

## $q$ -fractional differentiation and basic hypergeometric transformations

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**1. Introduction.** Recently Agarwal [1] and Al-Salam [2] defined certain fractional  $q$ -integral operators and developed their fundamental properties. Agarwal [1] defined the operation of fractional  $q$ -differentiation by means of the correspondence

$$(1.1) \quad D_q^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(-\alpha)} \int_0^x [x-tq]_{-a-1} f(t) d(t; q),$$

where the basic integral is defined through the relation (cf. Hahn [4])

$$\int_0^x f(x) d(x; q) = x(1-q) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q^j f(xq^j).$$

Using the series definition for the basic integral, we may write (1.1) as

$$(1.2) \quad D_q^\alpha f(x) = (1-q)^{-\alpha} x^{-\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{[q^{-\alpha}]_j q^j}{[q]_j} f(xq^j).$$

The object of this paper is to give some interesting applications of the  $D_q^\alpha$ -operator in the deduction of general expansions of basic hypergeometric functions.

**2. Definitions and notation.** For  $|q| < 1$ , let

$$[a]_r \equiv [q^a]_r = (1-q^a)(1-q^{a+1}) \dots (1-q^{a+r-1}); \quad [a]_0 \equiv [q^a]_0 = 1.$$

Then the generalized basic hypergeometric series is defined as

$${}_4\Phi_B \left[ \begin{matrix} q^{(a)} \\ q^{(b)} \end{matrix}; x \right] \equiv {}_4\Phi_B \left[ \begin{matrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{matrix}; x \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(a)]_r x^r}{[(b)]_r [q]_r}; \quad |x| < 1.$$

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As usual,  $(a_N)$  stands for the sequence of  $N$  parameters  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N$ ; when  $N = A$ , we shall simply write  $(a)$  instead of  $(a_A)$ .

Now we define a basic double hypergeometric function of higher order as

$$\Phi \left[ \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ x; \lambda_1 \left( \begin{array}{c} (b) \\ (c) \end{array} \right) \\ y; \lambda_2 \left( \begin{array}{c} (d) \\ (e); (f) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(a)]_{m+n} [(b)]_m [(c)]_n x^m y^n q^{\lambda_1 m(m-1)} q^{\lambda_2 n(n-1)}}{[q]_m [q]_n [(d)]_{m+n} [(e)]_m [(f)]_n},$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \geq 0$ . For  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$  we shall simply write

$$\Phi \left[ \begin{array}{c} (a) \\ x \left( \begin{array}{c} (b) \\ (c) \end{array} \right) \\ y \left( \begin{array}{c} (d) \\ (e); (f) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right]; \quad \text{valid for } |x| < 1, |y| < 1.$$

This includes the basic analogue of Appell's functions which are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{(1)}[a; b, b'; c; x, y] &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_{m+n} [b]_m [b']_n x^m y^n}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n}}, \\ \Phi^{(2)}[a; b, b'; c, c'; x, y] &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_{m+n} [b]_m [b']_n x^m y^n}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_m [c']_n}, \\ \Phi^{(3)}[a, a'; b, b'; c; x, y] &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [a']_n [b]_m [b']_n x^m y^n}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n}}, \\ \Phi^{(4)}[a; b; c, c'; x, y] &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_{m+n} [b]_{m+n} x^m y^n}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_m [c']_n}. \end{aligned}$$

The confluent forms defined by Jackson [6] are given below:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1(a; b; c; x, y; \lambda) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_{m+n} [b]_m x^m y^n q^{\lambda n(n-1)}}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n}}, \\ \Psi_1(a; b; c, c'; x, y; \lambda) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_{m+n} [b]_m x^m y^n q^{\lambda n(n-1)}}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_m [c']_n}, \\ \Xi_1(a, a'; b; c; x, y; \lambda) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [a']_n [b]_m x^m y^n q^{\lambda n(n-1)}}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n}}. \end{aligned}$$

We further denote by

$$\prod \left[ \begin{matrix} x^{(a)} \\ \omega^{(b)} \end{matrix}; x \right] \quad \text{or simply} \quad \prod \left[ \begin{matrix} (a) \\ (b) \end{matrix}; x \right]$$

the product  $\prod_{u=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(1-x^{(a)+u})}{(1-\omega^{(b)+u})} \right]$ .

