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## 1

The object of this paper is to establish the following two Fourier series expansions for the Meijer's  $G$ -functions.

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} G_{p+2, q+2}^{m+1, n+1} (z |_{\frac{1}{2}, b_1, \dots, b_q}^{1-r, a_1, \dots, a_p, 2+r}) \sin (2r+1) \theta \\ = \sqrt{\pi}/2 \sin \theta G_{p, q}^{m, n} (z / \sin^2 \theta |_{b_1, \dots, b_q}^{a_1, \dots, a_p}),$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ,  $|\arg z| < (m+n-p/2-q/2)\pi$ .

$$(1.2) \quad G_{p+1, q+1}^{m+1, n} (z |_{\frac{1}{2}, b_1, \dots, b_q}^{a_1, \dots, a_p, 1}) + 2 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} G_{p+2, q+2}^{m+1, n+1} (z |_{\frac{1}{2}, b_1, \dots, b_q}^{1-r, a_1, \dots, a_p, 1+r}) \cos r \theta \\ = \sqrt{\pi} G_{p, q}^{m, n} (z / \sin^2 (\theta/2) |_{b_1, \dots, b_q}^{a_1, \dots, a_p}),$$

where  $0 < \theta \leq \pi$ ,  $|\arg z| < (m+n-p/2-q/2)\pi$ .

The Meijer's  $G$ -function is sum of hypergeometric functions each of which is usually an entire function. It is defined [1, p. 207] by a Mellin-Barnes type integral

$$(1.3) \quad G_{p, q}^{m, n} (z |_{b_1, \dots, b_q}^{a_1, \dots, a_p}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j - s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1 - a_j + s)}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1 - b_j + s) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j - s)} z^s ds,$$

where  $m, n, p, q$  are integers with  $q \geq 1, 0 \leq n \leq p, 0 \leq m \leq q$ . The parameters  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  are such that no pole of  $\Gamma(b_j - s)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  coincides with any pole of  $\Gamma(1 - a_j + s)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . The poles of the integrand must be simple and those of  $\Gamma(b_j - s)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  lie on one side of the contour  $L$  and those of  $\Gamma(1 - a_j + s)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$  must lie on the other side.

To prove (1.1) and (1.2) whose conditions of validity are given in section 2, we require the following Fourier series established by McRobert [2, p. 79 and 3, p. 143].

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2-s)}{2 \Gamma(\frac{3}{2}-s)} (\sin \theta)^{1-2s} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(s; r)}{(2-s; r)} \sin (2r+1) \theta,$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ ,  $R(s) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . Here  $(s; 0) = 1$ ,  $(s; r) = s(s+1) \dots (s+r-1)$ ,  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(1-s)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}-s)} (\sin(\theta/2))^{-2s} = 1 + 2 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(s; r)}{(1-s; r)} \cos r\theta$$

where  $0 < \theta \leq \pi$ .

## 2

From (1.3), the expression on the left of (1.1) can be written as

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2}-s) \prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j-s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1-a_j+s) \Gamma(r+s)}{\Gamma(s) \prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1-b_j+s) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j-s) \Gamma(2+r-s)} z^s ds \sin(2r+1)\theta.$$

Here the path  $L$  of integration runs from  $c-i\infty$  to  $c+i\infty$ . The conditions

$$0 < c < \frac{3}{2}$$

$$Rl(b_j) > c, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

$$Rl(a_j) < c+1, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

ensure that all the poles of  $\Gamma(\frac{3}{2}-s)$  and  $\Gamma(b_j-s)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  lie to the right of  $L$  and those of  $\Gamma(r+s)$  and  $\Gamma(1-a_j+s)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$  lie to the left of  $L$ , as required for the definition of the  $G$ -function on the left side of (1.1). The integral converges if  $p+q < 2(m+n)$  and  $|\arg z| < (m+n-p/2-q/2)\pi$ . On changing the order of integration and summation, which is easily seen to be justified, the above expression becomes

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2}-s) \prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j-s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1-a_j+s)}{\Gamma(2-s) \prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1-b_j+s) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j-s)} \cdot \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(s; r)}{(2-s; r)} \sin(2r+1)\theta \right\} z^s ds$$

and on using (1.4), it takes the form

$$\sqrt{\pi/2} \sin \theta \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_L \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m \Gamma(b_j-s) \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(1-a_j+s)}{\prod_{j=m+1}^q \Gamma(1-b_j+s) \prod_{j=n+1}^p \Gamma(a_j-s)} \left( \frac{z}{\sin^2 \theta} \right)^s ds$$

which is just the expression on the right of (1.1).

(1.1) is the Fourier sine series for the  $G$ -functions. The Fourier cosine series (1.2) is proved in an analogous manner by using (1.3) and (1.5). The conditions of validity of (1.2) are

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < c < \frac{1}{2} \\ Rl(b_j) > c, \quad j = 1, \dots, m \\ Rl(a_j) < c+1, \quad j = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

If we make use of the relation [1, p. 215]

$$G_{p+1, q}^{q, 1}(z | \frac{1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{b_q}; a_p) = E(\frac{b_1}{a_1}, \dots, \frac{b_q}{a_p}; z),$$

where  $E(\cdot)$  denotes McRobert's  $E$ -function [1, p. 203], the formulae (1.1) and (1.2) reduce to the Fourier series for  $E$ -functions obtained by McRobert [2, p. 79, eqns (1) and (2)].

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From (1.1) and (1.2), we easily deduce the integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \sin(2r+1)\theta \sin \theta G_{p, q}^{m, n}(z/\sin^2 \theta | \frac{a_1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{a_p}{b_q}) d\theta \\ = \sqrt{\pi} G_{p+2, q+2}^{m+1, n+1}(z | \frac{1-r}{2}, \frac{a_1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{a_p}{b_q}, 1^{2+r}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \cos r\theta G_{p, q}^{m, n}(z/\sin^2(\theta/2) | \frac{a_1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{a_p}{b_q}) d\theta \\ = \sqrt{\pi} G_{p+2, q+2}^{m+1, n+1}(z | \frac{1-r}{2}, \frac{a_1}{b_1}, \dots, \frac{a_p}{b_q}, 1^{1+r}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $p+q < 2(m+n)$ ,  $|\arg z| < (m+n-p/2-q/2)\pi$  and  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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