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# On the Triple Lauricella–Horn–Karlsson $q$ -Hypergeometric Functions

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**Abstract:** The Horn–Karlsson approach to find convergence regions is applied to find convergence regions for triple  $q$ -hypergeometric functions. It turns out that the convergence regions are significantly increased in the  $q$ -case; just as for  $q$ -Appell and  $q$ -Lauricella functions, additions are replaced by Ward  $q$ -additions. Mostly referring to Krishna Srivastava 1956, we give  $q$ -integral representations for these functions.

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## 1. Introduction

This is part of a series of papers about  $q$ -integral representations of  $q$ -hypergeometric functions. The first paper [1] was about  $q$ -hypergeometric transformations involving  $q$ -integrals. Then followed [2], where Euler  $q$ -integral representations of  $q$ -Lauricella functions in the spirit of Koschmieder were presented. Furthermore, in [3], Eulerian  $q$ -integrals for single and multiple  $q$ -hypergeometric series were found. However, this subject is by no means exhausted, and in the same proceedings, [4], concise proofs for  $q$ -analogues of Eulerian integral formulas for general  $q$ -hypergeometric functions corresponding to Erdélyi, and for two of Srivastavas triple hypergeometric functions were given. Finally, in [5], single and multiple  $q$ -Eulerian integrals in the spirit of Exton, Driver, Johnston, Pandey, Saran and Erdélyi are presented. All proofs use the  $q$ -beta integral method.

The history of the subject in this article started in 1889 when Horn [6] investigated the domain of convergence for double and triple  $q$ -hypergeometric functions. He invented an ingenious geometric construction with five sets of convergence regions in three dimensions which was successfully used by Karlsson [7] in 1974 to explicitly state the convergence regions for the known functions of three variables. We adapt this approach to the  $q$ -case, by replacing additions by  $q$ -additions and exactly stating the convergence sets for each function. Obviously combinations of the  $q$ -deformed rhombus in dimension three appear several times. It is not possible to depict the  $q$ -additions in diagrams, not even in dimension two; they depend on the parameter  $q$ . We recall Karlssons paper, which seems to have fallen into oblivion. We give proofs for all the convergence regions, and our proofs also work for Karlssons equations by putting  $q = 1$ .

Saran [8], followed by Exton [9] gave less correct convergence criteria. By giving  $q$ -integral representations for these functions, we also correct and give proofs for the formulas in K.J. Srivastava [10] (not Hari Srivastava). He did not give many proofs, and our proofs also work for his equations by putting  $q = 1$ .

2. Definitions

**Definition 1.** We define 10  $q$ -analogues of the three-variable Lauricella–Saran functions of three variables plus two  $G$ -functions. Each function is defined by

$$F \equiv \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \Psi \frac{x^m y^n z^p}{\langle 1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p}. \tag{1}$$

As a result of lack of space, for every row, we first give the generic name, the function parameters, followed by the corresponding  $\Psi$  according to (1).

| Function   | $\Psi$  |
|--|---|
| $\Phi_E(\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_2; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_m \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_n \langle \gamma_3; q \rangle_p}$                             |
| $\Phi_F(\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}$   |
| $\Phi_G(\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_m \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_3; q \rangle_p}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}$                              |
| $\Phi_K(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_{n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_n \langle \gamma_3; q \rangle_p}$ |
| $\Phi_M(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_{n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}$                           |
| $\Phi_N(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_n \langle \alpha_3; q \rangle_p \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}$ |
| $\Phi_P(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_1, \beta_2; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+n} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_p}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}$                           |
| $\Phi_R(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}$                           |
| $\Phi_S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_1, \gamma_1   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_{n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_m \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_3; q \rangle_p}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p}}$                              |
| $\Phi_T(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_1, \gamma_1   q; x, y, z)$ | $\frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_{n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle \gamma_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p}}$   |
| $G_A(\alpha; \beta_1, \beta_2; \gamma   q; x, y, z)$   | $\frac{\langle \alpha; q \rangle_{n+p-m} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle \gamma; q \rangle_{n+p-m}}$   |
| $G_B(\alpha; \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma   q; x, y, z)$  | $\frac{\langle \alpha; q \rangle_{n+p-m} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_m \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_3; q \rangle_p}{\langle \gamma; q \rangle_{n+p-m}}$  |

In the whole paper,  $A_{q,m,n,p}$  denotes the coefficient of  $x^m y^n z^p$  for the respective function.

In the following, we follow the notation in Karlsson [7].

