

On The Fractional Derivative Formulae Involving the Product of A General Class Of Polynomials And The Multivariable A - Function

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Abstract: In the present paper, we obtain three fractional derivative formulae (FDF). The first involves the product of a general class of polynomials and the multivariable A -function. The second of a general class of polynomials and two multivariable A -functions and has been obtained with the help of the generalized Leibnitz rule for fractional derivatives. The last FDF also involves the product of a general class of polynomials and the multivariable A -function but it is obtained by the application of the first FDF twice and it involves two independent variables instead of one. Two polynomials and the functions involved in all our fractional derivative formulae as well as their arguments which are of the type $x^\rho \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\sigma_i}$ are quite general in nature. These formulae, besides being of very general character have been put in a compact form avoiding the occurrence of infinite series and thus making them useful in applications. Our findings provide interesting unifications and extensions of a number of (new and known) results. For the sake of illustration, we give here exact references to the results to the results (in essence) of six research papers [3,4,12,13,14,15] that follow as particular cases of our findings. In the end, we record a new fractional derivative formula involving the product of the Hermite polynomials and the product of r different Whittakar functions as a simple special case of our first formula.

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I. Introduction

We shall define the fractional integrals and derivatives of a function $f(x)$ ([12], pp.528-529) (see also [7,8,10]) as follows:

Let α, β and γ be complex numbers. The fractional integral ($\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0$) and derivative ($\text{Re}(\alpha) < 0$) of a function $f(x)$ defined on $(0, \infty)$ is given by

$$I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} F\left(\alpha+\beta-\gamma; \alpha; 1-\frac{t}{x}\right) f(t) dt, & (\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \\ \frac{d^q}{dx^q} I_{0,x}^{\alpha+q,\beta-q,\gamma-q} f(x), & (\text{Re}(\alpha) \leq 0, 0 < \text{Re}(\alpha)+q \leq 1; q=1,2,3,\dots), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Where F is the gauss hypergeometric function.

The operator A includes both the Riemann-Liouville and Erdelyi-Kober fractional operators as follows:

The Riemann-Liouville operator

$$R_{0,x}^{\alpha} f(x) = \begin{cases} R_{0,x}^{\alpha-\alpha,\gamma} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, & (\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \\ \frac{d^q}{dx^q} R_{0,x}^{\alpha+q} f(x), & (\text{Re}(\alpha) \leq 0, 0 < \text{Re}(\alpha)+q \leq 1; q=1,2,3,\dots), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

The Erdelyi-Kober operator

$$E_{0,x}^{\alpha,\gamma} f(x) = I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\alpha,\gamma} f(x) = \frac{x^{-\alpha-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} t^{\gamma} f(t) dt, \quad \text{Re}(\alpha) > 0, \quad (3)$$

Also, $S_n^m[x]$ occurring in the sequel denotes the general class of polynomials introduced by Srivastava ([13], p.1, eq. (1))

$$S_n^m [x] = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/m \rfloor} \frac{(-n)_{mk}}{k!} A_{n,k} x^k, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (4)$$

Where m is an arbitrary positive integer and the coefficients $A_{n,k} (n, k \geq 0)$ are arbitrary constants, real or complex. On suitably specializing the coefficients $A_{n,k}, S_n^m [x]$ yields a number of known polynomials as its special cases. These include, among others, the Hermite polynomials, the Jacobi polynomials, the Leguerre polynomials, the Bessel polynomials, the Gould-Hopper polynomials, the Brafman polynomials and several others ([18], pp.158-161).

The multivariable A -function introduced by Gautam et.al. [2] will be define and represent it in the following manner :

$$A[z_1, \dots, z_r] = A_{p,q:(p_1,q_1):\dots:(p_r,q_r)}^{m,n:(m_1,n_1):\dots:(m_r,n_r)} \left[\begin{matrix} z_1, \dots, z_r \\ (a_j, A_j, \dots, A_j^{(r)})_{1,p} : (a_j, \alpha_j^{(r)})_{1,p} : \dots : (a_j, \alpha_j^{(r)})_{1,p(r)} \\ (b_j, B_j, \dots, B_j^{(r)})_{1,q} : (b_j, \beta_j^{(r)})_{1,q} : \dots : (b_j, \beta_j^{(r)})_{1,q(r)} \end{matrix} \right] \\ = \frac{1}{(2\pi w)^r} \int_{L_1} \dots \int_{L_r} \phi_1(s_1) \dots \phi_r(s_r) \psi(s_1, \dots, s_r) z_1^{s_1} \dots z_r^{s_r} ds_1 \dots ds_r \quad (5)$$