Lastly, we shall use the notation  $D_{q,x}^{\beta,\lambda-1}[f(x)]$  to denote  $D_q^\beta[x^{\lambda-1}f(x)]$ . The following basic functions will also be used:

$$e_q(x) = \left\{ \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-xq^n) \right\}^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{[q]_n}, \quad |x| < 1;$$

$$E_q(x) = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-xq^n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}}{[q]_n},$$

$$[x-y]_v = x^v \frac{e_q(q^v y/x)}{e_q(y/x)} = x^v \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-v]_k}{[q]_k} \left\{ \frac{q^v y}{x} \right\}^k,$$

$$\Gamma_q(\alpha) = \frac{e_q(q^\alpha)}{e_q(q)(1-q)^{\alpha-1}} \quad (\alpha \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots),$$

$$\frac{e_q(x)}{e_q(y)} = e_q([x-y]) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[x-y]_n}{[q]_n}.$$

3. Throughout the paper we shall have occasion to operate with  $D_q^\alpha$  on certain absolutely convergent series.

In particular, let  $f(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r x^{r+\mu}$  be an absolutely convergent series.

Using (1.2) we have

$$D_q^\alpha f(x) = x^{\mu-\alpha} (1-q)^{-\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-\alpha]_k}{[q]_k} a_r q^{k(\mu+r+1)} x^r.$$

If  $Re(\mu+1) > 0$ , then we can always interchange the order of summation in the two series on the right-hand side, since  $\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r x^r$  is assumed to be an absolutely convergent series:

$$\begin{aligned} D_q^\alpha f(x) &= x^{\mu-\alpha} (1-q)^{-\alpha} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r x^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-\alpha]_k}{[q]_k} q^{k(\mu+r+1)} \\ &= x^{\mu-\alpha} (1-q)^{-\alpha} \prod \left[ \begin{matrix} \mu-\alpha+1 \\ \mu+1 \end{matrix}; q \right] \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[\mu+1]_r}{[\mu-\alpha+1]_r} a_r x^r. \end{aligned}$$

To illustrate our technique let us start with the simple relation

$$\frac{e_q(t)}{e_q(xt)} = e_q([t - xt]) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} [1 - x]_n, \quad |t| < 1,$$

or,

$$e_q(t)E_q(xt) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{[-n]_r}{[q]_r} (q^n x)^r.$$

Multiplying both sides by the series equivalent of  $[1 - y]_{-b}$  and then replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $xu$  and  $yu$  respectively, we get

$$\begin{aligned} e_q(t) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{[b]_r}{[q]_r [q]_s} (q^{-b} y)^r (-xt)^s q^{s(s-1)/2} u^{r+s} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} \sum_{r=0}^n \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-n]_r [b]_s}{[q]_r [q]_s} (xq^n)^r (yq^{-b})^s u^{r+s}. \end{aligned}$$

Now apply  $D_{a,u}^{a-d,a-1}$ ,  $D_{a,y}^{f-c,f-1}$  and  $D_{a,x}^{f'-c',f'-1}$  successively on both sides of above; we obtain

$$(3.1) \quad e_q(t) \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} yuq^{-b}; 0 \\ -xut; \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} a \\ b, f; f' \\ d \\ c; c' \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} yuq^{-b} \\ xuq^n \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} a \\ b, f; -n, f' \\ d \\ c; c' \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|t| < 1$  and  $|yuq^{-b}| < 1$ .

The transformation (3.1) yields numerous interesting particular cases, some of which are mentioned below:

Set  $f = c$  and  $f' = c'$  in (3.1) to get

$$(3.2) \quad e_q(t) \gamma_1(a; b; d; yuq^{-b}, -xut; \frac{1}{2}) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} \Phi^{(1)}[a; b, -n; d; yuq^{-b}, xuq^n],$$

provided  $|t| < 1$  and  $|yuq^{-b}| < 1$ .

Letting  $f, f'$  and  $d \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.1) we get

$$(3.3) \quad e_q(t) \Psi_1(a; b; c, c'; yuq^{-b}, -xut; \frac{1}{2}) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} \Phi^{(2)}[a; b, -n; c, c'; yuq^{-b}, xuq^n],$$

provided  $|t| < 1$  and  $|yuq^{-b}| < 1$ .

Next, letting  $a, c$  and  $c' \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.1) we get

$$(3.4) \quad e_q(t) E_1(f, f'; b; d; yuq^{-b}, -xut; \frac{1}{2}) \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} \Phi^{(3)}[f, f'; -b, -n; d; yuq^{-b}, xuq^n],$$

provided  $|t| < 1$  and  $|yuq^{-b}| < 1$ .

