

Fractional integral and generalized Stieltjes transforms for hypergeometric functions as transmutation operators

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Riemann-Liouville fractional integral:

$$(I_\mu f)(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_a^x f(y) (x - y)^{\mu-1} dy \quad (\operatorname{Re} \mu > 0).$$

Weyl fractional integral:

$$(W_\mu f)(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_x^\infty f(y) (y - x)^{\mu-1} dy \quad (\operatorname{Re} \mu > 0).$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n (I_n f)(x) = f(x), \quad \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n (W_n f)(x) = (-1)^n f(x).$$

Gauss hypergeometric function

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_k (b)_k}{(c)_k k!} z^k \quad (|z| < 1).$$

It has a one-valued analytic continuation to $\mathbb{C} \setminus [1, \infty)$.

Hypergeometric equation:

$$D_{a,b,c} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = 0, \quad \text{where}$$

$$(D_{a,b,c} f)(z) := z(1-z)f''(z) + (c - (a+b+1)z)f'(z) - abf(z).$$

Then $f(z) := {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right)$ is the unique solution of $D_{a,b,c} f = 0$ which is regular and equal to 1 at $z = 0$.

Fractional integrals and hypergeometric functions

Bateman's integral (1909):

$$\int_0^1 t^{c-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; tz\right) (1-t)^{\mu-1} dt = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(\mu)}{\Gamma(c+\mu)} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c+\mu \end{matrix}; z\right)$$

$(z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [1, \infty), \operatorname{Re} c > 0, \operatorname{Re} \mu > 0).$

As fractional integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_0^x y^{c-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; y\right) (x-y)^{\mu-1} dy \\ = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(c+\mu)} x^{c+\mu-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c+\mu \end{matrix}; x\right) \end{aligned}$$

$(0 < x < 1, \operatorname{Re} c > 0, \operatorname{Re} \mu > 0).$

Fractional generalization of:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n \left(x^{c+n-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c+n \end{matrix}; x\right)\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c+n)}{\Gamma(c)} x^{c-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right).$$

Askey-Fitch integral (1969):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_0^x y^{a-\mu-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; y\right) (x-y)^{\mu-1} dy \\ = \frac{\Gamma(a-\mu)}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a-\mu, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right) \\ (0 < x < 1, \operatorname{Re} a > \operatorname{Re} \mu > 0). \end{aligned}$$

Fractional generalization of:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n \left(x^{a-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a-n, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right)\right) = \frac{\Gamma(a)}{\Gamma(a-n)} x^{a-n-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right).$$

Fractional integrals and hypergeom. functions (cntd.)

Camporesi integral (2014, he gave a special case).
Rewrite the Askey-Fitch integral as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_{-\infty}^x (-y)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; y^{-1}\right) (x-y)^{\mu-1} dy \\ = \frac{\Gamma(a-\mu)}{\Gamma(a)} (-x)^{-a+\mu} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a-\mu, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x^{-1}\right) \quad (x < 0) \end{aligned}$$

and twice apply

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b-a)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-a)} (-x)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, 1-c+a \\ 1-b+a \end{matrix}; x^{-1}\right) \\ + (a \longleftrightarrow b) \quad (x < 0). \end{aligned}$$

Then:

Camporesi integral:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_{-\infty}^x {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; y\right) (x-y)^{\mu-1} dy \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a-\mu)}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{\Gamma(b-\mu)}{\Gamma(b)} \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(c-\mu)} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a-\mu, b-\mu \\ c-\mu \end{matrix}; x\right) \\ & \quad (x < 1, \operatorname{Re} a, \operatorname{Re} b > \operatorname{Re} \mu > 0). \end{aligned}$$

Fractional generalization of:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right) = \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a+n, b+n \\ c+n \end{matrix}; x\right).$$

Fractional integrals and hypergeom. functions (cntd.)

The three fractional integrals of Bateman, Askey-Fitch and Camporesi have respectively two, one, and two variants by applying the following transformation formulas on both sides:

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = (1-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, c-b \\ c \end{matrix}; \frac{z}{z-1}\right) \quad (z \notin [1, \infty)),$$
$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = (1-z)^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} c-a, c-b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) \quad (z \notin [1, \infty)).$$

The parameter shift patterns of these eight formulas are:

I. Bateman: $c+$; $a+, c+$; $a+, b+, c+$

II. Askey-Fitch: $a-$; $a+$

III. Camporesi: $a-, b-, c-$; $a-, c-$; $c-$

They are the fractional analogues of the eight parameter shifting n -th derivative formulas for hypergeometric functions.

