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**An Infinite Integral  
Involving Meijer's G-Function. (\*\*)**

1. - The object of the present paper is to evaluate an integral involving MEIJER'S  $G$ -function with the help of a property of the LAPLACE transform established in § 2.

Throughout this note the conventional notation

$$\varphi(p) \doteq f(t)$$

will be used to denote the LAPLACE'S integral

$$(1) \quad \varphi(p) = p \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-pt) f(t) dt,$$

provided that  $\operatorname{Re} p > 0$  and the integral is convergent.

In what follows  $n$  is a positive integer and the symbol  $\Delta(n; \alpha)$  will represent the sequence of parameters  $\alpha/n, (\alpha + 1)/n, (\alpha + 2)/n, \dots, (\alpha + n - 1)/n$ .

**2. - Theorem.**

If

$$\varphi(p) \doteq f(t)$$

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and

$$\psi(p, \nu, \alpha, \beta) \doteq K_\nu(\alpha t) K_\nu(\beta t) f(t),$$

then

$$(2) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \psi(p, \nu, \alpha, \beta) &= \frac{1}{2} \pi p (\alpha \beta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_1^\infty (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \\ &\cdot [p + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{-1} P_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}(t) \varphi[p + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}] dt, \end{aligned} \right.$$

provided the integrals are absolutely convergent,  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} p > 0$  and  $f(t)$  is independent of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

*Proof.* From (1) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \frac{\{(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta u\}^{-\frac{1}{2}} P_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}(1+u)}{p + \{(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta u\}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \varphi[p + \{(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta u\}^{\frac{1}{2}}] du = \\ &= \int_0^\infty P_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}(1+u) \{(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta u\}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^\infty \exp(-px - x\{(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta u\}^{\frac{1}{2}}) \cdot f(x) dx du = \\ &= \int_0^\infty x \exp(-px) f(x) \int_0^\infty P_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}(1+u) \{(\alpha x + \beta x)^2 + 2\alpha\beta u x^2\}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \exp[-\{(\alpha x + \beta x)^2 + 2\alpha\beta u x^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}] du dx. \end{aligned}$$

On evaluating the  $u$ -integral by means of the formula ([4] p. 323)

$$(3) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \{(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta t\}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp[-\{(\alpha + \beta)^2 + 2\alpha\beta t\}^{\frac{1}{2}}] P_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}(1+t) dt = \\ &= 2\pi^{-1} (\alpha\beta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} K_\nu(\alpha) K_\nu(\beta), \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$  and making the substitution  $1 + u = t$  we arrive at the result.

The change of the order of integration in the above process is justified by virtue of a well-known theorem concerning the inversion of a repeated infinite integral ([1], p. 504).

On taking  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  and using the identity

$$K_{\pm\frac{1}{2}}(x) = (\pi/2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-x},$$

the theorem yields the following corollary.

Corollary. If

$$\varphi(p) \doteq f(t),$$

and

$$\psi(p, \alpha, \beta) \doteq \frac{\pi}{2t} (\alpha\beta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-(\alpha + \beta)t) f(t),$$

then

$$(4) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi(p, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\pi p}{2} (\alpha\beta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \\ \cdot [p + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{-1} \varphi[p + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}] dt, \end{array} \right.$$

provided the integrals are absolutely convergent,  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} p > 0$  and  $f(t)$  is independent of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

A result of a similar nature was obtained by SAXENA ([6], p. 155).

### 3. - Example.

Starting from SAXENA's formula ([5], p. 402, eq. 11) we have

$$f(t) = t^{-\lambda} G_{s,r}^{l,k} \left( at^n \left| \begin{array}{c} a_1, \dots, a_s \\ b_1, \dots, b_r \end{array} \right. \right) \doteq p^\lambda n^{\frac{1}{2}-\lambda} (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}n} \cdot G_{s+n,r}^{l,k+n} \left[ \frac{an^n}{p^n} \left| \begin{array}{c} \Delta(n, \lambda), a_1, \dots, a_s \\ b_1, \dots, b_r \end{array} \right. \right],$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(nb_h - \lambda) > -1$  for  $h = 1, 2, \dots, l$ ;  $2(l+k) > r+s$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq s$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq r$ ,  $|\arg a| < (k+l - \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2}s)\pi$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} p > 0$ .

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\pi}{2} (\alpha\beta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{-1} \exp(-(\alpha + \beta)t) f(t) = \\ & = \frac{\pi}{2} (\alpha\beta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} t^{-\lambda-1} \exp(-(\alpha + \beta)t) G_{s,r}^{l,k} \left( at^n \left| \begin{array}{c} a_1, \dots, a_s \\ b_1, \dots, b_r \end{array} \right. \right) = \\ & = \frac{\pi}{2} (\alpha\beta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} p(p + \alpha + \beta)^\lambda n^{-\lambda-\frac{1}{2}} (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}n} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot G_{s+n,r}^{l,k+n} \left[ \frac{an^n}{(p + \alpha + \beta)^n} \left| \begin{array}{c} \Delta(n; \lambda + 1), a_1, \dots, a_s \\ b_1, \dots, b_r \end{array} \right. \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(nb_h - \lambda) > 0$  for  $h = 1, 2, \dots, l$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(p + \alpha + \beta) > 0$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq s$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq r$ ,  $|\arg a| < (k+l - \frac{1}{2}r - \frac{1}{2}s)\pi$ ,  $k+l > \frac{1}{2}r + \frac{1}{2}s$ .

