INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR SRIVASTAVA'S HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTION H_C

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Abstract. While investigating the Lauricella's list of 14 complete second-order hypergeometric series in three variables, Srivastava noticed the existence of three additional complete triple hypergeometric series of the second order, which were denoted by H_A, H_B and H_C. Each of these three triple hypergeometric functions H_A, H_B and H_C has been investigated extensively in many different ways including, for example, in the problem of finding their integral representations of one kind or the other. Here, in this paper, we aim at presenting further integral representations for the Srivatava's triple hypergeometric function H_C.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

In the theory of hypergeometric functions of several variables, a remarkably large number of triple hypergeometric functions have been introduced and investigated. A comprehensive table of 205 distinct triple hypergeometric functions is provided in the work of Srivastava and Karlsson [17, Chapter 3]. Out of these 205 distinct triple hypergeometric functions, Lauricella [10, p. 114] introduced fourteen complete triple hypergeometric functions of the second order. He denoted his triple hypergeometric functions by the symbols F_1, ..., F_{14} of which F_1, F_2, F_3 and F_9 correspond, respectively, to the three variable Lauricella functions $F_A^{(3)}$, $F_B^{(3)}$, $F_C^{(3)}$ and $F_D^{(3)}$ that are the three-variable cases of the n-variable Lauricella functions $F_A^{(n)}$, $F_B^{(n)}$, $F_C^{(n)}$ and $F_D^{(n)}$

(*cf.* [10, p. 113]; see also [1, p. 114, Equations (1) to (4)], [17, p. 33 *et seq.*] and [7, 8]). Saran [12] initiated a systematic study of these ten triple hypergeometric functions from Lauricella's set. Exton [6] introduced 20 distinct triple hypergeometric functions, which he denoted by $X_1, \ldots, X_{20}$, and investigated their twenty Laplace integral representations whose kernels include the confluent hypergeometric functions $_0F_1$ and $_1F_1$, and the Humbert hypergeometric functions Ψ_2 and Φ_2 of two variables. The four Appell hypergeometric functions $F_1, \ldots, F_4$ of two variables are simply the special case of Lauricella's n-variable functions when $n = 2$, that is,

$$F_1 = F_D^{(2)}, \quad F_2 = F_A^{(2)}, \quad F_3 = F_B^{(2)} \quad \text{and} \quad F_4 = F_C^{(2)}.$$

While transforming Pochhammer's double-loop contour integrals associated with the functions F_8 and F_{14} (that is, F_G and F_F, respectively) belonging to Lauricella's set of hypergeometric functions of three variables, Srivastava [13, 14] discovered the existence of three additional complete triple hypergeometric functions H_A, H_B and H_C of the second order, of which H_C is defined as follows (see also [17, p. 43, Equation 1.5(12)]):

(1.1)
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\begin{aligned}
&H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3;\, c;\, x, y, z\right) \\
&= \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_{m+p}(a_2)_{m+n}(a_3)_{n+p}}{(c)_{m+n+p}} \frac{x^m}{m!} \frac{y^n}{n!} \frac{z^p}{p!} \\
&\left(|x| =: \mathbf{r} < 1;\ |y| =: \mathbf{s} < 1;\ |z| =: \mathbf{t} < 1; \right. \\
&\left. \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{t} - 2\sqrt{(1-\mathbf{r})(1-\mathbf{s})(1-\mathbf{t})} < 2\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where, with $\mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{Z}_0^-$ denoting the set of complex numbers and the set of nonpositive integers, respectively, $(\lambda)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol defined (for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$) by

(1.2)
$$(\lambda)_n := \frac{\Gamma(\lambda + n)}{\Gamma(\lambda)} = \begin{cases} 1 & (n = 0) \\ \lambda(\lambda + 1)\ldots(\lambda + n - 1) & (n \in \mathbb{N}), \end{cases}$$

$\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ and Γ being the well-known Gamma function. Of course, all 20 of Exton's triple hypergeometric functions $X_1, \ldots, X_{20}$ as well as Srivastava's triple hypergeometric functions H_A, H_B and H_C are included in the set of the aforementioned 205 distinct triple hypergeometric functions which were presented systematically by Srivastava and Karlsson [17, Chapter 3]. The above-stated three-dimensional region of convergence of the triple hypergeometric function in (1.1) for H_C

was given by Srivastava [13, 14] (see also Srivastava and Karlsson [17, Section 3.4]).

