

**INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS OF  
GENERALIZED LAURICELLA HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** The generalized hypergeometric function was introduced by Srivastava and Daoust. In the present paper a new integral representation is derived. Similarly new integral representations of Lauricella and Appell function are obtained.

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**1. INTRODUCTION.**

The generalized Lauricella function of several complex variables was introduced by Srivastava and Daoust [7,8]. The only integral representation which seems to be known for this function is in terms of a Mellin-Barnes integral [6,8]. From a fundamental result about Mellin transforms in  $n$ -dimensions, we obtain a new representation for the generalized Lauricella function under suitable restrictions on the parameters. In a similar manner new integral representations are obtained for the Lauricella functions  $F_A^{(n)}$ ,  $F_C^{(n)}$  and  $F_D^{(n)}$ , and consequently for the Appell functions  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_4$ . From these derivations it is clear that the method does not provide representations for  $F_B^{(n)}$  and  $F_3$ .

**2. THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM.**

Although the following theorem is quite simple, nevertheless it has basic importance.

**THEOREM.** Let  $f(x)x^{s-1} \in L(0, \infty)$  and

$$M_1[f(x)](s) = \int_0^\infty f(x)x^{s-1} dx = f^*(s) . \tag{1}$$

If  $Res_j > 0$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $Re\left(\sum_{j=1}^n s_j\right) = Res$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} M_n[f(\max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\})](s_1, \dots, s_n) &= \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty f(\max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{s_i-1} dx_1 \dots dx_n = \\ &= \frac{s_1 + \dots + s_n}{s_1 \dots s_n} f^*(s_1 + \dots + s_n) . \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Here  $M_n$  represents the  $n$ -dimensional Mellin integral transformation [2].

**PROOF.** In fact we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty f(\max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{s_i-1} dx_1 \dots dx_n &= \\ = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\infty f(x_i) \int_0^{x_i} \int_0^{(n-1)} \int_0^{x_i} \prod_{j=1}^n x_j^{s_j-1} dx_1 \dots dx_n &= \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{s_i}{s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n} \int_0^\infty f(x_i) x_i^{s_i + \dots + s_n - 1} dx_i = \frac{s_1 + \dots + s_n}{s_1 \cdots s_n} f^*(s_1 + \dots + s_n).$$

Thus the formula (2) is proved.

The only related results which we have found in the literature are those for the two-dimensional Laplace transformation in the tables of Voelker and Doetsch [9; p. 165, (30),(32)] and in the work of Černov [4; p. 145]. In an analogous manner to our theorem, those results easily can be derived and extended to higher dimensions.

**3. THE INTEGRAL REPRESENTATION OF THE GENERALIZED LAURICELLA FUNCTION.**

The generalized hypergeometric function of Srivastava and Daoust [6] is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} &F_{q, q_1, \dots, q_n}^{p, p_1, \dots, p_n} \left( \begin{matrix} a_p; c_{p_1}^1, \dots, c_{p_n}^n \\ b_q; d_{q_1}^1, \dots, d_{q_n}^n \end{matrix}; x_1, \dots, x_n \right) = \\ &= \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n=0}^\infty \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p (a_j)_{m_1 + \dots + m_n}}{\prod_{j=1}^q (b_j)_{m_1 + \dots + m_n}} \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{p_i} (c_j^i)_{m_i}}{\prod_{j=1}^{q_i} (d_j^i)_{m_i} m_i!} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where for absolute convergence it is sufficient that

$$1 + q + q_k - p - p_k \geq 0; \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

The function in (3) is a special case of the *H*-functions of several variables which were defined in [3,6]. The fundamental theorem leads to the following result which involves the *G*-function of Meijer [8]. Let

$$f(x) = G_{q, p}^p \left( x \mid \begin{matrix} b_1, \dots, b_q \\ a_1, \dots, a_p \end{matrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + s)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + s)} x^{-s} ds$$

where  $\text{Re} a_j > 0, j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ; and either  $p = q$  and  $\text{Re} \sum_{j=1}^p a_j < \text{Re} \sum_{j=1}^q b_j$  or  $q < p$ . It is known [5] that

$$f^*(s) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + s)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + s)}, \quad \text{Res} > 0.$$

