

## ON THE WATSON-WRIGTH TRANSFORMATION ON CERTAIN

### WEIGHTED $L_p$ -SPACES

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#### Abstract .

In this paper we study the boundedness and ranges of the Watson-Wrigth integral transformation on certain weighthed  $L_p$ -spaces by using Mellin multipliers techniques. Moreover this integral transforms is extended to several spaces of generalized functions.

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#### 1. Introduction .

The function  $w_{\nu,\nu'}(x)$  was defined by G.N. Watson [19,p.308] in 1931 by means of the integral relation

$$w_{\nu,\nu'}(x) = x^{1/2} \int_0^\infty t^{-1} J_\nu(xt) J_{\nu'}\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) dt , \quad \nu, \nu' > -\frac{1}{2} \quad (1)$$

where as usual  $J_\nu$  denotes the Bessel function of the first kind and order  $\nu$ .

The integral of the right of (1) was first evaluated by C.V.H. Rao [11] and that it plays the role of a transform was studied in detail by K.P. Bhatnagar [3].

G.S. Olkha and P.N. Rathie ([9] and [10]) introduced the following generalization of the Watson function  $w_{\nu, \nu'}$ ,

$$w_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu'}(x) = x^{1/2} \int_0^\infty t^{\lambda-1} J_\nu^\mu(xt) J_{\nu'}^{\mu'}(\frac{1}{t}) dt \quad (2)$$

where the integral on the right exists provided that

- a)  $\nu, \nu' > -1$ ,
- b)  $0 < \mu' < 1$  or  $\mu' = 1$  and  $\lambda + \nu + \frac{1}{2} > 0$ , and
- c)  $0 < \mu < 1$  or  $\mu = 1$  and  $-\lambda + \nu' + \frac{1}{2} > 0$ .

Here  $J_\nu^\mu$  denotes the Wright's generalized Bessel function (see [20]). Note that  $w_{\nu, \nu', 0}^{1, 1} = w_{\nu, \nu'}$ .

Taking the functions defined by (2) as kernels, the last authors defined the Watson-Wright transform by the integral equation

$$H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(f)(y) = \int_0^\infty (xy)^{\sigma} w_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu'}(x^2 y^2) f(x) dx \quad (3)$$

under the above restrictions and  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$  suitable. In [10] an inversion formula for (3) was established.

P.G. Rooney [13] considered certain weighted  $L_p$ -spaces denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}$  and defined for real  $\gamma$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$  to consist of those complex valued functions  $f$ , measurable on  $(0, \infty)$  and such that  $\|f\|_{\gamma, p} < \infty$ , where

$$\|f\|_{\gamma, p} = \left\{ \int_0^\infty |x^\gamma f(x)|^p x^{-1} dx \right\}^{1/p}$$

In this paper we study the boundedness and ranges of the Watson-Wright transformation on the spaces  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}$ , by using the techniques developed by Rooney [13]. Moreover we define the generalized  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$ -transformation on the spaces  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}'$ , the dual space of  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}$ .

Our notation will be that of [13]. Specifically, we say a function  $m$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}$  if there are extended real numbers  $\alpha(m)$  and  $\beta(m)$ , with

$\alpha(m) < \beta(m)$ , so that

i)  $m(s)$  is analytic in the strip  $\alpha(m) < \operatorname{Re} s < \beta(m)$ ,

ii) in every closed sub-strip,  $\sigma_1 \leq \operatorname{Re} s \leq \sigma_2$ , where  $\alpha(m) < \sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2 < \beta(m)$ ,

$m(s)$  is bounded, and

iii) for  $\alpha(m) < \sigma < \beta(m)$ ,  $|m'(\sigma + it)| = O(|t|^{-1})$ , as  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Also, for  $X$  and  $Y$  Banach spaces,  $[X, Y]$  denotes the bounded linear transformations from  $X$  to  $Y$ ;  $[X, X]$  will be shortened to  $[X]$ .

