

Comment on the paper “A remarkable identity involving Bessel functions”
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A more conceptual proof of Corollary 1 is obtained by observing that for $f, g \in L^2([-\pi, \pi])$ we have

$$2\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(y) \overline{\widehat{g}(y)} dy = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}(n) \overline{\widehat{g}(n)},$$

where

$$\widehat{f}(y) := \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) e^{-ixy} dx.$$

Apply this to

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &:= (1 - x^2/a^2)^{\mu-k-\frac{1}{2}} C_k^{\mu-k}(x/a) \quad (-a < x < a), \\ g(x) &:= (1 - x^2/b^2)^{\nu-\ell-\frac{1}{2}} C_\ell^{\nu-\ell}(x/b) \quad (-b < x < b), \end{aligned}$$

and $f(x) := 0$ outside $(-a, a)$, $g(x) := 0$ outside $(-b, b)$. Assume that $a, b \in (0, \pi]$ and that the nonnegative integers k, ℓ satisfy $k < \operatorname{Re} \mu$ and $\ell < \operatorname{Re} \nu$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^{k+\ell} {}_0F_1\left(\begin{matrix} - \\ \mu+1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{1}{4}a^2t^2\right) {}_0F_1\left(\begin{matrix} - \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{1}{4}b^2t^2\right) dt \\ = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} n^{k+\ell} {}_0F_1\left(\begin{matrix} - \\ \mu+1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{1}{4}a^2n^2\right) {}_0F_1\left(\begin{matrix} - \\ \nu+1 \end{matrix}; -\frac{1}{4}b^2n^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

By analytic continuation this remains valid and convergent for $k + \ell < \operatorname{Re} \mu + \operatorname{Re} \nu$. For $\mu + \nu = k + \ell + 1$ we obtain the first equality in Corollary 2. Note that we need for this special case that $\mu + \nu$ is integer.