Therefore (2) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty G_{q, p}^p \left( \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \mid \begin{matrix} b_1, \dots, b_q \\ a_1, \dots, a_p \end{matrix} \right) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{s_i - 1} dx_1 \cdots dx_n = \\ &= \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma(a_j + s_1 + \dots + s_n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q \Gamma(b_j + s_1 + \dots + s_n)} \frac{(s_1 + \dots + s_n)}{s_1 \cdots s_n}, \quad \text{Res}_1, \dots, \text{Res}_n > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The representation for the generalized Lauricella function can now be obtained as follows. Let  $p_i \leq q_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and either  $p = q$  and  $\text{Re} \sum_{j=1}^p a_j < \text{Re} \sum_{j=1}^q b_j$  or  $p > q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &F_{q, q_1, \dots, q_n}^{p, p_1, \dots, p_n} \left( \begin{matrix} a_p; c_{p_1}^1, \dots, c_{p_n}^n \\ b_q; d_{q_1}^1, \dots, d_{q_n}^n \end{matrix}; x_1, \dots, x_n \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n=0}^\infty \frac{\prod_{j=1}^p (a_j)_{m_1 + \dots + m_n} (n)_{m_1 + \dots + m_n} (n + m_1 + \dots + m_n)}{\prod_{j=1}^q (b_j)_{m_1 + \dots + m_n} (n + 1)_{m_1 + \dots + m_n} (m_1 + 1) \cdots (m_n + 1)} \\ &\quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{p_i} (c_j^i)_{m_i} (2)_{m_i} x_i^{m_i}}{\prod_{j=1}^{q_i} (d_j^i)_{m_i} (1)_{m_i} m_i!} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \frac{\Gamma(b_1) \cdots \Gamma(b_q)}{\Gamma(a_1) \cdots \Gamma(a_p)} \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty G_{q+1, p+1}^{p+1, 0} \left( \max\{t_1, \dots, t_n\} \mid \begin{matrix} b_1 - n, \dots, b_q - n, 1 \\ a_1 - n, \dots, a_p - n, 0 \end{matrix} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{m_i=0}^\infty \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{p_i} (c_j^i)_{m_i} (2)_{m_i} (x_i t_i)^{m_i}}{\prod_{j=1}^{q_i} (d_j^i)_{m_i} (1)_{m_i} m_i!} \right\} dt_1 \cdots dt_n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have proved

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_{q, q_1, \dots, q_n}^{p, p_1, \dots, p_n} \left( \begin{matrix} a_p; c_1^1, \dots, c_n^n \\ b_q; d_1^1, \dots, d_n^n \end{matrix}; x_1, \dots, x_n \right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \frac{\Gamma(b_1) \dots \Gamma(b_q)}{\Gamma(a_1) \dots \Gamma(a_p)} \cdot n t_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty G_{q+1, p+1}^{p+1, 0} \left( \max \{t_1, \dots, t_n\} \right)_{\substack{b_1-n, \dots, b_q-n, 1 \\ a_1-p, \dots, a_p-n, 0}} \\
 &\quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n F_{q_i+1}^{p_i+1} \left( \begin{matrix} c_1^i, \dots, c_{p_i}^i, 2; \\ d_1^i, \dots, d_{q_i}^i, 1; \end{matrix} x_i t_i \right) dt_1 \dots dt_n .
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Formula (5) is valid when  $\text{Re} a_j > n; j = 1, 2, \dots, p; p_i \leq q_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; p \geq q, 1+q+q_i-p-p_i \geq 0; i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .  
 (The restriction  $\text{Re} \sum_{j=1}^q b_j + 1 > \text{Re} \sum_{j=1}^p a_j$  is needed when  $p = q$ .)

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Derivations similar to those in the previous section lead to representations for 3 of the Lauricella functions. (Since in (5)  $p \geq q$  we do not get  $F_B^{(n)}$ .) We introduce the operator

$$\mathcal{D}_i = \left( \frac{a-1}{n} + x_i \frac{d}{d(x_i)} \right) .$$

(a) Using the formula (2) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \exp(-\max \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\frac{a-1}{n} + m_i - 1} dx_1 \dots dx_n = \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(a + m_1 + \dots + m_n)}{\left(\frac{a-1}{n} + m_1\right) \dots \left(\frac{a-1}{n} + m_n\right)} , \quad \text{Re} a > 1 .
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Consequently, for the Lauricella function  $F_A^{(n)}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_A^{(n)}(a; b_1, \dots, b_n; c_1, \dots, c_n; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \\
 &= \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n=0}^\infty \frac{(a)_{m_1+\dots+m_n} (b_1)_{m_1} \dots (b_n)_{m_n}}{(c_1)_{m_1} \dots (c_n)_{m_n} m_1! \dots m_n!} x_1^{m_1} \dots x_n^{m_n} = \\
 &= \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n=0}^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \prod_{i=1}^n t_i^{\frac{a-1}{n} + m_i - 1} \exp(-\max \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}) \\
 &\quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\left(\frac{a-1}{n} + m_i\right) (b_i)_{m_i} x_i^{m_i}}{(c_i)_{m_i} m_i!} dt_1 \dots dt_n = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty (t_1 \dots t_n)^{\frac{a-1}{n} - 1} \exp(-\max \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}) \\
 &\quad \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{m_i=0}^\infty \left( \frac{a-1}{n} + m_i \right) \frac{(b_i)_{m_i} (t_i x_i)^{m_i}}{(c_i)_{m_i} m_i!} \right\} dt_1 \dots dt_n ,
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_A^{(n)}(a; b_1, \dots, b_n; c_1, \dots, c_n; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \prod_{i=1}^n t_i^{\frac{a-1}{n} - 1} \exp(-\max \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n F_1(b_i, c_i; x_i t_i) dt_1 \dots dt_n , \\
 &\quad \text{Re} a > 1 .
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

