A DIRECT PROOF OF THE AAB-BAILEY LATTICE

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Abstract: The purpose of this paper is to give a direct proof of AAB-Bailey lattice.

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1. Introduction

First recall some standard basic hypergeometric notation [8]. For two indeterminate q and x with |q| < 1, let

$$(x;q)_{\infty} == \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - xq^{n-1}),$$

which can be used to define the following shifted factorial:

$$(x;q)_n = \frac{(x;q)_{\infty}}{(xq^n;q)_{\infty}}.$$

The multiple parameter form is abbreviated as

$$(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_k; q)_n = (x_1; q)_n (x_2; q) \cdots (x_k; q)_n.$$

The basic hypergeometric series $_r\phi_s$ is defined by

$${}_{r}\phi_{s}\left[\begin{array}{ccc}\alpha_{1},&\ldots,&\alpha_{r}\\\beta_{1},&\ldots,&\beta_{s}\end{array}\middle|q,z\right]=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{(\alpha_{1},\alpha_{2},\cdots\alpha_{r};q)_{n}}{(q,\beta_{1},\cdots,\beta_{s};q)_{n}}\{(-1)^{n}q^{\binom{n}{2}}\}^{1+s-r}z^{n}.$$