Next, let us take another elementary identity

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{1}{[1-x]_b [1-xq^b]^{b'}} = \frac{1}{[1-x]_{b+b'}}.$$

Multiplying both sides of (3.5) by the series equivalent of  $[1-y]_{-c}$  and then replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $xu$  and  $yu$  respectively, we get

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[b]_r}{[q]_r} x^r \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{[b']_s [c]_t (xq^b)^s (yq^{-c})^t u^{r+s+t}}{[q]_s [q]_t} \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{[b+b']_r [c]_s (xu)^r (yuq^{-c})^s}{[q]_r [q]_s}.$$

Apply

$$\prod_{i=1}^A D_{q,u}^{\alpha_i - d_i, \alpha_i - 1}, \quad \prod_{i=1}^E D_{q,x}^{e_i - t_i, e_i - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{i=1}^{E_1} D_{q,y}^{e'_i - t'_i, e'_i - 1}$$

successively on both sides of the above, to obtain the general expansion

$$(3.6) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xu \\ yuq^{-c} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (a) \\ b+b', (e); (e'_{E_1}), c \\ (d_A) \\ (f_E); (f'_{E_1}) \end{matrix} \right] \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(a)]_r [b]_r [(e)]_r (xu)^r}{[q]_r [(d_A)]_r [(f_E)]_r} \times \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xuq^b \\ yuq^{-c} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (a)+r \\ b', (e)+r; c, (e'_{E_1}) \\ (d_A)+r \\ (f_E)+r; (f'_{E_1}) \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|xu| < 1$ ,  $|yuq^{-c}| < 1$ ,  $|xuq^b| < 1$ .

(3.6) yields the following interesting special cases:

$$(3.7) \quad \Phi^{(1)}[a; b+b', c; d; xu, yuq^{-c}] \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_r [b]_r (xu)^r}{[q]_r [d]_r} \Phi^{(1)}[a+r; b', c; d+r; xuq^b, yuq^{-c}]$$

(for  $A = 1, E = E_1 = 0$  in (3.6));

$$(3.8) \quad \Phi^{(2)}[a; b + b', c; f, f'; xu, yuq^{-c}] \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_r [b]_r (xu)^r}{[q]_r [f]_r} \Phi^{(2)}[a+r; b', c; f+r, f'; xuq^b, yuq^{-c}]$$

(for  $A = E = E_1 = 1$  and  $d, e, e' \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.6));

$$(3.9) \quad \Phi^{(3)}[b + b', c; e, e'; d; xu, yuq^{-c}] \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[b]_r [e]_r (xu)^r}{[q]_r [d]_r} \Phi^{(3)}[b', c; e+r, e'; d+r; xuq^b, yuq^{-c}]$$

(for  $A = E = E_1 = 1$  and  $a, f, f' \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.6));

$$(3.10) \quad \Phi^{(4)}[a_1; a_2; f_1, f_1'; xu, yuq^{-c}] \\ = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{[b]_r [a_1]_r [a_2]_r (xu)^r}{[q]_r [f_1]_r} \Phi^{(4)}[a_1+r; a_2+r; f_1+r, f_1'; xuq^b, yuq^{-c}]$$

(for  $A = 2, E = 1, E_1 = 2; f_2' = c$  and  $b', e, d_1, d_2, e_1', e_2' \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.6)).

The results (3.7-10) are true under the convergence conditions  $|xu| < 1$ ,  $|yuq^{-c}| < 1$  and  $|xuq^b| < 1$ .

4. In this section we shall derive some general expansions of basic double hypergeometric functions of higher order with the help of certain known expansions due to Verma [8].

First of all we start with a special case of Theorem I of Verma [8], namely

$$(4.1) \quad {}_{E+1}\Phi_{E+2} \left[ \begin{matrix} (e), \sigma - a - \beta; x \\ (f), \sigma - \alpha, \sigma - \beta \end{matrix} \right] \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(e)]_r [a]_r [\beta]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [\sigma - \alpha]_r [\sigma - \beta]_r [\sigma + r - 1]_r [(f)]_r} q^{r(\sigma - a - \beta)} {}_E\Phi_{E+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} (e) + r; x \\ (f) + r, \sigma + 2r \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|x| < 1$ .

Multiply both sides of (4.1) by the series equivalent of  $[1-y]_{-1}$ , and replace  $x$  and  $y$  by  $xu$  and  $yu$  respectively; then if we apply  $\prod_{i=1}^A D_{a_i, u}^{a_i - b_i, a_i - 1}$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^O D_{a_i, y}^{c_i - d_i, c_i - 1}$  successively, we get the general expansion

$$(4.2) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xu \\ yuq^{-\lambda} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (a) \\ (e), \sigma - \alpha - \beta; \lambda, (c) \\ (b_A) \\ (f), \sigma - \alpha, \sigma - \beta; (d_C) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(e)]_r [a]_r [\beta]_r [(a)]_r (-xu)^r}{[(b_A)]_r [(f)]_r [\sigma - \alpha]_r [\sigma - \beta]_r} \times \\ \times \frac{q^{r(\sigma - \alpha - \beta) + r(r-1)/2}}{[\sigma + r - 1]_r [q]_r} \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xu \\ yuq^{-\lambda} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (a) + r \\ (e) + r; \lambda, (c) \\ (b_A) + r \\ \sigma + 2r, (f) + r; (d_C) \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|xu| < 1$ ,  $|yuq^{-\lambda}| < 1$ .

