



RECURSION FORMULAS FOR G_1 AND G_2 HORN HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. The aim of this paper is to present various recursion formulas for Horn hypergeometric functions by the contiguous relations of hypergeometric series. These recursion formulas allow us to state the functions G_1 and G_2 Horn hypergeometric functions as a combination of themselves.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The first G_1 and G_2 Horn hypergeometric functions were defined by the series [3–5]

$$G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) = \sum_{m,p=0}^{\infty} (\alpha)_{m+p} (\beta)_{p-m} (\beta')_{m-p} \frac{x^m y^p}{m! p!}$$

$$|x| < r, \quad |y| < s, \quad r + s = 1$$

and

$$G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) = \sum_{m,p=0}^{\infty} (\alpha)_m (\alpha')_p (\beta)_{p-m} (\beta')_{m-p} \frac{x^m y^p}{m! p!}$$

$$|x| < 1, \quad |y| < 1,$$

respectively. Recently, Opps *et al.* [1] have obtained some recursion formulas for the function F_2 by the contiguous relation of the Gauss hypergeometric function ${}_2F_1$. In [6], Wang gave some recursion formulas for Appell hypergeometric functions. The aim of our present investigation is to construct various recursion formulas for each of Horn hypergeometric functions G_1 and G_2 .

Recall that gamma function is defined in [2, 3] by

$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1} e^{-t} dt, \quad \operatorname{Re}(n) > 0.$$

The Pochhammer symbol $(\lambda)_n$ is denoted by

$(\lambda)_n := \lambda(\lambda + 1) \dots (\lambda + n - 1)$, $(n \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$ and $(\lambda)_0 := 1$ and its well known form is also given in [1] as

$$(\lambda)_{-n} = \frac{(-1)^n}{(1-\lambda)_n}, \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}). \quad (1.1)$$

It easily follows from (1.1) that

$$(\lambda)_{m-n} = (\lambda)_m (\lambda + m)_{-n}, \quad (1.2)$$

for $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$.

2. RECURSION FORMULAS OF G_1

In this section, we give some recursion formulas for the function G_1 . We start the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *Recursion formulas for the function G_1 are as follows :*

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha + n, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &+ (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n G_1(\alpha + k, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\ &+ \beta (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_1(\alpha + k, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha - n, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &- (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} G_1(\alpha - k, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\ &- \beta (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} G_1(\alpha - k, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. From the definition of the function G_1 and transformation

$$(\alpha + 1)_{m+p} = (\alpha)_{m+p} \left(1 + \frac{m}{\alpha} + \frac{p}{\alpha}\right)$$

we can get the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &+ (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\ &+ \beta (\beta')_{-1} y G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

By applying this contiguous relation to function G_1 with the parameter $\alpha + 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_1(\alpha + 2, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta, \beta'; x, y) + (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x G_1(\alpha + 2, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\
 &\quad + \beta (\beta')_{-1} y G_1(\alpha + 2, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
 &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad + (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x [G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) + G_1(\alpha + 2, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y)] \\
 &\quad + \beta (\beta')_{-1} y [G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) + G_1(\alpha + 2, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y)] \\
 G_1(\alpha + n, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad + (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n G_1(\alpha + k, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\
 &\quad + \beta (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_1(\alpha + k, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

If we compute the function G_1 with the parameter $\alpha + n$ by relation (2.3) for n times, we find the formula given by (2.1). Replacing α by $\alpha - 1$ in the contiguous relation (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_1(\alpha - 1, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) - (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x G_1(\alpha, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\
 &\quad - \beta (\beta')_{-1} y G_1(\alpha, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

If we apply this relation to the function G_1 with the parameter $\alpha - n$ for n times, we obtain the recursion formula (2.2) similar to the proof of formula (2.1). \square

By the same contiguous relations (2.1) and (2.2) we can express the functions G_1 in the above theorem in other forms.

Theorem 2. *The function G_1 satisfies the recursion formulas :*

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_1(\alpha + n, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} \\
 &\quad \times x^k y^i G_1(\alpha + i + k, \beta + i - k, \beta' + k - i; x, y)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_1(\alpha - n, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-i} \binom{n}{i} \binom{n-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} \\
 &\quad \times (-x)^k (-y)^i G_1(\alpha + i + k, \beta + i - k, \beta' + k - i; x, y).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Proof. By the induction method, we only prove the recursion formula given by (2.4). For $n = 1$, formula (2.4) is satisfied. Assume that the result (2.4) is true for $n = t$. Then, we need to show that the relation (2.4) is satisfied for $n = t + 1$. Setting $n = t$ in (2.4), we have

$$G_1(\alpha + t, \beta, \beta'; x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^t \sum_{k=0}^{t-i} \binom{t}{i} \binom{t-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} x^k y^i G_1(\alpha + i + k, \beta + i - k, \beta' + k - i; x, y).$$

