

ON LAPLACE TRANSFORMS OF GENERALIZED WHITTAKER  
FUNCTION OF MULTI-VARIABLES  $M_{\lambda, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$

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**Abstract.** In this paper, a Laplace transform of generalized Whittaker function is derived which is used to obtain further some partly bilateral and partly unilateral generating function and series expansion. Some special cases are also discussed.

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## 1. Introduction and definition

A Whittaker function  $M_{\lambda, \mu}$  was introduced by Whittaker [2] (see also Whittaker and Watson [3]) in terms of the confluent hypergeometric function  ${}_1F_1$  (or Kummer's function)

$$(1.1) \quad M_{\lambda, \mu}(x) = x^{\mu+1/2} e^{(-1/2)x} {}_1F_1\left(\frac{1}{2} + \mu - \lambda, 2\mu + 1; x\right).$$

Further generalization of the Whittaker function  $M_{\lambda, \mu}$  was introduced by Humbert [6; p.63 (15)] in the following form

$$(1.2) \quad M_{\lambda, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = x_1^{\mu_1+1/2} \dots x_k^{\mu_k+1/2} \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}(x_1 + \dots + x_k)\right] \\ \cdot \Psi_2^{(k)}[\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k - \lambda + k/2; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; x_1, \dots, x_k],$$

where  $\Psi_2^{(k)}$  denotes Humbert's confluent hypergeometric function of  $n$ -variables [6; p. 62(11)]

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Psi_2^{(k)}[a; c_1, \dots, c_k; x_1, \dots, x_k] \\
(1.3) \quad &= \sum_{m_1 \dots m_k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{m_1+\dots+m_k}}{(c_1)_{m_1} \dots (c_k)_{m_k}} \frac{x_1^{m_1} \dots x_k^{m_k}}{m_1! \dots m_k!} (\max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_k|\} < \infty).
\end{aligned}$$

A Lauricella function  $F_C^{(k)}$  [6; p. 60] generalized the Appell function  $F_4$  to a function of  $k$  variables which is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.4) \quad F_C^{(k)}[a, b; c_1, \dots, c_k; x_1, \dots, x_k] &= F_{0:1;\dots;1}^{2:0;\dots;0} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} a, b & : \_ ; \dots ; & \_ ; \\ & & x_1, \dots, x_k \\ \_ & : c_1 ; \dots ; & c_k ; \end{array} \right] \\
&= \sum_{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{m_1+\dots+m_k} (b_1)_{m_1+\dots+m_k}}{(c_1)_{m_1} \dots (c_k)_{m_k}} \frac{x_1^{m_1} \dots x_k^{m_k}}{m_1! \dots m_k!} \\
&\quad (\sqrt{|x_1|} + \dots + \sqrt{|x_k|} < 1).
\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Integral transforms

We first establish the following integral

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.1) \quad I &= \int_0^{\infty} u^{\nu-1} e^{-pu} M_{\lambda, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k}(x_1 u, \dots, x_k u) du \\
&= \frac{x_1^{\mu_1+1/2} \dots x_k^{\mu_k+1/2} \Gamma(b)}{(p+X)^b} F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b; 2\mu_1+1, \dots, 2\mu_k+1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p+X} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{2}$  and  $Re(p+X) > 0$ .

For  $k = 2$ , equation (2.1) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.2) \quad I &= \int_0^{\infty} u^{\nu-1} e^{-pu} M_{\lambda, \mu_1, \mu_2}(x_1 u, x_2 u) du \\
&= \frac{x_1^{\mu_1+1/2} x_2^{\mu_2+1/2} \Gamma(\mu_1 + \mu_2 + 1 + \nu)}{(p+X)^{\mu_1+\mu_2+1+\nu}} \\
&\quad \cdot F_4 \left[ \mu_1 + \mu_2 + 1 - \lambda, \mu_1 + \mu_2 + 1 + \nu; 2\mu_1 + 1, 2\mu_2 + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}, \frac{x_2}{p+X} \right] \\
&\quad (Re(p+X) > 0)
\end{aligned}$$

where as for  $k = 1$ , equation (2.1) reduces to a known result [1; p. 215(11)].