Euler integral representation

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{c-b-1} (1-tz)^{-a} dt$$

$(z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [1, \infty), \operatorname{Re} c > \operatorname{Re} b > 0).$

As fractional integral:

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c) x^{1-c}}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_0^x y^{b-1} (1-y)^{-a} (x-y)^{c-b-1} dy$$

$(0 < x < 1, \operatorname{Re} c > \operatorname{Re} b > 0).$

This is the case $c' = b$ of Bateman's integral:

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c) x^{1-c}}{\Gamma(c-c')\Gamma(c')} \int_0^x y^{c'-1} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c' \end{matrix}; y\right) (x-y)^{c-c'-1} dy.$$

Proof by transmutation

Write $D_{a,b,c;x}$ for $D_{a,b,c}$ acting on a function of x .

We can prove the transmutation identity:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{a,b,c;x} \left(x^{1-c} \int_0^x y^{c'-1} f(y) (x-y)^{c-c'-1} dy \right) \\ = x^{1-c} \int_0^x y^{c'-1} (D_{a,b,c'} f)(y) (x-y)^{c-c'-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

In particular for $c' = b$ (Euler integral representation).

In the identity, if $D_{a,b,c'} f = 0$ then the integral on the left-hand side is annihilated by $D_{a,b,c;x}$.

Regularity and value at $x = 0$ of the integral follows from regularity and value at 0 of f .

History of transmutation

An operator T is a *transmutation operator* between differential operators D_1 and D_2 if

$$D_1 T = T D_2.$$

Pioneers are J. Delsarte (1938), Levitan (1951) and J. L. Lions (1956). A typical example is:

$$D_2 = d^2/dx^2, \quad D_1 = d^2/dx^2 + (2\alpha + 1)x^{-1}d/dx \text{ (Bessel).}$$

Then:

$$(Tf)(x) = \frac{2\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})} x^{-2\alpha} \int_0^x f(y) (x^2 - y^2)^{\alpha - \frac{1}{2}} dy \quad (\operatorname{Re} \alpha > -\frac{1}{2}).$$

If $f(x) = \cos(\lambda x)$ then

$$(Tf)(x) = \mathcal{J}_\alpha(\lambda x) := {}_0F_1\left(\begin{matrix} - \\ \alpha + 1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{(\lambda x)^2}{4}\right).$$

Proof by transmutation (cntd.)

For the proof of the transmutation identity

$$\begin{aligned} D_{a,b,c;x} \left(x^{1-c} \int_0^x y^{c'-1} f(y) (x-y)^{c-c'-1} dy \right) \\ = x^{1-c} \int_0^x y^{c'-1} (D_{a,b,c'} f)(y) (x-y)^{c-c'-1} dy \end{aligned}$$

we need two preliminary results:

1. The formal adjoint of $D_{a,b,c}$ is $D_{1-a,1-b,2-c}$.
2. A PDE for the fractional integral kernel:

$$\begin{aligned} y^{1-c'} D_{1-a,1-b,2-c';y} \left(y^{c'-1} (x-y)^{c-c'-1} \right) \\ = x^{c-1} D_{a,b,c;x} \left(x^{1-c} (x-y)^{c-c'-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Proof by transmutation (cntd.)

Now we have formally:

$$\begin{aligned} & D_{a,b,c;x} \left(x^{1-c} \int_0^x f(y) y^{c'-1} (x-y)^{c-c'-1} dy \right) \\ &= \int_0^x f(y) y^{c'-1} D_{a,b,c;x} \left(x^{1-c} (x-y)^{c-c'-1} \right) dy \\ &= x^{1-c} \int_0^x f(y) D_{1-a,1-b,2-c';y} \left(y^{c'-1} (x-y)^{c-c'-1} \right) dy \\ &= x^{1-c} \int_0^x (D_{a,b,c'} f)(y) y^{c'-1} (x-y)^{c-c'-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

All steps can be made rigorous for f regular and $\operatorname{Re} c'$ and $\operatorname{Re}(c - c')$ sufficiently large. Then relax the constraints by analytic continuation.

