

## REDUCTION FORMULAE FOR HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

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### 1. Introduction

In this paper we give fifteen reduction formulae for hypergeometric functions of two variables at the point  $x=y$ .

Several reduction formulae for hypergeometric functions of two variables i.e. expressions in terms of simpler functions when parameters and or variables satisfy certain conditions, are found in the literature [1], [3] and [4, 5].

The following notation due to Burchnall and Chaundy [2] will be used to represent the hypergeometric series of higher order and of two variables

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} (a_p) ; (b_q) ; (c_r) ; x, y \\ (d_s) ; (e_h) ; (f_k) ; \end{matrix} \right] \\ = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(a_p)]_{m+n} [(b_q)]_m [(c_r)]_n x^m y^n}{[(d_s)]_{m+n} [(e_h)]_m [(f_k)]_n m! n!} \quad (1)$$

where  $(a_p)$  and  $[(a_p)]_{m+n}$  will mean the sequence  $a_1, \dots, a_p$  and the product  $(a_1)_{m+n} \dots (a_p)_{m+n}$  respectively.

2. In the investigation we require the following results [6, (1.3.15), (2.5.8) to (2.5.10), (2.5.16), (2.5.22), (2.5.25) and (2.5.30)].

$${}_2F_1[a, b ; c ; x] = (1-x)^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1[c-a, c-b ; c ; x], \quad (2)$$

provided  $|x| < 1$ .

$${}_3F_2 \left[ -n, 2a, 2b ; 2c, 1+a+b-c-n ; 1 \right] = \frac{(c-a)_n (c-b)_n}{(c)_n (c-a-b)_n} \\ {}_4F_3 \left[ -n, a, b, \frac{1}{2}-c-n ; \frac{1}{2}+c, 1+a-c-n, 1+b-c-n ; 1 \right] \quad (3) \\ {}_3F_2 \left[ -n, 2a, 2b ; 2c, \frac{1}{2}+a+b-c-n ; 1 \right] = \frac{\left(c-a+\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(c-b+\frac{1}{2}\right)_n}{\left(c+\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}+c-a-5\right)_n}$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, a, b, -c-n; c, \frac{1}{2}+a-c-n, \frac{1}{2}+b-c-n; 1 \right] \quad (4)$$

$${}_3F_2 \left[ -n, 2a-1, 2b; 2c-1, \frac{1}{2}+a+b-c-n; 1 \right] = \frac{\left(c-a+\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(c-b-\frac{1}{2}\right)_n}{\left(c-\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}+c-a-b\right)_n}$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, a, b, 1-c-n; \frac{1}{2}+a-c-n, \frac{3}{2}+b-c-n; 1 \right] \quad (5)$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, 2a, 2b, c; 2c, \frac{1}{2}+a+b, \frac{1}{2}+a+b-c-n; 1 \right] \\ = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}+c-a\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}+c-b\right)_n}{\left(c+\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}-a-b+c\right)_n}$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, a, b, \frac{1}{2}+a+b-2c-n; \frac{1}{2}+a-c-n, \frac{1}{2}+b-c-n, \frac{1}{2}+a+b; 1 \right] \quad (6)$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, 2a, 2b, c; 2c, a+b+\frac{1}{2}, a+b+\frac{1}{2}-c-n; 1 \right] \\ = \frac{\left(a+\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}+c-a\right)_n}{\left(a+b+\frac{1}{2}\right)_n \left(\frac{1}{2}+c-a-b\right)_n}$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, b, c-b, \frac{1}{2}-c-n; \frac{1}{2}+c, \frac{1}{2}-a-n, \frac{1}{2}+a-c-n; 1 \right]. \quad (7)$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, 2a, 2b, \frac{1}{2}+c; 2c, \frac{1}{2}+a-b, 1-n+a+b-c; 1 \right] = \frac{(c-a)_n (c-b)_n}{(c)_n (c-a-b)_n}$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, a, b, \frac{1}{2}+a+b-2c-n; \frac{1}{2}+a+b, 1+a-c-c, 1+b-c-n; 1 \right]. \quad (8)$$

$${}_4F_3 \left[ -n, a, b, 1-n-c; 1-n-a, 1-n-b, d; 1 \right] = \frac{\Gamma(d)\Gamma(d+c-1+2n)}{\Gamma(d+n)\Gamma(d-1+c+n)}$$

$${}_5F_4 \left[ -\frac{1}{2}n, \frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}n, 1-n-a-b, 1-n-c, 1-n-d; 1-n-a, 1-n-b, \frac{1}{2}b-\frac{1}{2}c-\frac{1}{2}d-n, 1-\frac{1}{2}c-\frac{1}{2}d-n; 1 \right]. \quad (9)$$