### Proof of result (2.1)

By using definitions (1.2) and (1.3), the L.H.S. of integral (2.1) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_0^\infty u^{\nu-1} e^{-pu} (x_1 u)^{\mu_1+1/2} \dots (x_k u)^{\mu_k+1/2} \exp \left[ \frac{-1}{2} (x_1 u + \dots + x_k u) \right] \\
 &\quad \cdot \Psi_2^{(k)} [\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k - \lambda + k/2; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; x_1 u, \dots, x_k u] du \\
 &= x_1^{\mu_1+1/2} \dots x_k^{\mu_k+1/2} \sum_{m_1 \dots m_k=0}^\infty \frac{(a)_{m_1+\dots+m_k}}{(2\mu_1 + 1)_{m_1} \dots (2\mu_k + 1)_{m_k}} \frac{(x_1)^{m_1} \dots (x_k)^{m_k}}{m_1! \dots m_k!} \\
 &\quad \cdot \int_0^\infty u^{\mu_1+\dots+\mu_k+k/2+m_1+\dots+m_k+\nu-1} e^{-(p+\frac{x_1+\dots+x_k}{2})u} du,
 \end{aligned}$$

and then, using the integral transform [1, p.137(1)], we get the main result (2.1).

In view of integral (2.1), we can also establish the following integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.3) \quad I &= \int_0^\infty u^{\nu-1} e^{-pu-zu^2} M_{\lambda, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k} (x_1 u, \dots, x_k u) du \\
 &= x_1^{\mu_1+1/2} \dots x_k^{\mu_k+1/2} \sum_{q=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^q z^q \Gamma(b + 2q)}{q! (p + X)^{b+2q}} \\
 &\quad \cdot F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b + 2q; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p + X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p + X} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{2}$  and  $Re(p + X) > 0$ .

Clearly, if  $z = 0$  in (2.3), the above result reduces to the result (2.1).

### 3. Generating relations

A well known modified generating relation of Exton is given by [5; p. 147(3)]

$$(3.1) \quad \exp \left( s + t - \frac{xt}{s} \right) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^\infty \sum_{n=m^*}^\infty \frac{s^m t^n}{m! n!} {}_1F_1(-n; m + 1; x)$$

where  ${}_1F_1(-n; m + 1; x) / m!n! = L_n^{(m)}(x) / (m + n)!$ ,  ${}_1F_1$  and  $L_n^{(m)}$  are confluent hypergeometric function and Laguerre polynomials, respectively (see [4; p. 200(1)]). Pathan and Yasmeen [7] modified the above result (3.1) of Exton, by defining  $m^* = \max[0, -m]$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{L_n^{(n)}(x)}{(m + n)!} &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{r=m^*}^n \frac{(-n)_r x^r}{(m + r)! r!} \quad \text{if } n \geq m^* \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq n < m^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

A set of expansions

$$x^r = 2^r \sum_{m=-\infty}^\infty \sum_{n=m^*}^\infty \frac{(-n)_r (x/2)^{m+n}}{m!n!} {}_1F_1(-n; m + 1; x) \tag{3.2}$$

for  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , has been obtained by Exton [5, p. 148(8)] from (3.1) by taking successive partial derivatives with respect to  $t$  and letting  $s = t = x/2$ .

On replacing  $s, t$  and  $x$  by  $su, tu$  and  $xu$ , respectively, in (3.1), multiplying both sides by

$$u^{\nu-1} e^{-pu} M_{\lambda, \mu_1 \dots \mu_k}(x_1 u, \dots, x_k u)$$

integrating the multiple series with respect to  $u$  between the limits zero and infinity. Using integral (2.1) and definition (1.2) and adjusting the parameters, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p-s-t + \frac{xt}{s} + X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p-s-t + \frac{xt}{s} + X} \right] \\ &= \frac{(p-s-t + \frac{xt}{s} + X)^b}{(p+X)^b} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{s^m t^n (b)_{m+n}}{m! n! (p+X)^{m+n}} \\ (3.3) \quad & \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{(-n)_l (b+m+n)_l}{(m+1)_l l!} \left( \frac{x}{p+X} \right)^l \\ & F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b+m+n+l; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p+X} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{2}$  and  $Re(p) > 0$ ,  $Re(p+X) > 0$ .

Similarly, using the result (3.2) in place of (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b+r; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p+X} \right] \\ &= \frac{2^r}{(b)_r x^r} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{(-n)_r (b)_{m+n} (x/2)^{m+n}}{m! n! (p+X)^{m+n-r}} \\ (3.4) \quad & \cdot \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{(-n)_l (b+m+n)_l}{(m+1)_l l!} \left( \frac{x}{p+X} \right)^l \\ & \cdot F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b+m+n+l; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p+X} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{2}$  and  $Re(p) > 0$ ,  $Re(p+X) > 0$ .

