



## BAILEY AND DAUM'S $q$ -KUMMER THEOREM AND EXTENSIONS

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ABSTRACT. By means of the linearization method, we establish four analytical formulae for the  $q$ -Kummer sum extended by two integer parameters. Ten closed formulae are presented as examples.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATION

For the classical hypergeometric series, Kummer's summation theorem (cf. Bailey [3, §2.3]) is well-known

$${}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ 1 + a - c \end{matrix} \middle| -1 \right] = \frac{\Gamma(1 + \frac{a}{2})\Gamma(1 + a - c)}{\Gamma(1 + a)\Gamma(1 + \frac{a}{2} - c)} \quad \text{for } \Re(c) < 1.$$

When the well-poised condition is perturbed by an integer, Apagodu and Zeilberger [2], and Chu [7] found analytical formulae for the corresponding terminating  ${}_2F_1$ -series. The  $q$ -analogue of Kummer's formula was established independently by Bailey [4] and Daum [8] (see also Gasper–Rahman [9, II.9]):

$$(1.1) \quad {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ qa/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q/c \right] = \frac{(qa; q^2)_\infty}{(qa/c^2; q^2)_\infty} \left[ \begin{matrix} qa/c^2, -q \\ qa/c, -q/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty,$$

where the notation related to the  $q$ -series will be given on the next page. By applying the Heine transformation (Gasper–Rahman [9, III.2])

$$(1.2) \quad {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix} \middle| q; z \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} c/b, bz \\ c, z \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} abz/c, b \\ bz \end{matrix} \middle| q; c/b \right]$$

and then the  $q$ -binomial series (Gasper–Rahman [9, II.3])

$${}_1\phi_0 \left[ \begin{matrix} a \\ - \end{matrix} \middle| q; z \right] = \frac{(az; q)_\infty}{(z; q)_\infty}.$$

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Andrews [1] gave an elementary proof of (1.1), that can be reproduced as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ qa/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q/c \right] &= \left[ \begin{matrix} qa/c^2, -q \\ qa/c, -q/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \times {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} c, -c \\ -q \end{matrix} \middle| q; qa/c^2 \right] \\ &= \left[ \begin{matrix} qa/c^2, -q \\ qa/c, -q/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \times {}_1\phi_0 \left[ \begin{matrix} c^2 \\ - \end{matrix} \middle| q^2; qa/c^2 \right] \\ &= \left[ \begin{matrix} qa/c^2, -q \\ qa/c, -q/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \times \frac{(qa; q^2)_{\infty}}{(qa/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}}. \end{aligned}$$

By making use of the  $q$ -integral representation, Kim et al. [10] derived two contiguous results of (1.1). The purpose of this short paper is to examine, for a given pair of integers  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$ , the following general series

$$(1.3) \quad \Omega_{\lambda}^{\rho} := \Omega_{\lambda}^{\rho}(a, c) = {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ q^{1+\rho}a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q^{1+\lambda}/c \right],$$

whose very special case  $\lambda = \rho = 0$  becomes the  $q$ -Kummer series (1.1). By means of the linearization method employed in [5, 6, 7, 11], we shall prove that (see Theorem 4.1) the  $\Omega_{\lambda}^{\rho}(a, c)$ -series for  $\lambda, \rho \in \mathbb{Z}$  is always explicitly evaluable in the  $\Omega_0^0(a', c')$ -series with the number of terms at most  $(1 + |\rho|) \times (1 + |\lambda| + |\rho|)$ .

