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APPLICATION OF *I*-FUNCTION OF  
TWO VARIABLES IN PROBLEM OF  
VIBRATION IN A STRING

In this paper, we employ *I*-function of two variables defined by Goyal and Agrawal [2], to obtain a solution of the partial differential equation,

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \mu^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad t > 0$$

related to a problem of vibration in a string.

### 1. Introduction

The object of this paper is to employ an integral involving *I*-function of two variables defined by Goyal and Agrawal [2], which is extension of *I*-function of one variable by Saxena V. P. [4], to obtain a solution of a problem of vibration in a string.

We consider the problem of vibration in a string to find the transverse displacement  $y(x, t)$  in a string of length  $L$  stretched between the points  $(0, 0)$  and  $(L, 0)$ , if it is displaced initially into a position  $y = f(x)$  and released from rest at this position with no external forces acting.

The required function  $y(x, t)$  is the solution of the following boundary value problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \mu^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad (1.1)$$

and the initial conditions,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y(0, t) = 0; y(L, t) = 0 \\ y(x, 0) = f(x), 0 \leq x \leq L \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} y(x, 0) = 0, 0 \leq x \leq L \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (1.1.1)$$

Therefore the general solution of the partial differential equation (1.1) is given by

$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{\lambda_n \pi x}{L} \cos \frac{\lambda_n \pi t}{L}, \quad (1.2)$$

Let us consider

$$y(x, 0) = \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{\omega-1} I \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{2k_1} \\ z_2 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{2k_2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1.3)$$

where the  $I$ -function of two variables introduced by Goyal and Agrawal [2] in the following manner :

$$\begin{aligned} & I_{p, q; p_1^{(1)}, q_1^{(1)}; p_1^{(2)}, q_1^{(2)}; r} \left[ z_1 \left| \begin{array}{l} [(c_p : E_p, E'_p) : (a_j, \alpha_j)_{1, n_2}] \\ [(f_q : F_q, F'_q) : (b_j, \beta_j)_{1, m_2}] \end{array} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \begin{array}{l} [(a_{ji}, \alpha_{ji})_{n_2+1, p_1^{(1)}} : (c_j, \gamma_j)_{1, n_2}], [(c_{ji}, \gamma_{ji})_{n_2+1, p_1^{(2)}}] \\ [(b_{ji}, \beta_{ji})_{m_2+1, q_1^{(1)}} : (d_j, \delta_j)_{1, m_2}], [(d_{ji}, \delta_{ji})_{m_2+1, q_1^{(2)}}] \end{array} \right. \right] \\ & = - \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{L_1} \int_{L_2} \varphi_1(\xi) \varphi_2(\eta) \psi(\xi, \eta) z_1^\xi z_2^\eta d\xi d\eta, \quad (1.4) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Phi_1(\xi) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m_2} \Gamma(b_j - \beta_j \xi) \prod_{j=1}^{n_2} \Gamma(1 - a_j + \alpha_j \xi)}{\sum_{i=1}^r \left[ \frac{q_i^{(1)}}{\prod_{j=m_2+1} \Gamma(1 - b_{ji} + \beta_{ji} \xi)} \frac{p_i^{(1)}}{\prod_{j=n_2+1} \Gamma(a_{ji} - \alpha_{ji} \xi)} \right]} \quad (1.4.1)$$

$$\Phi_2(\eta) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m_3} \Gamma(d_j - \delta_j \eta) \prod_{j=1}^{n_3} \Gamma(1 - c_j + \gamma_j \eta)}{\sum_{i=1}^r \left[ \frac{q_i^{(2)}}{\prod_{j=m_3+1} \Gamma(1 - d_{ji} + \delta_{ji} \eta)} \frac{p_i^{(2)}}{\prod_{j=n_3+1} \Gamma(c_{ji} - \gamma_{ji} \eta)} \right]} \quad (1.4.2)$$

$$\psi(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m_1} \Gamma(f_j - F_j \xi - F'_j \eta) \prod_{j=1}^{n_1} \Gamma(1 - e_j + E_j \xi + E'_j \eta)}{\prod_{j=m_1+1}^q \Gamma(1 - f_j + F_j \xi + F'_j \eta) \prod_{j=n_1+1}^p \Gamma(e_j - E_j \xi - E'_j \eta)} \quad (1.4.3)$$

The double integral in (1.1), converges absolutely if

$$|\arg z_1| < \frac{A\pi}{2}, \quad |\arg z_2| < \frac{B\pi}{2}$$

where

$$A = \sum_1^{m_1} E_j - \sum_{n_1+1}^p E'_j + \sum_1^{m_1} F_j - \sum_{m_1+1}^q F'_j + \sum_1^{m_2} \beta_j - \sum_{n_2+1}^{q_1^{(1)}} \beta_{ji} + \sum_1^{n_2} \alpha_j - \sum_{n_2+1}^{p_1^{(1)}} \alpha_{ji} > 0, \quad (1.4.4)$$

$$B = \sum_1^{n_1} E'_j - \sum_{n_1+1}^p E'_j + \sum_1^{m_1} F'_j - \sum_{m_1+1}^q F'_j + \sum_1^{m_3} \delta_j - \sum_{n_3+1}^{q_2^{(2)}} \delta_{ji} + \sum_1^{n_3} \gamma_j - \sum_{n_3+1}^{p_2^{(2)}} \gamma_{ji} > 0, \quad (1.4.5)$$

we shall require the modified form of the integral [3, p. 372, Eq. (1)].