Replacing α by $\alpha + 1$ in the above relation, we obtain

$$G_1(\alpha + t + 1, \beta, \beta'; x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^t \sum_{k=0}^{t-i} \binom{t}{i} \binom{t-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} x^k y^i G_1(\alpha + i + k + 1, \beta + i - k, \beta' + k - i; x, y).$$

In the above equality, we apply the contiguous relation (2.3) with the transformations $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha + i + k$, $\beta \rightarrow \beta + i - k$, $\beta' \rightarrow \beta' + k - i$. Using the relations

$$\binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1} = \binom{n}{k}$$

and

$$\binom{n}{k} = 0, \text{ when } k > n \text{ or } k < 0$$

and with some simplifications, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & G_1(\alpha + t + 1, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^t \sum_{k=0}^{t-i} \binom{t}{i} \binom{t-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} x^k y^i G_1(\alpha + i + k, \beta + i - k, \beta' + k - i; x, y) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=0}^t \sum_{k=0}^{t-i} \binom{t}{i} \binom{t-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} x^{k+1} y^i (\beta + i - k)_{-1} (\beta' + k - i)_1 \\ & \quad G_1(\alpha + 1 + i + k, \beta - 1 + i - k, \beta' + 1 + k - i; x, y) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=0}^t \sum_{k=0}^{t-i} \binom{t}{i} \binom{t-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} x^k y^{i+1} (\beta + i - k)_1 (\beta' + k - i)_{-1} \\ & \quad G_1(\alpha + 1 + i + k, \beta + 1 + i - k, \beta' - 1 + k - i; x, y) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{t+1} \sum_{k=0}^{t+1-i} \binom{t+1}{i} \binom{t+1-i}{k} (\beta)_{i-k} (\beta')_{k-i} x^k y^i \end{aligned}$$

$$\times G_1(\alpha + i + k, \beta + i - k, \beta' + k - i; x, y),$$

where we replace k by $k - 1$ in the second summation term and i by $i - 1$ in the third summation term in the first equality. So, we obtain the recursion formula (2.4). In a similar manner, the relation (2.5) can be easily proved. \square

Theorem 3. For the function G_1 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha, \beta + n, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &+ \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + k, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\ &- \alpha \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta + k - 1)_{-1}}{(\beta + k - 1)} G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + k - 2, \beta' + 1; x, y) \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha, \beta - n, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &- \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta - k + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\ &- \alpha \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta - k)_{-1}}{(\beta - k)} G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta - k - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Proof. Using the definition of the function G_1 and the equality

$$(\beta + 1)_{p-m} = (\beta)_{p-m} \left(1 + \frac{p}{\beta} - \frac{m}{\beta} \right)$$

we can easily obtain the contiguous function

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha, \beta + 1, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &+ \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\ &- \alpha \frac{(\beta)_{-1}}{\beta} \beta' x G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y). \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

If we apply this contiguous relation for two times for the function G_1 with the parameter $\beta + 2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha, \beta + 2, \beta'; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta + 1, \beta'; x, y) \\ &+ \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + 2, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\ &- \alpha \frac{(\beta + 1)_{-1}}{(\beta + 1)} (\beta')_1 x G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\ &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
& - \alpha \frac{(\beta)_{-1}}{\beta} \beta' x G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\
& + \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta + 2, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
& - \alpha \frac{(\beta + 1)_{-1}}{(\beta + 1)} \beta' x G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta, \beta' + 1; x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

By iterating this method on G_1 with $\beta + n$ for n times, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 (\alpha, \beta + n, \beta'; x, y) & = G_1 (\alpha, \beta + 1, \beta'; x, y) \\
& + \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta + k, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
& - \alpha \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta + k - 1)_{-1}}{(\beta + k - 1)} G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta + k - 2, \beta' + 1; x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing β by $\beta - 1$ in contiguous relation (2.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 (\alpha, \beta - 1, \beta'; x, y) & = G_1 (\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) - \alpha (\beta')_{-1} y G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
& + \alpha \frac{(\beta - 1)_{-1}}{(\beta - 1)} \beta' x G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta - 2, \beta' + 1; x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

If we apply this relation to the function G_1 with the parameter $\beta - n$ for n times, we obtain the recursion formulas (2.7). \square

Theorem 4. For the function G_1 , the equalities

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 (\alpha, \beta, \beta' + n; x, y) & = G_1 (\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \tag{2.9} \\
& + \alpha (\beta)_{-1} x \sum_{k=1}^n G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta' + k; x, y) \\
& - \alpha \beta y \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta' + k - 1)_{-1}}{(\beta' + k - 1)} G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' + k - 2; x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
G_1 (\alpha, \beta, \beta' - n; x, y) & = G_1 (\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \tag{2.10} \\
& - \alpha (\beta)_{-1} x \sum_{k=1}^n G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta' - k + 1; x, y) \\
& + \alpha \beta y \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta' - k)_{-1}}{(\beta' - k)} G_1 (\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - k - 1; x, y)
\end{aligned}$$

hold.