Where

$$w = \sqrt{(-1)} \\ \phi_i(s_i) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m_i} \Gamma(b_j^{(i)} - \beta_j^{(i)} s_i) \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \Gamma(1 - a_j^{(i)} + \alpha_j^{(i)} s_i)}{\prod_{j=m_i+1}^{q_i} \Gamma(1 - b_j^{(i)} + \beta_j^{(i)} s_i) \prod_{j=n_i+1}^{p_i} \Gamma(a_j^{(i)} - \alpha_j^{(i)} s_i)} \quad \forall i \in (1, 2, \dots, r) \quad (6)$$

$$\psi(s_1, \dots, s_r) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma\left(1 - a_j + \sum_{i=1}^r A_j^{(i)} s_i\right) \prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma\left(b_j - \sum_{i=1}^r B_j^{(i)} s_i\right)}{\prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma\left(a_j - \sum_{i=1}^r A_j^{(i)} s_i\right) \prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma\left(1 - b_j + \sum_{i=1}^r B_j^{(i)} s_i\right)} \quad (7)$$

$\alpha_j^{(i)}, \beta_j^{(i)}, \alpha_j^{(i)}, \beta_j^{(i)} (i = 1, \dots, r)$ are positive numbers, $a_j^{(i)}, b_j^{(i)}, a_j, b_j (i = 1, \dots, r)$ are complex numbers and here $m_i, n_i, p_i, q_i (i = 1, \dots, r)$ are non-negative integers where $0 \leq m_i \leq q_i, 0 \leq n_i \leq p_i$. Here (i) denotes the numbers of dashes. The contours L_i in the complex s_i -plane is of the Mellin-Barnes type which runs from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ with indentations, if necessary, to ensure that all the poles of $\Gamma(b_j^{(i)} - \beta_j^{(i)} s_i) (j = 1, \dots, m_i)$ are separated from those of $\Gamma\left(1 - a_j + \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_j^{(i)} s_i\right) (j = 1, \dots, n_r)$.

For further details and asymptotic expansion of the A -function one can refer by Gautam et.al. [2].

In what follows, the multivariable A -function defined by [2] will be represented in the contracted notation:

$$A_{p,q:(p_1,q_1):\dots:(p_r,q_r)}^{m,n:(m_1,n_1):\dots:(m_r,n_r)} [z_1, \dots, z_r]$$

Or simply by $A[z_1, \dots, z_r]$.