Discarding possible discontinuities, we introduce the following three rational functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_1(m, n, p) &\equiv \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{A_{1,\epsilon m+1,\epsilon n,\epsilon p}}{A_{\epsilon m,\epsilon n,\epsilon p}}, \quad m > 0, n \geq 0, p \geq 0, \\ \Psi_2(m, n, p) &\equiv \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{A_{1,\epsilon m,\epsilon n+1,\epsilon p}}{A_{\epsilon m,\epsilon n,\epsilon p}}, \quad m \geq 0, n > 0, p \geq 0, \\ \Psi_3(m, n, p) &\equiv \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{A_{1,\epsilon m,\epsilon n,\epsilon p+1}}{A_{\epsilon m,\epsilon n,\epsilon p}}, \quad m \geq 0, n \geq 0, p > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

For  $0 < q < 1$  fixed, exactly as in Karlsson [7], construct the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_+^3$ :

$$C_q \equiv \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < |\Psi_1(1, 0, 0)|^{-1} \wedge 0 < s < |\Psi_2(0, 1, 0)|^{-1} \wedge 0 < t < |\Psi_3(0, 0, 1)|^{-1}\}, \tag{3}$$

$$X_q \equiv \{(r, s, t) \mid \forall (n, p) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : 0 < s < |\Psi_2(0, n, p)|^{-1} \vee 0 < t < |\Psi_3(0, n, p)|^{-1}\}, \tag{4}$$

$$Y_q \equiv \{(r, s, t) \mid \forall (m, p) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : 0 < r < |\Psi_1(m, 0, p)|^{-1} \vee 0 < t < |\Psi_3(m, 0, p)|^{-1}\}, \tag{5}$$

$$Z_q \equiv \{(r, s, t) \mid \forall (m, n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 : 0 < r < |\Psi_1(m, n, 0)|^{-1} \vee 0 < s < |\Psi_2(m, n, 0)|^{-1}\}, \tag{6}$$

$$E_q \equiv \{(r, s, t) \mid \forall (m, n, p) \in \mathbb{R}_+^3 : 0 < r < |\Psi_1(m, n, p)|^{-1} \vee 0 < s < |\Psi_2(m, n, p)|^{-1} \vee 0 < t < |\Psi_3(m, n, p)|^{-1}\}, \tag{7}$$

$$D'_q \equiv E_q \cap X_q \cap Y_q \cap Z_q \cap C_q; \tag{8}$$

Then let  $D_q \subseteq (\mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\})^3$  denote the union of  $D'_q$  and its projections onto the coordinate planes. Horn’s theorem adapted to the  $q$ -case then states that the region  $D_q$  is the representation in the absolute octant of the convergence region in  $C_q^3$ . We will describe  $D'_q$ , and  $D_q$  by that part  $S_q$  of  $\partial D'_q$  which is not contained in coordinate planes.

**Theorem 1.** For every row, we first give the generic name,  $D'_q$ , followed by the corresponding  $q$ -Cartesian equations of  $S_q$ .

| Function name | $D'_q$         | $q$ Cartesian equation of $S_q$                          |
|---------------|----------------|--|
| $\Phi_E$      | $E_q$          | $r \oplus_q s \oplus_q t \oplus_q 2\sqrt{s}\sqrt{t} = 1$ |
| $\Phi_F$      | $E_q \cap Y_q$ | $\frac{rs}{t} = 1$                                       |
| $\Phi_G$      | $Y_q \cap Z_q$ | $r \oplus_q t = 1, r \oplus_q s = 1$                     |
| $\Phi_K$      | $E_q$          | $\frac{rs}{t} = 1$                                       |
| $\Phi_M$      | $Y_q \cap C_q$ | $r \oplus_q t = 1, s = 1$                                |
| $\Phi_N$      | $Y_q \cap C_q$ | $r \oplus_q t = 1, s = 1$                                |
| $\Phi_P$      | $Y_q \cap Z_q$ | $r \oplus_q t = 1, r \oplus_q s = 1$                     |
| $\Phi_R$      | $Y_q \cap C_q$ | $\sqrt{r} \oplus_q \sqrt{t} = 1, s = 1$                  |
| $\Phi_S$      | $C_q$          | $r = 1, s = 1, t = 1$                                    |
| $\Phi_T$      | $C_q$          | $r = 1, s = 1, t = 1$                                    |
| $G_A$         | $Y_q \cap C_q$ | $r \oplus_q t = 1, s = 1$                                |
| $G_B$         | $C_q$          | $r = 1, s = 1, t = 1$                                    |

The idea is to follow Karlsson’s proofs and then replace the additions by the respective  $q$ -additions. This gives identical convergence regions as for  $q$ -Appell and  $q$ -Lauricella functions. For each function, for didactic reasons, we first compute the quotient of corresponding coefficients.

