

# Heine's Transformation (1847)

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Suppose  $|q| < 1$ ,  $|t| < 1$  &  $|b| < 1$ ,  $b \neq 0$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n t^n}{(c)_n (q)_n} = \frac{(b)_{\infty} (at)_{\infty}}{(c)_{\infty} (t)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{c}{b}\right)_n (t)_n b^n}{(at)_n (q)_n}$$

Proof

$$(c q^n)_{\infty} = (1 - c q^n)(1 - c q^{n+1})(1 - c q^{n+2}) \dots$$

$$(c)_n = (1 - c)(1 - c q) \dots (1 - c q^{n-1}).$$

Hence

$$(c)_n (c q^n)_{\infty} = (c)_{\infty} \quad \&$$

$$(c)_n = \frac{(c)_{\infty}}{(c q^n)_{\infty}}, \quad (c q^n)_{\infty} = \frac{(c)_{\infty}}{(c)_n}$$

Hence

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n t^n}{(c)_n (q)_n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a)_n \frac{(b)_{\infty}}{(b q^n)_{\infty}} \cdot \frac{(c q^n)_{\infty}}{(c)_{\infty}} \cdot \frac{1}{(q)_n} t^n$$

$$= \frac{(b)_{\infty}}{(c)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (c q^n)_{\infty}}{(b q^n)_{\infty} (q)_n} t^n$$

$$\frac{(at)_{\infty}}{(t)_{\infty}} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_m t^m}{(q)_{m+1}}$$

$$= \frac{(b)_{\infty}}{(c)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n t^n}{(q)_n} \frac{(c q^n)_{\infty}}{(b q^n)_{\infty}}$$

$$= \frac{(b)_{\infty}}{(c)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n t^n}{(q)_n} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(c/b)_m (b q^n)^m}{(q)_{m+1}}$$

$$= \frac{(b)_{\infty}}{(c)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n t^n (c/b)_m}{(q)_n (q)_{m+1}} b^m q^{mn}$$