

On certain transformation formulae for q-series

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Abstract: In this paper, making use of Ramanujan's ${}_1\Psi_1$ summation formulae and some known transformation formulae for ${}_2\Psi_1$ series, we have established certain interesting transformation formulae for q-series.

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1. Introduction, Notations and Definitions

Throughout this paper, we shall adopt following notations and definitions.
For any number α and q real or complex and $|q| < 1$,

Let

$$[\alpha; q]_n = (1 - \alpha)(1 - \alpha q) \dots (1 - \alpha q^{n-1}), \quad n > 0$$

$$[\alpha; q]_0 = 1,$$

and

$$[\alpha; q]_\infty = \prod_{r=0}^{\infty} (1 - \alpha q^r).$$

Following Gasper and Rahman [2], we define a basic hypergeometric series as,

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_r\Phi_s \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q; z \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q]_n z^n}{[q, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s; q]_n} [(-)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}]^{1+s-r}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q]_n = [a_1; q]_n [a_2; q]_n \dots [a_r; q]_n$$