**Proof.** For the notation we refer to [2]. Consider the function  $\Phi_E$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_1 + m; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_2 + n + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_2 + n + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_3 + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < 1 \wedge 0 < s < 1 \wedge 0 < t < 1\} \\ X_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < s < \left(\frac{n}{n+p}\right)^2 \wedge 0 < t < \left(\frac{p}{n+p}\right)^2\} \\ Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\} \\ Z_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+n} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n}{m+n}\} \\ E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+n+p} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n^2}{(m+n+p)(n+p)} \wedge \\ &\quad \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p^2}{(m+n+p)(n+p)}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

We have convergence domain  $(r \oplus_q s \oplus_q t \oplus_q 2\sqrt{s}\sqrt{t})^n < 1$ .

In the following, we do not write regions which are obviously bounded by  $0 < x < 1$ . Consider the function  $\Phi_F$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Then we have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned} Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \left(\frac{m}{m+p}\right)^2 \wedge 0 < t < \left(\frac{p}{m+p}\right)^2\} \\ Z_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+n} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n}{m+n}\} \\ E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m^2}{(m+n+p)(m+p)} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{m+n+p} \wedge \\ &\quad \wedge 0 < t < \frac{(n+p)p}{(m+n+p)(m+p)}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

We have convergence domain  $\frac{rs}{t} < 1$ .

Consider the function  $\Phi_G$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_1 + m; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + n + p, \beta_3 + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Then we have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned} Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\} \\ Z_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+n} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n}{m+n}\} \\ E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+n+p} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{m+n+p} \wedge \\ &\quad \wedge 0 < t < \frac{n+p}{m+n+p}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

We have convergence domain  $r \oplus_q t < 1, r \oplus_q s < 1$ .

Consider the function  $\Phi_K$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_3 + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Then we have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < s < \frac{n}{n+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{n+p}\} \\
 Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\} \\
 E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n}{n+p} \wedge \\
 &\quad \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p^2}{(m+p)(n+p)}\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{16}$$

We have convergence domain  $\frac{rs}{t} < 1$ .

Consider the function  $\Phi_M$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\
 \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\
 \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{17}$$

We have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\} \\
 E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < s < 1 \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{18}$$

We have convergence domain  $r \oplus_q t < 1, s < 1$ .

Consider the function  $\Phi_N$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\
 \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\
 \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_3 + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{19}$$

We have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{n} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{n+p}{p}\} \\
 Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\}, \\
 E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{n} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{n+p}{m+p}\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{20}$$

We have convergence domain  $r \oplus_q t < 1, s < 1$ .

Consider the function  $\Phi_P$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + p, \beta_1 + m + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n, \beta_1 + m + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + p, \beta_2 + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

We have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned} X_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{n} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{n+p}{p}\} \\ Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\} \\ Z_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+n} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n}{m+n}\} \\ E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m^2}{(m+p)(m+n)} \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{m+n} \wedge \\ &\quad \wedge 0 < t < \frac{n+p}{m+p}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

We have convergence domain  $r \oplus_q t < 1, r \oplus_q s < 1$ .

Consider the function  $\Phi_R$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_2 + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

We have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned} X_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{n} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{n+p}{p}\} \\ Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \left(\frac{m}{m+p}\right)^2 \wedge 0 < t < \left(\frac{p}{m+p}\right)^2\} \\ E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \left(\frac{m}{m+p}\right)^2 \wedge 0 < s < \frac{n+p}{n} \wedge \\ &\quad \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p(n+p)}{(m+p)^2}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

We have convergence domain  $\sqrt{r} \oplus_q \sqrt{t} < 1, s < 1$ .

The convergence regions for the following two functions are obvious.

Consider the function  $\Phi_S$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m, \beta_1 + m; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m + n + p, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_3 + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Consider the function  $\Phi_T$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_1 + m, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m + n + p, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha_2 + n + p, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma_1 + m + n + p, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

Consider the function  $\Phi_{G_A}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \gamma + n + p - m - 1, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \alpha + n + p - m - 1, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha + n + p - m, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma + n + p - m, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha + n + p - m, \beta_1 + m + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma + n + p - m, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

We have the following regions

$$\begin{aligned} Y_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\} \\ E_q &= \{(r, s, t) \mid 0 < r < \frac{m}{m+p} \wedge 0 < s < 1 \wedge 0 < t < \frac{p}{m+p}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

We have convergence domain  $r \oplus_q t < 1, s < 1$ .

Consider the function  $\Phi_{G_B}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_{q,m+1,n,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \gamma + n + p - m - 1, \beta_1 + m; q \rangle_1}{\langle \alpha + n + p - m - 1, 1 + m; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n+1,p}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha + n + p - m, \beta_2 + n; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma + n + p - m, 1 + n; q \rangle_1}, \\ \frac{A_{q,m,n,p+1}}{A_{q,m,n,p}} &= \frac{\langle \alpha + n + p - m, \beta_3 + p; q \rangle_1}{\langle \gamma + n + p - m, 1 + p; q \rangle_1}. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

The convergence region is obvious.  $\square$

The convergence region  $xy < z$  for functions  $\Phi_F$  and  $\Phi_K$  is shown in Figure 1.

