

Local asymptotics for some q -hypergeometric polynomials

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Introduction

We consider the q -hypergeometric function ${}_r\phi_s$ defined by the series

$${}_r\phi_s \left(\begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_r \\ b_1, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} ; q, z \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1; q)_k (a_2; q)_k \cdots (a_r; q)_k}{(b_1; q)_k (b_2; q)_k \cdots (b_s; q)_k} (-1)^{(1+s-r)k} q^{(1+s-r)\binom{k}{2}} \frac{z^k}{(q; q)_k},$$

with $0 < q < 1$ and the expressions $(a_j; q)_k$ and $(b_j; q)_k$ denote the q -analogues of the Pochhammer symbol, i.e.

$$(a; q)_0 := 1 \text{ and } (a; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \quad n \geq 1,$$

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k).$$

Main Result

We are going to establish the following asymptotic behavior

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} {}_s\phi_s \left(\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, q^{a_1 n + b_1}, q^{a_2 n + b_2}, \dots, q^{a_{s-1} n + b_{s-1}} \\ q^\alpha, q^{c_1 n + d_1}, q^{c_2 n + d_2}, \dots, q^{c_{s-1} n + d_{s-1}} \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{z(q-1)}{q^{-n-\alpha} [n]_q \frac{[n]_q^{a_1} [n]_q^{a_2} \cdots [n]_q^{a_{s-1}}}{[n]_q^{c_1} [n]_q^{c_2} \cdots [n]_q^{c_{s-1}}}} \right) \\ = 2^{\alpha-1} \Gamma_q(\alpha) \left(2 \sqrt{\frac{z[a_1]_q [a_2]_q \cdots [a_{s-1}]_q}{[c_1]_q [c_2]_q \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q}} \right)^{1-\alpha} J_{\alpha-1}^{(2)} \left(2 \sqrt{\frac{z[a_1]_q [a_2]_q \cdots [a_{s-1}]_q}{[c_1]_q [c_2]_q \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q}} (1-q); q \right),$$

where

$$\Gamma_q(z) = \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^z; q)_\infty} (1-q)^{1-z}, \quad [z]_q = \frac{1-q^z}{1-q}, \quad 0 < q < 1,$$

and

$$J_\alpha^{(2)}(z; q) = \frac{(q^{\alpha+1}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^\alpha {}_0\phi_1 \left(\begin{matrix} - \\ q^{\alpha+1} \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{-q^{\alpha+1} z^2}{4} \right).$$

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We use,

$$\Gamma_q(z+1) = [z]_q \Gamma_q(z) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{[an+b+k]_q}{[an+b]_q} = 1.$$

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Lemma 4th

Let b be a complex number. Then, for a positive real number a , it holds

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(q^{an+b}; q)_k}{(1 - q)^k [n]_{q^a}^k} = [a]_q^k.$$

Proposition

We have for $n \geq 1$,

$$\left| \frac{(q^{-n}; q)_k}{[n]_q^k q^{-nk}} \right| \leq q^{\binom{k}{2}}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Proposition

Let a be a positive real number and $b = \gamma + i\beta$ a complex number. We assume that $an + \gamma \notin \mathbb{Z}_*$ for all n positive integer where $\mathbb{Z}_* = \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$. Then, for $n \geq 1$ and $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$, we can affirm that there are two constants, \mathfrak{C}_a and \mathfrak{D}_a , independent of n , so that

$$0 < \mathfrak{C}_a^k \leq \left| \frac{(q^{an+b}; q)_k}{(1-q)^k [n]_{q^a}^k} \right| \leq \mathfrak{D}_a^k.$$

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Theorem (Mehler–Heine asymptotics)