Various multivariable generalizations and cases of reducibility of Srivastava's functions H_A, H_B and H_C have been investigated (see, for details, [17, pp. 43–44]). Turaev [19] studied the Srivastava function H_A. Hasanov *et al.* [9] reproduced Srivastava's integral representations for the functions [13, 14] H_A, H_B and H_C. Very recently, Choi *et al.* ([2], [3] and [4]) also presented certain integral representations for the functions H_A, H_B and H_C.

Here, in this present sequel to some of the above-mentioned works, we aim at investigating *further* 17 integral representations for the Srivastava function H_C, for completeness, including the five ones in [2].

2. Integral Representations for Srivastava's hypergeometric function H_C

Theorem. *Each of the following integral representations for H_C holds true.*

$$H_C(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(a_1)\Gamma(s-a_1)}$$

(2.1)
$$\cdot \int_0^1 \xi^{a_1-1}(1-\xi)^{s-a_1-1} H_C(s, a_2, a_3; c; x\xi, y, z\xi)\, d\xi$$

$$(\Re(s) > \Re(a_1) > 0);$$

$$H_C(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(a_2)\Gamma(s-a_2)}$$

(2.2)
$$\cdot \int_0^1 \xi^{a_2-1}(1-\xi)^{s-a_2-1} H_C(a_1, s, a_3; c; x\xi, y\xi, z)\, d\xi$$

$$(\Re(s) > \Re(a_2) > 0);$$

$$H_C(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z) = \frac{\Gamma(s)}{\Gamma(a_3)\Gamma(s-a_3)}$$

(2.3)
$$\cdot \int_0^1 \xi^{a_3-1}(1-\xi)^{s-a_3-1} H_C(a_1, a_2, s; c; x, y\xi, z\xi)\, d\xi$$

$$(\Re(s) > \Re(a_3) > 0);$$

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)}{\Gamma\left(c - s\right)\Gamma\left(s\right)}$$

(2.4)
$$\cdot \int_0^1 \xi^{s-1} \left(1 - \xi\right)^{c-s-1} H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; s; x\xi, y\xi, z\xi\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(s) > 0\right);$$

(2.5)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_1\right)} \int_0^1 \xi^{a_1-1} \left(1 - \xi\right)^{c-a_1-1}$$

$$\cdot \left(1 - x\xi\right)^{-a_2} \left(1 - z\xi\right)^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c - a_1; \frac{y\left(1 - \xi\right)}{\left(1 - x\xi\right)\left(1 - z\xi\right)}\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0\right);$$

(2.6)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_2\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_2\right)} \int_0^1 \xi^{a_2-1} \left(1 - \xi\right)^{c-a_2-1}$$

$$\cdot \left(1 - x\xi\right)^{-a_1} \left(1 - y\xi\right)^{-a_3} F\left(a_1, a_3; c - a_2; \frac{z\left(1 - \xi\right)}{\left(1 - x\xi\right)\left(1 - y\xi\right)}\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_2) > 0\right);$$

(2.7)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_3\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_3\right)} \int_0^1 \xi^{a_3-1} \left(1 - \xi\right)^{c-a_3-1}$$

$$\cdot \left(1 - y\xi\right)^{-a_2} \left(1 - z\xi\right)^{-a_1} F\left(a_1, a_2; c - a_3; \frac{x\left(1 - \xi\right)}{\left(1 - y\xi\right)\left(1 - z\xi\right)}\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_3) > 0\right);$$