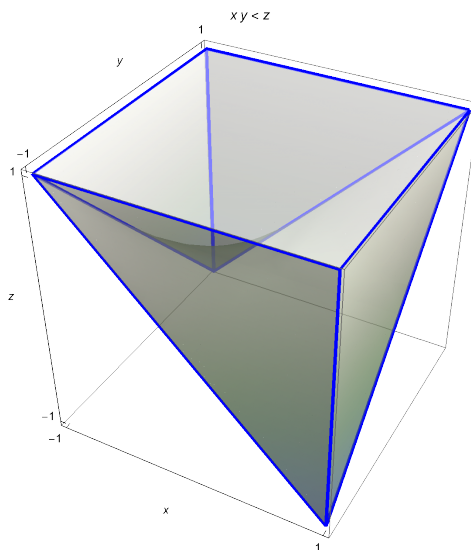


Figure 1. Convergence region  $xy < z$  for functions  $\Phi_F$  and  $\Phi_K$ .

### 3. $q$ -Integral Representations

We now turn to  $q$ -integral expressions of the respective functions. Sometimes we abbreviate the integral ranges by vectors with numbers of elements equal to the numbers of  $q$ -integrals.

**Theorem 2.** A triple  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_K$ . A  $q$ -analogue of Dwivedi, Sahai ([11] 4.33). Put

$$C \equiv \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} c_1, c_2, c_3 \\ a_1, b_1, b_2, c_1 - a_1, c_2 - b_2, c_3 - b_1 \end{matrix} \right]. \tag{30}$$

Then

$$\Phi_K = C \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle b_1 + p; q \rangle_m \langle a_2; q \rangle_{n+p} x^m y^n z^p}{\langle 1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p} \int_0^1 u^{a_1+m-1} (qu; q)_{c_1-a_1-1} v^{b_2+n-1} (qv; q)_{c_2-b_2-1} \omega^{b_1+p-1} (q\omega; q)_{c_3-b_1-1} d_q(u) d_q(v) d_q(\omega). \tag{31}$$

**Proof.** The equation numbers in the proof refer to the authors book [12]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &\stackrel{\text{by (1.46)}}{=} \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle a_2; q \rangle_{n+p} \overrightarrow{\langle b_1 + p; q \rangle_m} x^m y^n z^p}{\langle 1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p} \\ &\Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} c_1, c_2, c_3, a_1 + m, b_1 + p, b_2 + n \\ a_1, b_1, b_2, c_1 + m, c_2 + n, c_3 + p \end{matrix} \right] \stackrel{\text{by } 3 \times (7.55)}{=} \text{RHS}. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

□

**Definition 2.** Assume that  $\vec{m} \equiv (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ ,  $m \equiv m_1 + \dots + m_n$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$ . The vector  $q$ -multinomial-coefficient  $\binom{a}{\vec{m}}_q^*$  [3] is defined by the symmetric expression

$$\binom{a}{\vec{m}}_q^* \equiv \frac{\langle -a; q \rangle_m (-1)^m q^{-\binom{m}{2} + am}}{\langle 1; q \rangle_{m_1} \langle 1; q \rangle_{m_2} \dots \langle 1; q \rangle_{m_n}}. \tag{33}$$

The following formula applies for a  $q$ -deformed hypercube of length 1 in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Note that formulas (34) and (35) are symmetric in the  $x_i$ .



**Definition 3** ([3]). Assuming that the right hand side converges, and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$ :

$$(1 \boxminus_q q^a x_1 \boxminus_q \dots \boxminus_q q^a x_n)^{-a} \equiv \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_n=0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^n (-x_j)^{m_j} \binom{-a}{\vec{m}}_q^* q^{\binom{\vec{m}}{2} + am}. \tag{34}$$

The following corollary prepares for the next formula.

**Corollary 1.** A generalization of the  $q$ -binomial theorem [3]:

$$(1 \boxminus_q q^a x_1 \boxminus_q \dots \boxminus_q q^a x_n)^{-a} = \sum_{\vec{m}=\vec{0}}^{\infty} \frac{\langle a; q \rangle_m \bar{x}^{\vec{m}}}{\langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_{\vec{m}}}, a \in \mathbb{R}^*. \tag{35}$$

**Proof.** Use formulas (33) and (34), the terms with factors  $q^{-\binom{\vec{m}}{2} + am}$  cancel each other.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** A double  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_M$  with  $q$ -additions. A  $q$ -analogue of Saran ([8] 2.13).

