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## 1

In this paper we have established some formulae on the $N$-th order derivative of $G_{p q}^{2 n}\left(\left.\beta x^{r}\right|_{b s} ^{a j}\right)$. The Mellin-Barnes type integral [2. p. 207] which we have employed is
(1.1) $G_{p q}^{l n}\left(x \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\ b_{1} \ldots b_{q}\end{array}\right.\right)=\frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{i} \Gamma\left(b_{j}-s\right) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \Gamma\left(1-a_{j}+s\right)}{\prod_{j=l+1}^{q} \Gamma\left(1-b_{j}+s\right) \prod_{j=n+1}^{p} \Gamma\left(a_{j}-s\right)} x^{s} d s$
where an empty product is interpreted as $1,0 \leqq l \leqq q, 0 \leqq n \leqq p$ and the path $L$ of integration runs from $-i \infty$ to $+i \infty$ so that all the poles of $\Gamma\left(b_{j}-s\right), j=1,2, \ldots l$ are to the right and all the poles of $\Gamma\left(1-a_{j}+s\right), j=1,2, \ldots n$ to the left of $L$. The formula is valid for $p+q<2(1+n)$ and $|\arg x|<\left(l+n-\frac{1}{2} p-\frac{1}{2} q\right) \pi$. $a_{j}-b_{h} \neq 1,2, \ldots$ for $j=1, \ldots, n$ and $h=1, \ldots, l$. In the formulae (2.1), (2.2), (3.1), (4.1), (4.3)-(4.5) the conditions mentioned as (1.1) are tacitly supposed to be fulfilled. Although the well known technique is employed, the final result depends on the fact that in the formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Gamma(m z)=(2 \pi)^{(1-m) / 2} m^{m z-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{R=0}^{m-1} \Gamma\left(z+\frac{R}{m}\right) \quad m=2,3 \ldots \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

$z, z+1 / m, x+2 / m, \ldots$ are in Arithmetical Progression. The other formulae used are

$$
\begin{align*}
& z(z-1) \ldots(z-\overline{N-1})=\frac{\Gamma(z+1)}{\Gamma(z-\overline{N-1})},  \tag{1.3}\\
& z(z+1) \ldots(z+N-1)=\frac{\Gamma(z+N)}{\Gamma(z)} .
\end{align*}
$$

## 2

The first formula to be proved is

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d^{N}}{d x^{N}} x^{r\left(a_{1}-1\right)} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\frac{\beta}{x^{r}} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots . b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right)  \tag{2.1}\\
& \quad=(-n)^{N} x^{r\left(a_{1}-1\right)-N} G_{p q}^{\ln }\left(\frac{\beta}{x^{r}} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1}-N / r, \ldots a_{r}-N / r, a_{r+1}, \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right.
\end{align*}
$$

provided $r<n$ and the parameters $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots a_{r}$ are in A.P. with common difference $-1 / r$.

Proof:
Using (1.1) the L.H.S. of (2.1)

$$
\begin{aligned}
=\frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int_{L} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{j} \Gamma\left(b_{j}-s\right) \prod_{j=r+1}^{n} \Gamma\left(1-a_{j}+s\right)}{\prod_{j=l}^{q} \Gamma\left(1-b_{j}+s\right) \prod_{j=n+1}^{p} \Gamma\left(a_{j}-s\right)} \\
\cdot \beta^{s} \prod_{j=1}^{r} \Gamma\left(1-a_{j}+s\right) \frac{d^{N}}{d x^{N}} x^{\left(a_{1}-1-s\right)} d s
\end{aligned}
$$

using (1.4) and (1.2) we get
$=(-r)^{N} x^{r\left(a_{1}-1\right)-N}$
$\frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int_{L} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{l} \Gamma\left(b_{j}-s\right) \prod_{j=1}^{r} \Gamma\left(1-\overline{a_{j}-N} / r+s\right) \prod_{j=r+1}^{n} \Gamma\left(1-a_{j}+s\right)}{\prod_{j=l+1}^{q} \Gamma\left(1-b_{j}+s\right) \prod_{j=n+1}^{p} \Gamma\left(a_{j}-s\right)}\left(\frac{\beta}{x^{r}}\right)^{s} d s$
$=(-r)^{N} x^{\left(a_{1}-1\right)-N} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\frac{\beta}{x^{r}} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}a_{1}-N / r, \ldots a_{r}-N / r, a_{r+1}, \ldots a_{p} \\ b_{1} \ldots b_{q}\end{array}\right.\right)$
provided $r<n$ and the parameters $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots a_{r}$ are in A.P. with common difference $-1 / r$.

