

**FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVES OF THE MULTIPLE  
HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS OF FOUR VARIABLES**

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**ABSTRACT**

In the present paper, we derive fractional derivatives involving hypergeometric functions of four variables of H. Exton [5,6,7] and C.Sharma and C.L. Parihar [11].

**1. INTRODUCTION** Motivated by earlier work of Srivastava and Goyal [18], recently Srivastava, Chandel and Vishwakarma [19] derived a number of key formulas for the fractional derivatives of the multivariable  $H$ -function of Srivastava and Panda [13-15] (for multivariable  $H$ -function also see Srivastava, Gupta and Goyal [16]). Each of these formulas can be shown to yield interesting new results for various classes of generalised hypergeometric functions of several variables of Srivastava and Daoust [12] (Also see Srivastava and Manocha [17, pp.64-65]), Lauricella [9], Exton [4,7], Chandel [1], Chandel and Gupta [2] and Karlsson [8]. For fractional derivatives of confluent hypergeometric forms of Karlsson's multiple hypergeometric function  ${}^{(k)}F_{CD}^{(n)}$  [8] also see Chandel and Vishwakarma [3].

In the present paper, for special interest, we apply same techniques in order to derive fractional derivatives involving multiple hypergeometric functions of four variables  $K_1, \dots, K_{21}$  of Exton [5,6,7] and those functions of Sharma and Parihar [11], which are not included in Exton's functions [5,6,7].

**2. FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVES INVOLVING ONE FRACTIONAL  
DERIVATIVE OPERATOR.**

Making an appeal to the formula [10,p.69]

$$(2.1) \quad D_x^\mu (x^\lambda) = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda + 1)}{\Gamma(\lambda - \mu + 1)} x^{\lambda - \mu}, \quad \text{Re}(\lambda) > -1,$$

we have



$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.1) \quad & D_y^{\lambda_2 - \mu_2} D_z^{\lambda_3 - \mu_3} D_t^{\lambda_4 - \mu_4} \{y^{\lambda_2 - 1} z^{\lambda_3 - 1} t^{\lambda_4 - 1} \\
 & K_1(a_1, a_1, a_1, \mu_4, b_1, b_1, b_1, b_1; c_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, c_1; x, y, z, t)\} \\
 & = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_2) \Gamma(\lambda_3) \Gamma(\lambda_4)}{\Gamma(\mu_2) \Gamma(\mu_3) \Gamma(\mu_4)} y^{\mu_2 - 1} z^{\mu_3 - 1} t^{\mu_4 - 1} \\
 & K_1(a_1, a_1, a_1, \lambda_4, b_1, b_1, b_1, b_1; c_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, c_1; x, y, z, t), \\
 & \text{Re}(\lambda_2) > 0, \text{Re}(\lambda_3) > 0; \text{Re}(\lambda_4) > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

On similar lines we have also derived the results involving  $K_2, K_6, K_{14}$  of Exton [5,6,7] and  $F_6^{(4)}, F_{14}^{(4)}, F_{18}^{(4)}, F_{19}^{(4)}, F_{20}^{(4)}, F_{44}^{(4)}, F_{45}^{(4)}, F_{61}^{(4)}, F_{71}^{(4)}$  of Sharma and Parihar [11].

### 5. USE OF FOUR FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVE OPERATORS

In this section, making an appeal to four fractional derivative operators, we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.1) \quad & D_x^{\lambda_1 - \mu_1} D_y^{\lambda_2 - \mu_2} D_z^{\lambda_3 - \mu_3} D_t^{\lambda_4 - \mu_4} \{x^{\lambda_1 - 1} y^{\lambda_2 - 1} z^{\lambda_3 - 1} t^{\lambda_4 - 1} \\
 & = K_2(a_1, a_1, a_1, a_2, b_1, b_1, b_1, b_1; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4; x, y, z, t)\} \\
 & = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda_1) \Gamma(\lambda_2) \Gamma(\lambda_3) \Gamma(\lambda_4)}{\Gamma(\mu_1) \Gamma(\mu_2) \Gamma(\mu_3) \Gamma(\mu_4)} x^{\mu_1 - 1} y^{\mu_2 - 1} z^{\mu_3 - 1} t^{\mu_4 - 1} \\
 & K_2(a_1, a_1, a_1, a_2, b_1, b_1, b_1, b_1; \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4; x, y, z, t), \\
 & \text{Re}(\lambda_1) > 0, \text{Re}(\lambda_2) > 0, \text{Re}(\lambda_3) > 0, \text{Re}(\lambda_4) > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have also obtained similar results for  $K_5, K_{10}, K_{12}, K_{13}, K_{15}, K_{20}, K_{21}$  of Exton [5,6,7] and  $F_5^{(4)}, F_6^{(4)}, F_7^{(4)}, F_8^{(4)}, F_{16}^{(4)}, F_{21}^{(4)}, F_{33}^{(4)}, F_{37}^{(4)}, F_{46}^{(4)}, F_{52}^{(4)}, F_{56}^{(4)}, F_{66}^{(4)}, F_{67}^{(4)}, F_{75}^{(4)}, F_{76}^{(4)}, F_{78}^{(4)}$  of Sharma and Parihar [11] but due to lack of space we have not presented them here.

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