Throughout the paper, we shall utilize the following notation. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  be the sets of integers and natural numbers with  $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . For two indeterminates  $x$  and  $q$ , define the shifted factorials by  $(x; q)_0 = \langle x; q \rangle_0 = 1$  and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (x; q)_n &= (1-x)(1-qx) \cdots (1-q^{n-1}x) \\ \langle x; q \rangle_n &= (1-x)(1-x/q) \cdots (1-q^{1-n}x) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The rising factorial of negative order can be expressed as

$$(x; q)_{-n} = \frac{1}{(q^{-n}x; q)_n} = q^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{(-q/x)^n}{(q/x; q)_n} \quad \text{where } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The product and fraction of shifted factorials are abbreviated respectively to

$$\begin{aligned} [\alpha, \beta, \dots, \gamma; q]_n &= (\alpha; q)_n (\beta; q)_n \cdots (\gamma; q)_n, \\ \left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha, \beta, \dots, \gamma \\ A, B, \dots, C \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_n &= \frac{(\alpha; q)_n (\beta; q)_n \cdots (\gamma; q)_n}{(A; q)_n (B; q)_n \cdots (C; q)_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Following Bailey [3] and Gasper–Rahman [9], the basic hypergeometric series (shortly as  $q$ -series) is defined by

$${}_{1+p}\phi_p \left[ \begin{matrix} a_0, a_1, \dots, a_p \\ b_1, \dots, b_p \end{matrix} \middle| q; z \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \begin{matrix} a_0, a_1, \dots, a_p \\ q, b_1, \dots, b_p \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_n z^n.$$

This series terminates if one of its numerator parameters is of the form  $q^{-m}$  with  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Otherwise, the series is said to be nonterminating. In the latter case, the base  $q$  will be restricted, for convenience, to  $|q| < 1$ .

We shall organize the paper in the following manner. In the next section, we prove two theorems that transform the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series into the  $\Omega_\lambda^0$ -series. Then the  $\Omega_\lambda^0$ -series will be explicitly evaluated in Section 3. Finally, the paper will end up with ten examples as applications.

## 2. REDUCTION FORMULAE FROM $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ TO $\Omega_\lambda^0$

By applying the series rearrangement and the  $q$ -binomial theorem

$$(x; q)_m = \sum_{k=0}^m q^{\binom{k}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ k \end{bmatrix} (-x)^k$$

we shall derive, in this section, two transformation formulae that express the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series in terms of the  $\Omega_\lambda^0$ -series.

2.1.  $\rho \geq 0$ . By inserting the binomial relation in the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series

$$(q^{n-\rho}c; q)_\rho = \sum_{k=0}^{\rho} (-c)^{\rho-k} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} q^{\binom{\rho-k}{2} + (n-\rho)(\rho-k)}$$

we can reformulate the following double series

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_\lambda^\rho(a, c) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n (c; q)_n}{(q; q)_n (q^{1+\rho}a/c; q)_n} \left( \frac{q^{1+\lambda}}{-c} \right)^n \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{\rho} \frac{(-c)^{\rho-k}}{(q^{n-\rho}c; q)_\rho} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} q^{\binom{\rho-k}{2} + (n-\rho)(\rho-k)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\rho} \frac{(-c)^{\rho-k}}{(q^{-\rho}c; q)_\rho} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} q^{\binom{\rho-k}{2} - \rho(\rho-k)} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n (q^{-\rho}c; q)_n}{(q; q)_n (q^{1+\rho}a/c; q)_n} \left( \frac{q^{1+\lambda+\rho-k}}{-c} \right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Writing the last sum as  $\Omega_{\lambda-k}^0(a, q^{-\rho}c)$ , we derive the following reduction formula.

**Theorem 2.1** ( $\lambda, \rho \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\rho \geq 0$ ).

$$\Omega_\lambda^\rho(a, c) = \sum_{k=0}^{\rho} q^{\binom{k}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{(-q/c)^k}{(q/c; q)_\rho} \Omega_{\lambda-k}^0(a, q^{-\rho}c).$$