Putting $N=1$ and $s=1 / x$ we get
$x \frac{d}{d x} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r}\binom{a_{1} \ldots a_{p}}{b_{1} \ldots b_{q}}=r G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}a_{1}-1 / r, \ldots a_{r}-1 / r, a_{r+1}, \ldots a_{p} \\ b_{1} \ldots b_{q}\end{array}\right.\right)\right.$
$+r\left(a_{1}-1\right) G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}a_{1} \ldots & a_{p} \\ b_{1} \ldots & b_{q}\end{array}\right.\right)$
where $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots a_{r}$ are in A.P. with common difference $-1 / r$. Putting $r=1$ in (2.1) a result of Bhise [1] follows.
Putting $r=1$ in (2.2) we get a known result (2. p. 210].

## 3

The second formula to be established is

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d^{N}}{d x^{N}} x^{-r b_{1}} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots . b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right) \\
& \quad=(-r)^{N} x^{-r b_{1}-N} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1}+N / r, \ldots b_{r}+N / r, b_{r+1}, \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right) \tag{3.1}
\end{align*}
$$

provided $r<l$ and the parameters $b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots b_{r}$ are in A.P. with common difference $1 / r$.

This formula can be derived from (2.1) by using the well-known property

$$
G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\begin{array}{l}
x \\
a_{j} \\
b_{s}
\end{array}\right)=G_{a p}^{n l}\left(\frac{1}{x} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
1-b_{s} \\
1-a_{j}
\end{array}\right.\right) .
$$

Putting $N=1$ in (3.1) we get

$$
\begin{align*}
& x \frac{d}{d x} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots . b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right)=r b_{1} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots . b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right)  \tag{3.2}\\
& -r G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1}+1 / r, \ldots b_{r}+1 / r, b_{r+1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right)
\end{align*}
$$

where $b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots b_{r}$ are in A.P. with common difference $1 / r$. Putting $r=1$ in (3.1) and (3.2) two results of Bhise [1] follow.

The third formula sought to be established is

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d^{N}}{d x^{N}} x^{r\left(a_{p-r+1}-1 / r\right)} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\frac{\beta}{x^{r}} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots
\end{array}\right.\right)  \tag{4.1}\\
& =r^{N} x^{r\left(a_{p-r+1}-1 / r\right)-N} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\frac{\beta}{x^{r}} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p-r}, a_{p-r+1}-N / r, \ldots a_{p}-N / r \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right.
\end{align*}
$$

provided $p-r+1>n$ and the parameters $a_{p-r+1}, \ldots a_{p}$ are in A.P. with common difference $1 / r$.

Proof: Using (1.1) the L.H.S. of (4.1) becomes

$$
\begin{array}{r}
=\frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int_{L} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{l} \Gamma\left(b_{j}-s\right) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \Gamma\left(1-a_{j}+s\right)}{\prod_{j=1}^{q} \Gamma\left(1-b_{j}+s\right) \prod_{j=n+1}^{p-r} \Gamma\left(a_{j}-s\right) \prod_{j=p-r+1}^{p} \Gamma\left(a_{j}-s\right)} \\
\cdot \beta^{s} \frac{d^{N}}{d x^{N}} x^{r\left(a_{p-r+1}-1 / r-s\right)} d s . \tag{4.2}
\end{array}
$$

Using (1.3) and (1.2) we get after little simplification (4.2) to be

$$
=r^{N} x^{r\left(a_{p-r+1}-1 / r\right)-N} G_{p q}^{\ln }\left(\frac{\beta}{x^{r}} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1}, ., a_{p-r}, a_{p-r+1}-N / r, \ldots, a_{p}-N / r \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right)
$$

The fourth formula is

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d^{N}}{d x^{N}} x^{-r\left(b_{q-r+1}+1 / r-1\right)} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right) \\
& =r^{N} x^{-r\left(b_{q-r+1}+1 / r-1\right)} G_{p r}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q-r}, b_{q-r+1+N / r} \ldots b_{q+N / r}
\end{array}\right.\right) \tag{4.3}
\end{align*}
$$

provided $q-r+1>l$ and the parameters $b_{q-r+1} \ldots b_{q}$ are in A.P. with common difference $-1 / r$.

The proof can be adduced on lines similar to (4.1).
Putting $N=1$ and $x=1 / x$ in (4.2) we get

$$
\begin{align*}
& x \frac{d}{d x} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right)=r\left(a_{p-r+1}-\frac{1}{r}\right) G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right)  \tag{4.4}\\
& -r G_{p q}^{\ln }\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p-r}, a_{p-r+1}-1 / r, \ldots a_{p}-1 / r \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right.
\end{align*}
$$

Putting $N=1$ in (4.3) we get

$$
\begin{align*}
& x \frac{d}{d x} G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right) \\
& \quad= r G_{p q}^{\ln }\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
\left.b_{1} \ldots b_{a-r}, b_{q-r+1}+1 / r, \ldots b_{q}+1 / r\right) \\
\\
\\
\\
\quad+r\left(b_{a-r+1}+\frac{1}{r}-1\right) G_{p q}^{l n}\left(\beta x^{r} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{l}
a_{1} \ldots a_{p} \\
b_{1} \ldots b_{q}
\end{array}\right.\right) .
\end{array} .\right.\right. \tag{4.5}
\end{align*}
$$

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