

ON REDUCIBILITY OF CERTAIN q -DOUBLE HYPERGEOMETRIC SERIES AND CLAUSEN TYPE IDENTITIES

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Abstract: In this paper, a method has been developed to establish certain transformations of double q -series in terms of basic hypergeometric functions of one variable. These results lead to certain interesting Clausen type identities. We also discuss certain continued fraction representations involving q -series.

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1. Introduction:

In this paper, we have made use of certain known summations to establish transformations of q -double series in terms of a single series. We have deduced Clausen type identities from these results. We also discuss some interesting continued fraction representations involving q -series.

For α , real or complex and $|q| < 1$, we define the q -shifted factorials by

$$[\alpha; q]_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (1 - \alpha)(1 - \alpha q) \dots (1 - \alpha q^{n-1}), & \text{if } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

A basic hypergeometric function is defined as :