Let  $\mathcal{S}_\gamma$  denote the collection of operators  $S \in [\mathcal{L}_{\gamma/2, 2}]$ , which are defined in terms of a kernel  $k$ , associated with  $S$ , by an equation of the form

$$(Sf)(x) = x^{-(\mu-1)/2} \frac{d}{dx} x^{-(\mu-1)/2} \int_0^\infty k(xt)f(t)t^{-1}dt$$

The following formula (see [10, p.52]) will be useful in the sequel:

$$\mathcal{M}_{w, \nu, \nu', \lambda}(z)(s) = \frac{2^{2s-\lambda-1} \Gamma(\frac{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}{2} + \frac{s}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{\nu+\lambda+\frac{1}{2}}{2} - \frac{s}{2})}{\Gamma(1+\nu-\mu(\frac{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}{2} + \frac{s}{2})) \Gamma(1+\nu'-\mu'(\frac{\nu+\frac{1}{2}}{2} - \frac{s}{2}))} \quad (4)$$

for  $\operatorname{Re} s > \max(-\nu - \frac{1}{2}, -\nu' + \lambda - \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $\mu > 0$  and  $\mu' > 0$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  represents the Mellin transformation.

## 2. The boundedness and the range of the Watson-Wright transformation.

We now study the boundedness and the range of the  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$ -transformation on the spaces  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}$  by using the technique developed in [13] by P.G. Rooney.

Define firstly the function

$$n_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(x) = \int_0^x t^{\sigma} \mathcal{M}_{w, \nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu'}(t^2) dt$$

According to well known properties of the Mellin transformation and by (4) one follows,

$$\mathcal{M}(\eta_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(x))(-\frac{i}{2}+it) = \Omega_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(t)/(\frac{i}{2}-it), \text{ for } t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

where

$$\Omega_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(t) = \frac{2^{it+\sigma-\lambda-(s/2)} \Gamma(\frac{\sigma+\nu+\frac{s}{2}+i\frac{t}{4}}{4}) \Gamma(\frac{\sigma+\nu+\lambda+\frac{s}{2}+i\frac{t}{4}}{4})}{\Gamma(1+\nu-\mu(\frac{\sigma+\nu+\frac{s}{2}+i\frac{t}{4}}{4})) \Gamma(1+\nu'-\mu'(\frac{\sigma+\nu+\lambda+\frac{s}{2}+i\frac{t}{4}}{4}))}$$

with  $\max(-2\nu-1-\sigma, -2\nu'+2\lambda-1-\sigma) < \frac{1}{2}$ .

By [4, 1.18(6)],

$$|\Gamma(x+iy)| \cong (2\pi)^{1/2} |y|^{x-(1/2)} \exp(-\pi|y|/2), \text{ as } |y| \rightarrow \infty \quad (5)$$

uniformly in  $x$  for  $x$  in any finite interval, and thus

$$|\Omega_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(t)| \cong M|t|^\xi \exp(-\pi|t|(2-\mu-\mu'))/8, \text{ as } |t| \rightarrow \infty$$

for a suitable  $M>0$  and being  $\xi = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{s}{2} + (\mu+\mu')(\frac{\sigma}{2} + \frac{s}{4}) + \nu(1+\mu) + (\nu'-\lambda)(1+\mu')$ .

Hence,  $\Omega_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(t)$  is bounded, provided that  $\mu+\mu'<2$  or  $\mu+\mu'=2$  and

$$\frac{s}{2} + \sigma + (\mu+1)\frac{\nu-1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu-3)(\nu'-\lambda) \leq 0.$$

Therefore, by virtue of Lemma 4.1 [13], the  $\mathcal{H}_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$ -transformation belongs to  $\mathcal{S}_1$  under the above restrictions.

Also, the Fourier-cosine transformation is a member of  $\mathcal{S}_1$ , being

$$\mathcal{M}(F_C f)(\frac{1}{2}+it) = w(t) \mathcal{M}(f)(\frac{1}{2}-it), \text{ for } t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

where  $w(t) = 2^{it} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}+it))/\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-it))$  and  $F_C$  denotes the Fourier-cosine transformation.

We now consider the function

$$m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(s) = \frac{2^{\sigma-\lambda-(s/2)} \Gamma(\frac{s}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4}) \Gamma(\frac{s}{4} + \frac{\nu+\lambda}{2} - \frac{s}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}(1-s))}{\Gamma(1+\nu-\mu(\frac{s}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4})) \Gamma(1+\nu'-\mu'(\frac{s}{4} + \frac{\nu+\lambda}{2} - \frac{s}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4})) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}s)} \quad (6)$$

