

ON DUAL INTEGRAL EQUATIONS AS CONVOLUTION TRANSFORMS

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1. Introduction. C. Fox [1] introduced the following dual integral equations

$$(1) \quad \int_0^\infty H\left(ux \left| \begin{matrix} \alpha_i, a_i \\ \beta_i, a_i \end{matrix}; n \right. \right) f(u) du = g(x), \quad 0 < x < 1,$$

and

$$(2) \quad \int_0^\infty H\left(ux \left| \begin{matrix} \lambda_i, a_i \\ \mu_i, a_i \end{matrix}; n \right. \right) f(u) du = h(x), \quad x > 1,$$

where $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are given and $f(x)$ is to be determined.

This class involves some important equations in mathematical physics as special cases.

The H functions of order n used in equation (1) are of the form

$$(3) \quad H\left(x \left| \begin{matrix} \alpha_i, a_i \\ \beta_i, a_i \end{matrix}; n \right. \right) = H\left(x \left| \begin{matrix} \alpha_1, a_1 : \alpha_2, a_2 : \dots : \alpha_n, a_n \\ \beta_1, a_1 : \beta_2, a_2 : \dots : \beta_n, a_n \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

$$(4) \quad = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_i + sa_i)}{\Gamma(\beta_i - sa_i)} \right\} x^{-s} ds$$

where $a_i > 0$, α_i, β_i are all real, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the contour C along which the integral of (4) is taken is the straight line parallel to the imaginary axis in the complex s -plane and all the poles of the integrand of (4) are simple and lie to the left of the line $\sigma = \sigma_0 > -\alpha_i/a_i$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ($s = \sigma + i\tau$).

The integral (4), taken along the line, converges if $2\sigma_0 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i < \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i - \alpha_i)$ and converges absolutely if $2\sigma_0 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i < \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i - \alpha_i) - 1$.

Under the assumptions that the H function of (2) satisfies these conditions with α_i replaced by λ_i and β_i replaced by μ_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) and a common value of σ_0 can be found for both the H functions, he found a formal solution