By setting  $s = t = x/2$  in (3.3), the result reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p+X} \right] \\ (3.5) \quad &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{m+n} (b)_{m+n}}{m! n! (p+X)^{m+n}} \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{(-n)_l (b+m+n)_l}{(m+1)_l l!} \left( \frac{x}{p+X} \right)^l \\ & \cdot F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b+m+n+l; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p+X} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{2}$  and  $Re(p) > 0$ ,  $Re(p + X) > 0$ . which can also be obtained from (3.4) by taking  $r = 0$ .

#### 4. Special cases

On setting  $x = 0$  in (3.3), the result reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.1) \quad & F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p - s - t + X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p - s - t + X} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(p - s - t + X)^b}{(p + X)^b} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{s^m t^n (b)_{m+n}}{m! n! (p + X)^{m+n}} \\
 &\quad \cdot F_C^{(k)} \left[ a, b + m + n; 2\mu_1 + 1, \dots, 2\mu_k + 1; \frac{x_1}{p + X}, \dots, \frac{x_k}{p + X} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k + \frac{k}{2} + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_k}{2}$  and  $Re(p) > 0$ ,  $Re(p + X) > 0$ .

For  $k = 2$ , equation (4.1) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.2) \quad & F_4 \left[ a, b; 2\mu_1 + 1, 2\mu_2 + 1; \frac{x_1}{p - s - t + X}, \frac{x_2}{p - s - t + X} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(p - s - t + X)^b}{(p + X)^b} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{s^m t^n (b)_{m+n}}{m! n! (p + X)^{m+n}} \\
 &\quad \cdot F_4 \left[ a, b + m + n; 2\mu_1 + 1, 2\mu_2 + 1; \frac{x_1}{p + X}, \frac{x_2}{p + X} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + 1 - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + 1 + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$  and  $Re(p) > 0$ ,  $Re(p + X) > 0$ .

For  $k = 2$ , equation (3.5) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.3) \quad & F_4 \left[ a, b; 2\mu_1 + 1, 2\mu_2 + 1; \frac{x_1}{p + X}, \frac{x_2}{p + X} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{m+n} (b)_{m+n}}{m! n! (p + X)^{m+n}} \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{(-n)_l (b + m + n)_l}{(m + 1)_l l!} \left( \frac{x}{p + X} \right)^l \\
 &\quad \cdot F_4 \left[ a, b + m + n + l; 2\mu_1 + 1, 2\mu_2 + 1; \frac{x_1}{p + X}, \frac{x_2}{p + X} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + 1 - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \mu_2 + 1 + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$  and  $Re(p) > 0$ ,  $Re(p + X) > 0$ .

For  $k = 1$ , equation (3.5) reduces to

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & {}_2F_1\left[a, b; 2\mu_1 + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}\right] \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2)^{m+n} (b)_{m+n}}{m! n! (p+X)^{m+n}} \sum_{l=0}^n \frac{(-n)_l (b+m+n)_l}{(m+1)_l l!} \left(\frac{x}{p+X}\right)^l \\ & \quad \cdot {}_2F_1\left[a, b+m+n+l; 2\mu_1 + 1; \frac{x_1}{p+X}\right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \mu_1 + \frac{1}{2} - \lambda$ ,  $b = \mu_1 + \frac{1}{2} + \nu$ ,  $X = \frac{x_1}{2}$  and  $Re(p) > 0$ ,  $Re(p+X) > 0$ .

By putting  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 0$  in (4.3), the above result reduces to a known result of Pathan and Yasmeen [7; p. 242(2.3)]

$$(4.5) \quad 1 = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m^*}^{\infty} \frac{(x/2p)^{m+n} (c)_{m+n}}{(m+n)!} P_n^{(m,c-1)}\left(\frac{p-2x}{p}\right)$$

where the Jacobi polynomials  $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$  is defined by [4; p. 254(1)]

$$P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \frac{(1+\alpha)_n}{n!} {}_2F_1\left[\begin{array}{c} -n, 1+\alpha+\beta+n \\ 1+\alpha \end{array}; \frac{1-x}{2}\right].$$

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