2.2.  $\rho \leq 0$ . Instead, by putting another binomial relation inside the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series

$$(q^{1+n+\rho}a/c; q)_{-\rho} = \sum_{k=0}^{-\rho} \left( \frac{-a}{c} \right)^k \begin{bmatrix} -\rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} q^{\binom{k+1}{2} + k\rho + kn}$$

we can analogously manipulate the following double series

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_\lambda^\rho(a, c) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n (c; q)_n}{(q; q)_n (q^{1+\rho}a/c; q)_n} \left(\frac{q^{1+\lambda}}{-c}\right)^n \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{-\rho} \left(\frac{-a}{c}\right)^k \begin{bmatrix} -\rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{q^{\binom{k+1}{2} + k\rho + kn}}{(q^{1+n+\rho}a/c; q)_{-\rho}} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{-\rho} \left(\frac{-a}{c}\right)^k \begin{bmatrix} -\rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{q^{\binom{k+1}{2} + k\rho}}{(q^{1+\rho}a/c; q)_{-\rho}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n (c; q)_n}{(q; q)_n (qa/c; q)_n} \left(\frac{q^{1+\lambda+k}}{-c}\right)^n.\end{aligned}$$

Writing the last sum as  $\Omega_{\lambda+k}^0(a, c)$ , we derive another reduction formula.

**Theorem 2.2** ( $\lambda, \rho \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\rho \leq 0$ ).

$$\Omega_\lambda^\rho(a, c) = \sum_{k=0}^{-\rho} q^{\binom{k}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -\rho \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{(-q^{1+\rho}a/c)^k}{(q^{1+\rho}a/c; q)_{-\rho}} \Omega_{\lambda+k}^0(a, c).$$

### 3. REDUCTION FORMULAE FROM $\Omega_\lambda^0$ TO $\Omega_0^0$

To remove the  $\lambda$ -parameter, we start from the following linearization lemma, which is a reformulation of the  $q$ -Saalschütz summation formula (cf. [9, II.12])

$$(3.1) \quad {}_3\phi_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} q^{-m}, a, b \\ c, q^{1-m}ab/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; q \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} c/a, c/b \\ c, c/ab \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_m.$$

**Lemma 3.1** (Linear representation). *Let  $x$  be a variable and  $m$  a natural number. Then for three indeterminates  $\{u, v, w\}$ , the following linear representation formula holds*

$$(3.2) \quad (wx; q)_m = \sum_{k=0}^m (ux; q)_{m-k} \langle vx; q \rangle_k \mathcal{E}_m^k(u, v, w),$$

where the connection coefficients  $\{\mathcal{E}_m^k(u, v, w)\}$  are independent of  $x$  and given by

$$(3.3) \quad \mathcal{E}_m^k(u, v, w) = q^{\binom{k}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{(w/u; q)_k (w/v; q)_m}{(w/v; q)_k (u/v; q)_m} \left(-\frac{u}{v}\right)^k.$$

*Proof.* Recall the following three relations

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{bmatrix} m \\ k \end{bmatrix} &= (-1)^k \frac{(q^{-m}; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} q^{mk - \binom{k}{2}}, \\ (ux; q)_{m-k} &= \left(\frac{-q}{ux}\right)^k \frac{(ux; q)_m}{(q^{1-m}/ux; q)_k} q^{\binom{k}{2} - mk}, \\ \langle vx; q \rangle_k &= (-vx)^k (1/vx; q)_k q^{-\binom{k}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

Substituting (3.3) into (3.2), we confirm the lemma by simplifying the finite sum

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^m (ux; q)_{m-k} \langle vx; q \rangle_k \begin{bmatrix} m \\ k \end{bmatrix} q^{\binom{k}{2}} \frac{(w/u; q)_k (w/v; q)_m}{(w/v; q)_k (u/v; q)_m} \left( -\frac{u}{v} \right)^k \\ &= \frac{(ux; q)_m (w/v; q)_m}{(u/v; q)_m} \sum_{k=0}^m q^k \begin{bmatrix} q^{-m}, 1/vx, w/u, \\ q, q^{1-m}/ux, w/v \mid q; q \end{bmatrix}_k = (wx; q)_m, \end{aligned}$$

where the last sum has been evaluated by means of (3.1).  $\square$

In addition, we have, according to (1.2), the expression

$$(3.4) \quad \Omega_\lambda^0(a, c) = \begin{bmatrix} q/c, -q^{1+\lambda}a/c \\ qa/c, -q^{1+\lambda}/c \mid q \end{bmatrix}_\infty {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q^\lambda c \\ -q^{1+\lambda}a/c \end{matrix} \mid q; q/c \right].$$

Therefore, in order to evaluate  $\Omega_\lambda^0(a, c)$ , it suffices to find explicit formulae for the rightmost nonterminating  ${}_2\phi_1$ -series.

