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A Note on the Appell Hypergeometric Matrix Function $F_2$

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In this article, we introduce some of the mathematical properties of the second Appell hypergeometric matrix function $F_2(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w)$ including integral representations, transformation formulas, and series formulas.

1. Introduction

Appell defined and studied in [1–3] four kinds of double series of two variables $z, w$ as generalizations of the hypergeometric series:

$$F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_n (\beta)_n}{(\gamma)_n (1)_n} z^n,$$

where $z$ is a main variable in the unit disk $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ are complex parameters with $\gamma \neq 0, -1, -2, -3, \ldots$ and $(\alpha)_n = \alpha (\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2)\ldots (\alpha + n - 1)$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) and $(\alpha)_0 = 1$. Here and throughout, let $\mathbb{C}$ and $\mathbb{N}$ denote the sets of complex numbers and positive integers, respectively, and let $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.

Appell hypergeometric functions $F_s, s = 1, 2, 3, 4$ play an important role in mathematical physics in which broad practical applications can be found (see, e.g. [1, 3–7]). In particular, the Appell hypergeometric series $F_2$ arises frequently in various physical and chemical applications ([8–11]). The exact solutions of number of problems in quantum mechanics have been given [6, 7, 9, 12] in terms of Appell’s function $F_2$. For readers, they can find some results of the classical second Appell hypergeometric function $F_2$ in [13–17].

On the other hand, many authors [18–25] generalized the hypergeometric series $F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; z)$ by extending parameters $\alpha, \beta$, and $\gamma$ to square matrices $A, B$, and $C$ in the complex space $\mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$. Recently, the extension of the classical Appell hypergeometric functions $F_s, s = 1, 2, 3, 4$, to the Appell hypergeometric matrix functions has been a subject of intensive studies [26–30]. The purpose of the present work is to study the second Appell hypergeometric matrix function $F_2(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w)$ on the domain $\{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : |z| + |w| < 1\}$, with square matrix valued parameters $A, B_1, B_2, C_1$, and $C_2$ in $\mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$. We investigate some of the mathematical properties of this matrix function and introduce new integral representations, transformation formulas, and summation formulas.

2. Some Known Definitions and Results

We begin with a brief review of some definitions and notations. A matrix $E$ is a positive stable matrix in $\mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$ if $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$ for all $\lambda \in \sigma(E)$, where $\sigma(E)$ is the set of all eigenvalues of $E$. $I$ and $0$ stand for the identity matrix and the null matrix in $\mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$, respectively.

If $\Phi(z)$ and $\Psi(z)$ are holomorphic functions of the complex variable $z$, which are defined in an open set $\Omega$ of the complex plane and $E$ is a matrix in $\mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$ such that $\sigma(E) \subset \Omega$; then, from the properties of the matrix functional calculus [28], it follows that

$$\Phi(E)\Psi(E) = \Psi(E)\Phi(E).$$

Hence, if $F$ in $\mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$ is a matrix for which $\sigma(F) \subset \Omega$ and also if $EF = FE$, then
The second Appell hypergeometric matrix function is defined by

\[
\Phi (E) \Psi (F) = \Psi (F) \Phi (E).
\] (3)

By application of the matrix functional calculus, for \( E \) in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \), then from [23, 31], the Pochhammer symbol or shifted factorial defined by

\[
(E)_n = \begin{cases} 
E (E + 1) \ldots (E + (n - 1)) & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\
i & \text{if } n = 0,
\end{cases}
\] (4)

with the condition

\[ E + nI \text{ is invertible for all integers } n \in \mathbb{N}. \] (5)

From (5), it is easy to find that

\[
(E)_{n-k} = (-1)^k (E)_n ((I - E - nI)_k)^{-1}; \quad 0 \leq k \leq n,
\] (6)

\[
(E)_{m+n} = (E)_m (E + nI)_m; \quad (E)_{m+n} = (E)_m (E + nI)_m.
\] (7)

From [28], one obtains

\[
\frac{(-1)^k}{(n-k)!} I = \frac{(-n)^k}{n!} I = \frac{(-nI)^k}{n!}; \quad 0 \leq k \leq n.
\] (8)

Definition 1 (see [31]). If \( E \) is a matrix in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \), such that \( \text{Re}(z) > 0 \) for all eigenvalues \( z \) of \( E \), then \( \Gamma (E) \) is well defined as

\[
\Gamma (E) = \int_0^\infty \tau^{E-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau, \\
\tau^{E-1} = \exp ((E-I)\ln \tau).
\] (9)

