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# MA 631 - SPECIAL FUNCTIONS - Lec. 17

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a & b \\ a+b+1-c \end{matrix}; 1-z\right)$$

$$= P \cdot {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a & b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) + Q z^{1-c} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a-c+1 & b-c+1 \\ 2-c \end{matrix}; z\right),$$

where

$$P = \frac{\Gamma(a+b+1-c)\Gamma(1-c)}{\Gamma(b-c+1)\Gamma(a-c+1)}, \quad Q = \frac{\Gamma(c-1)\Gamma(a+b+1-c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}$$

for  $\text{Re}(c-a-b) > 0$  &  $\text{Re}(c) < 1$ .

By analytic continuation in parameters  $a, b$  &  $c$ , we can now relax the above restrictions.

In the above formula, replace  $z$  by  $1-z$  and  $c$  by  $a+b+1-c$ . This results in

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a & b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right)$$

Thm-4.4

— (I)

$$= A {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a & b \\ a+b+1-c \end{matrix}; 1-z\right) + B z^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} c-b & c-a \\ 1+c-a-b \end{matrix}; 1-z\right)$$

where

$$A = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-a-b)}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)}, \quad B = \frac{\Gamma(a+b-c)\Gamma(c)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \quad \& \quad |\arg(1-z)| < \pi.$$

Application: When  $\frac{1}{2} < z < 1$ , then the series defn. of  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  is not convergent fast enough as far as numerics is concerned.

In this case, (I) is helpful since  $0 < 1-z < \frac{1}{2}$ .

Cor. 4.5 (Pfaff) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{(c-b)_n}{(c)_n} \cdot {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, b \\ b+1-n-c \end{matrix}; 1-z\right)$$

Proof: Let  $a = -n$  in Thm. 4.4.

Observe that  $\frac{1}{\Gamma(-n)} = 0$ , hence  $B = 0$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-b+n)}{\Gamma(c+n)\Gamma(c-b)} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, b \\ -n+b+1-c \end{matrix}; 1-z\right) \\ &= \frac{(c-b)_n}{(c)_n} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, b \\ b+1-n-c \end{matrix}; 1-z\right). \end{aligned}$$

Cor. (4.6) (Chu-Vandermonde) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, b \\ c \end{matrix}; 1\right) = \frac{(c-b)_n}{(c)_n}$$

<sup>1st</sup> Proof: Put  $z = 1$  in Cor-4.4.

<sup>2nd</sup> proof: By Gauss' formula,

$$\begin{aligned} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} -n, b \\ c \end{matrix}; 1\right) &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-(-n)-b)}{\Gamma(c-(-n))\Gamma(c-b)} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(c-b+n)}{\Gamma(c+n)\Gamma(c-b)} = \frac{(c-b)_n}{(c)_n} \end{aligned}$$

Thm. 4.6 For,  $m, n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$\sum_{h=0}^k \binom{m}{h} \binom{n}{k-h} = \binom{m+n}{k}$$

Proof: Both the sides are counting the number of ways of choosing  $k$  objects out of  $m+n$  objects. On the left, this is done by considering 2 groups of the  $m+n$  objects one consisting of  $m$  & other of  $n$ . Then we choose  $h$  objects out of  $m$  objects and hence we have  $k-h$  objects left to be chosen out of  $n$  ones where  $0 \leq h \leq k$ . This establishes the formula.

### Some more transformations

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = C \cdot (-z)^{-a} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, a-c+1 \\ a-b+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1}{z}\right) + D (-z)^{-b} {}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} b, b-c+1 \\ b-a+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1}{z}\right),$$

where  $C = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(b-a)}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-a)}$  &  $D = \frac{\Gamma(c)\Gamma(a-b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-b)}$ .

valid for  $|\arg(-z)| < \pi$ .

Application: It allows us to use the series representation in  $|z| > 1$ . This is use for calculating asymptotic behavior of  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ .

Remark: For  $|1-z| < 1$ ,  $|\arg(1-z)| < \pi$ ,

$${}_2F_1\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ a+b \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(n!)^2} C_n (1-z)^n,$$

where

$$C_n = 2\psi(n+1) - \psi(a+n) - \psi(b+n) - \ln(1-z).$$

### Asymptotic expansion

Def. Let  $F$  be a function of a real or complex variable  $z$ . Let  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^{-k}$  denote a

(convergent or divergent) formal power series of which the first  $n$  terms we denote by  $S_n(z)$ . Let  $R_n(z) = F(z) - S_n(z)$ , that is,

$$F(z) = a_0 + \frac{a_1}{z} + \frac{a_2}{z^2} + \frac{a_3}{z^3} + \dots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{z^{n-1}} + R_n(z),$$

$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . (When  $n=0$ ,  $F(z) = R_0(z)$ )

Assume that for each  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the following relation holds:

$R_n(z) = O(z^{-n})$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$  in some unbounded domain  $\Delta$ . Then  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^{-k}$

is called an asymptotic expansion of  $F(z)$  & is denoted by

$$F(z) \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{-n}, \quad z \rightarrow \infty, \quad z \in \Delta.$$

Problem: Find asymptotic expansion of  
 $S(x) := \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{(1+t)^{1/3} (x+t)}$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{x+t} (1+t)^{2/3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \right]_0^{\infty} + \frac{3}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+t)^2} (1+t)^{2/3} dt$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2x} + \frac{3}{2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{(x+t)^2} (1+t)^{5/3} \cdot \frac{3}{5} \right]_0^{\infty} + 2 \times \frac{3}{5} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(1+t)^{5/3}}{(x+t)^3} dt \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{2x} - \frac{3^2}{2 \times 5 x^2} + \frac{3^2}{2 \times 5} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(1+t)^{5/3}}{(x+t)^3} dt.$$

Iterating this process, we see that

$$S(x) \sim - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n (n-1)!}{2 \cdot 5 \cdots (3n-1) x^n} \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$