3.1.  $\lambda \geq 0$ . Specifying in Lemma 3.1 by

$$\left. \begin{matrix} m \rightarrow \lambda \\ x \rightarrow q^n \end{matrix} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} u \rightarrow a \\ v \rightarrow -q^\lambda a/c \\ w \rightarrow -c \end{matrix} \right.$$

we get the equation

$$(-q^n c; q)_\lambda = \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda} (q^n a; q)_k \langle -q^{n+\lambda} a/c; q \rangle_{\lambda-k} \mathcal{E}_\lambda^{\lambda-k}(a, -q^\lambda a/c, -c).$$

By inserting this relation in the  ${}_2\phi_1$ -series displayed in (3.4), we can reformulate the double sum

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q^\lambda c \\ -q^{1+\lambda}a/c \end{matrix} \mid q; q/c \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{q}{c} \right)^n \begin{bmatrix} a, -q^\lambda c \\ q, -q^{1+\lambda}a/c \mid q \end{bmatrix}_n \\ & \times \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda} \frac{\mathcal{E}_\lambda^{\lambda-k}(a, -q^\lambda a/c, -c)}{(-q^n c; q)_\lambda} (q^n a; q)_k \langle -q^{n+\lambda} a/c; q \rangle_{\lambda-k}. \end{aligned}$$

Interchanging the summation order and then applying the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-q^\lambda c; q)_n}{(-q^n c; q)_\lambda} = \frac{(-c; q)_n}{(-c; q)_\lambda}, \\ & (a; q)_n (q^n a; q)_k = (a; q)_k (q^k a; q)_n, \\ & \frac{\langle -q^{n+\lambda} a/c; q \rangle_{\lambda-k}}{(-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_n} = \frac{(-qa/c; q)_\lambda}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-q^{1+k} a/c; q)_n}; \end{aligned}$$

we can reformulate the double sum as

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q^\lambda c \\ -q^{1+\lambda} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; q/c \right] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda} \frac{(a; q)_k (-qa/c; q)_\lambda}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-c; q)_\lambda} \mathcal{E}_\lambda^{\lambda-k}(a, -q^\lambda a/c, -c) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \begin{matrix} q^k a, -c \\ q, -q^{1+k} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_n \left( \frac{q}{c} \right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Writing the last series as  $\Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)$ , we get the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_\lambda^0(a, c) &= \left[ \begin{matrix} q/c, -qa/c \\ qa/c, -q^{1+\lambda}/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda} \mathcal{E}_\lambda^{\lambda-k}(a, -q^\lambda a/c, -c) \frac{(a; q)_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-c; q)_\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

According to (3.3), the  $\mathcal{E}$ -coefficient can explicitly be restated as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_\lambda^{\lambda-k}(a, -q^\lambda a/c, -c) &= q^{\binom{\lambda-k}{2}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \frac{(-c/a; q)_{\lambda-k} (q^{-\lambda} c^2/a; q)_\lambda}{(q^{-\lambda} c^2/a; q)_{\lambda-k} (-q^{-\lambda} c; q)_\lambda} (q^{-\lambda} c)^{\lambda-k} \\ &= q^{\binom{\lambda-k}{2}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \frac{\langle q^{-1} c^2/a; q \rangle_k (-c/a; q)_\lambda}{\langle -q^{\lambda-1} c/a; q \rangle_k (-q^{-\lambda} c; q)_\lambda} (q^{-\lambda} c)^{\lambda-k} \\ &= q^{k-\binom{\lambda+1}{2}} \frac{(q^{-\lambda}; q)_k (qa/c^2; q)_k (-c/a; q)_\lambda}{(q; q)_k (-q^{1-\lambda} a/c; q)_k (-q^{-\lambda} c; q)_\lambda} c^\lambda \\ &= q^{k+\binom{\lambda}{2}} \frac{(q^{-\lambda}; q)_k (qa/c^2; q)_k (-q^{1-\lambda} a/c; q)_\lambda}{(q; q)_k (-q^{1-\lambda} a/c; q)_k (-q/c; q)_\lambda} \left( \frac{c}{a} \right)^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

