j, B_j; \beta_j)_{1,M}, (b_j, B_j; \beta_j)_{M+1,Q} \end{matrix} \right. \right] \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \theta(s) z^s ds, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\theta(s)$  is given by

$$\theta(s) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^M \Gamma^{\beta_j} (b_j - B_j s) \prod_{j=1}^N \Gamma^{\alpha_j} (1 - a_j + A_j s)}{\prod_{j=M+1}^Q \Gamma^{\beta_j} (1 - b_j + B_j s) \prod_{j=N+1}^P \Gamma^{\alpha_j} (a_j - A_j s)} \tag{1.2}$$

It may be noted that the  $(\theta)s$  contains fractional powers of the gamma function and M,N,P,Q are integers satisfying  $0 \leq M \leq Q, 0 \leq N \leq P$ .  $A_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, P; B_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, Q; \alpha_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, P$  and  $\beta_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, Q$  are positive real numbers.  $a_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, P$  and  $b_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, Q$  are complex numbers.

For the nature of contour L, sufficient conditions of convergence of defining integral (1.1) and other details about the I-function one may refer to [6].

## 2. PREVIOUS WORK

We also recall here the following known functions and earlier works :

The Rodrigues formula for generalized Lagurre polynomials is given by Mittal [2] as follows :

$$L_{kn}^{(\alpha)}(x) \\ = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha} \exp(p_k(x)) D^n [x^{\alpha+n} \exp(-p_k(x))] \tag{2.1}$$

where  $p_k(x)$  is a polynomial in x of degree k.

The relation (2.1) can also be proved by Mittal [3] as

$$L_{kn}^{(\alpha+s-1)}(x) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha-n} \exp(p_k(x)) \\ L_s^n [x^\alpha \exp(-p_k(x))] \tag{2.2}$$

where s is constant and  $L_s = x(s + xD)$ .

A sequence of functions  $W_n^{(\alpha)}(x; a, k, s)$  is studied by Srivastava and Singh [7] and is defined by:

$$W_n^{(\alpha)}(x; a, k, s) \\ = \frac{x^{-\alpha}}{n!} \exp\{p_k(x)\} \theta^n [x^\alpha \exp\{-p_k(x)\}] \tag{2.3}$$

where  $\theta \equiv x^\alpha(s + xD)$  and s is constant and  $p_k(x)$  is a polynomial in x of degree k.

We also defined a new sequence of function  $\{W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M)\}_{n=0}^\infty$  involving Rathi's I-function in the following manner:

$$W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) = \frac{1}{n!} x^{-\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N} \{p_k(x)\} (T_x^{a,s})^n [x^\alpha I_{P,Q}^{M,N} \{-p_k(x)\}] \tag{2.4}$$

where  $T_x^{a,s} \equiv x^a(s + xD)$ ,  $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$ , a and s are constants,  $\beta \geq 0$ , k is finite and non-negative integer,  $p_k(x)$  is a polynomial in x of degree k.

Some generating relations and finite summation formulae of class of polynomials or sequence of functions have been obtained by using the properties of the differential operators,  $T_x^{a,s} \equiv x^a(s + xD)$ ,  $T_x^{a,1} \equiv x^{a,1}(1 + xD)$ , where  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ , is based on the work of Mittal [4], Patil and Thakare [5], Srivastava and Singh [7].

Some useful operational techniques are as follows :

$$\exp(tT_x^{a,s})(x^\beta f(x)) = x^\beta (1 - ax^a t)^{-\left(\frac{\beta+s}{a}\right)} f(x(1 - ax^a t)^{-1/a}) \tag{2.5}$$

$$\exp(tT_x^{a,s})(x^{\alpha-an} f(x)) = x^\alpha (1 + at)^{-1 + \left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} f(x(1 + at)^{1/a}) \tag{2.6}$$

$$(T_x^{a,s})^n(xuv) = x \sum_{m=0}^\infty \binom{n}{m} (T_x^{a,s})^{n-m}(v) (T_x^{a,1})^m(u) \tag{2.7}$$

$$(1 + xD)(1 + a + xD)(1 + 2a + xD) \dots (1 + (m-1)D + xD)x^{\beta-1} = a^m \left(\frac{\beta}{a}\right)_m x^{\beta-1} \tag{2.8}$$

$$(1 - at)^{-\frac{\alpha}{a}} = (1 - at)^{-\frac{\beta}{a}} \sum_{m=0}^\infty \binom{\alpha - \beta}{a}_m \frac{(at)^m}{m!} \tag{2.9}$$

### 3. GENERATING RELATIONS

In this section of the present paper we discuss the following three generating relations as follows:

First Generating Relation :

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \times x^{-an} t^n = (1 - at)^{-\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x)) I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x(1 - at)^{-1/a})) \tag{3.1}$$

Proof:

To prove the above generating relation let us consider from equation (2.4)

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \times t^n = x^{-\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x)) \exp(tT_x^{a,s}) [x^\alpha I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x))] \tag{3.2}$$

Now using (2.6) in relation(3.5), it will reduce to

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \times t^n = x^{-\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x)) x^\alpha (1 - ax^a t)^{-\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x(1 - ax^a t)^{-1/a})) \tag{3.3}$$

Thereafter replacing t by  $tx^{-a}$  we get the desired result.