II. Main Results

2.1 Fractional Derivative Formula 1:

$$I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} \left\{ x^\rho \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\sigma_i} \prod_{j=1}^t S_{n_j}^{m_j} \left[e_j x^{\lambda_j} \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\eta_j^{(i)}} \right] \right. \\ \left. A \left[z_1 x^{u_1} \prod_{j=1}^s (x^{t_j} + \alpha_j)^{-v_j}, \dots, z_r x^{u_r} \prod_{j=1}^s (x^{t_j} + \alpha_j)^{-v_j^{(r)}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \alpha_1^{\sigma_1} \dots \alpha_s^{\sigma_s} x^{\rho-\beta} \sum_{k_1=0}^{[n_1/m_1]} \dots \sum_{k_t=0}^{[n_t/m_t]} \frac{(-n_1)_{m_1 k_1} \dots (-n_t)_{m_t k_t}}{k_1! \dots k_t!} A'_{n_1, k_1} \dots A_{n_t, k_t}^{(t)} \\
 &e_1^{k_1} \dots e_t^{k_t} \alpha_1^{\eta_1 k_1 + \dots + \eta_1^{(t)} k_t} \dots \alpha_s^{\eta_s k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_t} x^{\lambda_1 k_1 + \dots + \lambda_t k_t} \\
 &A_{P+s+2, Q+s+2; P_1, Q_1; \dots; P_r, Q_r; \frac{0, 1; \dots; 0, 1}{s}}^{M, N+s+2; M_1, N_1; \dots; M_r, N_r; 1, 0; \dots; 1, 0} \left[\begin{array}{c} z_1 \alpha_1^{-v_1} \dots z_s \alpha_s^{-v_s} x^u \\ \vdots \\ z_r \alpha_1^{-v_1^{(r)}} \dots z_s \alpha_s^{-v_s^{(r)}} x^{u_r} \\ \alpha_1^{-1} x^{\rho_1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s^{-1} x^{\rho_s} \end{array} \right. \\
 &\left. \left(a_j; A_j^{\prime}, \dots, A_j^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s} \right)_{1, P}; (-\rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_t k_t; u_1, \dots, u_r, t_1, \dots, t_s), \right. \\
 &\left. \left(b_j; B_j^{\prime}, \dots, B_j^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s} \right)_{1, Q}; (\beta - \rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_t k_t; u_1, \dots, u_r, t_1, \dots, t_s), \right. \\
 &(-\beta - \gamma - \rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_t k_t; u_1, \dots, u_r, t_1, \dots, t_s), \left(1 + \sigma_1 + \eta_1^{\prime} k_1 + \dots + \eta_1^{(t)} k_t; v_1^{\prime}, \dots, v_1^{(r)}, 1, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s-1} \right), \dots, \\
 &(-\alpha - \gamma - \rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_t k_t; u_1, \dots, u_r, t_1, \dots, t_s), \left(1 + \sigma_1 - \eta_1^{\prime} k_1 + \dots + \eta_1^{(t)} k_t; v_1^{\prime}, \dots, v_1^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s} \right), \dots, \\
 &\left(1 + \sigma_s + \eta_s^{\prime} k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_t; v_s^{\prime}, \dots, v_s^{(r)}, 1, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s-1} \right); (c_j^{\prime}, \gamma_j^{\prime})_{1, P}; \dots; (c_j^{(r)}, \gamma_j^{(r)})_{1, P} \\
 &\left(1 + \sigma_s - \eta_s^{\prime} k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_t; v_s^{\prime}, \dots, v_s^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s} \right); \\
 &\dots; \\
 &\left. \left(d_j^{\prime}, \delta_j^{\prime} \right)_{1, Q_1}; \dots; \left(d_j^{(r)}, \delta_j^{(r)} \right)_{1, Q_r}; \frac{(0, 1), \dots, (0, 1)}{s} \right] \tag{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Provided that

(i) $\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0$, the quantities $t_1, \dots, t_s, \lambda_1 \eta_1^{\prime}, \dots, \lambda_t \eta_t^{(t)}, \dots, \lambda_1 \eta_s^{\prime}, \dots, \lambda_t \eta_s^{(t)}, u_1, v_1^{\prime}, \dots, v_s^{\prime}, u_r, v_1^{(r)}, \dots, v_s^{(r)}$ are all positive (some of them may however decrease to zero provided that the resulting integral has a meaning),

(ii) $\text{Re}(\rho) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i \min_{1 \leq j \leq M_i} \left[\text{Re} \left(\frac{d_j^{(i)}}{\delta_j^{(i)}} \right) \right] + 1 > 0$

Also the number occurring below the line at any place on the right-hand side of (8) and throughout the paper indicates the total number of zeros/ones/pairs covered by it. Thus $\frac{0, \dots, 0}{r}, \frac{1, \dots, 1}{r}, \frac{0, 1; \dots; 0, 1}{r}$ would mean r zeros/r ones/r pairs, and so on.

