

**A NEW SUMMATION FORMULA FOR ${}_2\psi_2$ BASIC
 BILATERAL HYPERGEOMETRIC SERIES BY
 q -EXPONENTIAL OPERATOR TECHNIQUE**

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ABSTRACT. In the present work by making use of q -exponential operator technique of parameter augmentation, we have obtained a new summation formula for ${}_2\psi_2$ basic bilateral hypergeometric series. We also discuss some interesting applications of our result and deduced some identities of q -gamma, q -beta functions and eta-functions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the theory of basic hypergeometric series, one of the most fundamental identity is Ramanujan’s ${}_1\psi_1$ sum that can be stated as

$$(1) \quad {}_1\psi_1(a; b; q, z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(b)_n} z^n = \frac{(az)_{\infty} (q)_{\infty} (q/az)_{\infty} (b/a)_{\infty}}{(z)_{\infty} (b)_{\infty} (b/az)_{\infty} (q/a)_{\infty}},$$

where $|b/a| < |z| < 1$. The above sum is regarded as a bilateral extension of well known q -binomial theorem [22]. It was brought to the attention of mathematical community by Hardy who described it as “a remarkable formula with many parameters”. The first proof of (1) was given by Hahn [20] and Jackson [25]. Since, then a number of analytical as well as combinatorial proofs have appeared in the literature by Andrews [1,2], Andrews and Askey [3], Askey [6], Ismail [23], Fine [18], Mimachi [27], Venkatachaliengar [31], Corteel and Lovejoy [15], Yee [32], Chan [11] and Chen et. al [14]. The importance of the sum (1) lies in its varied applications and also in the fact that a large number of q -identities of Ramanujan can be derived from it (see [4]).

Recently, Somashekara et.al. [17] have given the following summation formula (2) for basic bilateral hypergeometric series

$$(2) \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (bc/azq)_n}{(b)_n (c)_n} z^n = \frac{(az)_{\infty} (q)_{\infty} (q/az)_{\infty} (b/a)_{\infty} (c/a)_{\infty} (bc/azq)_{\infty}}{(z)_{\infty} (b)_{\infty} (c)_{\infty} (b/az)_{\infty} (c/az)_{\infty} (q/a)_{\infty}}.$$

The proof of (2) is based on the application of an operator $E(b\theta)$ [26, 33] in (1). We noticed that instead of using the operator $E(b\theta)$ in (1) if we

use another operator $T(bD_q)$ of Chen and Liu [12, 13], it leads to a new summation identity which is different from (2). In the present communication, we place on record the new summation formula (13) for basic bilateral hypergeometric series ${}_2\psi_2$ and also mention some of its applications.

In order to make the paper readable, we mention some of the notations and definitions [19] that may be required in the next sections. The generalized basic hypergeometric series is defined by

$${}_{r+1}\phi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2 \dots a_{r+1}; & q; z \\ b_1, b_2 \dots b_r \end{matrix} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_n (a_2)_n \dots (a_{r+1})_n}{(q)_n (b_1)_n \dots (b_r)_n} z^n,$$

where $|z| < 1$, $|q| < 1$.

The bilateral basic hypergeometric series is defined by

$${}_r\psi_r \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2 \dots a_r; & q; z \\ b_1, b_2 \dots b_r \end{matrix} \right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_n (a_2)_n \dots (a_r)_n}{(q)_n (b_1)_n \dots (b_r)_n} z^n,$$

where $|\frac{b_1 \dots b_r}{a_1 \dots a_r}| < |z| < 1$, $|q| < 1$ and

$$(a; q^k)_n = (1-a)(1-aq^k)(1-aq^{2k}) \dots (1-aq^{k(n-1)}).$$

Whenever $k=1$, we write

$$(a; q)_n = (a)_n,$$

$$(a)_\infty = (a; q)_\infty = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-aq^n).$$

In this paper, we will use frequently the following:

$$(3) \quad (a)_n = \frac{(a)_\infty}{(aq^n)_\infty},$$

$$(4) \quad (q/a)_n = (-a)^{-n} q^{n(n+1)/2} \frac{(q^{-n}a)_\infty}{(a)_\infty}.$$

The q -analogue of gamma function due to Jackson [24] is

$$(5) \quad \Gamma_q(x) = \frac{(q)_\infty}{(q^x)_\infty} (1-q)^{1-x}, \quad 0 < q < 1.$$

and the q -analogue of beta function [5] is defined as

$$(6) \quad B_q(x, y) = (1-q) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{nx} \frac{(q^{n+1})_\infty}{(q^{x+y})_\infty}.$$

