

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 $F(a, b, c, d, t)$. Our results produce certain new and many known results in the literature as their special cases.

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1. Introduction, Notations and Definitions

Let, for $|q| < 1$

$$(a; q)_n = (1 - a)(1 - aq) \dots (1 - aq^{n-1}) \quad \& \quad (a; q)_0 = 1$$

Then ${}_3\Phi_2[a; b, c, d; t]$ series has been defined as,

$${}_3\Phi_2[a; b, c, d; t] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n (d)_n} t^n$$

The function $F(a, b, c, d, t)$ has been extensively studied. It is easy to see that $F(a, b, c, d, t)$ satisfies the following relations.

$$F(a, b, c, d; t) = 1 + \frac{(1 - a)(1 - b)}{(1 - c)(1 - d)} t F(aq, bq, cq, dq; t) \tag{1.1}$$

$$q^2(1 - t)F(a, b, c, d; t) + [(a + b)tq^2 - (c + d)q]F(a, b, c, d; tq) + (cd - abtq^2)F(a, b, c, d; tq^2) = cd - (c + d - q)q \tag{1.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - c)(1 - d)(1 - t)F(a, b, c, d; t) \\ & = (1 - c)(1 - d) + (c + d - a - b)tF(a, b, cq, dq; tq) \\ & \quad + (ab - cd)tF(a, b, cq, dq, tq^2) \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$