$$\int_0^L \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{\omega-1} \sin \frac{\lambda_m \pi x}{L} dx = \frac{L \sin \left( \frac{\lambda_m \pi}{2} \right) \Gamma \omega}{2^{\omega-1} \Gamma \left( \frac{\omega + \lambda_m + 1}{2} \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{\omega - \lambda_m + 1}{2} \right)} \quad (1.5)$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(\omega) > 0$$

and the following orthogonal property [5, p. 28];

$$\int_0^L \sin \frac{\lambda_m \pi x}{L} \sin \frac{\lambda_n \pi x}{L} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & ; m \neq n \\ \frac{L}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda_n \pi} \sin 2\lambda_n \pi \right) & ; m = n \end{cases} \quad (1.6)$$

Legendre's duplication formula,

$$\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2z) = 2^{2z-1} \Gamma(z) \Gamma\left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right). \quad (1.7)$$

and

$$P = m_2, n_2; m_3, n_3, Q = p_i^{(1)}, q_i^{(1)}; p_i^{(2)}, q_i^{(2)}; r \quad (1.8)$$

$$T = \left[ \left( a_j, \alpha_j \right)_{h, n_2} \right], \left[ \left( a_{ji}, \alpha_{ji} \right)_{n_2+1, p_i^{(1)}} \right]; \left[ \left( c_j, \gamma_j \right)_{h, n_3} \right], \\ \left[ \left( c_{ji}, \gamma_{ji} \right)_{n_3+1, p_i^{(2)}} \right] \quad (1.9)$$

$$T' = \left[ \left( b_j, \beta_j \right)_{h, m_2} \right], \left[ \left( b_{ji}, \beta_{ji} \right)_{m_2+1, q_i^{(1)}} \right]; \left[ \left( d_j, \delta_j \right)_{h, m_3} \right], \\ \left[ \left( d_{ji}, \delta_{ji} \right)_{m_3+1, q_i^{(2)}} \right]. \quad (1.10)$$

Throughout the paper, we use the notations P, Q, T, T' defined as per equations (1.8) to (1.10) respectively.

## 2. Integral

The following integral has been established in the paper :

$$\int_0^L \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{m-1} \sin \frac{\lambda_n \pi x}{L} \left[ \begin{matrix} z_1 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{2k_1} \\ z_2 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{2k_2} \end{matrix} \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{L}{\sqrt{\pi}} I_{p+2, q+2: Q}^{m_1, n_1+2: P} \left[ \begin{array}{l} z_1 \left| \left( 1 - \frac{\omega}{2}; k_1, k_2 \right), \left( \frac{1-\omega}{2}; k_1, k_2 \right), (e_p: E_{p'}, E'_p): T \right. \\ z_2 \left| \left( f_q; F_{q'}, F'_{q'} \right), \left( \frac{1-\omega \pm \lambda_n}{2}; k_1, k_2 \right) \right. : T' \end{array} \right] \quad (2.1)$$

Provided  $k_1, k_2 > 0$

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \omega + 2k_1 \min_{1 \leq j \leq m_2} \left( \frac{\beta_j}{\alpha_j} \right) + 2k_2 \min_{1 \leq j \leq m_1} \left( \frac{\delta_j}{\gamma_j} \right) \right] > 0$$

$$\left| \arg z_1 \right| < \frac{A\pi}{2}, \quad \left| \arg z_2 \right| < \frac{B\pi}{2}, \quad A, B > 0.$$

The integral (2.1) can be established easily by making use of the definition of *I*-function of two variables (1.4) and the results (1.5), (1.7) respectively.

### 3. Solution of the Problem

The solution of the problem to be obtained is

$$y(x, t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2\lambda_n \pi} \sin 2\lambda_n \pi \right)^{-1}$$

$$\times I_{p+2, q+2: Q}^{m_1, n_1+2: P} \left[ \begin{array}{l} z_1 \left| \left( 1 - \frac{\omega}{2}; k_1, k_2 \right), \left( \frac{1-\omega}{2}; k_1, k_2 \right), (e_p: E_{p'}, E'_p): T \right. \\ z_2 \left| \left( f_q; F_{q'}, F'_{q'} \right), \left( \frac{1-\omega \pm \lambda_n}{2}; k_1, k_2 \right) \right. : T' \end{array} \right]$$

$$\times \sin \frac{\lambda_n \pi x}{L} \sin \frac{\lambda_n \pi \mu t}{L} \quad (3.1)$$

where all conditions of convergence are same as in (2.1).

**Proof :** If  $l = 0$ , then by virtue of (1.1.1), we have

$$\left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{m-1} I \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{\alpha_1} \\ z_2 \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^{\alpha_2} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{\lambda_n \pi x}{L}. \quad (3.2)$$

Multiply both sides of (3.2) by  $\sin \lambda_m \pi x / L$  and integrate with respect to  $x$  from 0 to  $L$ . Now use the integral (2.1) and orthogonal property of sines (1.6), we thus obtain the value of constant  $A_m$ .

Substituting the value of  $A_m$  in (3.1), we get the desired solution.

(i) For  $m_1 = n_1 = p = q = 0$  in the results (2.1) and (3.1), the resulting equations are in the form of product of two  $I$ -function of one variable.

(ii) For  $r = 2$ , the results in (2.1) and (3.1) reduce to the following results involving  $H$ -function of two variables.

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