Key observation

Our proof of the transmutation identity works also for other integration boundaries:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{a,b,c;x} \left(|x|^{1-c} \int_m^M |y|^{c'-1} f(y) |x-y|^{c-c'-1} dy \right) \\ = |x|^{1-c} \int_m^M |y|^{c'-1} (D_{a,b,c'} f)(y) |x-y|^{c-c'-1} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Here m and M are two consecutive points where the integrand sufficiently vanishes. Such points may be x (but not necessarily), and also $-\infty$ or ∞ .

So another solution of $D_{a,b,c'} f = 0$ and/or other integration boundaries may yield another solution of $D_{a,b,c} g = 0$.

This works also for the integrands of the other seven fractional integral transforms.

Key observation (cntd.)

In particular Euler type integral representations

$$g(x) = |x|^{1-c} \int_m^M |y|^{b-1} |1-y|^{-a} |x-y|^{c-b-1} dy$$

by

$$(D_{a,b,c}g)(x) = |x|^{1-c} \int_m^M |y|^{b-1} D_{a,b,b;y}(|1-y|^{-a}) |x-y|^{c-b-1} dy = 0.$$

This works for:

(m, M)	$(-\infty, x)$	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(x, 0)$	$(0, x)$	$(0, 1)$
$x \in$	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(0, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	$(-\infty, 0)$

(m, M)	$(0, 1)$	$(x, 1)$	$(1, x)$	$(1, \infty)$	(x, ∞)
$x \in$	$(1, \infty)$	$(0, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$

Six solutions of the hypergeometric equation

For real x :

$$w_1(x; a, b, c) = {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right) \quad (x \in (-\infty, 1)),$$

$$w_2(x; a, b, c) = |x|^{1-c} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a-c+1, b-c+1 \\ 2-c \end{matrix}; x\right) \quad (x \in (-\infty, 1)),$$

$$w_3(x; a, b, c) = |x|^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, a-c+1 \\ a-b+1 \end{matrix}; x^{-1}\right) \quad (x \notin [0, 1]),$$

$$w_4(x; a, b, c) = |x|^{-b} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} b, b-c+1 \\ b-a+1 \end{matrix}; x^{-1}\right) \quad (x \notin [0, 1]),$$

$$w_5(x; a, b, c) = {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ a+b-c+1 \end{matrix}; 1-x\right) \quad (x \in (0, \infty)),$$

$$w_6(x; a, b, c) = |1-x|^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} c-a, c-b \\ c-a-b+1 \end{matrix}; 1-x\right) \quad (x \in (0, \infty)).$$

Euler type integral representations for the solutions

Integrand $|x|^{1-c} |y|^{b-1} |1-y|^{-a} |x-y|^{c-b-1}$:

$$w_1(x; a, b, c) = \frac{\Gamma(c) |x|^{1-c}}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_{0 < y/x < 1} |y|^{b-1} (1-y)^{-a} |x-y|^{c-b-1} dy$$

$(x < 1, \operatorname{Re} c > \operatorname{Re} b > 0),$

$$w_3(x; a, b, c) = \frac{\Gamma(a-b+1) |x|^{1-c}}{\Gamma(a-c+1)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_{y/x > 1} |y|^{b-1} |y-1|^{-a} |y-x|^{c-b-1} dy$$

$(x \notin [0, 1], \operatorname{Re}(a-c+1) > 0, \operatorname{Re}(c-b) > 0),$

$$w_6(x; a, b, c) = \frac{\Gamma(c-a-b+1)}{\Gamma(1-a)\Gamma(c-b)}$$
$$\times x^{1-c} \int_{0 < \frac{1-y}{1-x} < 1} y^{b-1} (1-y)^{-a} |x-y|^{c-b-1} dy$$

$(x > 0, \operatorname{Re}(c-b) > 0, \operatorname{Re} a < 1).$

Euler type integral reps for the solutions (cntd.)