If  $\max(-2\nu-1-\sigma, -2\nu'+2\lambda-1-\sigma) < 1$  then  $m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(s)$  is analytic in the strip

$$\max(-2\nu-1-\sigma, -2\nu'+2\lambda-1-\sigma) < \operatorname{Re} s < 1$$

Moreover, by using again (5), if

$$\max(-2\nu-1-\sigma, -2\nu'+2\lambda-1-\sigma) < x_1 \leq x \leq x_2 < 1,$$

then  $m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(x+it)$  is bounded provided that  $\mu+\mu'<2$  or  $\mu=\mu'=1$  and

$$\frac{9}{2} + \sigma + \nu + \nu' - \lambda < -2$$

From (4),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(s) = \\ = 2^{\sigma - \lambda - (7/2)} m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(s) (\psi(\frac{\sigma}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4}) + \psi(\frac{\sigma}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4}) - 2\psi(\frac{1}{2}(1-s)) + \\ + \mu\psi(1+\nu - \mu(\frac{\sigma}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4})) + \mu'\psi(1+\nu' - \mu'(\frac{\sigma}{4} + \frac{\nu}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2})) - 2\psi(\frac{1}{2}s)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi(s) = \Gamma'(s)/\Gamma(s)$ . But from [4, 1.18(7)], as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  in  $|\arg s| \leq \pi - \delta$ , where  $0 < \delta < \pi$ ,

$$\psi(s) = \log s - (2s)^{-1} + O(|s|^{-2}) \quad (7)$$

Hence, if  $\mu + \mu' < 2$  or  $\mu = \mu' = 1$  and  $\frac{9}{2} + \sigma + \nu + \nu' - \lambda < -2$ , then

$$\frac{d}{dt} m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(x+it) = O(|t|^{-1}) \text{ as } |t| \rightarrow \infty,$$

for every  $x$  such that  $\max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' - 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma) < x < 1$ .

Therefore,  $m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} \in \mathcal{A}$  with

$$\alpha(m) = \max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' + 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma) \text{ and } \beta(m) = 1,$$

provided that  $\mu + \mu' < 2$  or  $\mu = \mu' = 1$  and  $\frac{9}{2} + \sigma + \nu + \nu' - \lambda < -2$ .

Recall that if  $\frac{1}{2} > \alpha(m)$ , then

$$M(m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} f)(\frac{1}{2} + it) = \Omega_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(t) (Mf)(\frac{1}{2} - it)$$

for  $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{L}_{1/2, 2}$ . Also

$$m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\frac{1}{2} + it) = \Omega_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(t)/w(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

Now, according to [12, Theorem 1], if  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\max(\frac{1}{p}, 1 - \frac{1}{p}) \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $p \leq q \leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ , then  $F_c \in [\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}, \mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, q}]$ . Hence, from [13, Theorem 3], if  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\max(\frac{1}{p}, 1 - \frac{1}{p}) \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $p \leq q \leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ ,  $\alpha(m) < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu + \mu' < 2$  or  $\mu = \mu' = 1$  and  $\frac{9}{2} + \sigma + \nu + \nu' - \lambda < -2$ , and  $1 - \beta(m) < \gamma < 1 - \alpha(m)$ , then  $m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$  can be extended as a member of  $[\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}, \mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, q}]$  and  $m_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}) \subseteq F_c(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p})$ .

We now define

$$\ell(s) = 2^{\lambda_1 - \lambda + \sigma - \sigma_1} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4})}{\Gamma(1 + \nu - \mu (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4})) \Gamma(1 + \nu' - \mu' (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma}{4}))} \\ \cdot \frac{\Gamma(1 + \nu_1 - \mu_1 (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu_1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma_1}{4})) \Gamma(1 + \nu'_1 - \mu'_1 (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu'_1}{2} - \frac{\lambda_1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma_1}{4}))}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu_1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma_1}{4}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\nu'_1}{2} - \frac{\lambda_1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sigma_1}{4})}$$

where  $(\nu, \nu', \mu, \mu', \lambda)$  and  $(\nu_1, \nu'_1, \mu_1, \mu'_1, \lambda_1)$  satisfy the conditions a), b) and c).