2.2 Fractional Derivative Formula 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &I_{0,x}^{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \left\{ x^{\rho} \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\sigma_i} \prod_{j=1}^t S_{n_j}^{m_j} \left[e_j x^{\lambda_j} \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\eta_j^{(i)}} \right] \right. \\
 &A \left[z_1 x^{u_1} \prod_{j=1}^s (x^{t_j} + \alpha_j)^{-v_j^{\prime}}, \dots, z_r x^{u_r} \prod_{j=1}^s (x^{t_j} + \alpha_j)^{-v_j^{(r)}} \right] \\
 &A^* \left[z_{r+1} x^{u_{r+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{s-1} (x^{t_j} + \alpha_j)^{-v_j^{(r+1)}}, \dots, z_{r+r} x^{u_{r+r}} \prod_{j=1}^{s-1} (x^{t_j} + \alpha_j)^{-v_j^{(r+r)}} \right] \left. \right\} \\
 &= \alpha_1^{\sigma_1} \dots \alpha_s^{\sigma_s} x^{\rho-\beta} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k_1=0}^{[n_1/m_1]} \dots \sum_{k_t=0}^{[n_t/m_t]} \binom{-\beta}{t} \frac{(-n_1)_{m_1 k_1} \dots (-n_t)_{m_t k_t}}{k_1! \dots k_t!} A'_{n_1, k_1} \dots A_{n_t, k_t}^{(t)} \\
 &e_1^{k_1} \dots e_t^{k_t} \alpha_1^{\eta_1 k_1 + \dots + \eta_1^{(t)} k_t} \dots \alpha_s^{\eta_s k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_t} x^{\lambda_1 k_1 + \dots + \lambda_t k_t} \\
 &A_{P+P+2s+3, Q+Q+2s+3; P_1, Q_1; \dots; P_r, Q_r; \frac{0, 1; \dots; 0, 1}{s}; P_{r+1}, Q_{r+1}; \dots; P_{r+r}, Q_{r+r}; \frac{0, 1; \dots; 0, 1}{s}}^{M, N+N+2s+3; M_1, N_1; \dots; M_r, N_r; 1, 0; \dots; 1, 0; M_{r+1}, N_{r+1}; \dots; M_{r+r}, N_{r+r}; 1, 0; \dots; 1, 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \alpha_1^{\sigma_1} \dots \alpha_s^{\sigma_s} \beta_1^{\sigma_1} \dots \beta_s^{\sigma_s} x^{\rho-\beta} y^{\rho'-\beta'} \sum_{k_1=0}^{[n_1/m_1]} \dots \sum_{k_r=0}^{[n_r/m_r]} \frac{(-n_1)_{m_1 k_1} \dots (-n_r)_{m_r k_r}}{k_1! \dots k_r!} A_{n_1, k_1}^{\sigma_1} \dots A_{n_r, k_r}^{\sigma_r} \\
 &e_1^{k_1} \dots e_r^{k_r} \alpha_1^{\eta_1 k_1 + \dots + \eta_1^{(t)} k_1} \dots \alpha_s^{\eta_s k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_1} \beta_1^{\tau_1 k_1 + \dots + \tau_1^{(t)} k_1} \dots \beta_s^{\tau_s k_1 + \dots + \tau_s^{(t)} k_1} x^{\lambda_1 k_1 + \dots + \lambda_r k_r} y^{\zeta_1 k_1 + \dots + \zeta_r k_r} \\
 &A_{P+2s+4, Q+s+2; P_1, Q_1, \dots, P_r, Q_r; \frac{0, \dots, 0; 0, 1}{2s}}^{M, N+2s+4; M_1, n_1, \dots, M_r, N_r; 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0} \left[\begin{array}{c} z_1 \alpha_1^{-v_1} \dots z_s \alpha_s^{-v_s} \beta_1^{-w_1} \dots \beta_s^{-w_s} x^{u_1} y^{u_1} \\ \vdots \\ z_r \alpha_1^{-v_1^{(r)}} \dots z_s \alpha_s^{-v_s^{(r)}} \beta_1^{-w_1^{(r)}} \dots \beta_s^{-w_s^{(r)}} x^{u_r} y^{u_r} \\ \alpha_1^{-1} x^{t_1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s^{-1} x^{t_s} \\ \beta_1^{-1} y^{t_1} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_s^{-1} y^{t_s} \end{array} \right. \\
 &\left(a_j; A_j^{\sigma_j}, \dots, A_j^{(\sigma_j)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s} \right)_{1, P} \left(-\rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_r k_r; u_1, \dots, u_r, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1, \dots, t_s \right), \\