3. In this section we prove the reduction formulae.

THEOREM 1. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c+\frac{1}{2}; a, b; c-a, c-b; x, x \\ c; c+\frac{1}{2}; c+\frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \right] = (1-x)^{a+b-c} {}_2F_1 [2a, 2b; 2c; x]. \quad (10)$$

PROOF. To prove (10), we start with the left side of (10).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & F \left[ \begin{matrix} c + \frac{1}{2} ; a, b ; c - a, c - b ; x, x \\ c ; c + \frac{1}{2} ; c + \frac{1}{2} ; \end{matrix} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right)_{m-n} (a)_m (b)_m (c-a)_n (c-b)_n}{(c)_{m+n} \left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right)_m \left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right)_n m! n!} x^{m+n} \text{ by (1)} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{(a)_{m-n} (b)_{m-n} (c-a)_n (c-b)_n \left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right)_m}{\left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right)_{m-n} (c)_m \left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right)_n m-n! n!} x^m = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_m (b)_m}{(c)_m m!} x^m \\
 & {}_4F_3 \left[ -m, c-a, c-b, c-b, \frac{1}{2} - c - m ; \frac{1}{2} + c, 1-a-m, 1-b-m ; 1 \right] \\
 & \quad = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+b-c)_m}{m!} x^m \\
 & {}_3F_2 \left[ -m, 2c-2a, 2c-2b ; 2c, 1+c-a-b-m ; 1 \right] \text{ by (3)} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{(2c-2a)_n (2c-2b)_n (a+b-c)_{m-n} x^m}{(2c)_n m-n! n!} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+b-c)_m}{m!} x^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2c-2a)_n (2c-2b)_n}{(2c)_n n!} x^n \\
 &= (1-x)^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1(2c-2a, 2c-2b ; 2c ; x) \\
 &= (1-x)^{a+b-c} {}_2F_1(2a, 2b ; 2c ; x) \text{ by (2)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the Theorem 1 under the conditions stated therein.

If we take  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and using Baileys' theorem [6, (III.7)]

$${}_2F_1 \left[ a, 1-a ; c ; \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}c\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}c\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}c + \frac{1}{2}a\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}c - \frac{1}{2}a\right)}, \tag{11}$$

in (10), we get

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c + \frac{1}{2} ; a, \frac{1}{2} - a ; c - a, c + a - \frac{1}{2} ; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ c ; c + \frac{1}{2} ; c + \frac{1}{2} ; \end{matrix} \right] = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(2c)}{2^c \Gamma(c+a) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + c - a\right)}, \tag{12}$$

provided  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > -\frac{1}{2}$ .

If we take  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and using Gauss's second theorem [6, (III.6)]

$${}_2F_1 \left[ a, b; \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}b + \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{2}b\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}a\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}b\right)} \quad (13)$$

in (10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} F \left[ \begin{matrix} a+b+\frac{3}{4}; 2a, 2b; b-a+\frac{1}{4}, a-b+\frac{1}{4}; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ a+b+\frac{1}{4}; a+b+\frac{3}{4}; a+b+\frac{3}{4}; \end{matrix} \right] \\ = (2)^{\frac{1}{4}-a-b} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(2a+2b+\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(2a+\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(2b+\frac{1}{2}\right)}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > -1$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then*

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c+1; a, b; c-a+\frac{1}{2}, c-b+\frac{1}{2}; x, x \\ c+\frac{1}{2}; c; c+1; \end{matrix} \right] = (1-x)^{a+b-c-\frac{1}{2}} {}_2F_1 [2a, 2b; 2c; x]. \quad (15)$$

**PROOF.** (15) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (4) instead of (3). In case we take  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and using (11) and (15), it yields the summation formula