(b) From (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 (1 - \max \{x_1, \dots, x_n\})^{b-a} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\frac{a-1}{n} + m_i - 1} dx_1 \dots dx_n = \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(a + m_1 + \dots + m_n) \Gamma(b - a + 1)}{\Gamma(b + m_1 + \dots + m_n) \left(\frac{a-1}{n} + m_1\right) \dots \left(\frac{a-1}{n} + m_n\right)} , \quad 1 + \text{Re} b > \text{Re} a > 1 .
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Therefore for the Lauricella function  $F_D^{(n)}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_D^{(n)}(a; b_1, \dots, b_n; c; x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \\
 &= \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{m_1+\dots+m_n} (b_1)_{m_1} \dots (b_n)_{m_n} x_1^{m_1} \dots x_n^{m_n}}{(c)_{m_1+\dots+m_n} m_1! \dots m_n!} = \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-a+1)} \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^n t_i^{\frac{a-1}{n}-1} (1 - \max\{t_1, \dots, t_n\})^{c-a} \\
 &\quad \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{m_i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a-1}{n} + m_i\right) \cdot \frac{(b_i)_{m_i} (x_i t_i)^{m_i}}{m_i!} dt_1 \dots dt_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_D^{(n)}(a; b_1, \dots, b_n; c; x_1, \dots, x_n) \tag{9} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-a+1)} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^n t_i^{\frac{a-1}{n}-1} (1 - \max\{t_1, \dots, t_n\})^{c-a} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i t_i)^{-b_i} dt_1 \dots dt_n,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 + \text{Re}c > \text{Re}a > 1.$$

(c) Using the formula (2) again, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_0^{\infty} \dots \int_0^{\infty} (\max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\})^{\frac{b-a+1}{2}} K_{b-a+1} \left(2(\max\{t_1 \dots t_n\})^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i)^{\frac{a-1}{n}+m_i-1} dx_1 \dots dx_n = \tag{10} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(a+m_1+\dots+m_n) \Gamma(b+m_1+\dots+m_n)}{\left(\frac{a-1}{n}+m_1\right) \dots \left(\frac{a-1}{n}+m_n\right)}, \quad \text{Re}a > 1, \quad \text{Re}b > -0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, for the Lauricella hypergeometric function  $F_C^{(n)}$ , by a similar development we have the result

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_C^{(n)}(a; b; c_1, \dots, c_n; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \tag{11} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i \int_0^{\infty} \dots \int_0^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^n t_i^{\frac{a-1}{n}-1} (\max\{t_1, \dots, t_n\})^{\frac{b-a+1}{2}} K_{b-a+1} \left(2(\max\{t_1 \dots t_n\})^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \\
 &\quad \prod_{i=1}^n {}_0F_1(c_i; x_i t_i) dt_1 \dots dt_n, \\
 &\quad \text{Re}a > 1, \quad \text{Re}b > -1.
 \end{aligned}$$

For Appell functions these read

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_1(a; b_1, b_2; c; x_1, x_2) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-a+1)} \tag{12} \\
 &\mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{D}_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1 - \max\{t_1, t_2\})^{c-a} (t_1 t_2)^{(a-3)/2} \left\{ (1 - x_1 t_1)^{-b_1} \right\} \left\{ (1 - x_2 t_2)^{-b_2} \right\} dt_1 dt_2, \\
 &\quad 1 + \text{Re}c > \text{Re}a > 1;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_2(a; b_1, b_2; c_1, c_2; x_1, x_2) = \tag{13} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{D}_2 \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} (t_1 t_2)^{(a-3)/2} \exp(-\max\{t_1, t_2\}) \\
 &\quad \left\{ {}_1F_1(b_1; c_1; x_1 t_1) \right\} \left\{ {}_1F_1(b_2; c_2; x_2 t_2) \right\} dt_1 dt_2, \\
 &\quad \text{Re}a > 1;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_4(a; b; c_1, c_2; x_1, x_2) = \\
 &= \frac{2\Gamma(c_1)\Gamma(c_2)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{D}_2 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty (\max\{t_1, t_2\})^{(b-a+1)/2} (t_1 t_2)^{(a-3)/2} K_{b-a+1} \left( 2(\max\{t_1, t_2\})^{1/2} \right) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left\{ (x_1 t_1)^{(1-c_1)/2} I_{c_1-1} \left( 2(x_1 t_1)^{1/2} \right) \right\} \left\{ (x_2 t_2)^{(1-c_2)/2} I_{c_2-1} \left( 2(x_2 t_2)^{1/2} \right) \right\} dt_1 dt_2, \\
 &Re a > 1, \quad Re b > 0.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{14}$$

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