Definition 2 (see [31]). If \( E \) and \( F \) are positive stable matrices in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \) and \( E F = F E \), then the Beta matrix function is well defined by

\[
\mathcal{B} (E, F) = \int_0^1 \tau^{E-1} (1 - \tau)^{F-1} d\tau = \Gamma^{-1} (E + F) \Gamma (E) \Gamma (F).
\] (10)

Definition 3 (see [23]). Suppose that \( N_1, N_2, \) and \( N_3 \) are matrices in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \), such that \( N_3 \) satisfies condition (5). Then, the hypergeometric matrix function \( _2F_1 (N_1, N_2; N_3; z) \) is given by

\[
_2F_1 (N_1, N_2; N_3; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(N_1)_n (N_2)_n}{n!} \frac{(N_3)_n}{n!} z^n.
\] (11)

Definition 4. If \( E \) is the positive stable matrix in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \), then the Laguerre-type matrix polynomial is defined by [28]

\[
L_n^E (z) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(-n)^k}{k! (n-k)!} (E + I)_n (E + I)_k^{-1} \\
\cdot \frac{(E + I)_n}{n!} F_1 (-nI; E + I; z), \quad n \in \mathbb{N},
\] (12)

where \( F_1 \) is the confluent hypergeometric matrix function (cf. [25]).

Definition 5 (see [28, 32, 33]). Let \( E \) and \( F \) be positive stable matrices in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \), then the Jacobi matrix polynomial \( \Psi_n (E, F) (z) \) is defined by

\[
\Psi_n (E, F) (z) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(-n)^k}{k!} (E + F + (n + 1)I)_k^{-1} (F + (k + 1)I)_k^{-1} \\
\cdot \frac{1}{k!} \Gamma (F + (n + 1)I) \Gamma (E + F + (n + 1)I) \\
\cdot \frac{1}{k!} \Gamma (E + (k + 1)I) \Gamma (F + (n + 1)I) \\
\cdot \frac{(-1)^{n+k} (1 + z)^k}{2^n} \\
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\] (13)

Using (6) and (11), we can write the second kind of two complex variables Appell hypergeometric matrix function in the following definition (see [26, 28]).

Definition 6. Let \( A, B_1, B_2, C_1, \) and \( C_2 \) be commutative matrices in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \) with \( C_1 + kI \) and \( C_2 + kI \) being invertible for all integers \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). Then, the second Appell hypergeometric matrix function \( _2F_2 (A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) \) is defined in the following form:

\[
_F_2 (A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) = \sum_{s_1, s_2=0}^{\infty} (A)_{s_1+s_2} (B_1)_{s_1} (B_2)_{s_2} \left[(C_1)_{s_1}\right]^{-1} \left[(C_2)_{s_2}\right]^{-1} z^{s_1} w^{s_2} \\
\cdot \frac{s_1! s_2!}{s_1! s_2!} \\
\cdot \frac{s_1! s_2!}{s_1! s_2!}
\] (14)

3. Main Results

In this section, we investigate some of the main properties of the second Appell hypergeometric matrix function \( _2F_2 (A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) \) such as integral representations, transformation formulas, and summation formulas.

3.1. Integral Representations

Theorem 1. Let \( A, C_1, \) and \( C_2 \) be positive stable matrices in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \). Then, for \( |z| + |w| < 1 \), then the function \( _2F_2 (A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) \) defined in (14) can be represented in the following integer forms:
\[ F_{2}(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) = \Gamma^{-1}(A) \times \int_{0}^{\infty} u^{A - 1} e^{-u} F_{1}(B_1; C_1; zu) F_{1}(B_2; C_2; wz) du, \]

(15)

\[ F_{2}(A, -mI, -nI, C_1 + I, C_2 + I; z, w) = m! [((C_1 + I)_m]^{-1} [(C_2 + I)_n]^{-1} \Gamma^{-1}(A) \times \int_{0}^{\infty} u^{A - 1} e^{-u} L_{m}^{C_1}(zu) L_{n}^{C_2}(wu) du, \]

(16)

which completes proof relation (16).