This enables us to make further simplifications

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_\lambda^0(a, c) &= \left[ \begin{matrix} q/c, -qa/c \\ qa/c, -q^{1+\lambda}/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda} \frac{(a; q)_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-c; q)_\lambda} \\ &\quad \times q^{k+\binom{\lambda}{2}} \frac{(q^{-\lambda}; q)_k (qa/c^2; q)_k (-q^{1-\lambda} a/c; q)_\lambda}{(q; q)_k (-q^{1-\lambda} a/c; q)_k (-q/c; q)_\lambda} \left( \frac{c}{a} \right)^\lambda \\ &= \left[ \begin{matrix} q/c, -qa/c \\ qa/c, -q^{1+\lambda}/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \frac{(-q^{1-\lambda} a/c; q)_\lambda}{(-q^{1-\lambda}/c; q)_{2\lambda}} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda} \frac{q^k}{a^\lambda} \frac{(q^{-\lambda}; q)_k (a; q)_k (qa/c^2; q)_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(q; q)_k (-qa/c; q)_k (-q^{1-\lambda} a/c; q)_k}. \end{aligned}$$

The final expression is highlighted as the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2** ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\lambda \geq 0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_\lambda^0(a, c) &= \left[ \begin{matrix} q/c, -q^{1-\lambda} a/c \\ qa/c, -q^{1-\lambda}/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \\ &\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda} \frac{q^k}{a^\lambda} \left[ \begin{matrix} q^{-\lambda}, a, qa/c^2 \\ q, -qa/c, -q^{1-\lambda} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c). \end{aligned}$$

The formula in this theorem is explicit because the  $\Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)$  series can be evaluated by (1.1) as

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c) &= {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} q^k a, -c \\ -q^{1+k} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; q/c \right] \\ &= \frac{(q^{1+k} a; q^2)_\infty}{(q^{1+k} a/c^2; q^2)_\infty} \left[ \begin{matrix} q^{1+k} a/c^2, -q \\ -q^{1+k} a/c, q/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

3.2.  $\lambda \leq 0$ . Alternatively, specifying in Lemma 3.1 by

$$\left. \begin{matrix} m \rightarrow -\lambda \\ x \rightarrow q^n \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ and } \left\{ \begin{matrix} u \rightarrow -q^\lambda c \\ v \rightarrow 1 \\ w \rightarrow -q^{1+\lambda} a/c \end{matrix} \right.$$

we have the following equation

$$(-q^{1+n+\lambda} a/c; q)_{-\lambda} = \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \langle q^n; q \rangle_k (-q^{n+\lambda} c; q)_{-\lambda-k} \mathcal{E}_{-\lambda}^k(-q^\lambda c, 1, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c).$$

By putting this relation inside the  ${}_2\phi_1$ -series displayed in (3.4), we get the double sum

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q^\lambda c \\ -q^{1+\lambda} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; q/c \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{q}{c} \right)^n \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q^\lambda c \\ q, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_n \\ &\times \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{-\lambda}^k(-q^\lambda c, 1, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c)}{(-q^{1+n+\lambda} a/c; q)_{-\lambda}} \langle q^n; q \rangle_k (-q^{n+\lambda} c; q)_{-\lambda-k}. \end{aligned}$$