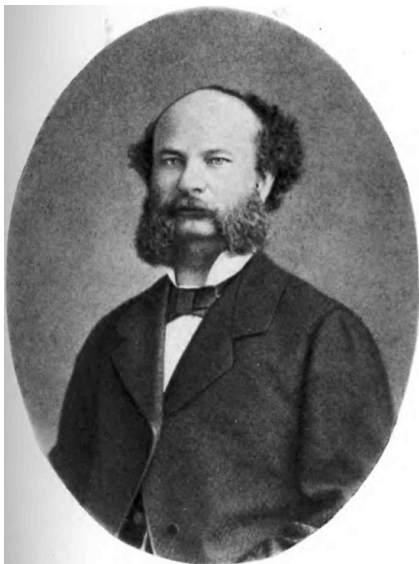
Integrand $|y|^{a-c} |1-y|^{c-b-1} |x-y|^{-a}$:

$$w_2(x; a, b, c) = \frac{\Gamma(2-c)}{\Gamma(a-c+1)\Gamma(1-a)} \\ \times \int_{0 < y/x < 1} |y|^{a-c} (1-y)^{c-b-1} |x-y|^{-a} dy \\ (x < 1, \operatorname{Re} a, \operatorname{Re}(c-a) < 1),$$

$$w_4(x; a, b, c) = \frac{\Gamma(b-a+1)}{\Gamma(-a)\Gamma(b+1)} \int_{y/x > 1} |y|^{a-c} |y-1|^{c-b-1} |y-x|^{-a} dy \\ (x \notin [0, 1], \operatorname{Re} a < 1, \operatorname{Re} b > 0),$$

$$w_6(x; a, b, c) = \frac{\Gamma(c-a-b+1)}{\Gamma(1-a)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_{0 < \frac{1-y}{1-x} < 1} |y|^{a-c} |1-y|^{c-b-1} |x-y|^{-a} dy \\ (x > 0, \operatorname{Re}(c-b) > 0, \operatorname{Re} a < 1).$$

Aleksei Letnikov (1837–1888)



Алексе́й Васи́льевич Ле́тников
(1837–1888)

A. V. Letnikov, *Research related to the theory of integrals of the form $\int_0^x (x-u)^{p-1} f(u) du$. Chapter III, Application to the integration of certain differential equations* (in Russian), *Mat. Sbornik*. 7 (1874), no. 2, 111–205.

This paper contains already the Euler type integral relations for the various solutions of the hypergeometric equation. Letnikov essentially used the transmutation method.

The paper remained unknown outside Russia. *Mat. Sbornik* was not reviewed in *JFM* before 1900. I thank Sergei Sitnik for bringing this work to my attention.

Letnikov is only mentioned in literature in connection with the Grünwald-Letnikov fractional derivative.

Fractional integrals for other solutions

Recall the eight parameter shift patterns for which we got fractional integral transformation formulas for the solution w_1 :

$c+$; $a+, c+$; $a+, b+, c+$; $a-$; $a+$; $a-, b-, c-$; $a-, c-$; $c-$

Each of the other solutions w_j has also a fractional integral transformation formula for each of these eight patterns, and for each pattern the formula for each w_j has the same integrand, but the integration boundaries vary.

Furthermore, each Euler type integral representation for some w_j is a special case of some fractional integral transformation for that w_j .

Generalized Stieltjes transform

Widder (1938), for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$:

$$\alpha \mapsto f: f(z) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\alpha(t)}{(z+t)^\rho} \quad \text{or} \quad \phi \mapsto f: f(z) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\phi(t)}{(z+t)^\rho} dt.$$

For $\rho = 1$ the classical Stieltjes transform.

Here we will denote by the generalized Stieltjes transform a map

$$f \mapsto g: g(x) = \int_m^M f(y) |y-x|^{\mu-1} dy \quad (x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [m, M]),$$

where (m, M) is $(-\infty, 0)$ or $(0, 1)$ or $(1, \infty)$.

Generalized Stieltjes from Euler type integral rep.

