A NOTE ON A CERTAIN CLASS OF FUNCTIONS RELATED TO HURWITZ ZETA FUNCTION AND LAMBERT TRANSFORM

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Abstract. In this paper we obtain multiple-series generating relations involving a class of function $\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(s,a;x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ which are connected to the Hurwitz zeta function. Also, a new generalization of Lambert transform is introduced, and its relationship with the above class of functions further depicted.

1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The generalized (Hurwitz's) zeta function is defined by [3]

$$\zeta(s,a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a+n)^{-s}, \quad (\text{Re}(s) > 1; \ a \neq 0, -1, \ldots)$$
 (1.1)

and when a = 1, we have

$$\zeta(s,1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} = \zeta(s),$$
 (1.2)

where $\zeta(s)$ is the Riemann zeta function.

The function $\phi(x, s, a)$ ([3, p.27]) extends (1.1) and is defined by

$$\phi(x, s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a+n)^{-s} x^n. \qquad (\text{Re}(a) > 0; |x| < 1)$$
(1.3)

The integral representation of $\phi(x, s, a)$ is of form

$$\phi(x,s,a) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty t^{s-1} a^{-at} (1 - xe^{-t})^{-1} dt, \tag{1.4}$$

provided that R(a)>0 (and either $|x|\leq 1,\ x\neq 1,$ and $\mathrm{Re}(s)>0,$ or x=1 and $\mathrm{Re}(s)>1).$

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We introduce a multivariable function $\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(s,a;x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ which is defined by

$$\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(s, a; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \theta_{(p_1, \dots, p_n)}^{(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)}(s, a; x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n = 0}^{\infty} (a + \Omega)^{-s} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ \frac{(\mu_i)_{m_i}}{m_i!} x_i^{m_i} \right\}, \tag{1.5}$$

where $\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i m_i$, Re(a) > 0, $\mu_i \ge 1$ (either $|x_i| < 1$, $x_i \ne 1$; or $|x_i| = 1$, Re(s) > n, $\forall i = 1, ..., n$).

Equivalently, the integral representation of $\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(s,a;x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ is given by

$$\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(s, a; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty t^{s-1} e^{-at} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - x_i e^{-p_i t}\right)^{-\mu_i} dt, \tag{1.6}$$

provided that $\operatorname{Re}(\mu_i) \geq 1$, $\operatorname{Re}(p_i) > 0$; (i = 1, ..., n), $\operatorname{Re}(a) > 0$ (and either max $\{|x_i|\} \leq 1$, $x_i \neq 1$ (i = 1, ..., n), and $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$; or $x_i = 1 (i = 1, ..., n)$ and $\operatorname{Re}(s) > \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i$). As usual the symbol $(\lambda)_n$ stands for

$$(\lambda)_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ \lambda(\lambda + 1) \cdots (\lambda + n - 1), & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$
 $(\lambda \neq 0, -1, -2, \ldots)$

Special cases of (1.5)

(i) When n = p = 1, we have

$$\phi_1^{\mu}(s,a;x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (a+m)^{-s} \frac{(\mu)_m x^m}{m!} = \phi_{\mu}^*(x,s,a).$$
 (1.7)

The function $\phi_{\mu}^*(x, s, a)$ was studied recently by Goyal and Laddha [4].

(ii) For $n = p = \mu = 1$, we have

$$\theta_1^1(s, a; 1) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (a+m)^{-s} x^m = \phi(x, s, a).$$
 (1.8)

Evidently, the Hurwitz's zeta function (1.1) is given by the relation

$$\theta_1^1(s, a; 1) = \zeta(s, a). \tag{1.9}$$

(iii) Corresponding to $\mu_i = x_i = 1 \ (\forall i = 1, ..., n)$, we have

$$\theta_{p_1,\dots,p_n}^{1,\dots,1}(s,a;1,\dots,1) = \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_n=0}^{\infty} (a+\Omega)^{-s} = \zeta_n(s,a;p_1,\dots,p_n), \qquad (1.10)$$

where $\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i m_i$. The class of functions $\zeta_n(s, a; p_1, \dots, p_n)$ is the *n*-tuple Hurwitz ζ -function introduced by Barnes [1] (see also [9]).

(iv) For $\mu_i = p_i = x_i = 1 \ (\forall i = 1, ..., n)$, we have

$$\theta_{1,\dots,1}^{1,\dots,1}(s,a;1,\dots,1) = \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_n=0}^{\infty} (a+\Omega^*)^{-s} = \zeta_n(s,a),$$
 (1.11)

where $\Omega^* = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$. The function $\zeta_n(s,a)$ is the multiple Hurwitz's zeta function (studied recently by Choi [2]).