Exchanging the summation order first and then making use of the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\langle q^n; q \rangle_k}{(q; q)_n} &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_{n-k}}, \\ (-q^\lambda c; q)_n (-q^{n+\lambda} c; q)_{-\lambda-k} &= \frac{(-c; q)_{n-k}}{(-c; q)_\lambda}, \\ \frac{1}{(-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_n (-q^{1+n+\lambda} a/c; q)_{-\lambda}} &= \frac{1}{(-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_{-\lambda} (-q a/c; q)_n}; \end{aligned}$$

we can manipulate the double sum expression below

$$\begin{aligned}
& {}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q^\lambda c \\ -q^{1+\lambda} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; q/c \right] \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \frac{\mathcal{E}_{-\lambda}^k(-q^\lambda c, 1, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c)}{(-c; q)_\lambda (-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_{-\lambda}} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n (-c; q)_{n-k}}{(-qa/c; q)_n (q; q)_{n-k}} \left(\frac{q}{c}\right)^n \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \left(\frac{q}{c}\right)^k \frac{(a; q)_k (-qa/c; q)_\lambda}{(-c; q)_\lambda (-qa/c; q)_k} \mathcal{E}_{-\lambda}^k(-q^\lambda c, 1, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c) \\
&\times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \begin{matrix} q^k a, -c \\ q, -q^{1+k} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_n \left(\frac{q}{c}\right)^n,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last line is justified by the replacement  $n \rightarrow n+k$ . Observing that the last sum with respect to  $n$  is again  $\Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)$ , we get the expression

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_\lambda^0(a, c) &= \left[ \begin{matrix} q/c, -qa/c \\ qa/c, -q^{1+\lambda}/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \left(\frac{q}{c}\right)^k \frac{(a; q)_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-c; q)_\lambda} \\
&\quad \times \mathcal{E}_{-\lambda}^k(-q^\lambda c, 1, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c).
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing the  $\mathcal{E}$ -coefficient by (3.3), we can simplify further the above sum

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \left(\frac{q}{c}\right)^k \frac{(a; q)_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-c; q)_\lambda} \mathcal{E}_{-\lambda}^k(-q^\lambda c, 1, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \frac{(a; q)_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-c; q)_\lambda} \left[ \begin{matrix} -\lambda \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \frac{(qa/c^2; q)_k (-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_{-\lambda}}{(-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_k (-q^\lambda c; q)_{-\lambda}} q^{\binom{k+1}{2} + k\lambda} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \frac{\Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(-qa/c; q)_\lambda} \left[ \begin{matrix} -\lambda \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \frac{(a; q)_k (qa/c^2; q)_k}{(-qa/c; q)_k (-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_k} q^{\binom{k+1}{2} + k\lambda} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} \frac{\Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c)}{(-qa/c; q)_\lambda} \frac{(q^\lambda; q)_k (a; q)_k (qa/c^2; q)_k}{(q; q)_k (-qa/c; q)_k (-q^{1+\lambda} a/c; q)_k} (-q)^k.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we establish another explicit formula.

**Theorem 3.3** ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\lambda \leq 0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_\lambda^0(a, c) &= \left[ \begin{matrix} q/c, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c \\ qa/c, -q^{1+\lambda}/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \\
&\quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{-\lambda} (-q)^k \left[ \begin{matrix} q^\lambda, a, qa/c^2 \\ q, -qa/c, -q^{1+\lambda} a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_k \Omega_0^0(q^k a, -c).
\end{aligned}$$



## 4. CONCLUSIVE THEOREM AND EXAMPLES

Summing up the results shown in the previous two sections, we can evaluate the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series, for any given pair of integers  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$ , by carrying out the following procedure:

- *Step A.* If  $\rho \neq 0$ , we first transform the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series into the  $\Omega_\lambda^0$ -series by making use of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 and then go to *Step B*.
- *Step B.* If  $\rho = 0$ , we evaluate the  $\Omega_\lambda^0$ -series by means of Theorems 3.2 and 3.3.

Therefore, we have confirmed the following conclusive theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *For any given pair of integers  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$ , the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series can be explicitly expressed as a linear combination of the  $\Omega_0^0$ -series with the number of terms at most  $(1 + |\rho|)(1 + |\lambda| + |\rho|)$ .*

The afore-described procedure is realized by appropriately devised *Mathematica* commands, that are executed to produce several closed formulae of the  $\Omega_\lambda^\rho$ -series for small integers  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$ . Ten remarkable examples are recorded as follows.

