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# INTEGRALS INVOLVING MULTIPLE HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS OF SEVERAL VARIABLES THROUGH DIFFERENCE OPERATOR APPROACH

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## ABSTRACT

In the present paper, making an appeal to difference operators, we evaluate certain integrals involving multiple hypergeometric functions of Chandel-Gupta [3], Exton [6,7] and Karlsson [10]. We also apply same technique to evaluate integrals involving Appell's functions [1] and their confluent forms due to Humbert [8] and hypergeometric functions of four variables due to Sharma and Parihar [12,13].

**1. Introduction.** Recently, making an appeal to difference operator  $E_\alpha$  defined by

$$(1.1) \quad E_\alpha f(\alpha) = f(\alpha+1), \quad E_\alpha^m(f(\alpha)) = f(\alpha+m),$$

and integral due to Erdélyi [5.p.224]

$$(1.2) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin[(m+1)\pi x] dx}{\sin \pi x \Gamma(\alpha_1+x)\Gamma(\alpha_2-x)} = \frac{2^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha_1+\alpha_2-1)}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(\alpha_1+\alpha_2) > 1,$$

Joshi and Bhati [9] evaluated some integrals involving hypergeometric functions of three and four variables and discussed some special cases.

Very recently, making an appeal to difference operators Chandel [2] obtained various transformations of multiple hypergeometric functions of several variables due to Chandel-Gupta [3], Chandel-Vishwakarma [4] and discussed their interesting special cases.

In the present paper, making an appeal to difference operators, we evaluate certain interesting integrals involving multiple hypergeometric functions of several variables  $F_A^{(n)}$ ,  $F_C^{(n)}$  and confluent form  $\psi_2^{(n)}$  of Lauricella [11],  ${}^{(k)}F_{AC}^{(n)}$ ,  ${}^{(k)}F_{AD}^{(n)}$  and confluent form  ${}^{(k)}\phi_{AC}^{(n)}$  of Chandel-Gupta [3],  ${}^{(k)}E_D^{(n)}$  of Exton [6,7],  ${}^{(k)}F_{CD}^{(n)}$  of Karlsson [10]. As byproduct, we also evaluate integrals involving functions  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  of two variables due to Appell [1] and their confluent form  $\mathcal{E}_2$  due to Humbert [8].

In the last, we also apply difference operational technique to evaluate integral involving hypergeometric functions  $F_{29}^{(4)}$  and  $F_{58}^{(4)}$  of four variables introduced by Sharma and Parihar [12,13].

**2. Applications to evaluate integrals.** Multiplying both sides of (1.2) by