Applying (4) and making suitable changes in the parameters, it is found that

$$(5) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-1/2} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{1/2}]^{\lambda-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot G_{r,s}^{k,l} \left[ \gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{1/2} \right]^n \left| \begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_r \\ b_1, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} \right. \Big] dt = \\ & \quad = (n\alpha\beta)^{-1} (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{\lambda} G_{r+1,s+1}^{k+1,l} \left[ (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n \left| \begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_r, 1 - \lambda/n \\ -\lambda/n, b_1, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} \right. \right], \end{aligned} \right.$$

valid by analytic continuation for  $\operatorname{Re}[\lambda + n(a_j - 1)] < 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$ ,  $2(k+l) > r+s$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq r$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq s$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ .

#### 4. - Particular cases.

(i) when  $\gamma = 0$  (5) reduces to

$$(6) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{(\lambda/2)-1} G_{r,s}^{k,l} \left[ (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{n/2} \left| \begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_r \\ b_1, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} \right. \right] dt = \\ & \quad = (n\alpha\beta)^{-1} (\alpha + \beta)^{\lambda} G_{r+1,s+1}^{k+1,l} \left[ (\alpha + \beta)^n \left| \begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_r, 1 - \lambda/n \\ -\lambda/n, b_1, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} \right. \right], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda + n a_j) < n - 1$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$ .

On taking  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ , and  $n = 2$  in (6) it gives a particular case of the formula ([3], p. 338).

(ii) setting  $k = s = 2$ ,  $l = r = 0$ ,  $b_1 = \nu/2$  and  $b_2 = -\nu/2$  in (5) and applying ([2], p. 216, eq. 4) we find that

$$(7) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-1/2} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{1/2}]^{\lambda-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot K_{\nu} [2\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{1/2}\}^{\nu/2}] dt = \\ & \quad = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{\lambda}}{2n\alpha\beta} G_{1,3}^{3,0} \left[ (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n \left| \begin{matrix} 1 - \lambda/n \\ -\lambda/n, \nu/2, -\nu/2 \end{matrix} \right. \right], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ .

If we put  $\lambda = n(1 - \nu/2)$  the above equation then reduces to

$$(8) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{n(1-\nu/2)-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot K_{\nu} [2\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^{n/2}] dt = \\ & \quad = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{\frac{1}{2}n(1-\nu)}}{n\alpha\beta} K_{\nu-1} [2(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{n/2}], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} k \geq 0$ .

(iii) Putting  $k = 1$ ,  $l = r = 0$ ,  $s = 2$ ,  $b_1 = \nu/2$  and  $b_2 = -\nu/2$  in (5) and applying ([2], p. 216, eq. 3) we see that

$$(9) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{\lambda-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot J_{\nu} [2\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^{n/2}] dt = \\ & \quad = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{\lambda}}{n\alpha\beta} G_{1,3}^{2,0} \left[ (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n \left| \begin{array}{c} 1 - \lambda/n \\ -\lambda/n, \nu/2, -\nu/2 \end{array} \right. \right], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ .

If we set  $\lambda = n(1 - \nu/2)$  in (9) it yields

$$(10) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{n(1-\nu/2)-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot J_{\nu} [2\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^{n/2}] dt = \\ & \quad = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{n(1-\nu/2)(1-\nu)}}{n\alpha\beta} J_{\nu-1} [2(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{n/2}], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ .

(iv) Putting  $k = s = 2$ ,  $l = 0$ ,  $r = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 1 - k$ ,  $b_1 = \frac{1}{2} + m$ ,  $b_2 = \frac{1}{2} - m$  in (5) and applying ([2], p. 216, eq. 6) it is seen that

$$(11) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{\lambda-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^n W_{k,m} [\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^n] \right) dt = \\ & \quad = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{\lambda}}{n\alpha\beta} G_{2,3}^{3,0} \left[ (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n \left| \begin{array}{c} 1 - k, 1 - \lambda/n \\ -\lambda/n, \frac{1}{2} + m, \frac{1}{2} - m \end{array} \right. \right], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ .

When  $k = -m + \frac{1}{2}$  (11) reduces to

$$(12) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{\lambda-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot \exp[-\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^n] dt = \\ & \quad = \Gamma\left[\frac{\lambda}{n}, (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n\right], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$  and  $\Gamma(\lambda, x)$  denotes an incomplete gamma function.

On the other hand, if we take  $\lambda/n = \frac{1}{2} - m$  (11) reduces to

$$(13) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{n(\frac{1}{2}-m)-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot \exp[-\frac{1}{2}\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^n] W_{k,m}[\{1 + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^n] dt = \\ & \quad = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^{-mn}}{n\alpha\beta} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n) W_{k-\frac{1}{2}, m-\frac{1}{2}}[(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ .

(v) Finally take  $k = 1$ ,  $l = r = s = 2$ ,  $a_1 = 1 - a$ ,  $a_2 = 1 - b$ ,  $b_1 = 0$ ,  $b_2 = 1 - c$  in (5) and apply ([2], p. 218, eq. 34) we then obtain

$$(14) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \int_1^{\infty} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} [\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}]^{\lambda-1} \cdot \\ & \quad \cdot {}_2F_1[a, b; c; -\{\gamma + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\}^n] dt = \\ & \quad = \frac{\Gamma(c)(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n}{n\alpha\beta \Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} G_{3,3}^{2,2} \left[ (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^n \left| \begin{array}{l} 1-a, 1-b, 1-\lambda/n \\ -\lambda/n, 0, 1-c \end{array} \right. \right], \end{aligned} \right.$$

where  $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \beta > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \gamma \geq 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda - na) < 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda - nb) < 1$ .

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