 &\left(b_j; B_j^{\sigma_j}, \dots, B_j^{(\sigma_j)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s} \right)_{1, Q} \left(\beta - \rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_r k_r; u_1, \dots, u_r, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1, \dots, t_s \right), \\
 &\left(1 + \sigma_s + \eta_s k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_t; v_s', \dots, v_s^{(r)}, 1, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s-1} \right) \left(c_j; \gamma_j \right)_{1, P_1} \dots \left(c_j^{(r)}; \gamma_j^{(r)} \right)_{1, P_r} \\
 &\left(1 + \sigma_s - \eta_s k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_t; v_s', \dots, v_s^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s} \right) \left(b_j; \beta_j', \dots, \beta_j^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s} \right)_{1, Q_r} : \\
 &\left(-\beta - \gamma - \rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_r k_r; u_1, \dots, u_r, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1, \dots, t_s \right) \left(1 + \sigma_1 + \tau_1 k_1 + \dots + \tau_1^{(t)} k_t; v_1', \dots, v_1^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, 1, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s-1} \right) \dots, \\
 &\left(-\alpha - \gamma - \rho - \lambda_1 k_1 - \dots - \lambda_r k_r; u_1, \dots, u_r, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1, \dots, t_s \right) \left(1 + \sigma_1 - \tau_1 k_1 + \dots + \tau_1^{(t)} k_t; v_1', \dots, v_1^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s} \right) \dots, \\
 &\left(-\rho' - \zeta_1 k_1 - \dots - \zeta_r k_r; u_1', \dots, u_r', \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1', \dots, t_s' \right) \\
 &\left(\beta' - \rho' - \zeta_1 k_1 - \dots - \zeta_r k_r; u_1', \dots, u_r', \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1', \dots, t_s' \right) \\
 &\left(-\beta' - \gamma' - \rho' - \zeta_1 k_1 - \dots - \zeta_r k_r; u_1', \dots, u_r', \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1', \dots, t_s' \right) \left(1 + \sigma_1 + \tau_1 k_1 + \dots + \tau_1^{(t)} k_t; w_1', \dots, w_1^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, 1, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s-1} \right) \dots, \\
 &\left(-\alpha' - \gamma' - \rho' - \zeta_1 k_1 - \dots - \zeta_r k_r; u_1', \dots, u_r', \frac{0, \dots, 0}{s}, t_1', \dots, t_s' \right) \left(1 + \sigma_1 + \tau_1 k_1 + \dots + \tau_1^{(t)} k_t; w_1', \dots, w_1^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s} \right) \dots, \\
 &\left(1 + \sigma_1 + \tau_1 k_1 + \dots + \tau_1^{(t)} k_t; w_1', \dots, w_1^{(r)}, 1, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s-1} \right), \\
 &\left(1 + \sigma_s - \tau_s k_1 + \dots + \tau_s^{(t)} k_t; w_1', \dots, w_1^{(r)}, \frac{0, \dots, 0}{2s} \right), \\
 &\dots : \\
 &\left. \left(d_j', \delta_j' \right)_{1, Q_1} \dots \left(d_j^{(r)}, \delta_j^{(r)} \right)_{1, Q_r} ; \frac{(0, 1), \dots, (0, 1)}{2s} \right] \tag{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Provided that