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_M &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \\ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \gamma_1 - \alpha_1, \gamma_2 - \alpha_2 \end{matrix} \right] \int_0^1 \int_0^1 u^{\alpha_1-1} (qu; q)_{\gamma_1-\alpha_1-1} v^{\alpha_2-1} \\ & (qv; q)_{\gamma_2-\alpha_2-1} \frac{1}{(vy; q)_{\beta_2}} (1 \boxminus_q q^{\beta_1} ux \boxminus_q q^{\beta_1} vz)^{-\beta_1} d_q(u) d_q(v). \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

**Proof.** The equation numbers in the proof refer to the authors book [12]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{\vec{m}=\vec{0}}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}{\langle \vec{1}, \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_n \langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_p \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}} x^m y^n z^p \\ & \stackrel{\text{by (1.46)}}{=} \sum_{\vec{m}=\vec{0}}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p}}{\langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_m \langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_n \langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_p} x^m y^n z^p \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \alpha_1 + m, \alpha_2 + n + p \\ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \gamma_1 + m, \gamma_2 + n + p \end{matrix} \right] \\ & \stackrel{\text{by (7.55)}}{=} \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \\ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \gamma_1 - \alpha_1, \gamma_2 - \alpha_2 \end{matrix} \right] \\ & \int_0^1 \int_0^1 u^{\alpha_1-1} (qu; q)_{\gamma_1-\alpha_1-1} v^{\alpha_2-1} (qv; q)_{\gamma_2-\alpha_2-1} \\ & \sum_{\vec{m}=\vec{0}}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \beta_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p}}{\langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_m \langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_n \langle \vec{1}; q \rangle_p} (ux)^m (vy)^n (vz)^p \stackrel{\text{by (7.27), (35)}}{=} \text{RHS}. \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

$\square$

**Remark 1.** Saran ([8] 2.12) gives a similar formula for  $\Phi_K$  without proof. It is, however, not clear how it is proved.

All the following vector  $q$ -integrals have dimension three. We denote  $\vec{s} \equiv (s, t, u)$ . The short expression to the left always means the definition.

**Theorem 4.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_E$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.11) p. 22).

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_E(\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_2; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 | q; x, y, z) \\ & \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \\ \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_3 - \nu_3 \end{matrix} \right] \int_{\vec{0}}^{\vec{1}} \bar{s}^{\vec{v}-\vec{1}} (q\bar{s}; q)_{\vec{\gamma}-\vec{v}-\vec{1}} \\ & \Phi_E(\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_2; \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3 | q; sx, ty, uz) d_q(\vec{s}). \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

**Proof.** Put

$$D \equiv \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \\ \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_3 - \nu_3 \end{matrix} \right] \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_m \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_{n+p}}{\langle 1, \nu_1; q \rangle_m \langle 1, \nu_2; q \rangle_n \langle 1, \nu_3; q \rangle_p} x^m y^n z^p. \tag{39}$$

Then we have (The equation numbers in the proof refer to the authors book [12])

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &\stackrel{\text{by (6.54)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\nu_1+m)+i(\nu_2+n)+j(\nu_3+p)} \\ &\langle 1+k; q \rangle_{\gamma_1-\nu_1-1} \langle 1+i; q \rangle_{\gamma_2-\nu_2-1} \langle 1+j; q \rangle_{\gamma_3-\nu_3-1} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (6.8,6.10)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\nu_1+m)+i(\nu_2+n)+j(\nu_3+p)} \\ &\frac{\langle \gamma_1 - \nu_1; q \rangle_k \langle \gamma_2 - \nu_2; q \rangle_i \langle \gamma_3 - \nu_3; q \rangle_j \langle 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle 1; q \rangle_k \langle 1; q \rangle_i \langle 1; q \rangle_j \langle \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_3 - \nu_3 \rangle_\infty} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (7.27)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \frac{\langle m + \gamma_1, n + \gamma_2, p + \gamma_3, 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle \nu_1 + m, \nu_2 + n, \nu_3 + p, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_3 - \nu_3; q \rangle_\infty} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (1.45,1.46)}}{=} \text{LHS}. \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

□

**Theorem 5.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_K$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.13) p. 23).

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_K &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \\ \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_3 - \nu_3 \end{matrix} \right] \int_{\vec{0}}^{\vec{1}} \bar{s}^{\vec{\nu}-\vec{1}} (q\bar{s}; q)_{\vec{\gamma}-\vec{\nu}-\vec{1}} \\ &\Phi_K(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3 | q; sx, ty, uz) d_q \vec{s}. \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

**Proof.** See the proof (40). □

**Theorem 6.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_G$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.12) p. 22).