We also use the relation

$$(7) \quad B_q(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(y)}{\Gamma_q(x+y)}.$$

The q -differential operator or q -derivative is defined as

$$(8) \quad D_q f(a) = \frac{f(a) - f(aq)}{a}.$$

The Leibnitz rule for D_q is the following identity, which is a variation of the q -binomial theorem [29],

$$(9) \quad D_q^n f(a)g(a) = \sum_{k=0}^n q^{k(k-n)} \binom{n}{k} D_q^k f(a) D_q^{n-k} g(q^k a),$$

where D_q^0 is an identity and

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{(q)_n}{(q)_k (q)_{n-k}}$$

is the q -binomial coefficient.

Chen and Liu [12, 13] constructed the following q -exponential operator

$$(10) \quad T(bD_q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(bD_q)^n}{(q; q)_n}.$$

The following identities hold for this operator

$$(11) \quad T(bD_q) \frac{1}{(at)_\infty} = \frac{1}{(at, bt)_\infty},$$

$$(12) \quad T(bD_q) \frac{1}{(as, at)_\infty} = \frac{(abst)_\infty}{(as, at, bs, bt)_\infty}.$$

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2.1 We have

$$(13) \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (c)_n}{(b)_n (acz)_n} z^n = \frac{(q)_\infty (b/a)_\infty (az)_\infty (q/az)_\infty (cz)_\infty}{(b)_\infty (q/a)_\infty (z)_\infty (b/az)_\infty (acz)_\infty}.$$

Proof: Ramanujan's ${}_1\psi_1$ summation formula (1) can be written as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{(b)_n} z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q/b)_n}{(q/a)_n} (b/az)^n = \frac{(az)_\infty (q)_\infty (q/az)_\infty (b/a)_\infty}{(z)_\infty (b)_\infty (b/az)_\infty (q/a)_\infty}.$$

which on using (3) and (4) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z)^n}{(b)_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(aq^n)_\infty (az)_\infty} \right\} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q/b)_n (b/z)^n}{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}} \left\{ \frac{1}{(aq^{-n})_\infty (az)_\infty} \right\} \\ = \frac{(q)_\infty (q/az)_\infty (b/a)_\infty}{(z)_\infty (b)_\infty (b/az)_\infty (q/a)_\infty (a)_\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the operator $T(cD_q)$ on both sides and using the identities (11) and (12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z)^n}{(b)_n} \left\{ \frac{(acq^n z)_{\infty}}{(aq^n)_{\infty} (az)_{\infty} (cq^n)_{\infty} (cz)_{\infty}} \right\} \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(q/b)_n (b/z)^n}{(-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}} \left\{ \frac{(acq^{-n} z)_{\infty}}{(aq^{-n})_{\infty} (az)_{\infty} (cq^{-n})_{\infty} (cz)_{\infty}} \right\} \\ = \frac{(q)_{\infty} (q/az)_{\infty} (b/a)_{\infty}}{(z)_{\infty} (b)_{\infty} (b/az)_{\infty} (q/a)_{\infty} (a)_{\infty} (c)_{\infty}}. \end{aligned}$$

After some simplification, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (c)_n z^n}{(b)_n (acz)_n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(az)_{\infty} (cz)_{\infty}} \right\} \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{-n} (c)_{-n}}{(b)_{-n} (acz)_{-n}} z^{-n} \left\{ \frac{1}{(az)_{\infty} (cz)_{\infty}} \right\} \\ = \frac{(q)_{\infty} (q/az)_{\infty} (b/a)_{\infty}}{(z)_{\infty} (b)_{\infty} (b/az)_{\infty} (q/a)_{\infty} (acz)_{\infty}}. \end{aligned}$$

which gives (13).

3. SPECIAL CASES

If we take $a = \alpha$, $b = q$, $c = \beta$ and $z = \gamma/\alpha\beta$ in (13), then we obtain

$$(14) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha)_n (\beta)_n}{(q)_n (\gamma)_n} (\gamma/\alpha\beta)^n = \frac{(\gamma/\alpha)_{\infty} (\gamma/\beta)_{\infty}}{(\gamma)_{\infty} (\gamma/\alpha\beta)_{\infty}}.$$

where $|q| < 1$, $|\gamma/\alpha\beta| < 1$, which is the q -Gauss summation formula.