Next, if we start with Theorem II of Verma [8], for  $A = E = D = M = 1$ ,  $F = C = H = L = N = J = B = G = I = K = 0$ ;  $d = m = \sigma$ ,  $a = \sigma - e$ ,  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\mu = e + \gamma + \gamma' - 1$  in it and then sum the inner well-poised  ${}_6\Phi_5$ -series on the right-hand side, we get

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[\sigma - e]_r (xq^\gamma)^r (yq^{\gamma'})^r q^{r(r+e-1)}}{[q]_r [\sigma + r - 1]_r [\sigma]_{2r}} {}_1\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} e + r; xq^\gamma \\ \sigma + 2r \end{matrix} \right] {}_0\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} -; yq^{\gamma'} \\ \sigma + 2r \end{matrix} \right] \\ = \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xq^\gamma \\ yq^{\gamma'} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} e \\ -; - \\ \sigma \\ -; e \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|xq^\gamma| < 1$ ,  $|yq^{\gamma'}| < 1$ .

If we replace  $x, y$  in (4.3) by  $xuq^{-\gamma}$  and  $yuq^{-\gamma'}$  respectively and then apply  $\prod_{i=1}^A D_{q,u}^{a_i - b_i, a_i - 1}$ ,  $\prod_{i=1}^C D_{q,x}^{c_i - d_i, c_i - 1}$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^F D_{q,y}^{f_i - g_i, f_i - 1}$  successively on both sides, we get

$$(4.4) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xu \\ yu \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} e, (a) \\ (c); (f) \\ \sigma, (b_A) \\ (d_C); e, (g_F) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[\sigma - e]_r [(a)]_{2r} [(c)]_r [(f)]_r (xu)^r (yu)^r}{[q]_r [\sigma + r - 1]_r [\sigma]_{2r} [(b_A)]_{2r} [(d_C)]_r} \times \\ \times \frac{q^{r(r+e-1)}}{[(g_F)]_r} \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} (a) + 2r \\ e + r, (c) + r; (f) + r \\ (b_A) + 2r \\ \sigma + 2r, (d_C) + r; \sigma + 2r, (g_F) + r \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|xu| < 1$  and  $|yu| < 1$ .

(4.4) is of particular importance to us in as much as it includes a number of expansions given earlier by Jackson [5] <sup>(1)</sup>. I mention here

<sup>(1)</sup> There are some misprints in certain results of Jackson [5].

some of them:

(I)  $A = 0, C = 1, F = 2; \sigma, g_2 \rightarrow \infty$  and  $f_2 = e$ , (4.4) gives ([5]; (33)).

(II)  $A = 0, C = F = 2; e, d_1, d_2, g_1, g_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , (4.4) gives ([5], (35)).

(III)  $A = 1, C = F = 2; b = e = d_1$  and  $\sigma, a, d_2, g_1, g_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , (4.4) gives ([5], (36)).

(IV)  $A = 0, C = 1, F = 2; f_2 = e$  and  $d, g_1, g_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , (4.4) gives ([5], (37)).

(V)  $A = C = 1, F = 2; f_2 = e$  and  $\sigma, a, d, g_1, g_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , (4.4) gives ([5], (39)).

(VI)  $A = C = F = 1; b, e, d, g \rightarrow \infty$ , (4.4) gives ([5], (41)).

(VII)  $A = C = F = 1; b = d = e$  and  $\sigma, g \rightarrow \infty$ , (4.4) gives ([5], (42)).

(VIII)  $A = C = F = 1; f = e$  and  $\sigma, b, c \rightarrow \infty$ , (4.4) gives ([5], (43)).

Next, let us start with Theorem III of Verma [8], viz.,

$$(4.5) \quad {}_{A+B}\Phi_C \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b) \\ (c) \end{matrix}; \lambda x \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(d)]_r [(e)]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [(f)]_r} \times \\ \times {}_{A+B+F+1}\Phi_{D+E+C} \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b), (f), -r \\ (d), (e), (c) \end{matrix}; \lambda q \right] {}_{D+E}\Phi_F \left[ \begin{matrix} (d)+r, (e)+r \\ (f)+r \end{matrix}; x \right],$$

provided  $|x| < q, |\lambda q| < 1$ .