3.2. Transformation Formulas

\[ F_{2}(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) = (1 - z)^{-A} F_{2}(A, C_1 - B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; \frac{-z}{1 - z}, \frac{w}{1 - w}). \]

(18)

where \( A, B_1, B_2, C_1, \) and \( C_2 \) are commutative matrices in \( \mathbb{C}^{d \times d} \) with \( C_1 + kI \) and \( C_2 + kI \) being invertible for all integer \( k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) and \( B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2, C_1 - B_1, \) and \( C_2 - B_2 \) are positively stable. Proof. We will prove only (18) since the others can be proved similarly. Using matrix Kummer’s first formula (cf. [8]),

\[ _1F_1(B; C; z) = e^z F_1(C - B; C; -z), \]

(21)
in (15), we have

\[ F_{2}(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) = \Gamma^{-1}(A) \times \int_{0}^{\infty} u^{A - 1} e^{-(1 - z)u} F_{1}(C_1 - B_1; C_1; zu) F_{1}(B_2; C_2; wz) du. \]

(22)

Substituting \( t = (1 - z)u \) into (22), we obtain formula (18).

Now, connections with the Gauss hypergeometric matrix function is considered by the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.** For the matrix function \( F_{2}(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) \), we have the following transformations:

\[ F_{2}(A, -mI, -nI, C_1 + I, C_2 + I; z, w) = m! [((C_1 + I)_m]^{-1} [(C_2 + I)_n]^{-1} \Gamma^{-1}(A) \times \int_{0}^{\infty} u^{A - 1} e^{-u} L_{m}^{C_1}(zu) L_{n}^{C_2}(wu) du, \]

(17)

Theorem 3. Let \( F_{2}(A, B, B', C_1, C_2; z, w) \) be given in (14). The following formulas hold true:

\[ F_{2}(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; 0, w) = z F_{1}(A, B_2; C_2; w), \]

(23)

\[ F_{2}(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, 0) = z F_{1}(A, B_1; C_1; z), \]

(24)

\[ F_{2}(A, 0, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) = z F_{1}(A, B_2; C_2; z), \]

(25)

\[ F_{2}(A, B_1, 0, C_1, C_2; z, w) = z F_{1}(A, B_1; C_1; z), \]

(26)

\[ F_{2}(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; 0, 0) = z F_{1}(A, B_2; C_2; z), \]

(27)

where \( z F_{1} \) is the Gauss hypergeometric matrix function defined in (11).
Proof. The proof of (23)–(26) is a direct consequence of definition (27). The relation (27) is obtained setting \( C_1 = B_1 \) in (18) and then using (25). Similarly, the relation (28) is derived setting \( C_2 = B_2 \) in (19) and then using (26). \( \square \)

3.3. Some Summation Formulas. We now present the summation formulas behavior of the second Appell hypergeometric matrix function \( F_2(A, B_1, B_2, C_1, C_2; z, w) \) by the following results.

**Theorem 4.** The following finite summation formula holds true:

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\mu} \frac{(C + I)_n}{n!} F_2(A, -nI, -nI, C + I, C + I; z, w) = \frac{(A - I)^{-1}}{(z - w)^{\mu + 1}} \left[ F_2(A - I, -\mu I, -(\mu + 1)I, C + I; z, w) + F_2(A, C + I; z, w) + z \right],
\]

(29)

where \( A \) and \( C \) are positively stable in \( C^{d \times d} \) and \( z = w \) indicates the presence of a second term that originates from the first by interchanging \( z \) and \( w \).

Proof. Using (16), we find that

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\mu} \frac{(C + I)_n}{n!} F_2(A, -nI, -nI, C + I, C + I; z, w) = \Gamma^{-1}(A) \sum_{n=0}^{\mu} n! \left[ (C + I)_n \right]^{-1} \int_0^\infty u^{A-I} e^{-\mu I} L_n^C(zu) L_n^C(wu) du.
\]

(30)

By interchanging the order of summation and integration and applying the following formula [28]:

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\mu} n! \left[ (C + I)_n \right]^{-1} L_n^C(z) L_n^C(w) = (\mu + 1)! \left[ (C + I)_{\mu + 1} \right]^{-1} (z - w)^{-1} \left[ L_{\mu + 1}^C(z) L_{\mu + 1}^C(w) - L_{\mu + 1}^C(z) L_{\mu + 1}^C(w) \right],
\]

(31)

and then taking into consideration (16), we obtain formula (29).