- (i) $\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0$, the quantities $t_1, t_1', \dots, t_s, t_s', \lambda_1 \eta_1', \dots, \lambda_r \eta_r^{(t)}, \dots, \lambda_1 \eta_s', \dots, \lambda_r \eta_s^{(t)}, u_1, v_1', \dots, v_s', u_r, v_1^{(r)}, \dots, v_s^{(r)}, \zeta_1 \tau_1', \dots, \zeta_s \tau_s', w_1', \dots, w_s', w_1^{(r)}, \dots, w_s^{(r)}$ are all positive (some of them may however decrease to zero provided that the resulting integral has a meaning),

(ii) $\text{Re}(\rho) + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i \min_{1 \leq j \leq M_i} \left[\text{Re} \left(\frac{d_j^{(i)}}{\delta_j^{(i)}} \right) \right] + 1 > 0$

And $\text{Re}(\rho') + \sum_{i=1}^r u_i \min_{1 \leq j \leq M_i} \left[\text{Re} \left(\frac{d_j^{(i)}}{\delta_j^{(i)}} \right) \right] + 1 > 0$

Proof of (8): To prove the fractional derivative formula (FDF)1, we first express the product of a general class of polynomials occurring on its left-hand side in the series form given by (4), replace the multivariable A -function occurring theorem by its well known Mellin-Barnes contour integral given by (5), interchange the order of summations, (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_r) -integrals and taking the fractional derivative operator inside (which is permissible

under the conditions stated with (8)) and make a little simplification. Next, we express the terms $(x^{t_1} + \alpha_1)^{\sigma_1 + \eta_1 k_1 + \dots + \eta_1^{(t)} k_1 - v_1 \xi_1 - \dots - v_1^{(r)} \xi_r}$, ..., $(x^{t_s} + \alpha_s)^{\sigma_s + \eta_s k_1 + \dots + \eta_s^{(t)} k_1 - v_s \xi_1 - \dots - v_s^{(r)} \xi_r}$ so obtained in terms of Mellin-Barnes contour integral ([16]. P.18, eq. (2.6.4); p.10, eq.(2.1.1)). Now, interchanging the order of $(\xi_{r+1}, \dots, \xi_{r+s})$ and (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_r) -integrals (which is also permissible under the conditions stated with (8)), and evaluating the x-integral thus obtained by using the unknown formula ([10], p.16 Lemma 1)

$$I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} [x^\lambda] = \frac{\Gamma(1+\lambda)\Gamma(1-\beta+\gamma+\lambda)}{\Gamma(1-\beta+\lambda)\Gamma(1+\alpha+\gamma+\lambda)} x^{\lambda-\beta} \tag{12}$$

$$\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0 = \max[0, \text{Re}(\beta - \gamma)] - 1$$

And reinterpreting the multivariable Mellin-Barnes contour integral so obtained in terms of the *A*-function of *r* + *s* variables, we easily arrive at the desired formula (8) after a little simplification.

Proof of (9): To prove FDF 2, we take

$$f(x) = x^\rho \prod_{i=1}^{s-1} (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\sigma_i} A^* \left[z_{r+1} x^{u_r+1} \prod_{i=1}^{s-1} (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{-v_i^{(r+1)}}, \dots, z_{r+r} x^{u_r+r} \prod_{i=1}^{s-1} (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{-v_i^{(r+r)}} \right]$$

And

$$g(x) = (x^{t_s} + \alpha_s)^{\sigma_s} \prod_{j=1}^t S_{n_j}^{m_j} \left[e_j x^{\lambda_j} \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\eta_i^{(j)}} \right]$$

$$A \left[z_1 x^{u_1} \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{-v_i}, \dots, z_r x^{u_r+r} \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{-v_i^{(r)}} \right]$$

In the left-hand side of (9); and apply the following generalized Leibnitz rule for the fractional integrals

$$I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} \{ f(x)g(x) \} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \binom{-\beta}{t} I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\beta-t,\gamma} \{ f(x) \} I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\beta-t,\gamma} \{ g(x) \} \tag{13}$$

We easily obtain FDF 2 after a little simplification on making use of FDF 1 and known result ([5], p. 91, eq. (6)).

Proof of (11): To prove FDF 3, we use the formula FDF 1 twice with respect to the variable *y*, and then with respect to the variable *x*; here *x* and *y* are independent variables.

III. Special Cases and Applications

The fractional derivative formulae 1,2 and 3 established here are unified in nature and act as key formulae. Thus the general class of polynomials involved in FDF 1,2 and 3 reduce to a large spectrum of polynomials listed by Srivastava and Singh ([18], pp.158-161), and so from formula 1,2 and 3 we can further obtain various fractional derivative formulae involving a number of simpler polynomials. Again, the multivariable *A*-function occurring in these formulae can be suitably specialized to a remarkably wide variety of useful functions (or product of several such functions) which are expressible in terms of *E*, *F*, *G* and *H*-functions of one and more variables. For example, if *M* = *N* = *P* = *Q* = 0, the multivariable *A*-function occurring in the left-hand side of these formulae would reduce immediately to multivariable *H*-function due to Srivastava et. al.[16]. Thus the various special cases of the multivariable *H*-function can be used to derive from these fractional derivative formulae a number of other FDF involving any of these simpler special functions.