By using again (5) and (7) we can prove that if  $\max(-2\nu-1-\sigma, -2\nu'+2\lambda-1-\sigma)$  is less than  $\min(\frac{1}{\mu_1}(1+\nu_1)-\sigma_1-2\nu_1-1, \frac{1}{\mu'_1}(1+\nu'_1)-\sigma_1-1+2\lambda_1-2\nu'_1)$ ,  $\mu_1+\mu'_1 > \mu+\mu'$  or  $\mu_1+\mu'_1 = \mu+\mu'$  and  $\frac{\lambda_1}{2}(1+\mu_1)+\frac{\nu_1}{2}(1-\mu_1)+\frac{\nu'_1}{2}(1-\mu'_1)-\frac{\sigma_1}{2}+\frac{\sigma}{2}\lambda(1+\mu')-\frac{\nu}{2}(1-\mu)-\frac{\nu'}{2}(1-\mu')+(\mu+\mu')\frac{\sigma-\sigma_1}{4} < -1$ , then  $\ell \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\alpha(\ell)=\max(-2\nu-1-\sigma, -2\nu'+2\lambda-1-\sigma)$  and  $\beta(\ell) = \min(\frac{1}{\mu_1}(1+\nu_1)-\sigma_1-2\nu_1-1, \frac{1}{\mu'_1}(1+\nu'_1)-\sigma_1-1+2\lambda_1-2\nu'_1)$ .

Also

$$\ell(\frac{1}{2}+it) = \Omega_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(t) / \Omega_{\nu_1, \nu'_1, \lambda_1}^{\mu_1, \mu'_1, \sigma_1}(t), \text{ for every } t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

By invoking again [13, Theorem 3], if  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\max(\frac{1}{p}, 1 - \frac{1}{p}) \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $p \leq q \leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ ,  $\alpha(\ell) < \frac{1}{2} < \beta(\ell)$ ,  $1 - \beta(\ell) < \gamma < 1 - \alpha(\ell)$ ,  $\mu_1 + \mu'_1 > \mu + \mu'$  or  $\mu_1 + \mu'_1 = \mu + \mu'$  and  $\frac{\lambda_1}{2}(1+\mu_1)+\frac{\nu_1}{2}(1-\mu_1)+\frac{\nu'_1}{2}(1-\mu'_1)-\frac{\sigma_1}{2}+\frac{\sigma}{2}\lambda(1+\mu')-\frac{\nu}{2}(1-\mu)-\frac{\nu'}{2}(1-\mu')+(\mu+\mu')\frac{\sigma-\sigma_1}{4} < -1$ , then

$$H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\mathcal{L}_\gamma, p) \subseteq H_{\nu_1, \nu'_1, \lambda_1}^{\mu_1, \mu'_1, \sigma_1}(\mathcal{L}_\gamma, p)$$

Moreover, if  $\mu = \mu_1$ ,  $\mu' = \mu'_1$ ,

$$(1-\mu)(\nu_1-\nu)+(1-\mu')( \nu'_1-\nu')+\lambda_1(1+\mu')-\lambda(1+\mu)+(\frac{\mu+\mu'}{2}+1)(\sigma-\sigma_1)=0$$

and

$\max(-2\nu_1-1-\sigma_1, -2\nu'_1+2\lambda_1-1-\sigma_1) < \min(\frac{1}{\mu}(1+\nu)-\sigma-2\nu-1, \frac{1}{\mu_1}(1+\nu')-\sigma-1+2\lambda-2\nu')$ , then  $\mathcal{L}^1 \in \mathcal{A}$ , with  $\alpha(\mathcal{L}^1)=\max(-2\nu_1-1-\sigma_1, -2\nu'_1+2\lambda_1-1-\sigma_1)$  and  $\beta(\mathcal{L}^1)=\min(\frac{1}{\mu}(1+\nu)-\sigma-2\nu-1, \frac{1}{\mu_1}(1+\nu')-\sigma-1+2\lambda-2\nu')$ .

Therefore, if  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\max(\frac{1}{p}, 1 - \frac{1}{p}) \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $p \leq q \leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ ,  $\mu = \mu_1$ ,  $\mu' = \mu'_1$ ,

$$\max(1-\beta(\ell), 1-\beta(\ell-1)) \leq \min(1-\alpha(\ell), 1-\alpha(\ell-1)),$$

$$(1-\mu)(\nu_1-\nu)+(1-\mu')(\nu'_1-\nu')+\lambda_1(1+\mu')-\lambda(1+\mu)+(\frac{\mu+\mu'}{2}+1)(\sigma-\sigma_1)=0$$

and  $\alpha(\ell) < \frac{1}{2} < \beta(\ell)$ , then

$$H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}) = H_{\nu_1, \nu'_1, \lambda_1}^{\mu_1, \mu'_1, \sigma_1}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p})$$

The above results can be summarized in the following

**Theorem 1 :** If  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\max(\frac{1}{p}, 1 - \frac{1}{p}) \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $p \leq q \leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ , and  $(\nu, \nu', \mu, \mu', \lambda)$

and  $(\nu_1, \nu'_1, \mu_1, \mu'_1, \lambda_1)$  satisfy the conditions a), b) and c).