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c) x^{1-c}}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} \int_0^x y^{b-1} (1-y)^{-a} (x-y)^{c-b-1} dy$$

$(0 < x < 1, \operatorname{Re} c > \operatorname{Re} b > 0).$

Replace x by x^{-1} and then substitute $y \mapsto y/x$:

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x^{-1}\right) = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-b)} x^a \int_0^1 y^{b-1} (1-y)^{c-b-1} (x-y)^{-a} dy$$

$(x > 1, \operatorname{Re} c > \operatorname{Re} b > 0).$

In this way obtain three Euler type integral representations with integrand $|y|^{a-c} |1-y|^{c-b-1} |x-y|^{-a}$ as generalized Stieltjes transforms, and three other with integrand $|x|^{1-c} |y|^{b-1} |1-y|^{-a} |x-y|^{c-b-1}$.

Generalized Stieltjes with Bateman type integrand

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^0 (-y)^{c-1} w_1(y; a, b, c) (x-y)^{\mu-1} dy \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a-c-\mu+1)\Gamma(b-c-\mu+1)\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a+b-c-\mu+1)\Gamma(1-\mu)} x^{c-1+\mu} w_5(x; a, b, c+\mu) \\ & \quad (x > 0, \operatorname{Re}(a-c-\mu+1), \operatorname{Re}(b-c-\mu+1), \operatorname{Re}(c) > 0). \end{aligned}$$

The left-hand side has the same integrand as Bateman's integral. That $x^{1-c-\mu}$ times the right-hand side is annihilated by $D_{a,b,c+\mu;x}$ can be expected by the transmutation argument.

Thus 24 generalized Stieltjes transforms mapping a w_i to a w_j can be obtained which all have a same integrand as one of the fractional integral transforms sending some w_i to itself.

They all follow from each other by applying standard transformation formulas for the hypergeometric function to the left-hand side and/or right-hand side.

Gener. Stieltjes with Bateman type integrand (cntd.)

The box in row w_i and column w_j gives the parameter shift pattern of the generalized Stieltjes transform sending w_i to w_j :

	w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6
w_1			$b+, c+$	$a+, c+$	$c+$	$a+, b+, c+$
w_2			$a-, c-$	$b-, c-$	$a-, b-, c-$	$c-$
w_3	$b-, c-$	$a+, c+$			$b-$	$a+$
w_4	$a-, c-$	$b+, c+$			$a-$	$b+$
w_5	$c-$	$a+, b+, c+$	$b+$	$a+$		
w_6	$a-, b-, c-$	$c+$	$a-$	$b-$		

The six Euler type integral representations which are generalized Stieltjes transforms can be obtained by specialization of some of the above formulas.

Generalized Stieltjes transform sending ${}_2F_1$ to ${}_3F_2$

The following formula by Karp & Sitnik (2009) will imply all our 24 generalized Stieltjes transform formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 t^{b-1} (1-t)^{d+e-b-c-1} {}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} d-c, e-c \\ d+e-b-c \end{matrix}; 1-t \right) (1-tz)^{-a} dt \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c)\Gamma(d+e-b-c)}{\Gamma(d)\Gamma(e)} {}_3F_2 \left(\begin{matrix} a, b, c \\ d, e \end{matrix}; z \right) \\ & \quad (z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [1, \infty), \operatorname{Re} b, \operatorname{Re} c, \operatorname{Re} (d+e-b-c) > 0). \end{aligned}$$

For the proof expand $(1-tz)^{-a}$ and evaluate

$$\int_0^1 t^{d+e-b-c-1} (1-t)^{b+k-1} {}_2F_1 \left(\begin{matrix} d-c, e-c \\ d+e-b-c \end{matrix}; t \right) dt$$

by Bateman's integral and the Gauss summation formula.

For $d = a$ the ${}_3F_2$ becomes a ${}_2F_1$.

Stieltjes transform sending $P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}$ to $Q_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}$

A classical formula in Szegő's book gives for $x > 1$:

$$\int_{-1}^1 (1-t)^\alpha (1+t)^\beta \frac{P_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(t)}{x-t} dt = \text{const.} (x-1)^\alpha (x+1)^\beta Q_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x).$$

For n complex the right-hand side would be by the Karp-Sitnik formula a ${}_3F_2$. It specializes to a ${}_2F_1$ for n a nonnegative integer.