**Example 4.2** ( $\lambda = 1$  and  $\rho = 0$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ qa/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q^2/c \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} qa/c^2, -q \\ qa/c, -1/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \times \left\{ \frac{(1 + a/c)(qa; q^2)_\infty}{a(qa/c^2; q^2)_\infty} - \frac{(a; q^2)_\infty}{a(q^2a/c^2; q^2)_\infty} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.3** ( $\lambda = -1$  and  $\rho = 0$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ qa/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -1/c \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} qa/c^2, -q \\ qa/c, -1/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \times \left\{ \frac{(1 + a/c)(qa; q^2)_\infty}{(qa/c^2; q^2)_\infty} + \frac{(a; q^2)_\infty}{(q^2a/c^2; q^2)_\infty} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.4** ( $\lambda = 0$  and  $\rho = -1$ : Kim et al. [10, eq. (3.2)]).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q/c \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} a/c^2, -q \\ a/c, -1/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \left\{ \frac{(qa; q^2)_\infty}{(qa/c^2; q^2)_\infty} + \frac{(a; q^2)_\infty}{c(a/c^2; q^2)_\infty} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.5** ( $\lambda = -1$  and  $\rho = -1$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -1/c \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} a/c^2, -q \\ a/c, -1/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \left\{ \frac{(qa; q^2)_\infty}{(qa/c^2; q^2)_\infty} + \frac{(a; q^2)_\infty}{(a/c^2; q^2)_\infty} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.6** ( $\lambda = -1$  and  $\rho = -2$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ a/cq \end{matrix} \middle| q; -1/c \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} a/c^2q, -q \\ a/cq, -1/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_\infty \times \left\{ \frac{(1 - a/cq)(qa; q^2)_\infty}{(a/c^2q; q^2)_\infty} + \frac{(a; q^2)_\infty}{(a/c^2; q^2)_\infty} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.7** ( $\lambda = 0$  and  $\rho = 1$ : Kim et al. [10, eq. (3.1)]).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ q^2 a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q/c \right] = \frac{1}{1 - q/c} \left[ \begin{matrix} q^2 a/c^2, -q \\ q^2 a/c, -q/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{(qa; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q^3 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} - \frac{q(a; q^2)_{\infty}}{c(q^2 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.8** ( $\lambda = 1$  and  $\rho = 1$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ q^2 a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q^2/c \right] = \frac{a^{-1}}{1 - q/c} \left[ \begin{matrix} q^2 a/c^2, -q \\ q^2 a/c, -q/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{(qa; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q^3 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} - \frac{(a; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q^2 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.9** ( $\lambda = 1$  and  $\rho = 2$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ q^3 a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q^2/c \right] = \frac{1}{a(q/c; q)_2} \left[ \begin{matrix} q^3 a/c^2, -q \\ q^3 a/c, -q^2/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{(1 - qa/c)(qa; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q^3 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} - \frac{(a; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q^4 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.10** ( $\lambda = 1$  and  $\rho = -1$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -q^2/c \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} a/c^2, -q \\ a/c, -1/cq \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{(q - qc + a/c + qa/c)(a; q^2)_{\infty}}{qac(a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} - \frac{(q - qc - a - qa)(qa; q^2)_{\infty}}{qac(qa/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} \right\}.$$

**Example 4.11** ( $\lambda = -1$  and  $\rho = 1$ ).

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, c \\ q^2 a/c \end{matrix} \middle| q; -1/c \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} q^2 a/c^2, -q \\ q^2 a/c, -1/c \end{matrix} \middle| q \right]_{\infty} \\ \times \left\{ \frac{(q - a - c - qa)(qa; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q - c)(q^3 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} + \frac{(q - c + qa/c + q^2 a/c)(a; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q - c)(q^2 a/c^2; q^2)_{\infty}} \right\}.$$

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