i)  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu + \mu' < 2$  or  $\mu = \mu' = 1$  and  $\frac{8}{2} + \sigma + \nu + \nu' - \lambda < -2$ , and  $0 < \gamma < 1 - \alpha$ , where

$\alpha = \max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' + 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma)$ , then

$$H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} \in [\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}, \mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, q}] \text{ and } H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}) \subseteq F_c(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p})$$

ii)  $\alpha_1 < \frac{1}{2} < \beta_1$ ,  $1 - \beta_1 < \gamma < 1 - \alpha_1$ ,  $\mu_1 + \mu'_1 > \mu + \mu'$  or  $\mu_1 + \mu'_1 = \mu + \mu'$  and

$$\lambda_1(1+\mu_1) + \frac{\nu_1}{2}(1-\mu_1) + \frac{\nu'_1}{2}(1-\mu'_1) - \frac{\sigma_1 + \sigma}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2}(1+\mu') - \frac{\nu}{2}(1-\mu) - \frac{\nu'}{2}(1-\mu') + + (\mu + \mu') \frac{\sigma - \sigma_1}{4} < -1$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' + 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma)$  and

$$\beta_1 = \min(\frac{4}{\mu_1}(1+\nu_1) - \sigma_1 - 2\nu_1 - 1, \frac{4}{\mu'_1}(1+\nu'_1) - \sigma_1 - 1 + 2\lambda_1 - 2\nu'_1),$$

then

$$H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}) \subseteq H_{\nu_1, \nu'_1, \lambda_1}^{\mu_1, \mu'_1, \sigma_1}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p})$$

iii)  $\alpha_2 < \frac{1}{2} < \beta_2$ ,  $\max(1 - \beta_2, 1 - \beta_2') \leq \min(1 - \alpha_2, 1 - \alpha_2')$ , where

$$\alpha_2 = \max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' + 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma),$$

$$\beta_2 = \min(\frac{4}{\mu}(1+\nu) - \sigma - 2\nu - 1, \frac{4}{\mu'}(1+\nu') - \sigma - 1 + 2\lambda - 2\nu'),$$

$$\alpha_2' = \max(-2\nu_1 - 1 - \sigma_1, -2\nu'_1 + 2\lambda_1 - 1 - \sigma_1) \text{ and}$$

$$\beta_2' = \min(\frac{4}{\mu_1}(1+\nu_1) - \sigma_1 - 2\nu_1 - 1, \frac{4}{\mu'_1}(1+\nu'_1) - \sigma_1 - 1 + 2\lambda_1 - 2\nu'_1), \text{ and}$$

$$(1-\mu)(\nu_1-\nu)+(1-\mu')(\nu'_1-\nu')+\lambda_1(1+\mu')-\lambda(1+\mu)+(\frac{\mu+\mu'}{2}+1)(\sigma-\sigma_1)=0$$

then

$$H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}) = H_{\nu_1, \nu'_1, \lambda_1}^{\mu_1, \mu'_1, \sigma_1}(\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p})$$

### 3. The generalized Watson-Wright transformation.

In this section we define the  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$ -transformation on certain spaces of generalized functions. To this end, we first establish a Parseval equation for the integral transformation under consideration.

**Theorem 2 :** If  $f \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma, q}$ , where  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{\gamma} \leq p \leq \frac{q}{q-1} \leq \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ ,  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu + \mu' < 2$  or  $\mu = \mu' = 1$  and  $\frac{a}{2} + \sigma + \nu + \nu' - \lambda < -2$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1 - \alpha$ , being  $\alpha = \max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' - 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma)$ , then

$$\int_0^\infty H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(f)(x)g(x)dx = \int_0^\infty f(y)H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(g)(y)dy \quad (8)$$

**Proof :** Let  $C_0$  denote the collection of functions, continuous on  $(0, \infty)$  and vanishing outside some interval  $(a, b)$ , where  $0 < a < b < \infty$ . If  $f \in C_0$  and  $g \in C_0$ , then from (3),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(f)(x)g(x)dx &= \int_0^\infty g(x)dx \int_0^\infty (xy)^{\sigma} H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu'}(x^2 y^2) f(y) dy = \\ &= \int_0^\infty f(y)dy \int_0^\infty (xy)^{\sigma} H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu'}(x^2 y^2) g(x) dx = \int_0^\infty f(y)H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(g)(y)dy \end{aligned}$$

the interchange of the orders of the integration being easily justified by Fubini's theorem. Thus (8) is true if  $f \in C_0$  and  $g \in C_0$ , and hence, since from [13, Lemma 2.2],  $C_0$  is dense in  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, q}$ , the general result will be true if we show that both sides of (8) represent bounded bilinear functionals on  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p} \times \mathcal{L}_{\gamma, q}$ .