Taking $z = q/ac$ in (13), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (c)_n}{(q)_n (b)_n} (q/ac)^n = \frac{(b/a, q/c, c)_{\infty}}{(b, q/ac, bc/q)_{\infty}}.$$

If we let $a \rightarrow \infty$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(c)_n (-)^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(q)_n (b)_n} (1/c)^n = \frac{(q/c, c)_{\infty}}{(b, bc/q)_{\infty}}.$$

On taking $b = q$ and then $c \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q)_n^2} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}}.$$

4. SOME q -GAMMA AND q -BETA FUNCTION IDENTITIES

1. If $0 < q < 1$, $0 < x, y < 1$ and $0 < x + y < 1$, then

$$(15) \quad B_q(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(1-x+y)\Gamma_q(1+2y)\Gamma_q(x-y)}{\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(1+y)\Gamma_q(2-x+2y)(1-q)^y} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-x})_n}{(q^{2-x+2y})_n} q^{yn}.$$

Proof. Putting $a = q^{1-x}$, $z = q^y$ and $b = c = q^{1+y}$ in (13), we have

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-x})_n}{(q^{2-x+2y})_n} q^{yn} = \frac{(q^{1-x+y})_{\infty}(q^{x-y})_{\infty}(q^{1+2y})_{\infty}(q)_{\infty}}{(q^{2-x+2y})_{\infty}(q^x)_{\infty}(q^{1+y})_{\infty}} \frac{(q^{x+y})_{\infty}}{(q^x)_{\infty}(q^y)_{\infty}}.$$

Using (5), (6) and (7), we obtain (15).

2. If $0 < q < 1$, $0 < x, y < 1$ and $0 < x + y < 1$, then

$$(16) \quad B_q(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(1-x+y)\Gamma_q(x-y)\Gamma_q(x+y)}{\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(1+y)\Gamma_q(1+y)(1-q)^y} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-x})_n(q^x)_n}{(q^{1+y})_n^2} q^{yn}.$$

Proof. Putting $a = q^{1-x}$, $z = q^y$, $b = q^{1+y}$ and $c = q^x$ in (13), we get

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-x})_n(q^x)_n}{(q^{1+y})_n^2} q^{yn} = \frac{(q^{1-x+y})_{\infty}(q^{x-y})_{\infty}(q^{x+y})_{\infty}(q)_{\infty}}{(q^{1+y})_{\infty}(q^x)_{\infty}(q^{1+y})_{\infty}} \frac{(q^{x+y})_{\infty}}{(q^x)_{\infty}(q^y)_{\infty}}.$$

Using (5), (6) and (7), we obtain (16).

3. If $0 < q < 1$, $0 < x, y < 1$ and $0 < x + y < 1$, then

$$(17) \quad B_q(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(1-x-y)\Gamma_q(y)}{(1-q)^x} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma_q(x-y+1)}{\Gamma_q(1-y)\Gamma_q(1+x)} \right\}^2 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^y)_n(q^{1-y})_n}{(q^{1+x})_n^2} q^{xn}.$$

Proof. Putting $a = q^y$, $z = q^x$, $b = q^{1+x}$ and $c = q^{-y+1}$ in (13), we get

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^y)_n(q^{1-y})_n}{(q^{1+x})_n^2} q^{xn} = \frac{(q^{x+y})_{\infty}(q^{x-y+1})_{\infty}(q^{1-x-y})_{\infty}(q)_{\infty}(q^{1+x-y})_{\infty}}{(q^x)_{\infty}(q^{1-y})_{\infty}(q^{1-y})_{\infty}(q^{1+x})_{\infty}(q^{1+x})_{\infty}}.$$

Using (5), (6) and (7), we obtain (17).

4. If $0 < q < 1$, $0 < x, y < 1$, then

$$(18) \quad B_q^2(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(y-x)\Gamma_q(1+x-y)}{\Gamma_q(y)\Gamma_q(1+x)(1-q)^{y-1}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-x})_n(q^x)_n}{(q^y)_n^2} q^{ym}.$$

Proof. Putting $a = q^y$, $z = q^x$, $b = q^{1+x}$ and $c = q^{-y+1}$ in (13), we get

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-x})_n(q^x)_n}{(q^y)_n^2} q^{ym} = \frac{(q^{y-x})_{\infty}(q^{x+y})_{\infty}(q^{1+x-y})_{\infty}(q)_{\infty}(q^{y+x})_{\infty}}{(q^y)_{\infty}(q^{1+x})_{\infty}(q^x)_{\infty}(q^y)_{\infty}(q^y)_{\infty}}.$$

Using (5), (6) and (7), we obtain (18).

