

Rathie-Paris Identity for the Gauss Hypergeometric Function

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Abstract: We show an alternative deduction for the Rathie-Paris formula satisfied by the Gauss hypergeometric function.

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INTRODUCTION

Rathie-Paris [1] obtained the following relation for $0 < x < 1$:

$$G_n(x) \equiv x {}_2F_1\left(-n, 1; -2n; \frac{1}{1-x}\right) + (1-x) {}_2F_1\left(-n, 1; -2n; \frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)! [x(1-x)]^n}, \quad (1)$$

Involving the Gauss hypergeometric function. Here we show other approach towards this identity.

In [2] is the expression:

$${}_2F_1(-n, 1; c; z) = (1-c) z^{1-c} (z-1)^{c+n-1} B_{1-\frac{1}{z}}(1-c-n, n+1), \quad (2)$$

With the participation of the incomplete Beta function:

$$B_w(a, b) = \int_0^w t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-1} dt. \quad (3)$$

Therefore:

$$G_n(x) = \frac{2n+1}{[x(1-x)]^n} H_n(x), \quad (4)$$

where:

$$H_n(x) \equiv B_x(n+1, n+1) + B_{1-x}(n+1, n+1) = \int_0^x [t(1-t)]^n dt + \int_0^{1-x} [t(1-t)]^n dt, \quad (5)$$

Then it is immediate that $\frac{d}{dx} H_n(x) = 0$, thus (5) is independent of x and we can calculate $H_n(x)$ with any value of x , hence we take $x = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$H_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 B_{\frac{1}{2}}(n+1, n+1) = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [t(1-t)]^n dt. \quad (6)$$

From (2) and [3]:

$$B_{\frac{1}{2}}(n+1, n+1) = \frac{1}{(2n+1) 2^{2n+1}} {}_2F_1(-n, 1; -2n; 2), \quad {}_2F_1(-n, 1; -2n; 2) = \frac{2^{2n} (n!)^2}{(2n)!}, \quad (7)$$

whose application in (6) gives the expression:

$$H_n(x) = \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n+1)!}, \quad (8)$$

Then (4) and (8) imply (1), q.e.d.

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