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(a_1 + a_2\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(a_2\right)} \int_0^1 \xi^{a_1-1} \left(1 - \xi\right)^{a_2-1}$$

(2.8)
$$\cdot X_{22}\left[a_1 + a_2, a_3; c; x\xi\left(1 - \xi\right), y\left(1 - \xi\right), z\xi\right] d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(a_1) > 0; \ \Re(a_2) > 0\right);$$

(2.9)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(a_1 + a_2 + a_3\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(a_2\right)\Gamma\left(a_3\right)}$$

$$\cdot \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \xi^{a_1-1}\eta^{a_1+a_2-1}\left(1-\xi\right)^{a_2-1}\left(1-\eta\right)^{a_3-1}$$

$$\cdot F\left[\frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{2}, \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + 1}{2}; c;\right.$$

$$\left. 4\eta\left[x\xi\left(1-\xi\right)\eta + y\left(1-\xi\right)\left(1-\eta\right) + z\xi\left(1-\eta\right)\right]\right] d\xi d\eta$$

$$\left(\Re(a_1) > 0;\ \Re(a_2) > 0;\ \Re(a_3) > 0\right);$$

(2.10)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)\left(1+\lambda\right)^{a_1}}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c-a_1\right)} \int_0^1 \xi^{a_1-1}\left(1-\xi\right)^{c-a_1-1}$$

$$\cdot \left(1+\lambda\xi\right)^{a_2+a_3-c}\left[1+\lambda\xi - \left(1+\lambda\right)x\xi\right]^{-a_2}\left[1+\lambda\xi - \left(1+\lambda\right)z\xi\right]^{-a_3}$$

$$\cdot F\left[a_2, a_3; c-a_1; \frac{y\left(1+\lambda\xi\right)\left(1-\xi\right)}{\left[1+\lambda\xi - \left(1+\lambda\right)x\xi\right]\left[1+\lambda\xi - \left(1+\lambda\right)z\xi\right]}\right] d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0;\ \Re(\lambda) > -1\right);$$

(2.11)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)\left(\beta-\gamma\right)^{a_1}\left(\alpha-\gamma\right)^{c-a_1}}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c-a_1\right)\left(\beta-\alpha\right)^{c-a_2-a_3-1}}$$

$$\cdot \int_\alpha^\beta \left(\beta-\xi\right)^{c-a_1-1}\left(\xi-\alpha\right)^{a_1-1}\left(\xi-\gamma\right)^{a_2+a_3-c}$$

$$\cdot \left[\left(\beta-\alpha\right)\left(\xi-\gamma\right) - \left(\beta-\gamma\right)\left(\xi-\alpha\right)x\right]^{-a_2}$$

$$\cdot \left[\left(\beta-\alpha\right)\left(\xi-\gamma\right) - \left(\beta-\gamma\right)\left(\xi-\alpha\right)z\right]^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c-a_1; \sigma y\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0;\ \gamma < \alpha < \beta\right),$$

where

$$\sigma := \frac{\left(\beta-\alpha\right)\left(\alpha-\gamma\right)\left(\xi-\gamma\right)\left(\beta-\xi\right)}{\left[\left(\beta-\alpha\right)\left(\xi-\gamma\right) - \left(\beta-\gamma\right)\left(\xi-\alpha\right)x\right]\left[\left(\beta-\alpha\right)\left(\xi-\gamma\right) - \left(\beta-\gamma\right)\left(\xi-\alpha\right)z\right]};$$