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c+1; a, \frac{1}{2}-a; c-a+\frac{1}{2}, c+a; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ c+\frac{1}{2}; c; c+1; \end{matrix} \right] = \frac{2^c \Gamma(c) \Gamma\left(c+\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(c+a) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+c-a\right)}, \quad (16)$$

provided that  $c$  is not zero or a negative integer. In case  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and using (13) and (15), it gives the summation formula

$$\begin{aligned} F \left[ \begin{matrix} a+b+\frac{5}{4}; 2a, 2b; b-a+\frac{3}{4}, a-b+\frac{3}{4}; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ a+b+\frac{3}{4}; a+b+\frac{1}{4}; a+b+\frac{5}{4}; \end{matrix} \right] \\ = (2)^{\frac{3}{4}-a-b} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+2a+2b\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+2a\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+2b\right)} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

THEOREM 3. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c; a, b; c-a+\frac{1}{2}, c-b-\frac{1}{2}; x, x \\ c-\frac{1}{2}; c; c; \end{matrix} \right] = (1-x)^{a+b-c-\frac{1}{2}} {}_2F_1[2a-1, 2b; 2c-1; x]. \quad (18)$$

PROOF. (18) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (5) instead of (3).

In particular if we take  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and using (11) and (18), it gives the summation formula

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c; a, 1-a; c-a+\frac{1}{2}, c+a-\frac{3}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ c-\frac{1}{2}; c; c; \end{matrix} \right] = \frac{2^{c-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(c) \Gamma(c-\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(c+a-1) \Gamma(c-a+1)}, \quad (19)$$

provided that  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > \frac{1}{2}$ . In case  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and using (13) and (18), it gives

$$\begin{aligned} F \left[ \begin{matrix} a+b+1; 2a, 2b; b-a+\frac{3}{2}, a-b+\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \\ a+b+\frac{1}{2}; a+b+1; a+b+1; \end{matrix} \right] \\ = (2)^{\frac{3}{2}-a-b} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(2a+2b)}{\Gamma(2a) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}+2b)} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

THEOREM 4. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(2c-a-b+\frac{1}{2}) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(a+b+\frac{1}{2}) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F \left[ \begin{matrix} 2c-a-b+\frac{1}{2}; a, b; \frac{1}{2}+c-a, \frac{1}{2}+c-b; x, x \\ c+\frac{1}{2}; a+b+\frac{1}{2}; 2c-a-b+\frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \right] \\ = (1-x)^{a+b-c-\frac{1}{2}} {}_3F_2[2a, 2b, c; 2c, a+b+\frac{1}{2}; x] \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

PROOF. (21) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (6) instead of (3).

THEOREM 5. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c+\frac{1}{2}) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(a+b+\frac{1}{2}) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c+\frac{1}{2}; a, c-b; a+\frac{1}{2}, c-a+\frac{1}{2}; x, x \\ a+b+\frac{1}{2}; c+\frac{1}{2}; c+\frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix} \right]$$

$$=(1-x)^{a+b-c-\frac{1}{2}} {}_3F_2\left[2a, 2b, c; 2c, a+b+\frac{1}{2}; x\right] \quad (22)$$

PROOF. (22) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (7) instead of (3).

THEOREM 6. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}\left(2c-a-b+\frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}\left(a+b+\frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &F\left[\begin{matrix} 2c-a-b+\frac{1}{2}; a, b; c-a, c-b, c-b; x, x \\ c; a+b+\frac{1}{2}; 2c-a-b+\frac{1}{2}; \end{matrix}\right] \\ &=(1-x)^{a+b-c} {}_3F_2\left[2a, 2b, c+\frac{1}{2}; 2c, a+b+\frac{1}{2}; x\right] \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

PROOF. (23) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (8) instead of (3).

THEOREM 7. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(d) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(a+b) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(c+d-1) > 0$  and  $|x(1-x)| < \frac{1}{4}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &F\left[\begin{matrix} a+b; a, b; a, b; x, x \\ c+d-1; c; d; \end{matrix}\right] \\ &= {}_4F_3\left[a, b, \frac{1}{2}c+\frac{1}{2}d, \frac{1}{2}c+\frac{1}{2}b-\frac{1}{2}; a+b, c, d; 4x(1-x)\right] \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

PROOF. (24) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (8) instead of (3).

THEOREM 8. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(b+d) > 0$  and  $|x^2| < 4|1-x|$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &F\left[\begin{matrix} d+b; a, b; a, d; x, x \\ c; c; c; \end{matrix}\right] \\ &=(1-x)^{-a} {}_4F_3\left[a, b, d, c-a; \frac{1}{2}b+\frac{1}{2}d, \frac{1}{2}b+\frac{1}{2}d+\frac{1}{2}, c; \frac{-x^2}{4(1-x)}\right] \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

PROOF. (25) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (9) instead of (3).