5. If $0 < q < 1$, $0 < x, y < 1$ and $0 < x + y < 1$, then

$$(19) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-x-y})_n (q^x)_n}{(q)_n^2} q^{yn} = \frac{\Gamma_q(y)}{\Gamma_q(x+y)\Gamma_q(1-x)}.$$

Proof. Putting $a = q^{1-x-y}$, $b = q$, $c = q^x$ and $z = q^y$ in (13), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-x-y})_n (q^x)_n}{(q)_n^2} q^{yn} = \frac{(q^{1-x})_{\infty} (q^{x+y})_{\infty}}{(q^y)_{\infty} (q)_{\infty}}.$$

Using (5), (6) and (7), we obtain (19).

If we take $q \rightarrow 1$ in (19), then we obtain

$$\frac{\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(1-x)\Gamma(x+y)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-x-y)_n (x)_n}{(n!)^2}.$$

6. If $0 < q < 1$, $0 < x, y < 1$, then

$$(20) \quad B_q(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(x)}{\Gamma_q(x+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^x)_n (q^{1-y})_n}{(q)_n (q^{x+1})_n} q^{yn}.$$

Proof. Putting $a = q^x$, $b = q$, $c = q^{1-y}$ and $z = q^y$ in (13), we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^x)_n (q^{1-y})_n}{(q)_n (q^{x+1})_n} q^{yn} = \frac{(q^{x+y})_{\infty} (q)_{\infty}}{(q^{x+1})_{\infty} (q^y)_{\infty}}.$$

Using (5), (6) and (7), we obtain (20).

If we take $q \rightarrow 1$ in (20), then we obtain

$$B(x, y) = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x)_n (1-y)_n}{n! (x+1)_n}.$$

7. If $0 < q < 1$, $0 < x, y < 1$, then

$$(21) \quad B_q^2(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma_q(x)\Gamma_q(y-x)\Gamma_q(1+x-y)}{\Gamma_q^2(1+x)(1-q)^x} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-y})_n (q^y)_n}{(q^{x+1})_n^2} q^{xn}.$$

Proof. Putting $a = q^{1-y}$, $z = q^x$, $b = q^{1+x}$ and $c = q^y$ in (13), we get

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{1-y})_n (q^y)_n}{(q^{1+x})_n^2} q^{xn} = \frac{(q^{1-y+x})_{\infty} (q^{x+y})_{\infty} (q^{y-x})_{\infty} (q)_{\infty} (q^{x+y})_{\infty}}{(q^x)_{\infty} (q^y)_{\infty} (q^y)_{\infty} (q^{1+x})_{\infty} (q^{1+x})_{\infty}}.$$

Using (5), (6) and (7), we obtain (21).

5. SOME ETA-FUNCTION IDENTITIES

The Dedekind eta-function is given by

$$(22) \quad \eta(\tau) = e^{\pi i \tau / 12} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - e^{2n\pi i \tau}) = q^{1/24} (q; q)_{\infty},$$

where $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ and $Im\tau > 0$.

The identity (13) can be used to established a number of eta-function identities. We mention here only two of such identities

$$(23) \quad \frac{\eta(2\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} = \frac{q^{1/24}}{(1-q^2)(-q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^5; q^2)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q; q^2)_n}{(-q^6; q^2)_n} q^n.$$

$$(24) \quad \frac{\eta^2(\tau)}{\eta^4(2\tau)} = \frac{(1-q)}{q^{1/4}(1+q)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q; q^2)_n^2}{(q^2; q^2)_n (q^4; q^2)_n} q^{2n}.$$

To prove (23), choosing $a = -q^{1/2}$, $z = q^{1/2}$, $b = q$ and $c = q^2$ in (13), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q^{1/2})_n (q^2)_n}{(q)_n (-q^3)_n} q^{n/2} = \frac{(-q)_\infty (q^{5/2})_\infty}{(q^{1/2})_\infty (-q^3)_\infty}.$$

A change of base q to q^2 gives

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q; q^2)_n (q^4; q^2)_n}{(q^2; q^2)_n (-q^6; q^2)_n} q^n = \frac{(-q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^5; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty (-q^6; q^2)_\infty}.$$

After some simplification and using (22), we get (23).

Similarly, putting $a = q^{1/2}$, $z = q$, $b = q$ and $c = q^{1/2}$ in (13) and then changing q to q^2 , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q; q^2)_n (q; q^2)_n}{(q^2; q^2)_n (q^4; q^2)_n} q^{2n} = \frac{(q^3; q^2)_\infty (q^3; q^2)_\infty}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^4; q^2)_\infty}.$$

which after simplification with use of (22) gives (24).

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