Multiply both sides by the series equivalent of  $[1-y]_{-a}$ , and replace  $x$  and  $y$  by  $xu$  and  $yu$  respectively; then if we apply  $\prod_{i=1}^G D_{q,u}^{a_i - h_i \sigma_i - 1}$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^L D_{q,y}^{l_i - m_i \tau_i - 1}$  successively, we get

$$(4.6) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda xu \\ yuq^{-a} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g) \\ (a), (b); \alpha, (l) \\ (h_G) \\ (c); (m_L) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(d)]_r [(e)]_r [(g)]_r (-xu)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [(f)]_r [(h_G)]_r} \times \\ \times {}_{A+B+F+1}\Phi_{D+E+C} \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b), (f), -r \\ (d), (e), (c) \end{matrix}; \lambda q \right] \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xu \\ yuq^{-a} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g)+r \\ (d)+r, (e)+r; \alpha, (l) \\ (h_G)+r \\ (f)+r; (m_L) \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|xu| < q, |\lambda q| < 1$  and  $|yuq^{-a}| < 1$ .

Again, if we consider

$${}_{A+B}\Phi_C \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b) \\ (c) \end{matrix}; \lambda x \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[d]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r} {}_1\Phi_0 [d+r; x] \times \\ \times {}_{A+B+1}\Phi_{C+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b), -r \\ (c), d \end{matrix}; \lambda q \right],$$



which is (4.5) with  $D = 1, E = F = 0$  and use the fact that

$${}_1\Phi_0[d+r; x] = {}_1\Phi_0[e; x] {}_1\Phi_0[d-e+r; xq^e]$$

we get, on applying  $D_{a,x}^{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-1}$

$$(4.7) \quad {}_{A+B+1}\Phi_{C+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha, (a), (b); \\ \beta, (c) \end{matrix}; \lambda x \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[d]_r [a]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [\beta]_r} \times \\ \times \Phi^{(1)}[\alpha+r; e, d-e+r; \beta+r; x, xq^e] {}_{A+B+1}\Phi_{C+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b), -r; \\ (c), d \end{matrix}; \lambda q \right].$$

Multiply both sides of (4.7) by the series equivalent of  $[1-y]_{-\mu}$ , replace  $\lambda$  and  $y$  by  $\lambda u$  and  $yu$  respectively and then apply  $\prod_{i=1}^G D_{a,u}^{g_i-h_i, g_i-1}$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^L D_{a,y}^{l_i-m_i, l_i-1}$  successively, to get

$$(4.8) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda u u \\ y u q^{-\mu} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g) \\ (a), (b), \alpha; \mu, (l) \\ (h_G) \\ \beta, (c); (m_L) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[d]_r [a]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [\beta]_r} \times \\ \times \Phi^{(1)}[\alpha+r; e, d-e+r; \beta+r; x, xq^e] \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda u q \\ y u q^{-\mu} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g) \\ (a), (b), -r; \mu, (l) \\ (h_G) \\ d, (c); (m_L) \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|\lambda u q| < 1, |y u q^{-\mu}| < 1, |x| < q, |xq^e| < 1$ .

Once again considering (4.5) with  $D = E = F = 1$  and using the  $q$ -analogue of Euler's identity (Slater [7], p. 97) in the form

$${}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b; \\ c \end{matrix}; x \right] = {}_1\Phi_0[a+b-c; x] {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} c-a, c-b; \\ c \end{matrix}; xq^{a+b-c} \right]$$

to replace the  ${}_2\Phi_1$ -series on the right-hand side and then applying  $D_{a,x}^{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-1}$  on both sides, we get another expansion, namely

$${}_{A+B+1}\Phi_{C+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b), \alpha; \\ \beta, (c) \end{matrix}; \lambda x \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[d]_r [e]_r [a]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [f]_r [\beta]_r} \times \\ {}_{A+B+2}\Phi_{C+2} \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b), f, -r; \\ d, e, (c) \end{matrix}; \lambda q \right] \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} x \\ xq^{d+e-f+r} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} \alpha+r \\ d+e-f+r; f-d, f-e \\ \beta+r \\ -; f+r \end{matrix} \right].$$

If we further multiply both sides of the above relation by the series equivalent of  $[1-y]_{-\mu}$ , replace  $\lambda, y$  by  $\lambda u$  and  $yu$  respectively and then apply  $\prod_{i=1}^G D_{a,u}^{g_i-h_i, g_i-1}$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^L D_{a,y}^{l_i-m_i, l_i-1}$  successively, we get

another more general expansion, namely

$$(4.9) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda x u \\ y u q^{-\mu} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g) \\ (a), (b), a; \mu, (l) \\ (h_G) \\ \beta, (c); (m_L) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[d]_r [e]_r [a]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [f]_r [\beta]_r} \times \\ \times \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} x \\ x q^{d+e-f+r} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} a+r \\ d+e-f+r; f-d, f-e \\ \beta+r \\ -; f+r \end{matrix} \right] \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda u q \\ y u q^{-\mu} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g) \\ (a), (b), f, -r; \mu, (l) \\ (h_G) \\ d, e, (c); (m_L) \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|\lambda u q| < 1$ ,  $|x| < q$  and  $|y u q^{-\mu}| < 1$ .