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi_G(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 | q; x, y, z) \\ &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \\ \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \lambda_1 - \beta_1, \lambda_2 - \beta_2, \lambda_3 - \beta_3 \end{matrix} \right] \int_{\vec{0}}^{\vec{1}} \bar{s}^{\vec{\beta}-\vec{1}} (q\bar{s}; q)_{\vec{\lambda}-\vec{\beta}-\vec{1}} \\ &\Phi_G(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 | q; sx, ty, uz) d_q \vec{s}. \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

**Proof.** Put

$$D \equiv \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \\ \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \lambda_1 - \beta_1, \lambda_2 - \beta_2, \lambda_3 - \beta_3 \end{matrix} \right] \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p} \langle \lambda_1; q \rangle_m \langle \lambda_2; q \rangle_n \langle \lambda_3; q \rangle_p}{\langle 1, \gamma_1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_{n+p}} x^m y^n z^p. \tag{43}$$

Then we have (The equation numbers in the proof refer to the authors book [12])

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{RHS} &\stackrel{\text{by (6.54)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\beta_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(\beta_3+p)} \\
 &\langle 1+k; q \rangle_{\lambda_1-\beta_1-1} \langle 1+i; q \rangle_{\lambda_2-\beta_2-1} \langle 1+j; q \rangle_{\lambda_3-\beta_3-1} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{by (6.8,6.10)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\beta_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(\beta_3+p)} \\
 &\frac{\langle \lambda_1 - \beta_1; q \rangle_k \langle \lambda_2 - \beta_2; q \rangle_i \langle \lambda_3 - \beta_3; q \rangle_j \langle 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle 1; q \rangle_k \langle 1; q \rangle_i \langle 1; q \rangle_j \langle \lambda_1 - \beta_1, \lambda_2 - \beta_2, \lambda_3 - \beta_3 \rangle_\infty} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{by (7.27)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \frac{\langle m + \lambda_1, n + \lambda_2, p + \lambda_3, 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle \beta_1 + m, \beta_2 + n, \beta_3 + p, \lambda_1 - \beta_1, \lambda_2 - \beta_2, \lambda_3 - \beta_3; q \rangle_\infty} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{by (1.45,1.46)}}{=} \text{LHS}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

□

**Theorem 7.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_N$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.14) p. 23).

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Phi_N(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 | q; x, y, z) \\
 &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \\ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \lambda_1 - \alpha_1, \lambda_2 - \alpha_2, \lambda_3 - \alpha_3 \end{matrix} \right] \int_0^{\bar{1}} \bar{s}^{\bar{\alpha}-\bar{1}} (q\bar{s}; q)_{\bar{\lambda}-\bar{\alpha}-\bar{1}} \\
 &\Phi_N(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 | q; sx, ty, uz) d_q \vec{s}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

**Proof.** See the proof (44). □

**Theorem 8.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_S$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.15) p. 23).

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Phi_S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_1, \gamma_1 | q; x, y, z) \\
 &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \\ \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \lambda_1 - \beta_1, \lambda_2 - \beta_2, \lambda_3 - \beta_3 \end{matrix} \right] \int_0^{\bar{1}} \bar{s}^{\bar{\beta}-\bar{1}} (q\bar{s}; q)_{\bar{\lambda}-\bar{\beta}-\bar{1}} \\
 &\Phi_S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_1, \gamma_1 | q; sx, ty, uz) d_q \vec{s}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

**Proof.** See the proof (44). □

**Theorem 9.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_F$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.16) p. 24).

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Phi_F(\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 | q; x, yz, z) \\
 &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 \\ \nu_1, \nu_2, \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_2 - \beta_2 \end{matrix} \right] \\
 &\int_0^{\bar{1}} s^{\nu_1-1} t^{\beta_2-1} u^{\nu_2-1} (qs; q)_{\gamma_1-\nu_1-1} (qt; q)_{\gamma_2-\beta_2-1} (qu; q)_{\gamma_2-\nu_2-1} \\
 &\Phi_F(\alpha_1, \alpha_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_2, \beta_3; \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_2 | q; sx, tuyz, uz) d_q \vec{s}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

**Proof.** Put

$$D \equiv \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 \\ \nu_1, \nu_2, \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_2 - \beta_2 \end{matrix} \right] \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle 1, \nu_1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p \langle \nu_2; q \rangle_{n+p}} x^m y^n z^{n+p}. \tag{48}$$

Then we have (The equation numbers in the proof refer to the authors book [12])

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &\stackrel{\text{by (6.54)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\nu_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(\nu_2+n+p)} \\ &\langle 1+k; q \rangle_{\gamma_1-\nu_1-1} \langle 1+i; q \rangle_{\gamma_2-\beta_2-1} \langle 1+j; q \rangle_{\gamma_2-\nu_2-1} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (6.8,6.10)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\nu_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(\nu_2+n+p)} \\ &\frac{\langle \gamma_1 - \nu_1; q \rangle_k \langle \gamma_2 - \beta_2; q \rangle_i \langle \gamma_2 - \nu_2; q \rangle_j \langle 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle 1; q \rangle_k \langle 1; q \rangle_i \langle 1; q \rangle_j \langle \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \beta_2, \gamma_2 - \nu_2 \rangle_\infty} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (7.27)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \frac{\langle m + \gamma_1, n + \gamma_2, n + p + \gamma_2, 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle \nu_1 + m, \beta_2 + n, \nu_2 + n + p, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_2 - \beta_2; q \rangle_\infty} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (1.45,1.46)}}{=} \text{LHS}. \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

□

**Theorem 10.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_M$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.17) p. 25).