Assuming that $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_*$, $a_j > 0$, $c_j > 0$ and that b_j and d_j are complex numbers satisfying $a_j n + \operatorname{Re}(b_j) \notin \mathbb{Z}_*$ and $c_j n + \operatorname{Re}(d_j) \notin \mathbb{Z}_*$ with $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s-1\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} {}_s\phi_s \left(\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, q^{a_1 n + b_1}, q^{a_2 n + b_2}, \dots, q^{a_{s-1} n + b_{s-1}} \\ q^\alpha, q^{c_1 n + d_1}, q^{c_2 n + d_2}, \dots, q^{c_{s-1} n + d_{s-1}} \end{matrix}; q, \frac{z(q-1)}{q^{-n-\alpha} [n]_q \frac{[n]_q^{a_1} [n]_q^{a_2} \cdots [n]_q^{a_{s-1}}}{[n]_q^{c_1} [n]_q^{c_2} \cdots [n]_q^{c_{s-1}}}} \right) \\ &= 2^{\alpha-1} \Gamma_q(\alpha) \left(2\sqrt{\frac{z[a_1]_q [a_2]_q \cdots [a_{s-1}]_q}{[c_1]_q [c_2]_q \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q}} \right)^{1-\alpha} J_{\alpha-1}^{(2)} \left(2\sqrt{\frac{z[a_1]_q [a_2]_q \cdots [a_{s-1}]_q}{[c_1]_q [c_2]_q \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q}} (1-q); q \right) \end{aligned}$$

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② We have for k fixed,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} g_{n,k}(z) = q^{2\binom{k}{2}} (1-q)^k \frac{[a_1]_q^k [a_2]_q^k \cdots [a_{s-1}]_q^k z^k q^{\alpha k} (-1)^k (1-q)^k}{[c_1]_q^k [c_2]_q^k \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q^k (q^\alpha; q)_k (q; q)_k}.$$

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Proposition

We take $r < s$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_*$. We consider b_j and d_ℓ complex numbers satisfying $a_j n + \operatorname{Re}(b_j) \notin \mathbb{Z}_*$, $c_\ell n + \operatorname{Re}(d_\ell) \notin \mathbb{Z}_*$ where $a_j > 0$, $c_\ell > 0$ with $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, r-1\}$ and $\ell \in \{1, 2, \dots, s-1\}$. Then, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} {}_r\phi_s \left(\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, q^{a_1 n + b_1}, q^{a_2 n + b_2}, \dots, q^{a_{r-1} n + b_{r-1}} \\ q^\alpha, q^{c_1 n + d_1}, q^{c_2 n + d_2}, \dots, q^{c_{s-1} n + d_{s-1}} \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{z(q-1)}{q^{-n-\alpha} [n]_q \frac{[n]_{q^{a_1}} [n]_{q^{a_2}} \cdots [n]_{q^{a_{r-1}}}}{[n]_{q^{c_1}} [n]_{q^{c_2}} \cdots [n]_{q^{c_{s-1}}}}} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^{(1+r-s)k} q^{(2+s-r)\binom{k}{2}} \frac{[a_1]_q^k [a_2]_q^k \cdots [a_{r-1}]_q^k}{[c_1]_q^k [c_2]_q^k \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q^k} \frac{z^k q^{\alpha k} (1-q)^{(2+r-s)k}}{(q^\alpha; q)_k (q; q)_k}.$$

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Remark 2

Using our theorem we can obtain a well-known type of asymptotics for the q -Laguerre orthogonal polynomials, given by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} L_n^{(\alpha)}(z; q) = z^{-\alpha/2} J_{\alpha}^{(2)}(2\sqrt{z}; q),$$

uniformly on compact subsets of the complex plane.

Consequence about the zeros

We denote by $x_{q,n,k}$ with $1 \leq k \leq n$ the zeros of the function

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and by z_ℓ the zeros of the limit function

$$\left(2\sqrt{\frac{z[a_1]_q[a_2]_q \cdots [a_{s-1}]_q}{[c_1]_q[c_2]_q \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q}} \right)^{1-\alpha} J_{\alpha-1}^{(2)} \left(2\sqrt{\frac{z[a_1]_q[a_2]_q \cdots [a_{s-1}]_q}{[c_1]_q[c_2]_q \cdots [c_{s-1}]_q}} (1-q); q \right).$$

Then, using the Hurwitz's Theorem, we have that the scaled zeros of the function ${}_s\phi_s$

$$x_{q,n,k}^* := q^{-n-\alpha} [n]_q \frac{[n]_q^{a_1} [n]_q^{a_2} \cdots [n]_q^{a_{s-1}}}{[n]_q^{c_1} [n]_q^{c_2} \cdots [n]_q^{c_{s-1}}} x_{q,n,k},$$

converge to the zeros of the limit function.