Lastly, starting with Theorem IV of Verma [8], viz.,

$${}_{A+B}\Phi_C \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b); \lambda x \\ (c) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[d]_r [e]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [f+r-1]_r} {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} d+r, e+r; x \\ f+2r \end{matrix} \right] \times \\ \times {}_{A+B+2}\Phi_{C+2} \left[ \begin{matrix} (a), (b), f+r-1, -r; \lambda q \\ d, e, (c) \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|x| < q$ ,  $|\lambda q| < 1$  and then following the same procedure as for obtaining (4.9), we get the following result:

$$(4.10) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda x u \\ y u q^{-\mu} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g) \\ (a), (b), a; \mu, (l) \\ (h_G) \\ (c), \beta; (m_L) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[d]_r [e]_r [a]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [\beta]_r [f+r-1]_r} \times \\ \times \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} x \\ x q^{d+e-f} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} a+r \\ d+e-f; f-d+r, f-e+r \\ \beta+r \\ -; f+2r \end{matrix} \right] \times \\ \times \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda u q \\ y u q^{-\mu} \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (g) \\ (a), (b), f+r-1, -r; \mu, (l) \\ (h_G) \\ d, e, (c); (m_L) \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|x| < q$ ,  $|x q^{d+e-f}| < 1$ ,  $|\lambda u q| < 1$  and  $|y u q^{-\mu}| < 1$ .

5. In this section we shall derive some more general expansions of basic double hypergeometric functions of higher order by starting with some other selected results.

Let us start with the relation

$$(5.1) \quad \Phi^{(1)} [a; b, b'; c; x, y] \\ = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [c-a]_n [b]_m [b']_n x^m (-y)^n q^{n(a+m)+n(n-1)/2}}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n} [1-y]_{b'+n}}.$$

To prove (5.1), we use the following result:

$$(5.2) \quad {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b; x \\ c \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_r [c-b]_r (-x)^r q^{br+r(r-1)/2}}{[q]_r [c]_r [1-x]_{a+r}},$$

the truth of which follows as below:

The right-hand side of (5.2)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_r [c-b]_r (-x)^r q^{r(r-1)/2+br}}{[q]_r [c]_r} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a+r]_s x^s}{[q]_s} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_n x^n}{[q]_n} \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{[c-b]_r [-n]_r q^{r(b+n)}}{[q]_r [c]_r}. \end{aligned}$$

Summing the inner  ${}_2\Phi_1$ -series, we get the left-hand side of (5.2).

We now prove (5.1).

The left-hand side of (5.1)

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [b]_m x^m}{[q]_m [c]_m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a+m]_n [b']_n y^n}{[q]_n [c+m]_n};$$

using (5.2) to the inner  ${}_2\Phi_1$ -series, we get (5.1).

If we replace  $x$  and  $y$  by  $xu$  and  $yu$  respectively in (5.1) and replace  $\frac{1}{[1-y]_{b'+n}}$  by its series equivalent, then on applying on both sides

$$\prod_{i=1}^E D_{a,u}^{d_i-e_i, d_i-1}, \quad \prod_{i=1}^F D_{a,x}^{f_i-g_i, f_i-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{i=1}^K D_{a,y}^{k_i-l_i, k_i-1}$$

successively, we get the following result:

$$(5.3) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} xu \\ yu \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} a, (d_E) \\ b, (f); b', (l) \\ o, (e) \\ (g_F); (l_K) \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[o-a]_n [b']_n [(d_E)]_n [(l)]_n (-yu)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}}{[q]_n [c]_n [(e)]_n [(l_K)]_n} \times \\ \times q^{an} \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} x u q^n \\ y u \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} (d_E) + n \\ a, b, (f); b' + n, (l) + n \\ (e) + n \\ c + n, (g_F); (l_K) + n \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|xu| < 1$  and  $|yu| < 1$ .

Next, consider (5.1), in the form

$$\Phi^{(1)}[a; b, b'; c; x, y] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[c-a]_n [b']_n (-y)^n q^{an+n(n-1)/2}}{[q]_n [c]_n [1-y]_{b'+n}} \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [b]_m (\omega q^n)^m}{[q]_m [c+n]_m},$$

provided  $|x| < 1, |y| < 1$ .

