

## SHIFTED HARMONIC SUMS OF ORDER TWO

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ABSTRACT. We develop a set of identities for Euler type sums. In particular we investigate products of shifted harmonic numbers of order two and reciprocal binomial coefficients.

### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

In this paper we study the summation of the product shifted harmonic sums of order two and reciprocal binomial coefficients, of the form,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}}$$

and its finite counterpart, in the process we shall obtain some new two parameter hypergeometric function identities. Analogous results of Euler type for infinite series have been developed by many authors, see for example [2], and references therein. Let,

$$H_n = \gamma + \psi(n+1) = \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{n}{j(j+n)} = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r} = \int_0^\infty \frac{1-t^n}{1-t} dt$$

be the  $n^{th}$  harmonic number,  $\gamma$  denotes the Euler–Mascheroni constant,

$$\psi(z) := d \log \Gamma(z)/dz$$

is the digamma function and  $\Gamma(z)$  is the well known gamma function.

Let  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  denote, respectively the sets of real and complex numbers and  $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  the set of natural numbers. A generalized binomial coefficient  $\binom{w}{z}$  may be defined by

$$\binom{w}{z} := \frac{\Gamma(w+1)}{\Gamma(z+1)\Gamma(w-z+1)}; \quad w, z \in \mathbb{C}$$

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and in the special case when  $z = n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\binom{w}{n} := \frac{w(w-1)\cdots(w-n+1)}{n!} = \frac{(-1)^n (-w)_n}{n!},$$

where

$$(w)_\lambda := \frac{\Gamma(w+\lambda)}{\Gamma(w)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1, & \lambda = 0; w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \\ w(w+1)\cdots(w+\lambda-1), & w \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad \text{with } (0)_0 := 1$$

is known as the Pochhammer symbol.

Some well known Euler sums are, [4],

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3 - 3H_n H_n^{(2)} + 2H_n^{(3)}}{(n+1)^2} = 6\zeta(5),$$

in [14] we have, for  $k \geq 1$

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \zeta(3) - H_{k-1}\zeta(2) + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_j}{j^2}$$

and [18],

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}}$$

$$= H_p^{(3)} - H_p^{(2)} \left( H_{k-1} + \frac{1}{k \binom{k+p}{k}} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{H_p}{2} \left( H_k^{(2)} + H_k^2 - \frac{2H_k}{k} \right) - \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{j+p} - H_j}{j^2},$$

where the *generalized  $n^{th}$  harmonic number* in power  $r$ ,  $H_n^{(r)}$ , is defined for positive integers  $n$  and  $r$  as

$$H_n^{(r)} := \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{m^r}.$$

Many finite versions of harmonic number sum identities also exist in the literature, for example in, [10] we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2m} (-1)^k \binom{2m}{k} (H_k^2 + H_k^{(2)} - H_k H_{2m-k}) = \frac{(-1)^m}{4} \binom{2m}{m} H_m^{(2)},$$

and from, [8]

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^n H_k H_k^{(2)} = (n+1) H_n H_n^{(2)} - \frac{2n+1}{2} H_n^{(2)} + H_n - \frac{1}{2} H_n^2.$$

Further work in the summation of harmonic numbers and binomial coefficients has also been done by Sofo [16]. The works of, [1], [5], [6], [7], [8], [10], [11], [15], [20], [12], [13], [17], [19], and references therein, also investigate various representations of binomial sums and zeta functions in simpler form by the use of the Beta function and by means of certain summation theorems for hypergeometric series.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $q \neq 0, m, p$  and  $r$  be positive integers. Then*

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{q^2}{(m+j)(qj-1)^2} = \frac{q^2}{(qm+1)^2} \left( H_{p+m} - H_m - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}} + H_{-\frac{1}{q}} \right) + \frac{q}{qm+1} \left( H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right),$$

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q}{(m+j)(qj-1)} = \frac{q^2}{(qm+1)^2} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_m \right) - \frac{q}{qm+1} H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}$$

$$(1.5) \quad \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \frac{q^2 H_m}{(qm+1)^2} = H_{r-1} H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{s+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}}{s},$$

and

$$(1.6) \quad \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \left( \frac{q}{qm+1} \right)^2 = H_{\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}.$$

*Proof.* For (1.3),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{q^2}{(m+j)(qj-1)^2} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{q^2}{(qm+1)^2(m+j)} + \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{q^3}{(qm+1)(qj-1)^2} - \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{q^3}{(qm+1)^2(qj-1)} \\ &= \frac{q^2}{(qm+1)^2} (H_{p+m} - H_m) + \frac{q^2}{(qm+1)^2} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{q}{qm+1} \left( H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for (1.4). For (1.5) we first note that for an arbitrary sequence  $X_{k,l}$  the following identity holds