Now, since in the imposed conditions  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$  is in  $[\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, q}, \mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, p}]$ , where  $p' = \frac{p-1}{p}$ , by using Holder's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^\infty f(y)H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(g)(y)dy \right| &\leq \int_0^\infty |x^\gamma f(x)| |x^{1-\gamma} H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(g)(x)| \frac{dx}{x} \leq \\ &\leq \|f\|_{\gamma, p} \|H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} g\|_{1-\gamma, p} \leq K \|f\|_{\gamma, p} \|g\|_{\gamma, q} \end{aligned}$$

where  $K$  is a bound of  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$  as an element of  $[\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, q}, \mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, p}]$ , so that the right hand side of (8) is a bounded bilinear functional on  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p} \times \mathcal{L}_{\gamma, q}$ , as is the left hand side of (8) by a similar calculation, and

the results follows.

Now we define the generalized  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$ -transformation on  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}'$  as the adjoint of the classical transformation on  $\mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, q}'$ , through

$$\langle (H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma})' f, \phi \rangle = \langle f, H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} \phi \rangle, \quad (9)$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, q}'$  and  $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}'$ . Last expression can be understood as a generalization of the Parseval equation (8). The following assertion is a simple consequence of Theorem 1,i),

Theorem 3 : The generalized  $(H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma})'$ -transformation, defined by (9), is a continuous linear mapping of  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}'$  into  $\mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, q}'$ , provided that  $1 < q < \infty$ ,  $\max(\frac{1}{q}, 1 - \frac{1}{q}) \leq 1 - \gamma < 1$ ,  $q \leq p \leq \frac{1}{\gamma}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} > \max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' + 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma)$ ,  $\mu + \mu' < 2$  or  $\mu = \mu' = 1$  and  $\frac{3}{2} + \sigma + \nu + \nu' - \lambda < -2$  and  $\max(-2\nu - 1 - \sigma, -2\nu' + 2\lambda - 1 - \sigma) < \gamma < 1$ .

By using the Holder's inequality we can see that if  $f$  is in  $\mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, p}'$ , being  $p' = \frac{p}{p-1}$ , then  $f$  defines a regular generalized function on  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}'$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, p}' \subset \mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}'$  and if  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, p}'$ , then  $(H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma})' f$  exists provided that the conditions in Theorem 3 hold, when  $q$  is replaced by  $p'$ . We have, according to our definition (9)

$$\langle (H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma})' f, \phi \rangle = \langle f, H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} \phi \rangle = \int_0^\infty f(x) H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\phi)(x) dx$$

where  $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\gamma, p}'$ . By applying (8) we arrive at

$$\int_0^\infty f(x) H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(\phi)(x) dx = \int_0^\infty H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}(f)(x) \phi(x) dx = \langle H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} f, \phi \rangle$$

Therefore, when  $f \in \mathcal{L}_{1-\gamma, p}'$ , it is proven that

$$(H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma})' f = H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} f$$

in other words, the classical  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma}$ -transformation  $H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma} f$  is a special case of the generalized transformation  $(H_{\nu, \nu', \lambda}^{\mu, \mu', \sigma})'$ .

Remark : A generalization of our work to transformations of the form

$$(Tf)(y) = \int_0^\infty (xy)^\rho J_{\nu, \rho}^{\mu, \mu'} \lambda(x^2 y^2) f(x) dx$$

where

$$J_{\nu, \rho}^{\mu, \mu'}(x) = x^{1/2} \int_0^\infty t^{\lambda-1} J_{\nu, \rho}^{\mu, \mu'}(xt) J_{\nu, \rho}^{\mu, \mu'}\left(\frac{t}{x}\right) dt$$

and  $J_{\nu, \rho}^{\mu}$  denotes the Lommel-Maitland function defined by the series ([6])

$$J_{\nu, \rho}^{\mu}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k (z/2)^{2k+\nu+2\rho}}{\Gamma(1+\rho+k) \Gamma(1+\rho+\nu+\mu k)}$$

is possible. By using the techniques of this paper one obtains similar results (see [2]).

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