ON MELJER TRANSFORM

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1. The integral equation

(1.1)
$$h(p) = p \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-px} g(x) dx$$

is symbolically denoted as

$$h(p) = g(x),$$

and h(p) is known as the Laplace transform of g(x).

The inverse of (1.1) is given by

(1.2)
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{c+i\infty} e^{px} \frac{h(p)}{p} dp.$$

Meijer [1] introduced the generalized Laplace transform

(1.3)
$$F(s) = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}st} (st)^{-k-\frac{1}{2}} W_{k+\frac{1}{2},m} f(t) dt$$

and its inverse

(1.4)
$$f(t) = \lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(1-k+m)}{\Gamma(1+2m)} \int_{\beta-\lambda i}^{\beta+\lambda i} e^{\frac{1}{2}st} (st)^{k-\frac{1}{2}} M_{k-\frac{1}{2},m} F(s) ds,$$

where $M_{k,m}^{(z)}$ and $W_{k,m}^{(z)}$ are the two Whittaker functions. (1.3) and (1.4) are symbolically denoted as [2]

$$f(t) \stackrel{k+\frac{1}{2}}{\longrightarrow} \varphi(s),$$

where $\varphi(s) \equiv s F(s)$.

For k = -m (1.3) and (1.4) reduce to (1.1) and (1.2), due to the identities

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}st} = (st)^{-m-\frac{1}{2}} W_{m+\frac{1}{2},m}^{(st)}$$

and

$$e^{\frac{1}{2}st} \equiv (st)^{-m-\frac{1}{2}} M_{-m-\frac{1}{2},m}$$