(2.12)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)\left(\gamma - \beta\right)^{a_1}\left(\gamma - \alpha\right)^{c-a_1}}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_1\right)\left(\beta - \alpha\right)^{c-a_2-a_3-1}}$$

$$\cdot \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left(\beta - \xi\right)^{c-a_1-1}\left(\xi - \alpha\right)^{a_1-1}\left(\gamma - \xi\right)^{a_2+a_3-c}$$

$$\cdot \left[\left(\beta - \alpha\right)\left(\gamma - \xi\right) - \left(\gamma - \beta\right)\left(\xi - \alpha\right)x\right]^{-a_2}$$

$$\cdot \left[\left(\beta - \alpha\right)\left(\gamma - \xi\right) - \left(\gamma - \beta\right)\left(\xi - \alpha\right)z\right]^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c - a_1; \sigma y\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0; \ \alpha < \beta < \gamma\right),$$

where

$$\sigma := \frac{\left(\beta - \alpha\right)\left(\gamma - \alpha\right)\left(\beta - \xi\right)\left(\gamma - \xi\right)}{\left[\left(\beta - \alpha\right)\left(\gamma - \xi\right) - \left(\gamma - \beta\right)\left(\xi - \alpha\right)x\right]\left[\left(\beta - \alpha\right)\left(\gamma - \xi\right) - \left(\gamma - \beta\right)\left(\xi - \alpha\right)z\right]};$$

(2.13)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_1\right)} \int_0^{\infty} \xi^{a_1-1}\left(1 + \xi\right)^{a_2+a_3-c}$$

$$\cdot \left(1 + \xi - \xi x\right)^{-a_2}\left(1 + \xi - \xi z\right)^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c - a_1; \sigma y\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0\right),$$

where

$$\sigma := \frac{1 + \xi}{\left(1 + \xi - \xi x\right)\left(1 + \xi - \xi z\right)};$$

(2.14)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(c\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_1\right)} \int_0^{\infty} \left(e^{-\xi}\right)^{a_1}\left(1 - e^{-\xi}\right)^{c-a_1-1}$$

$$\cdot \left[1 - xe^{-\xi}\right]^{-a_2}\left[1 - ze^{-\xi}\right]^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c - a_1; \sigma y\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0\right),$$

where

$$\sigma := \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\xi}\right) y}{\left(1 - xe^{-\xi}\right)\left(1 - ze^{-\xi}\right)};$$

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{2\Gamma\left(c\right)}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_1\right)}$$

(2.15)

$$\cdot \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\sin^2 \xi\right)^{a_1 - \frac{1}{2}} \left(\cos^2 \xi\right)^{c - a_1 - \frac{1}{2}} \left[1 - x\sin^2 \xi\right]^{-a_2}$$

$$\cdot \left[1 - z\sin^2 \xi\right]^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c - a_1; \sigma y\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0\right),$$

where

$$\sigma := \frac{\cos^2 \xi}{\left(1 - x\sin^2 \xi\right)\left(1 - z\sin^2 \xi\right)};$$

(2.16)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{2\Gamma\left(c\right)\left(1 + \lambda\right)^{a_1}}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_1\right)}$$

$$\cdot \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\left(\sin^2 \xi\right)^{a_1 - \frac{1}{2}} \left(\cos^2 \xi\right)^{c - a_1 - \frac{1}{2}}}{\left(1 + \lambda\sin^2 \xi\right)^{c - a_2 - a_3}} \left[1 + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \left(1 + \lambda\right)x\sin^2 \xi\right]^{-a_2}$$

$$\cdot \left[1 + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \left(1 + \lambda\right)z\sin^2 \xi\right]^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c - a_1; \sigma y\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0; \ \lambda > -1\right),$$

where

$$\sigma := \frac{\left(1 + \lambda\sin^2 \xi\right)\cos^2 \xi}{\left[1 + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \left(1 + \lambda\right)x\sin^2 \xi\right]\left[1 + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \left(1 + \lambda\right)z\sin^2 \xi\right]};$$