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi_M(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 | q; x, yz, z) \\ &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 \\ \nu_1, \nu_2, \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_2 - \beta_2 \end{matrix} \right] \\ &\int_0^1 s^{\nu_1-1} t^{\beta_2-1} u^{\nu_2-1} (qs; q)_{\gamma_1-\nu_1-1} (qt; q)_{\gamma_2-\beta_2-1} (qu; q)_{\gamma_2-\nu_2-1} \\ &\Phi_M(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \gamma_2, \beta_1; \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_2 | q; sx, tuyz, uz) d_q \vec{s}. \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

**Proof.** Put

$$D \equiv \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 \\ \nu_1, \nu_2, \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \nu_2, \gamma_2 - \beta_2 \end{matrix} \right] \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_{n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_n}{\langle 1, \nu_1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p \langle \nu_2; q \rangle_{n+p}} x^m y^n z^{n+p}. \tag{51}$$

Then we have [12]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{RHS} \stackrel{\text{by (6.54)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(v_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(v_2+n+p)} \\
 & \langle 1+k; q \rangle_{\gamma_1-v_1-1} \langle 1+i; q \rangle_{\gamma_2-\beta_2-1} \langle 1+j; q \rangle_{\gamma_2-v_2-1} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{by (6.8,6.10)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(v_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(v_2+n+p)} \\
 & \frac{\langle \gamma_1-v_1; q \rangle_k \langle \gamma_2-\beta_2; q \rangle_i \langle \gamma_2-v_2; q \rangle_j \langle 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle 1; q \rangle_k \langle 1; q \rangle_i \langle 1; q \rangle_j \langle \gamma_1-v_1, \gamma_2-\beta_2, \gamma_2-v_2 \rangle_\infty} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{by (7.27)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \frac{\langle m+\gamma_1, n+\gamma_2, n+p+\gamma_2, 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle v_1+m, \beta_2+n, v_2+n+p, \gamma_1-v_1, \gamma_2-v_2, \gamma_2-\beta_2; q \rangle_\infty} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{by (1.45,1.46)}}{=} \text{LHS}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

□

**Theorem 11.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_P$ . Almost a  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.18) p. 25).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Phi_P(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_1, \beta_2; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 | q; x, zy, z) \\
 & = \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 \\ \alpha_2, v_1, v_2, \gamma_1 - v_1, \gamma_2 - \alpha_2, \gamma_2 - v_2 \end{matrix} \right] \\
 & \int_{\vec{0}}^{\vec{1}} s^{v_1-1} t^{\alpha_2-1} u^{v_2-1} (qs; q)_{\gamma_1-v_1-1} (qt; q)_{\gamma_2-\alpha_2-1} (qu; q)_{\gamma_2-v_2-1} \\
 & \Phi_P(\alpha_1, \gamma_2, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_1, \beta_2; v_1, v_2, v_2 | q; sx, tuyz, uz) d_q \vec{s}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

**Proof.** Put

$$\begin{aligned}
 D & \equiv \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 \\ \alpha_2, v_1, v_2, \gamma_1 - v_1, \gamma_2 - \alpha_2, \gamma_2 - v_2 \end{matrix} \right] \\
 & \sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \alpha_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \gamma_2; q \rangle_n \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+n} \langle \beta_2; q \rangle_p}{\langle 1, v_1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p \langle v_2; q \rangle_{n+p}} x^m y^n z^{n+p}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

Then we have [12]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{RHS} \stackrel{\text{by (6.54)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(v_1+m)+i(\alpha_2+n)+j(v_2+n+p)} \\
 & \langle 1+k; q \rangle_{\gamma_1-v_1-1} \langle 1+i; q \rangle_{\gamma_2-\alpha_2-1} \langle 1+j; q \rangle_{\gamma_2-v_2-1} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{by (6.8,6.10)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(v_1+m)+i(\alpha_2+n)+j(v_2+n+p)} \\
 & \frac{\langle \gamma_1-v_1; q \rangle_k \langle \gamma_2-\alpha_2; q \rangle_i \langle \gamma_2-v_2; q \rangle_j \langle 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle 1; q \rangle_k \langle 1; q \rangle_i \langle 1; q \rangle_j \langle \gamma_1-v_1, \gamma_2-\alpha_2, \gamma_2-v_2 \rangle_\infty} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{by (7.27)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \frac{\langle m+\gamma_1, n+\gamma_2, n+p+\gamma_2, 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle v_1+m, \alpha_2+n, v_2+n+p, \gamma_1-v_1, \gamma_2-\alpha_2, \gamma_2-v_2; q \rangle_\infty} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{by (1.45,1.46)}}{=} \text{LHS}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

□

**Theorem 12.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_R$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.19) p. 26).

