Some symbolic tools for the Fox H-function

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In this note, we explain the code for checking the conditions of the Fox H-function [Fox61]. Here we follow the notation from Kilbas and Saigo [KS].

Let m, n, p, q be configure integers such that

$$0 \leq m \leq q \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq n \leq p.$$

Let $a_i, b_j \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\alpha_i, \beta_j \in \mathbb{R}_+$ be the parameters given below:

$\in (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}_+)$	Front list	Rear list	
p	$(a_1, \alpha_1), \cdots, (a_n, \alpha_n)$	$(a_{n+1}, \alpha_{n+1}), \cdots, (a_p, \alpha_p)$	Upper list
q	$(b_1, \beta_1), \cdots, (b_m, \beta_m)$	$(b_{m+1}, \beta_{m+1}), \cdots, (b_q, \beta_q)$	Lower list

and denote

$$H_{p,q}^{m,n}(s) \coloneqq \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n} \Gamma\left(1 - a_i - \alpha_i s\right)}{\prod_{i=n+1}^{p} \Gamma\left(a_j + \alpha_i s\right)} \times \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m} \Gamma\left(b_j + \beta_j s\right)}{\prod_{j=m+1}^{q} \Gamma\left(1 - b_j - \alpha_j s\right)}. \tag{1}$$

Then the Fox H-function $H^{2,1}_{2,3}\left(z \,\middle|\, \begin{matrix} \cdots \\ \\ \cdots \end{matrix}\right)$ is defined by a Mellin-Barnes type integral of the form

$$H^{p,q}_{m,n}\left(z \,\middle|\, \begin{matrix} (a_1,\alpha_1),\cdots,(a_p,\alpha_p) \\ \\ (b_1,\beta_1),\cdots,(b_q,\beta_q) \end{matrix}\right) := \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_{\mathcal{L}} H^{m,n}_{p,q}(s) z^{-s} \mathrm{d}s. \qquad (2)$$

The basic assumption for the well-posedness of the Fox H-function is that two sets of poles do not overlap, i.e.,

$$\left\{ b_{j\ell} = \frac{-b_j - \ell}{\beta_j}, \ell = 0, 1, \cdots \right\} \bigcap \left\{ a_{ik} = \frac{1 - a_i + k}{\alpha_i}, k = 0, 1, \cdots \right\} = \emptyset. \qquad (3)$$

The contour $\mathcal{L}$ in (2) is given by one of the following three cases:

1. $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{-\infty}$ is a left loop situated in a horizontal strip starting at point $-\infty + i\phi_1$ and terminating at point $-\infty + i\phi_2$ for some $-\infty < \phi_1 < \phi_2 < \infty$;

2. $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{+\infty}$ is a right loop situated in a horizontal strip starting at point $+\infty + i\phi_1$ and terminating at point $\infty + i\phi_2$ for some $-\infty < \phi_1 < \phi_2 < \infty$;

3. $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{i\gamma\infty}$ is a contour starting at point $\gamma - i\infty$ and terminating at point $\gamma + i\infty$ for some $\gamma \in (-\infty, \infty)$.

We need a set of conditions to ensure the convergence of the integral in (2). To explain this, let's denote (following p. 2 of [KS])

$$\begin{aligned} a^* &:= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i - \sum_{i=n+1}^{p} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \beta_j - \sum_{j=m+1}^{q} \beta_j; \\ \Delta &:= \sum_{j=1}^{q} \beta_j - \sum_{i=1}^{p} \alpha_i \\ \delta &:= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \cdots \end{aligned}$$

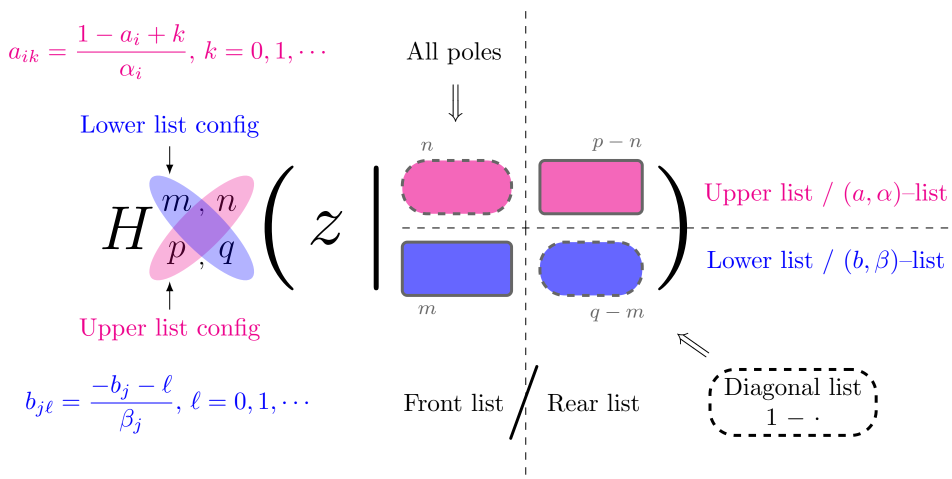

Figure 1: Diagram for the parameterization of the Fox H-function.

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