Using the transformation (5.2) to replace the inner  ${}_2\Phi_1$ -series on the right-hand side of the above relation and replacing  $x, y$  by  $xu$  and  $yu$  respectively, we obtain, on applying  $\prod_{i=1}^E D_{q,u}^{d_i-c_i, d_i-1}, \prod_{i=1}^F D_{q,x}^{f_i-a_i, f_i-1}$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^K D_{q,y}^{k_i-l_i, k_i-1}$  successively, the expansion

$$(5.4) \quad \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} a, (d_E) \\ xu \mid b, (f); b', (k) \\ yu \mid c, (e) \\ (g_F); (l_K)^* \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[c-a]_{m+n} [b]_m [b']_n [(d_E)]_{m+n} [(f)]_m}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n} [(e)]_{m+n} [(g_F)]_m} \times \frac{[(k)]_n (-xu)^m (-yu)^n q^{a(m+n)(m+n+2a-1)}}{[(l_K)]_n} \times \Phi \left[ \begin{matrix} (d_E) + m + n \\ x u q^n \mid b + m, (f) + m; b' + n, (k) + n \\ yu \mid (e) + m + n \\ (g_F) + m; (l_K) + n \end{matrix} \right],$$

provided  $|xu| < 1$  and  $|yu| < 1$ .

We start again with the following relation:

$$(5.5) \quad \Phi^{(3)}[c-a, a; b, b'; c; x, y] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_{m+n} [b]_m [b']_n (-x)^m (y)^n}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n} [1-x]_{b+m}} \times q^{a(m-1)+n(c-a)},$$

provided  $|x| < 1$  and  $|y| < 1$ , the truth of which follows easily by using the result (5.2).

If we write down the series for  $\frac{1}{[1-x]_{b+m}}$  in (5.5), replace  $x, y$  by  $xu$  and  $yu$  respectively and then apply  $\prod_{i=1}^E D_{q,u}^{d_i-e_i, d_i-1}$ ,  $\prod_{i=1}^F D_{q,x}^{f_i-a_i, f_i-1}$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^K D_{q,y}^{k_i-l_i, k_i-1}$  successively, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.6) \quad & \Phi \left[ \begin{array}{c} \omega u \\ yu \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} (d_E) \\ c-a, b, (f); a, b', (k) \\ c, (e) \\ (g_F); (l_K) \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [b]_m [(d_E)]_m [(f)]_m (-xu)^m}{[q]_m [c]_m [(e)]_m [(g_F)]_m} \times \\
 & \quad \times q^{\frac{1}{2}m(m-1)+m(c-a)} \Phi \left[ \begin{array}{c} (d_E) + m \\ xu \\ yu \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} b+m, (f)+m; a+m, (k), b' \\ (e)+m \\ (g_F)+m; (l_K), c+m \end{array} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

provided  $|xu| < 1$  and  $|yu| < 1$ .

In particular, for  $E = K = 0, F = 1; g = c - a$ , (5.6) gives an expansion for  $\Phi^{(3)}$ , viz.,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi^{(3)}[b, a; f, b'; c; xu, yu] &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [b]_m [f]_m (-xu)^m q^{\frac{1}{2}m(m-1)+m(c-a)}}{[q]_m [c]_m [c-a]_m} \times \\
 & \quad \times {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c} b+m, f+m; xu \\ c-a+m \end{array} \right] {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{array}{c} a+m, b'; yu \\ c+m \end{array} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, if we start with relation (5.5) in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Phi^{(3)}[c-a, a; b, b'; c; x, y] \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [b]_m (-x)^m q^{\frac{1}{2}m(m-1)+m(c-a)}}{[q]_m [c]_m [1-x]_{b+m}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a+m]_n [b']_n y^n}{[q]_n [c+m]_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

and use the result (5.2) to replace the inner  ${}_2\Phi_1$ -series on the right-hand side of the above relation, we get as before

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.7) \quad & \Phi \left[ \begin{array}{c} (d_E) \\ xu \mid c-a, b, (f); a, b', (k) \\ yu \quad c, (e) \\ (g_F); (l_K) \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[a]_m [c-a]_n [b]_m [b']_n [(d_E)]_{m+n}}{[q]_m [q]_n [c]_{m+n} [(e)]_{m+n}} \times \\
 & \quad \times \frac{[(f)]_m [(k)]_n (-xu)^m (-yu)^n q^{\frac{1}{2}(m+n)(m+n-1)+m(c-a)+na}}{[(g_F)]_m [(l_K)]_n} \times \\
 & \quad \times \Phi \left[ \begin{array}{c} (d_E) + m + n \\ xu \mid b+m, (f)+m; b'+n, (k)+n \\ yu \quad (e)+m+n \\ (g_F)+m; (l_K)+n \end{array} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

provided  $|xu| < 1$  and  $|yu| < 1$ .