Second Generating Relation :

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha-an)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \times x^{-an} t^n = (1 + at)^{-1 + \left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x)) I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x(1 + at)^{1/a})) \tag{3.4}$$

Proof :

To prove the above generating relation let us consider

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{-an} W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha-an)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \times t^n = x^{-\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x)) \exp(tT_x^{a,s}) [x^{\alpha-an} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x))] \tag{3.5}$$

Now using (2.6) in relation(3.5), it will reduce to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{-an} W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \times t^n = x^{-\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x)) x^{\alpha} (1+at)^{-1+\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x(1+at)^{1/a})) \tag{3.6}$$

$$= I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x))(1+at)^{-1+\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x(1+at)^{1/a}))$$

This completes the proof of second generating relation.

Third Generating Relation :

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+n}{m} W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \times t^n = (1-at)^{-\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} \frac{I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x))}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(p_k(x(1-at)^{-1/a}))} = n! x^{\alpha} (1-ax^a t)^{-\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} \frac{W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x(1-ax^a t)^{-1/a}; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M)}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N}\{p_k(x(1-ax^a t)^{-1/a})\}} \tag{3.10}$$

Now using (3.8) we get

$$\times W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x(1-at)^{-1/a}; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \tag{3.7}$$

Proof :

To prove the above generating relation we rewrite the equation (2.4) as

$$(T_x^{a,s})^n [x^{\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}\{-p_k(x)\}] = n! x^{\alpha} \frac{1}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N}\{p_k(x)\}} W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \tag{3.8}$$

or

$$\exp(tT_x^{a,s}) \left\{ (T_x^{a,s})^n [x^{\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x))] \right\} = n! \exp(tT_x^{a,\alpha}) \left[ x^{\alpha} \frac{1}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N}\{p_k(x)\}} W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \right] \tag{3.9}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} (T_x^{a,s})^{m+n} [x^{\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x))] = n! \exp(tT_x^{a,s}) \left[ x^{\alpha} \frac{1}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N}\{p_k(x)\}} W_n^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) \right]$$

on using (2.5) , (3.9) reduces to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m}{m!} (T_x^{a,s})^{m+n} [x^{\alpha} I_{P,Q}^{M,N}(-p_k(x))] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^m (m+n)!}{m! n!} x^{\alpha} \frac{W_{m+n}^{(M,N;P,Q;\alpha)}(x(1-ax^a t)^{-1/a}; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_p, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M)}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N}\{p_k(x)\}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x^\alpha (1-ax^at)^{-\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} \\
 &\frac{W_n^{(M,N;P,Q,\alpha)}(x(1-ax^at)^{-1/a}; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M)}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N} \{p_k(x(1-ax^at)^{-1/a})\}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(3.11)

Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+n}{n} W_{m+n}^{(M,N;P,Q,\alpha)}(x; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M) t^m \\
 &= (1-ax^at)^{-\left(\frac{\alpha+s}{a}\right)} \frac{I_{P,Q}^{M,N} \{p_k(x)\}}{I_{P,Q}^{M,N} \{p_k(x(1-ax^at)^{-1/a})\}} \\
 &W_n^{(M,N;P,Q,\alpha)}(x(1-ax^at)^{-1/a}; a, k, s, \alpha_{N+1}, \dots, \alpha_P, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_M)
 \end{aligned}$$

(3.12)

Finally by replacing t by  $tx^{-a}$ , we get the required result.

**4. SPECIAL CASES**

- (i) By taking the exponents  $\alpha_j=1(j=N+1, \dots, P)$  and  $\beta_j=1(j=1, 2, \dots, P)$  in (3.1), (3.4) and (3.7) the I-function reduces to the H-function and we get the results obtained by Agrawal[1].

- (ii) If we put  $A_j=B_j=1$  in the results obtained in above special case (I) the  $\bar{H}$ -function reduces to Fox's  $\bar{H}$ -function and we get the results obtained by Agrawal[1].

**5.CONCLUSION**

In this paper, we discussed a new sequence of functions involving I-function by using operational techniques with the help of which we established some generating relations and also recorded some special cases involving  $\bar{H}$ -function. On account of most general nature of the  $\bar{H}$ -function large number of sequences and polynomials involving simpler functions can be easily obtained as their special cases.

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