In the present paper we first obtain certain multiple-series generating functions involving the multivariable function $\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(s,a;x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ defined by (1.5) above. A new generalization of Lambert transform is introduced, and its inversion formula, and relationship with the function $\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(s,a;x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ are also pointed out. The results presented provide containing the first presented provides and the first presented provides containing the first presented provides and the first presented present sented provide extensions to some of the results in [4] and [6].

2. Generating Relations

Using (1.5) and the multinomial expansion ([7, p.329])

$$\sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^r k_i \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{x_i^{k_i}}{k_i!} \right\} = (1 - \sum_{i=1}^r x_i)^{-\lambda}, \tag{2.1}$$

provided that $\left|\sum_{i=1}^{r} x_i\right| < 1$, we easily obtain the generating function:

$$\sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i, a; x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ \frac{t_i^{k_i}}{k_i!} \right\} = \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\lambda, a - \sum_{i=1}^{r} t_i; x_1, \dots, x_n),$$
(2.2)

provided that $|\sum_{i=1}^r t_i| < |a|, \lambda \neq 1$, and $|x_i| < 1$ (i = 1, ..., n). The generating function (2.2) admits of a further extension. Indeed, in terms of the Lauricella's multiple hypergeometric series F_D^r ([7, p.33]), which is defined by

$$F_D^{(r)}[a, b_1, \dots, b_r; c; x_1, \dots, x_r] = \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{m_1 + \dots + m_r} (b_1)_{m_1} \cdots (b_r)_{m_r}}{(c)_{m_1 + \dots + m_r}} \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{x_i^{m_i}}{m_i!} \right\}, \quad (\max\{|x_1|, \dots, |x_r|\} < 1) \quad (2.3)$$

it follows from (1.5) that

$$\sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i}{(\nu) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i} \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ \frac{(\mu_i)_{k_i} t_i^{k_i}}{k_i!} \right\} \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} (\mu_i + k_i) - \nu, a; x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_n=0}^{\infty} (a+\Omega)^{-\lambda+\nu-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ \frac{(\mu_i)_{m_i} x_i^{m_i}}{m_i!} \right\} F_D^{(r)} \left[\lambda, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_r; \nu; \frac{t_1}{a+\Omega}, \dots, \frac{t_r}{a+\Omega} \right], (2.4)$$

provided that $\max\{\left|\frac{t_i}{a}\right|\} < 1, \ \mu_i \ge 1, \ \forall i = 1, \dots, r; \ \operatorname{Re}(\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^r \mu_i) > \operatorname{Re}(v) > 0.$ More generally, (2.4) may further be extended in the form

$$\sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} \nabla(k_1,\dots,k_r) \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\sigma + \sum_{i=1}^r k_i, a; x_1,\dots,x_n) \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{t_i^{k_i}}{k_1!} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{m_1,\dots,m_r=0}^{\infty} (a+\Omega)^{-\sigma} \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{(\mu_i)_{m_i} x_i^{m_i}}{m_i!} \right\} F_{l:s_1;\dots;s_r}^{P:Q_1:\dots;Q_r} \left[\frac{t_1}{a+\Omega},\dots,\frac{t_r}{a+\Omega} \right], \quad (2.5)$$

provided that

(i) $1 + \sum_{i=1}^{r} (s_i - Q_i) + l - P \ge 0$ and either P > l and $\sum_{i=1}^{r} |\frac{t_i}{a}|^{\frac{1}{P-l}}$ or $P \le l$ and $\max\{|\frac{t_i}{a}|\} < 1$ $(i = 1, \dots, r)$ (ii) $\mu_i \ge 1$, Re(a) > 0

where

$$\nabla(k_1, \dots, k_r) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{P} (a_i) \sum_{k=1}^{r} \prod_{i=1}^{Q_1} (b_i^1)_{k_1} \cdots \prod_{i=1}^{Q_r} (b_i^{(r)})_{k_r}}{\prod_{i=1}^{l} (\alpha_i) \sum_{k=1}^{r} \prod_{i=1}^{s_1} (\beta_i^1)_{k_1} \cdots \prod_{i=1}^{s_r} (\beta_i^{(r)})_{k_r}}.$$
(2.6)

The function $F_{l:s_1;\ldots;s_r}^{P:Q_1;\ldots;Q_r}[x_1,\ldots,x_r]$ occurring in (2.5) is the generalized Lauicella series in several variables defined as follows (see [7, p.38]):

$$F_{l:s_1;\dots;s_r}^{P:Q_1;\dots;Q_r}[x_1,\dots,x_r] = F_{l:s_1;\dots;s_r}^{P:Q_1;\dots;Q_r} \begin{bmatrix} (a_P):(b_{Q_1}^1);\dots;(b_{Q_r}^{(r)});\\ (\alpha_l):(\beta_{s_1}^1);\dots;(\beta_{s_r}^{(r)}); \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} \nabla(k_1,\dots,k_r) \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{x_i^{k_i}}{k_i!} \right\},$$

$$(2.7)$$

where, $\nabla(k_1,\ldots,k_r)$ is defined above by (2.6).

