

A note on Partition and Continued Fractions

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Abstract: In this paper we have established the continued fraction representations of different partition generating functions.

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1. Introduction

Recently, Singh, S.N. [4] and Denis, R.Y. [1,2] have derived a variety of continued fraction expressions for the quotients of two ${}_2\phi_1$ - series. In this paper making use of the following result of Singh, S.N. [3], an attempt has been made to represent the different generating functions of partitions in the form of continued fractions.

$$\left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{q}\right) \frac{{}_2\phi_1(\alpha, \beta; \gamma; x)}{{}_2\phi_1(\alpha, \beta q; \gamma; x)} = \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{q}\right) - \frac{x\beta(1-\alpha)}{\frac{(1-\gamma/\beta q)}{(1-\gamma/q)} + \frac{(\gamma/q\beta)(1-\beta q)(1-\alpha\beta xq/\gamma)}{(1-\gamma/q) - \frac{x\beta q(1-\alpha q)}{(1-\gamma/\beta q)} + \frac{(\gamma/q\beta)(1-\beta q^2)(1-\alpha\beta xq^2/\gamma)}{(1-\gamma/q) - \dots}} \quad (1.1)$$

2. Notations and Definitions

The generalized basic hypergeometric function

$${}_A\phi_B \left[\begin{matrix} (a); q; z \\ (b); i \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} q^{ir(r-1)/2} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^A (a_j; q)_r z^r}{\prod_{j=1}^B (b_j; q)_r (q; q)_r}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $(a; q)_r = (1-a)(1-aq)\dots(1-aq^{r-1})$

$(a; q)_0 = 1$

$i > 0, |q| < 1, |z| < \infty$ and for $i=0$, $\max(|q|, |z|) < 1$. Also (a) stands for sequence of A-parameters of the form a_1, a_2, \dots, a_A .

The generating function for the partitions of any positive integer given by Euler is as;

$$\frac{1}{(q; q)_{\infty}} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(n)q^n, \quad (2.2)$$

where $p(n)$ stands for the number of unrestricted partitions of positive integer n .

Also,
$$\frac{1}{(q; q)_m} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_m(n)q^n, \quad (2.3)$$