(2.17)

$$H_C\left(a_1, a_2, a_3; c; x, y, z\right) = \frac{2\Gamma\left(c\right)\lambda^{a_1}}{\Gamma\left(a_1\right)\Gamma\left(c - a_1\right)}$$

$$\cdot \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\left(\sin^2 \xi\right)^{a_1 - \frac{1}{2}} \left(\cos^2 \xi\right)^{c - a_1 - \frac{1}{2}}}{\left(\cos^2 \xi + \lambda\sin^2 \xi\right)^{c - a_2 - a_3}} \left(\cos^2 \xi + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \lambda x\sin^2 \xi\right)^{-a_2}$$

$$\cdot \left(\cos^2 \xi + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \lambda z\sin^2 \xi\right)^{-a_3} F\left(a_2, a_3; c - a_1; \sigma y\right) d\xi$$

$$\left(\Re(c) > \Re(a_1) > 0; \ \lambda > 0\right),$$

where

$$\sigma := \frac{\left(\cos^2 \xi + \lambda\sin^2 \xi\right)\cos^2 \xi}{\left(\cos^2 \xi + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \lambda x\sin^2 \xi\right)\left(\cos^2 \xi + \lambda\sin^2 \xi - \lambda z\sin^2 \xi\right)}.$$

Here, F and X_{22} denote the Gaussian hypergeometric function and a new Exton type hypergeometric function, respectively:

$$(2.18) \qquad F(a, b; c; x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_m (b)_m}{(c)_m m!} x^m$$

and

$$(2.19) \quad X_{22}(a_1, a_2; c; x, y, z) = \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_{2m+n+p} (a_2)_{n+p}}{(c)_{m+n+p}} \frac{x^m}{m!} \frac{y^n}{n!} \frac{z^p}{p!}.$$

Proof. There may be several methods to prove those formulas presented here (see, for example, [13] and [2]). Each of the integral representations (2.1) to (2.16) can also be proved *directly* by expressing the series definition of the involved special function in each integrand and changing the order of the integral sign and the summation, and finally using the following well-known relationship between the Beta function $B(\alpha, \beta)$, the Gamma function Γ and their various associated Eulerian integrals (see, for example, [5, pp. 9–11], [15, 16, Section 1.1] and [18, p. 26 and p. 86, Problem 1]):

$$(2.20) \quad B(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \displaystyle\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1}(1-t)^{\beta-1} \, dt & (\Re(\alpha) > 0; \ \Re(\beta) > 0) \\ \dfrac{\Gamma(\alpha) \, \Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} & (\alpha, \ \beta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_0^-), \end{cases}$$

$$(2.21)$$
$$B(\alpha, \beta) = 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin\theta)^{2\alpha-1} (\cos\theta)^{2\beta-1} \, d\theta = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tau^{\alpha-1}}{(1+\tau)^{\alpha+\beta}} \, d\tau$$
$$(\Re(\alpha) > 0; \ \Re(\beta) > 0)$$

and
$$(2.22)$$
$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{(b-c)^\alpha (a-c)^\beta}{(b-a)^{\alpha+\beta-1}} \int_a^b \frac{(t-a)^{\alpha-1} (b-t)^{\beta-1}}{(t-c)^{\alpha+\beta}} \, dt \quad (c < a < b)$$
$$= (1+\lambda)^\alpha \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\alpha-1} (1-t)^{\beta-1}}{(1+\lambda t)^{\alpha+\beta}} \, dt \qquad (\lambda > -1)$$
$$(\Re(\alpha) > 0; \ \Re(\beta) > 0).$$

$\square$

Concluding Remarks

Integral representations for most of the special functions of mathematical physics and applied mathematics have been investigated in the existing literature. Here we have presented only some illustrative integral representations for the Srivastava's function H_C. A variety of integral representations of H_C, which may be different from those presented here, can also be provided. Integral representations (2.5), (2.9), (2.10), (2.11), (2.13) and (2.15) here include and correspond with the integral representations (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), (4.4), (4.5) and (4.6), respectively, in [2].

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