

On continued fraction representations of certain function of hypergeometric type

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Abstract: In the present work we have established a number of continued fraction representations for the function $F(a,b,q)$ which is a special case of Heine function. Our results produce certain new and many known results in the literature as their special cases.

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(A) Introduction: Let, for $|q| < 1$

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

and

$$(a; q)_0 = 1$$

Then Heine series has been defined as,

$${}_2\Phi_1[\alpha, \beta; \gamma; z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha; q)_n (\beta; q)_n z^n}{(q; q)_n (\gamma; q)_n}$$

Taking $\alpha = aq$, $\beta = q$ & $\gamma = bq$,

$$F(a, b, z) = {}_2\Phi_1[aq, q; bq; z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(aq)_n}{(bq)_n} z^n$$