CERTAIN INTEGRALS AND INFINITE SERIES INVOLVING ULTRA-SPHERICAL POLYNOMIALS AND BESSEL FUNCTIONS

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1. Introduction. Let $P_n^{(\lambda)}(x)$ denote the ultraspherical polynomials defined by the generating function $(1 - 2xw + w^2)^{-\lambda} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n^{(\lambda)}(x)w^n$ [cf. 6, p. 50; 7, p. 329; 4, p. 37].¹ The following considerations are devoted to the discussion, first, of the integral formula

$$D_{1}(\lambda; l, m, n) \equiv \int_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^{2})^{\lambda - \frac{1}{2}} P_{l}^{(\lambda)}(x) P_{m}^{(\lambda)}(x) P_{n}^{(\lambda)}(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{2^{1-2\lambda}}{\{\Gamma(\lambda)\}^{2}} \frac{\pi}{s + \lambda} \frac{\Gamma(s + 2\lambda)}{\Gamma(s + 1)}$$

$$\frac{\binom{s - l + \lambda - 1}{s - l}\binom{s - m + \lambda - 1}{s - m}\binom{s - n + \lambda - 1}{s - n}}{\binom{s + \lambda - 1}{s}} \text{ or } 0,$$

second, of the infinite expansion

$$D_{2}(\lambda; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+\lambda) \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+2\lambda)} \right\}^{2} P_{n}^{(\lambda)}(\cos \alpha) P_{n}^{(\lambda)}(\cos \beta) P_{n}^{(\lambda)}(\cos \gamma)$$

$$= 2^{-2\lambda} \pi \{\Gamma(\lambda)\}^{-4} \{\sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma\}^{1-2\lambda}$$

$$\left\{ \sin \frac{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}{2} \sin \frac{\beta+\gamma-\alpha}{2} \sin \frac{\gamma+\alpha-\beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha+\beta-\gamma}{2} \right\}^{\lambda-1}$$
or 0,

third, of the integral formula

(1.3)
$$S(\nu; a, b, c) = \int_0^\infty J_\nu(ax) J_\nu(bx) J_\nu(cx) x^{1-\nu} dx = \frac{2^{\nu-1} \Delta^{2\nu-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\nu + \frac{1}{2}) (abc)^{\nu}}$$
 or 0.

In (1.1) we have $\lambda > -\frac{1}{2}$ and the numbers l, m, n are arbitrary non-negative integers. The first of the two given values holds if l + m + n is even, l + m + n = 2s, and a triangle exists with the sides l, m, n; and the second value holds in every other case.²

In (1.2) we have $\lambda > 0$ and the parameters α , β , γ are arbitrary positive

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¹ The bold face numbers refer to the bibliography at the end.

² In case $\lambda = 0$ the formula needs a slight modification.