Next, consider a set of polynomials $\{S_m^q(x)\}_{m=0}^{\infty}$ defined by [5, p.1, Eq. (1)]:

$$S_m^q(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{[m/q]} \frac{(-m)_{qj}}{j!} C(j) x^j, \qquad (q \in \mathbb{N}; m \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N}U\{0\})$$
 (2.8)

where C(j) are arbitrary constants (real or complex).

Then, by simple series rearrangement method, and applying (2.2) in the process, we are lead to the following multiple generating relation:

$$\sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i, a; x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ S_{k_i}^{q_i}(y_i) \frac{t_i^{k_i}}{k_i!} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_{iq_i} \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i q_i, a - \sum_{i=1}^{r} t_i; x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ \frac{C(k_i) \{ y_i (-t_i)^{q_i} \}^{k_i}}{k_i!} \right\}. (2.9)$$

By specializing the sequence $C(k_i)$ as follows:

$$C(k_i) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{P_i} \left(a_j^{(i)}\right)_{k_i}}{q_i^{k_i q_i} \prod_{j=1}^{Q_i} \left(b_j^{(i)}\right)_{k_i}},$$
(2.10)

we then find from (2.9) that

$$\sum_{k_{1},\dots,k_{r}=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_{i} \theta_{(p_{n})}^{(\mu_{n})} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_{i}, a; x_{1}, \dots, x_{n}) \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ q_{i} + P_{i} F_{Q_{i}} \left[\frac{\Delta(q_{i}, -k_{i}), (a_{P_{i}}^{(i)});}{(b_{Q_{i}}^{i})}; y_{i} \right] \frac{t_{i}^{k_{i}}}{k_{i}!} \right\} \\
= \sum_{k_{1},\dots,k_{r}=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_{i} q_{i} \theta_{(p_{n})}^{(\mu_{n})} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_{i} q_{i}, a - \sum_{i=1}^{r} t_{i}; x_{1}, \dots, x_{n}) \\
\cdot \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{P_{i}} (a_{j}^{(i)})_{k_{i}}}{k_{i}! \prod_{j=1}^{Q_{i}} (b_{j}^{(i)})_{k_{i}}} \left\{ y_{i} \left(\frac{-t_{i}}{q_{i}} \right)^{q_{i}} \right\}^{k_{i}} \right\}, \tag{2.11}$$

where $\Delta(m,\lambda)$ denotes the array of m-parameters

$$\frac{\lambda}{m}, \frac{\lambda+1}{m}, \dots, \frac{\lambda+m-1}{m} \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Example. By involving the Lagueree polynomials (which occurs when $P_i = 0$, $Q_i = 1 = q_i$, $b_1^{(i)} = 1 + \alpha_i (i = 1, ..., r)$), (2.11) yields

$$\sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i, a; x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ \frac{L_{k_i}^{\alpha_i}(y_i) t_i^{k_i}}{(1 + \alpha_i)_{k_i}} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{k_1,\dots,k_r=0}^{\infty} (\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{r} k_i, a - \sum_{i=1}^{r} t_i; x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^{r} \left\{ \frac{(-y_i t_i)^{k_i}}{(1 + \alpha_i)_{k_i}} \right\}. \quad (2.12)$$

Several other examples similar to (2.12) can be obtained from (2.11) by suitably specializing the sequence $C(k_i)$. We omit further details.

3. An Integral Transform

Let $f(t)(t \ge 0)$ be a continuous function, and

$$f(t) = O(e^{kt})(t \to \infty). \tag{3.1}$$

Then, the Lambert transform of f(t) is defined by

$$F(s) = LM\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty \frac{st}{e^{st} - 1} f(t) dt. \qquad (\text{Re}(s) > 0)$$
 (3.2)

We introduce a generalization of the Lambert transform (3.2) in the following form:

$$H^*\{f(t)\} = H_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n; s) = H_{(p_1, \dots, p_n)}^{(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n; s)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{st}{\prod_{i=1}^n (e^{p_i st} - x_i)^{\mu_i}} f(t) dt,$$
(3.3)

provided that $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$, $p_i > 0$, $|\mu_i| \ge 1$, $\max |x_i| \le 1$ ($\forall i = 1, ..., n$), $f(t) \in A$ and $\operatorname{Re}(\gamma) > -2$, where A denotes the class of functions f(t) which are continuous for t > 0 and satisfy the order estimates:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} O(t^{\gamma}) & (t \to 0_{+}), \\ O(t^{\delta}) & (t \to \infty). \end{cases}$$
 (3.4)