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi_R(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 | q; x, zy, z) \\ &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_2 \\ \beta_2, \nu_1, \nu_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \gamma_2 - \beta_2, \gamma_2 - \nu_2 \end{matrix} \right] \\ &\int_0^1 s^{\nu_1-1} t^{\beta_2-1} u^{\nu_2-1} (qs; q)_{\gamma_1-\nu_1-1} (qt; q)_{\gamma_2-\beta_2-1} (qu; q)_{\gamma_2-\nu_2-1} \\ &\Phi_R(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_2, \beta_1; \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_2 | q; sx, txyz, uz) d_q \vec{s}. \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

**Proof.** See formula (49).  $\square$

**Theorem 13.** A  $q$ -integral representation of  $\Phi_T$ . A  $q$ -analogue of ([9] (3.20) p. 27).

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi_T(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1; \gamma_1, \gamma_1, \gamma_1 | q; xz, yz, z) \\ &= \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \xi, \eta, \gamma_1 \\ \nu_1, \alpha_1, \beta_2, \xi - \alpha_1, \eta - \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1 \end{matrix} \right] \\ &\int_0^1 s^{\alpha_1-1} t^{\beta_2-1} u^{\nu_1-1} (qs; q)_{\xi-\alpha_1-1} (qt; q)_{\eta-\beta_2-1} (qu; q)_{\gamma_1-\nu_1-1} \\ &\Phi_T(\xi, \alpha_2, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \eta, \beta_1; \nu_1, \nu_1, \nu_1 | q; suxz, txyz, uz) d_q \vec{s}. \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

**Proof.** Put

$$\begin{aligned} D &\equiv \Gamma_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \xi, \eta, \gamma_1 \\ \nu_1, \alpha_1, \beta_2, \xi - \alpha_1, \eta - \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1 \end{matrix} \right] \\ &\sum_{m,n,p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\langle \xi; q \rangle_m \langle \alpha_2; q \rangle_{n+p} \langle \beta_1; q \rangle_{m+p} \langle \eta; q \rangle_n}{\langle 1; q \rangle_m \langle 1; q \rangle_n \langle 1; q \rangle_p \langle \nu_1; q \rangle_{m+n+p}} x^m y^n z^{m+n+p}. \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

Then we have [12]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &\stackrel{\text{by (6.54)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\alpha_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(\nu_1+m+n+p)} \\ &\langle 1+k; q \rangle_{\xi-\alpha_1-1} \langle 1+i; q \rangle_{\nu_1-\beta_2-1} \langle 1+j; q \rangle_{\gamma_1-\nu_1-1} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (6.8,6.10)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \sum_{k,i,j=0}^{+\infty} q^{k(\alpha_1+m)+i(\beta_2+n)+j(\nu_1+m+n+p)} \\ &\frac{\langle \xi - \alpha_1; q \rangle_k \langle \eta - \beta_2; q \rangle_i \langle \gamma_1 - \nu_1; q \rangle_j \langle 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle 1; q \rangle_k \langle 1; q \rangle_i \langle 1; q \rangle_j \langle \xi - \alpha_1, \eta - \beta_2, \gamma_1 - \nu_1 \rangle_\infty} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (7.27)}}{=} D(1-q)^3 \frac{\langle m + \xi, n + \eta, m + n + p + \gamma_1, 1, 1, 1; q \rangle_\infty}{\langle \alpha_1 + m, \beta_2 + n, \nu_1 + m + n + p, \xi - \alpha_1, \gamma_1 - \nu_1, \eta - \beta_2; q \rangle_\infty} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (1.45,1.46)}}{=} \text{LHS}. \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

$\square$

#### 4. Discussion

We have successfully combined the convergence condition [13]  $(r \oplus_q t)^n < 1$  with the Horn–Karlsson convergence rules for most of the known triple  $q$ -hypergeometric functions. The Cartesian equation  $r + s + t = 1$  is thereby replaced by its  $q$ -analogue  $r \oplus_q s \oplus_q t$  in the spirit of Rota. The graph for the convergence region  $xy/z < 1$  could also be of interest for the case  $q = 1$ .

Similarly, the proofs for  $q$ -Beta integrals also work for the case  $q = 1$ . These proofs have the same form as in previous and future papers of the author.

## 5. Conclusions

In the book [14] more triple hypergeometric functions are discussed. It would be interesting to compute convergence regions for their  $q$ -analogues. From our convergence theorems it is obvious that the following theorem from ([14], p. 108) can be extended to the  $q$ -case. The region of convergence for a hypergeometric series is independent of the parameters, exceptional parameter values being excluded. In this way, we plan to write a book on multiple  $q$ -hypergeometric series.

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