On reducing the operator defined by (1) to the Riemann-Liouville operator given by (2), we arrive at three fractional derivative formulae involving these operators but we do not record them here explicitly. Again, our FDF 1,2 and 3 will also rise in essence to a number of other FDF lying scattered in the literature (see [14], pp. 563-564, eqs. 92.1)-(2.3), [15], pp. 644-645, eqs. (2.1)-(2.3), [4], pp. 71-72, eq. (2.1) and [3], p. 171, eq. (3.1)) on making suitable substitutions.

Also, if we take *M* = *N* = *P* = *Q* = 0, $\sigma_i = 0 = v_i = \dots = v_i^{(r)}, i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ and $n_j = 0, j = 1, \dots, t$ in (8) (the polynomials $S_0^{m_1}, \dots, S_0^{m_t}$ will reduce to $A_{0,0}^1, \dots, A_{0,0}^{(t)}$ respectively which can be taken to be unity without loss of generality), we arrive at the formula given by ([11], p.532, eq. (4.1)).

If in FDF 1, we take *M* = *N* = *P* = *Q* = 0, *t* = 2 and reduce the polynomial $S_{n_1}^{m_1}$ to the Hermite polynomial ([18], p. 158, eq. 91.4)), the polynomial $S_{n_2}^{m_2}$ to the Leguerre polynomial ([18], p.159, eq. (1.8)), the

multivariable I -function to the product of r different Whittakar functions ([16], p.18, eq. (2.6.7)), we arrive at the following new and interesting special case of the FDF 1 after a little simplification

$$\begin{aligned}
 & I_{0,x}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} \left\{ x^{\rho + \sum_{i=1}^r b_i + \frac{n_i}{2}} \prod_{i=1}^s (x^{t_i} + \alpha_i)^{\sigma_i} H_{n_i} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right\} L_{n_2}^{(\theta)}(x) \prod_{l=1}^r (\exp)^{-\frac{z_l x}{2}} W_{\mu_l, \nu_l}(z_l x) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\prod_{l=1}^r (z_l)^{-b_l} \alpha_1^{\sigma_1} \dots \alpha_s^{\sigma_s} x^{\rho-\beta}}{\Gamma(-\sigma_1) \dots \Gamma(-\sigma_s)} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\lfloor n_1/2 \rfloor} \sum_{k_2=0}^{\lfloor n_2 \rfloor} \frac{(-n_1)_{2k_1} (-n_2)_{k_2}}{k_1! k_2!} (-1)^{k_1} \binom{n_2 + \theta}{n_2} x^{k_1 + k_2} \\
 & H_{\substack{0,2;2,0;\dots;2,0;1,1;\dots;1,1 \\ 2,2;\dots;1,2;\dots;1,2;\dots;1,1;\dots;1,1 \\ r \quad s}} \left[\begin{matrix} z_1 x \\ \vdots \\ z_r x \\ \alpha_1^{-1} x^{t_1} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s^{-1} x^{t_s} \end{matrix} \left| \begin{matrix} (b_1 - \mu_1 + 1, 1); \dots; (b_r - \mu_r + 1, 1); (1 + \sigma_1, 1); \dots; (1 + \sigma_s, 1) \\ \left(\beta - \rho - k_1 - k_2; \frac{1, \dots, 1}{r}, t_1, \dots, t_s \right) \left(-\alpha - \gamma - \rho - k_1 - k_2; \frac{1, \dots, 1}{r}, t_1, \dots, t_s \right) \end{matrix} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \left(-\rho - k_1 - k_2; 1, \dots, 1, t_1, \dots, t_s \right), \left(\beta - \gamma - \rho - k_1 - k_2; 1, \dots, 1, t_1, \dots, t_s \right) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \left(b_1 \pm \nu_1 + \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right); \dots; \left(b_r \pm \nu_r + \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right); \frac{(0,1); \dots; (0,1)}{s} \right. \right. \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

The conditions of validity of (14) can be easily obtained from those of (8). Several other interesting and useful special cases of our main fractional derivative formulae 1,2 and 3 involving the product of a large variety of polynomials (which are special cases of $S_{n_1}^{m_1}, \dots, S_{n_r}^{m_r}$) and numerous simple special functions involving one or more variables (which are particular cases of the multivariable A -function) can also be obtained but we do record them here for lack of space.

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