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Numerical Experiments

We take the following data: $s = 3$, $q = 1/2$, $\alpha = 1$ and

$a_1 = 3$	$b_1 = 6$	$c_1 = 4/3$	$d_1 = 2 - 3i$
$a_2 = 5/4$	$b_2 = -2/3 + 2i$	$c_2 = 5/6$	$d_2 = 1$

	$x_{1/2,n,1}^*$
$n = 10$	$1.192838457108567 - 0.000373946558540i$
$n = 20$	$1.191325673237055 - 6.242164358332549 \times 10^{-8}i$
$n = 40$	$1.191320585493521 - 1.806507624485436 \times 10^{-15}i$
z_ℓ	1.191320585443003

	$x_{1/2,n,2}^*$
$n = 10$	$10.5677725749753241 - 0.001544756947360i$
$n = 20$	$10.5384014795907282 - 2.574926397461865 \times 10^{-7}i$
$n = 40$	$10.5383205870081968 - 7.451913839285253 \times 10^{-15}i$
z_ℓ	10.5383205862744722

	$x_{1/2,n,3}^*$
$n = 10$	$54.673251810109320 - 0.003501823799542i$
$n = 20$	$54.420541178838059 - 5.826491777755416 \times 10^{-7}i$
$n = 40$	$54.419973744203762 - 1.686199155483337 \times 10^{-15}i$
z_ℓ	54.419973739631614

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	$x_{1/2,n,1}^*$
$n = 10$	$-0.257907814868696 + 0.000069310548527i$
$n = 20$	$-0.257444571262302 + 1.156063483173270 \times 10^{-8}i$
$n = 40$	$-0.257443205893177 + 3.345689303361298 \times 10^{-16}i$
z_ℓ	-0.257443205880353

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$n = 20$	$1.712978988207565 - 5.076635738362011 \times 10^{-8}i$
$n = 40$	$1.712966620706365 - 1.469194883628405 \times 10^{-15}i$
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$n = 40$	$15.093230236139474 - 5.433179181138827 \times 10^{-15}i$
z_ℓ	15.093230234896025

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$a_2 = 5/4$	$b_2 = -2/3 + 2i$	$c_2 = 5/6$	$d_2 = 1$

$$x_{1/2,n,1}^*$$

$n = 10$	$-26.583782080249094 + 13.144830793624180i$
$n = 20$	$-24.217517881848614 + 13.495110134590402i$
$n = 40$	$-24.215268341966693 + 13.495244741512639i$
z_ℓ	$-24.215268337780208 + 13.495244740537485i$

$$x_{1/2,n,3}^*$$

$n = 10$	$-11.012428251874263 + 62.145264518015616i$
$n = 20$	$-6.977745534060112 + 56.644723043027267i$
$n = 40$	$-6.974490887747343 + 56.639531189402158i$
z_ℓ	$-6.974490884027720 + 56.639531179755917i$

$$x_{1/2,n,5}^*$$

$n = 10$	$-16.166116185151479 - 0.00004242253437i$
$n = 20$	$-15.859752369735673 - 9.93118142529022 \times 10^{-9}i$
$n = 40$	$-15.859327530746363 - 2.87493401650658 \times 10^{-16}i$
z_ℓ	-15.859327529012374

Consequence about the zeros







Numerical Experiments

	$X_{1/2,n,6}^*$
$n = 10$	$-8.372365289781465 + 1.061870351231816 \times 10^{-6}i$
$n = 20$	$-8.358589490583791 + 2.877523388911743 \times 10^{-10}i$
$n = 40$	$-8.358521100270454 + 8.331309933918279 \times 10^{-18}i$
z_ℓ	-8.358521099509627

	$X_{1/2,n,7}^*$
$n = 10$	$-4.183493772518376 + 7.184651279381444 \times 10^{-6}i$
$n = 20$	$-4.174952644245207 + 1.169874676784201 \times 10^{-12}i$
$n = 40$	$-4.174916567642287 - 8.016528868055206 \times 10^{-20}i$
z_ℓ	-4.174916567260315

	$X_{1/2,n,8}^*$
$n = 10$	$-2.085524807895160 + 0.001212554068904i$
$n = 20$	$-2.087470339682883 + 2.036177391751408 \times 10^{-7}i$
$n = 40$	$-2.087472421385608 + 5.892871393618265 \times 10^{-15}i$
z_ℓ	-2.087472421388369

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