THEOREM 9. If  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(c') > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(a+a') > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(a+b') > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(c+c'-1) > 0$  and  $|4z| < |1-z|^2$ , then

$$F\left[\begin{matrix} a+a', a+b'; a', b'; x, x \\ c', c+c'-1; c; c'; \end{matrix}\right] = (1-x)^{1-c-c'}$$

$${}_4F_3\left[a, c-b, \frac{1}{2}c + \frac{1}{2}c', \frac{1}{2}c + \frac{1}{2}c' - \frac{1}{2}; a+a', b+b', c; -\frac{4x}{(1-x)^2}\right] \quad (26)$$

PROOF. (26) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (9) instead of (3).

THEOREM 10. *If  $\operatorname{Re}\left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then*

$$F\left[\begin{matrix} c; 2a, 2b; c-a-b; x, x \\ c + \frac{1}{2}; 2c; -; \end{matrix}\right] = {}_2F_1\left[a, b; c + \frac{1}{2}; x\right] {}_2F_1\left[c-a, c-b; c + \frac{1}{2}; x\right] \quad (27)$$

PROOF. (27) can be proved as (10) by using (3).

THEOREM 11. *If  $\operatorname{Re}(c+1) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then*

$$F\left[\begin{matrix} c + \frac{1}{2}; 2a, 2b; \frac{1}{2} + c - a - b; x, x \\ c+1; 2c; -; \end{matrix}\right] \\ = {}_2F_1\left[a, b; c; x\right] {}_2F_1\left[c-a + \frac{1}{2}, c-b + \frac{1}{2}; c+1; x\right] \quad (28)$$

PROOF. (28) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (4) instead of (3).

THEOREM 12. *If  $\operatorname{Re}(2c-1) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then*

$$F\left[\begin{matrix} c - \frac{1}{2}; 2a-1, 2b; \frac{1}{2} + c - a - b; x, x \\ c; 2c-1; -; \end{matrix}\right] \\ = {}_2F_1\left[a, b; c; x\right] {}_2F_1\left[c-a + \frac{1}{2}, c-b - \frac{1}{2}; c; x\right] \quad (29)$$

PROOF. (29) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (5) instead of (3).

THEOREM 13. *If  $\operatorname{Re}\left(a+b + \frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}\left(2c-a-b + \frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then*

$$F\left[\begin{matrix} c + \frac{1}{2}; 2a, 2b, c; \frac{1}{2} + c - a - b; x, x \\ 2c-a-b + \frac{1}{2}; 2c, a+b + \frac{1}{2}; -; \end{matrix}\right] \\ = {}_2F_1\left[a, b; a+b + \frac{1}{2}; x\right] {}_2F_1\left[\frac{1}{2} + c - a, \frac{1}{2} + c - b; 2c-a-b + \frac{1}{2}; x\right] \quad (30)$$

PROOF. (30) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (6) instead of (3).

THEOREM 14. If  $\operatorname{Re}\left(c + \frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}\left(a + b + \frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} a + b + \frac{1}{2} ; 2a, 2b, c ; \frac{1}{2} + c - a - b ; x, x \\ c + \frac{1}{2} ; 2c, a + b + \frac{1}{2} ; - ; \end{matrix} \right] \\ = {}_2F_1 \left[ b, c - b ; c + \frac{1}{2} ; x \right] {}_2F_1 \left[ a + \frac{1}{2}, c - a + \frac{1}{2} ; c + \frac{1}{2} ; x \right]. \quad (31)$$

PROOF. (31) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (7) instead of (3).

THEOREM 15. If  $\operatorname{Re}\left(a + b + \frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}\left(2c - a - b + \frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(c) > 0$  and  $|x| < 1$ , then

$$F \left[ \begin{matrix} c ; 2a, 2b, c + \frac{1}{2} ; c - a - b ; x, x \\ 2c - a - b + \frac{1}{2} ; 2c, a + b + \frac{1}{2} ; - ; \end{matrix} \right] \\ = {}_2F_1 \left[ a, b ; a + b + \frac{1}{2} ; x \right] {}_2F_1 \left[ c - a, c - b ; 2c - a - b + \frac{1}{2} ; x \right]. \quad (32)$$

PROOF. (32) can be proved in the same way as (10) by using (8) instead of (3).

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