To extend this theorem, we propose to obtain some more formulas centering around the Appell’s matrix function \( F_2 \); it follows that

**Theorem 5.** Suppose that \( A \) and \( B \) are positively stable in \( C^{d \times d} \) such that \( B \) satisfies spectral condition (5), with \( |t| < 1 \), \( |zt|/(1 - w)(1 - t)| < 1 \) and \( |w|/(1 - w)(1 - t)| < 1 \). The following generating matrix function holds true:

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(B + I)^{\mu+n} F_2(A, -nI, -(n + \mu)I; B + I, B + I; z, w)t^n}{n!} = (B + I)^{\mu}(1 - w)^{-A} (1 - t)^{-B(\mu + 1)} \]

\[
\times F_4 \left( A, B + (1 + \mu)I; B + I, B + I; \frac{-zt}{(1 - w)(1 - t)} \right).
\]

(32)

where \( F_4 \) is the four Appell’s matrix function defined in [27–29].

Proof. To prove (32), we require formula (19) and the relations (12); thus, we have

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(B + I)^{\mu+n} F_2(A, -nI, -(n + \mu)I; B + I, B + I; z, w)t^n}{n!} = (1 - w)^{-A} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(B + I)^{\mu+n} F_2(A, -nI, B + (\mu + n)I; z, w)t^n}{n!} \]

\[
= (1 - w)^{-A} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(B + I)^{\mu+n} F_2(A, -nI, B + (\mu + n)I; z, w)t^n}{n!} \times \frac{z}{(1 - w)} \cdot \frac{w}{(w - 1)}
\]

\[
= (1 - w)^{-A} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(B + I)^{\mu+n} F_2(A, -nI, B + (\mu + n)I; z, w)t^n}{n!} \times \frac{z}{(1 - w)(n - r)!} \sum_{s=r}^{\infty} \frac{(B + I)^{\mu+s} F_2(A, -sI, B + (\mu + s)I; z, w)t^s}{s!}
\]

\[
= (1 - w)^{-A} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n - r)!} \sum_{s=r}^{\infty} (B + I)^{\mu+s} F_2(A, -sI, B + (\mu + s)I; z, w)t^s
\]

\[
\times (\frac{-zt}{(1 - w)} \left( \frac{-w}{(1 - w)} \right)^s \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(B + (1 + \mu + s + r)I)t^n}{n!})
\]

\[
= (B + I)^{\mu}(1 - w)^{-A} (1 - t)^{-B(\mu + 1)} \]

\[
\times F_4 \left( A, B + (1 + \mu)I; B + I, B + I; \frac{-zt}{(1 - w)(1 - t)} \right).
\]

(33)

This completes the proof of Theorem 5.
Putting $\mu = 0$ and then using the following formula,

\[
F_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}; z, w) = (1 - z - w)^{-A} \, {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; A + I; \mathbf{B}; \frac{4zw}{(1 - z - w)^2}\right).
\]

Thus, (32) reduces to

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mathbf{B} + I)_{p+1}}{n!} F_2(\mathbf{A}, -nI, -(n + \mu)I; \mathbf{B} + I, \mathbf{B} + I; z, w)t^n = (1 - w)^{-A} \\
\times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mathbf{B} + I)_{p+1}}{n!} F_2\left(\mathbf{A}, -nI; \mathbf{B} + (\mu + n + 1)I; \mathbf{B} + I, \mathbf{B} + I; \frac{z}{1 - w}, \frac{w}{(w - 1)}\right) \\
= (1 - t)^{A-(B+I)} [1 - (1 - z - w)t]^{-A} \, {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; A + I; \mathbf{B} + I; \frac{4zw}{[1 - (1 - z - w)t]^2}\right).
\]

We rewrite (35) as

\[
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mathbf{B} + I)_{p+1}}{n!} F_2(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}, -nI, -(n + 1)I; \mathbf{B} + I, \mathbf{B} + I; z, w) \\
+ z = w |t|^n \\
= (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} + I)(z - w)(1 - t)^{C-I} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} + I}{(B + C + I)_n} \, \mathbf{B} + I, \mathbf{B} + I; z, w) \\
\times F_r\left(\frac{(1 - w)(1 - z) + zw}{(1 - z - w)}\right) (1 - z - w)^{r'},
\]

which yields

\[
\frac{(1 - w)(1 - z) + zw}{(1 - z - w)} = (\mathbf{B} + I)_n (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} + I) \\
\times [\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} + I]_n^{-1} \\
\times (z - w)^{-1} (1 - z - w)^{-n} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(C - I)_r}{(n - r)!} \frac{(\mathbf{B} + I)_{r+1}}{r!} \\
\times [F_2(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}, -rI, -(r + 1)I; \mathbf{B} + I, \mathbf{B} + I; z, w) + z = w].
\]

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