6. We conclude this paper by generalizing certain results of Carlitz [3]. Consider the transformation ([3], (4.1))

$$(6.1) \quad e_q(t) e_q(xt) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{q_n} H_n(x), \quad |t| < 1, |x| < 1,$$

where

$$H_n(x) = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{[-n]_r}{[q]_r} x^r q^{nr - tr(r-1)}.$$

If we multiply both sides of (6.1) by the series equivalent of  $[1+uy]_m$ ,  $m$  being a positive integer, and then replace  $t$  by  $tu$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[-m]_p t^r (xt)^s (-yq^m)^p u^{r+s+p}}{[q]_r [q]_s [q]_p} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{[q]_n} H_n(x) \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[-m]_p (-yq^m)^p u^{n+p}}{[q]_p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $D_{a,u}^{a-b, a-1}$  on both sides, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[-m]_p [a]_{r+s+p} (ut)^r (xut)^s (-y u q^m)^p}{[q]_r [q]_s [q]_p [b]_{r+s+p}} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ut)^n}{[q]_n} H_n(x) \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[a]_{n+p} [-m]_p (-y u q^m)^p}{[q]_p [b]_{n+p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $t$  and  $y$  by  $tq^{-a}$  and  $yq^{-a}$  respectively and then passing to the limit as  $a \rightarrow -\infty$ , we get

$$(6.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ut)^n q^{tn(n-1)}}{[q]_n [b]_{n+m}} H_n(x) L_{m,q}^{b+n-1}(y u q^{m+n}) \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[-m]_p (-ut)^r (-xut)^s (y u q^m)^p q^{\frac{1}{2}(r+s+p)(r+s+p-1)}}{[q]_m [q]_r [q]_s [q]_p [b]_{r+s+p}}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(6.3) \quad L_{n,q}^a(x) = \prod \left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha + 1; q \\ \alpha + n + 1 \end{matrix} \right] \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{[-n]_r x^r q^{\frac{1}{2}r(r-1)}}{[q]_n [q]_r [\alpha + 1]_r}$$

is a  $q$ -analogue of the Laguerre polynomial defined by Jackson [6].

Next, let us start with the relation

$$(6.4) \quad [1 + tq]_a E_q(ax) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} L_{n,q}^{a-n}(x),$$

the truth of which follows directly as below:

The left-hand side

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-a]_r (-tq^{1+a})^r (-xt)^s q^{\frac{1}{2}s(s-1)}}{[q]_r [q]_s} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-a]_n}{[q]_n} (-q^{1+a}t)^n \sum_{s=0}^n \frac{[-n]_s x^s q^{\frac{1}{2}s(s-1)}}{[q]_s [1+a-n]_s} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} L_{n,q}^{a-n}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $t$  by  $ut$  in (6.4) and multiply both sides by the series equivalent of  $[1 + uy]_m$ ,  $m$  being a positive integer:

$$(6.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[-a]_r [-m]_p (-t u q^{1+a})^r (-xut)^s (-y u q^m)^p q^{\frac{1}{2}s(s-1)}}{[q]_r [q]_s [q]_p} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} L_{n,q}^{a-n}(x) \sum_{r=0}^m \frac{[-m]_r (-y q^m)^r u^{n+r}}{[q]_r}, \end{aligned}$$

now applying  $D_{q,u}^{\mu-\lambda,\mu-1}$  on both sides of (6.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[\mu]_{r+s+p} [-a]_r [-m]_p (-tuq^{1+a})^r (-xut)^s (-yug^m)^p q^{\frac{1}{2}s(s-1)}}{[q]_r [q]_s [q]_p [\lambda]_{r+s+p}} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n q^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} I_{n,q}^{a-n}(x) \sum_{r=0}^m \frac{[\mu]_{r+n} [-m]_r (-yug^m)^r u^n}{[q]_r [\lambda]_{r+n}}. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $t$  and  $y$  by  $tq^{-\mu}$  and  $yq^{-\mu}$  respectively and then passing to the limit as  $\mu \rightarrow -\infty$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[q]_m (-ut)^n q^{n^2}}{[\lambda]_{m+n}} I_{n,q}^{a-n}(x) I_{m,q}^{\lambda+n-1}(yug^{m+n}) \\ &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow -\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{[-a]_r [\mu]_r}{[q]_r [\lambda]_r} (-utq^{1+a})^r \gamma_1(\mu+r; -m: \lambda+r; yug^m, -xut; \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^m \frac{[-a]_r [-m]_p (utq^{1+a})^r (xut)^s (yug^m)^p q^{\frac{1}{2}(r+s+p)(r+s+p-1) + \frac{1}{2}s(s-1)}}{[q]_r [q]_s [q]_p [\lambda]_{r+s+p}}. \end{aligned}$$

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