Proof. If we use following equalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta' + 1; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad + \alpha(\beta)_{-1} x G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\
 &\quad - \alpha\beta \frac{(\beta')_{-1}}{\beta'} y G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
 G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta' - 1; x, y) &= G_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad - \alpha(\beta)_{-1} x G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad + \alpha\beta \frac{(\beta' - 1)_{-1}}{(\beta' - 1)} y G_1(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 2; x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

we obtain recursion formulas given by (2.9) and (2.10). □

3. RECURSION FORMULAS OF G_2

In this section, we give some recursion formulas for the function G_2 . We first present the recursion formulas for the function G_2 about the parameter α and α' .

Theorem 5. *The function G_2 satisfies the recursion formulas :*

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_2(\alpha + n, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad + (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n G_2(\alpha + k, \alpha', \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_2(\alpha - n, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad - (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} G_2(\alpha - k, \alpha', \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Proof. By the definition of the function G_2 , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &\quad + (\beta)_{-1} \beta' x G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying this relation n times recursively, as the same as we have done in the proof of Theorem 1, we immediately have complete the proof (3.1). □

The function G_2 in the above theorem can be expressed in other forms as follows:

Theorem 6. *For the function G_2 , the equalities*

$$G_2(\alpha + n, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\beta)_{-k} (\beta')_k x^k G_2(\alpha + k, \alpha', \beta - k, \beta' + k; x, y) \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_2(\alpha - n, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\beta)_{-k} (\beta')_k (-x)^k G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta - k, \beta' + k; x, y), \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

hold.

Proof. By the inductive method as we have done in the proof of Theorem 2, the proof can be easily seen. \square

Theorem 7. *The function G_2 satisfies the following recursion formulas*

$$\begin{aligned} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + n, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &+ \beta (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + k, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\beta)_k (\beta')_{-k} y^k G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + k, \beta + k, \beta' - k; x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' - n, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &- \beta (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' - k, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (\beta)_k (\beta')_{-k} (-y)^k G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta + k, \beta' - k; x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Proof. By the definition of the function G_2 , we get

$$\begin{aligned} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &+ \beta (\beta')_{-1} y G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' - 1, \beta, \beta'; x, y) &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) \\ &- \beta (\beta')_{-1} y G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y). \end{aligned}$$

By applying this relation for n times, as the same as we have done in the proof of Theorem 1, we complete the proof. \square

Now, we present the recursion formulas of the function G_2 about the parameter β and β' .

Theorem 8. *Recursion formulas for the function G_2 are as follows*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta + n, \beta'; x, y) && (3.7) \\
 &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) + \alpha' (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta + k, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
 &\quad - \alpha \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta + k - 1)_{-1}}{(\beta + k - 1)} G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta + k - 2, \beta' + 1; x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta - n, \beta'; x, y) && (3.8) \\
 &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) - \alpha' (\beta')_{-1} y \sum_{k=1}^n G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta - k + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
 &\quad + \alpha \beta' x \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta - k)_{-1}}{(\beta - k)} G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta - k - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the definition of the function G_2 , we have the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta + 1, \beta'; x, y) \\
 &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) + \alpha' (\beta')_{-1} y G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y) \\
 &\quad - \alpha \beta' x \frac{(\beta)_{-1}}{\beta} G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

If we apply this relation for n times, we can easily prove the theorem by the same method as we have done in the proof of Theorem 3. □

Theorem 9. *Recursion formulas for the function G_2 are as follows*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta' + n; x, y) && (3.9) \\
 &= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) + \alpha (\beta)_{-1} x \sum_{k=1}^n G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta - 1, \beta' + k; x, y) \\
 &\quad - \alpha' \beta y \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta' + k - 1)_{-1}}{(\beta' + k - 1)} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' + k - 2; x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta' - n; x, y) \tag{3.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) - \alpha(\beta)_{-1} x \sum_{k=1}^n G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta - 1, \beta' - k + 1; x, y) \\
&\quad + \alpha' \beta y \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(\beta' - k)_{-1}}{(\beta' - k)} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - k - 1; x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the definition of the function G_2 , we have the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned}
&G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta' + n; x, y) \\
&= G_2(\alpha, \alpha', \beta, \beta'; x, y) + \alpha(\beta)_{-1} x G_2(\alpha + 1, \alpha', \beta - 1, \beta' + 1; x, y) \\
&\quad - \alpha' \beta y \frac{(\beta')_{-1}}{\beta'} G_2(\alpha, \alpha' + 1, \beta + 1, \beta' - 1; x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

If we apply this relation for n times, we can easily prove the theorem by the same method as we have done in the proof of Theorem 3. \square

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