Appell hypergeometric F_2

$$F_2(a; b, b'; c, c'; x, y) := \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{m+n}(b)_m(b')_n}{(c)_m(c')_n m! n!} x^m y^n \quad (|x|+|y| < 1).$$

Let $\Delta := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x, y \geq 0, x + y < 1\}$.

For $(x, y) \in \Delta$, $\operatorname{Re} b, \operatorname{Re} b', \operatorname{Re}(c - b), \operatorname{Re}(c' - b') > 0$ we have an Euler type double integral representation:

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(a; b, b'; c, c'; x, y) &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c')}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(b')\Gamma(c-b)\Gamma(c'-b')} \\ &\times \int_0^1 \int_0^1 u^{b-1} v^{b'-1} (1-u)^{c-b-1} (1-v)^{c'-b'-1} (1-ux-vy)^{-a} du dv \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c')}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(b')\Gamma(c-b)\Gamma(c'-b')} x^{1-c} y^{1-c'} \\ &\times \int_{u=0}^x \int_{v=0}^y u^{b-1} v^{b'-1} (1-u-v)^{-a} (x-u)^{c-b-1} (y-v)^{c'-b'-1} du dv. \end{aligned}$$

Double fractional integral transformation.

$$F_2(a; b, b'; b, b'; u, v) = (1 - u - v)^{-a}.$$

The Euler type double integral representation is a special case of a Bateman type double integral:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{u=0}^x \int_{v=0}^y u^{c-1} v^{c'-1} F_2(a; b, b'; c, c'; u, v) \\ & \quad \times \frac{(x-u)^{\mu-1}}{\Gamma(\mu)} \frac{(y-v)^{\mu'-1}}{\Gamma(\mu')} du dv \\ & = \frac{\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(c+\mu)} \frac{\Gamma(c')}{\Gamma(c'+\mu')} x^{c+\mu-1} y^{c'+\mu'-1} F_2(a; b, b'; c+\mu, c'+\mu'; x, y) \\ & \quad (x \in \Delta, \operatorname{Re} c, \operatorname{Re} c', \operatorname{Re} \mu, \operatorname{Re} \mu' > 0). \end{aligned}$$

PDE's for F_2 :

$$D_{a,b,c;x,y} := x(1-x)\partial_{xx} + (c - (a+b+1)x)\partial_x - ab - (x\partial_x + b) \circ y\partial_y$$

$$D_{a,b,c;x,y} \left(F_2(a; b, b'; c, c'; x, y) \right) = 0,$$

$$D_{a,b',c';y,x} \left(F_2(a; b, b'; c, c'; x, y) \right) = 0.$$

Proof by transmutation of Bateman-type double integral works. In particular in special case of Euler-type double integral representation.

Then changing the integration region should give double integral representations of other solutions of PDE's.

Appell hypergeometric F_2 (cntd.)

Indeed, for $x, y > 0$, $x + y < 1$ and for $\operatorname{Re} b, \operatorname{Re} b', \operatorname{Re}(c - b), \operatorname{Re}(c' - b') > 0$ we saw

$$F_2(a; b, b'; c, c'; x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c')}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(b')\Gamma(c-b)\Gamma(c'-b')} x^{1-c} y^{1-c'} \\ \times \int_{u=0}^x \int_{v=0}^y u^{b-1} v^{b'-1} (1-u-v)^{-a} (x-u)^{c-b-1} (y-v)^{c'-b'-1} du dv,$$

and for $x, y > 1$ and $\operatorname{Re} b, \operatorname{Re} b', \operatorname{Re}(1-a) > 0$ we have

$$x^{-b} y^{-b'} F_3(b, b'; 1+b-c, 1+b'-c'; b+b'-a+1; x^{-1}, y^{-1}) \\ = \frac{\Gamma(b+b'-a+1)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(b')\Gamma(1-a)} x^{1-c} y^{1-c'} \iint_{\Delta} u^{b-1} v^{b'-1} (1-u-v)^{-a} \\ \times (x-u)^{c-b-1} (y-v)^{c'-b'-1} du dv, \quad \text{where}$$

$$F_3(a, a'; b, b'; c; x, y) := \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_m (a')_n (b)_m (b')_n}{(c)_{m+n} m! n!} x^m y^n \quad (|x|, |y| < 1).$$



Mourad, I wish you many years to come in discussing math with many people.