The parameter δ is unrestricated, in general, since Re(s) > 0, $p_i > 0$ (i = 1, ..., n). We note that on putting n = p = 1, and setting $f = t^{k-1}g$ in (3.3), we have

$$H_1^{\mu}(x;s) = \int_0^\infty \frac{st^k}{(e^{st} - x)^{\mu}} g(t)dt, \tag{3.5}$$

which was recently studied by Goyal and Laddha [4]. Evidently,

$$H_1^1(x;s) = \int_0^\infty \frac{st}{(e^{st} - x)} f(t) dt,$$
 (3.6)

the transform investigated by Raina and Srivastava [6]. It readily follows from (3.3) and (1.6) that

$$H^*\{t^{\alpha-1}e^{-\nu st}\} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{s^{\alpha}}\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(\alpha+1,\nu+\sum_{i=1}^n p_i\mu_i;x_1,\dots,x_n),\tag{3.7}$$

provided that Re(s) > 0, $\text{Re}(\alpha) > -1$, $\text{Re}(\nu) > 0$, $\mu_i \ge 1$, $p_i > 0$, and $|x_i| \le 1$ $(\forall i = 1, ..., n)$.

Further, in view of (2.8) and (3.7) we obtain

$$H^* \left\{ t^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\nu st} \prod_{i=1}^r \left(S_{m_i}^{q_i}(y_i t) \right) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^{\alpha}} \sum_{j_1 = 0}^{[m_1/q_1]} \cdots \sum_{j_r = 0}^{[m_r/q_r]} \Gamma(1 + \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^r j_i) \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{(-m_i)_{q_i j_i}}{j_i!} C(j_i) \left(\frac{y_i}{s} \right)^{j_i} \right\}$$

$$\cdot \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (1 + \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^r j_i, \nu + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \mu_i; x_1, \dots, x_n)$$
(3.8)

provided that $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$, $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha) > -1$, $\operatorname{Re}(\nu) > 0$ and $\mu_i \geq 1$, $p_i > 0$, $|x_i| \leq 1$ ($\forall i = 1, \ldots, n$) and $q_i \in \mathbb{N}$, $m_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ($\forall i = 1, \ldots, r$). In particular, when $C(j_i) = \frac{(1+\alpha_i)_{m_i}}{(1+\alpha_i)_{j_i}}$, $q_i = 1$ ($\forall i = 1, \ldots, r$), then (3.8) in terms of Laguerre polynomials gives

$$H^* \left\{ t^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\nu s t} L_{m_1}^{\alpha_1}(x_1 t) \cdots L_{m_r}^{\alpha_r}(x_r t) \right\}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(m_i + \alpha_i + 1)}{m_i!} \right\} s^{-\alpha} \sum_{j_1 = 0}^{m_1} \cdots \sum_{j_r = 0}^{m_r} \Gamma(1 + \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^r j_i)$$

$$\cdot \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(1 + \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^r j_i, \nu + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \mu_i; x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{(-m_i)_{j_i} \left(\frac{x_i}{s}\right)^{j_i}}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha_i + j_i) j_i!} \right\}. \quad (3.9)$$

Inversion formula for the transform (3.3)

Applying the Mellin transform [8, p.46], (3.3) then gives

$$\Psi(k) = \int_{0}^{\infty} s^{-k-1} H_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n; s) ds$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} s^{-k-1} \left\{ \int_{0}^{\infty} st \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(e^{p_i s t} - x_i \right)^{-\mu_i} f(t) dt \right\} ds$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} t f(t) \left\{ \int_{0}^{\infty} s^{-k} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(e^{p_i s t} - x_i \right)^{-\mu_i} ds \right\} dt, \qquad (3.10)$$

$$= \Gamma(1 - k) \theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)}(1 - k, \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \mu_i; x_1, \dots, x_n) \int_{0}^{\infty} t^k f(t) dt, \qquad (3.11)$$

provided that, in addition to the existence and convergence conditions stated with (3.3), we also require that Re(k) < 1, for the convergence of the inner s-integral in (3.10) above.

By the Mellin inversion theorem [8, p.46], we obtain the following inversion formula for the integral transform (3.3):

$$\frac{1}{2}[f(t+0) + f(t-0)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\sigma - i\infty}^{\sigma + i\infty} \left\{ \Gamma(1-k)\theta_{(p_n)}^{(\mu_n)} (1-k, \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \mu_i; x_1, \dots, x_n) \right\}^{-1} t^{-k-1} \Psi(k) dk, \quad (3.12)$$

provided that $\sigma > 1/2$, Re(k) < 1, $t^k f(t) \in L(0, \infty)$, f(t) is of bounded variation in the neighbourhood of the point t, $\Psi(k)$ is given by (3.10), and $\mu_i \ge 1$, $p_i > 0$, $\max\{|x_i|\} \le 1$ $(\forall i = 1, \ldots, n)$.

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