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^k X_{k,l} = \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{k=l}^n X_{k,l},$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \frac{q^2 H_m}{(qm+1)^2} &= \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{q^2}{s(qm+1)^2} = \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \sum_{m=s}^{r-1} \frac{q^2}{s(qm+1)^2} \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \frac{1}{s} \left( H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - H_{s+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \right) \\ &= H_{r-1} H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{s+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}}{s}. \end{aligned}$$

For (1.6)

$$\sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \left( \frac{q}{qm+1} \right)^2 = \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \frac{1}{\left( m + \frac{1}{q} \right)^2} = \sum_{m=1+\frac{1}{q}}^{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} \frac{1}{m^2} = H_{\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}. \quad \square$$

In the case of non integer values of the argument  $z = \frac{r}{q}$ , we may write the generalized harmonic numbers,  $H_z^{(\alpha+1)}$ , in terms of polygamma functions

$$(1.7) \quad H_{\frac{r}{q}}^{(\alpha+1)} = \zeta(\alpha+1) + \frac{(-1)^\alpha}{\alpha!} \psi^{(\alpha)} \left( \frac{r}{q} + 1 \right), \quad \frac{r}{q} \neq \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\},$$

where  $\zeta(z)$  is the zeta function. When we encounter harmonic numbers at possible rational values of the argument, of the form  $H_{\frac{r}{q}}^{(\alpha)}$  they maybe evaluated by an available relation in terms of the polygamma function  $\psi^{(\alpha)}(z)$  or, for rational arguments  $z = \frac{r}{q}$ , (1.7) and we also define

$$H_{\frac{r}{q}}^{(1)} = \gamma + \psi \left( \frac{r}{q} + 1 \right), \text{ and } H_0^{(\alpha)} = 0.$$

The evaluation of the polygamma function  $\psi^{(\alpha)} \left( \frac{r}{q} \right)$  at rational values of the argument can be explicitly done via a formula as given by Kölbig [9], or Choi and Cvijovic [3] in terms of the Polylogarithmic or other special functions. Some specific values are given as

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} H_{\frac{3}{4}}^{(3)} &= \frac{64}{27} + \pi^3 - 27\zeta(3), \quad H_{\frac{3}{2}}^{(1)} = \frac{8}{3} - 2\ln(2), \\ H_{\frac{3}{4}}^{(1)} &= \frac{4}{3} + \frac{\pi}{2} - 3\ln(2), \text{ and } H_{\frac{7}{4}}^{(2)} = \frac{928}{441} + 8G - 5\zeta(2). \end{aligned}$$

many others are listed in the excellent book [21].

## 2. Harmonic number identities

We now prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and for real number  $q > 1$  and  $q < -1$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.1) \quad & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} \\
& = H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \left( \frac{1}{k} + H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} \right) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}} H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - \zeta(2) H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \\
& \times \left[ \left( \zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} + H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{r-1} \right) + \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{s+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}}{s} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $h_n^{(2)} = H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{((2))} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}$  and consider the following expansion:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k! h_n^{(2)}}{n \prod_{r=1}^k (n+r)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k! h_n^{(2)}}{n (n+1)_{k+1}}.$$

Now

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k! h_n^{(2)}}{n} \sum_{r=1}^k \left( \frac{A_r}{n+r} \right),$$

where

$$(2.3) \quad A_r = \lim_{n \rightarrow -r} \frac{n+r}{\prod_{r=1}^k n+r} = \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{k!} r \binom{k}{r}.$$

For an arbitrary positive sequence  $X_{k,p}$  the following identity holds

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^n X_{p,k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} X_{p,k+p}$$

hence from (2.2)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k! h_n^{(2)}}{n} \sum_{r=1}^k \left( \frac{A_r}{n+r} \right) = \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+r)} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q^2}{(qj-1)^2},$$

where

$$h_n^{(2)} = H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{((2))} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q^2}{(qj-1)^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^2}{(qj-1)^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+j)(n+j+r)} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^2}{(qj-1)^2} \left[ \frac{\psi(j+r) - \psi(j)}{r} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since we notice that

$$\psi(j+r) - \psi(j) = \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \frac{1}{m+j}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^2}{(qj-1)^2 (m+j)} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} q^2 \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \left[ \frac{H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_m}{(qm+1)^2} + \frac{\zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{q(qm+1)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From (1.4), (1.5) and (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left[ \begin{array}{l} H_{-\frac{1}{q}} \left( H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \right) + q^2 \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_m}{(qm+1)^2} \\ + \left( \zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \left( H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} \right) \end{array} \right] \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left[ \begin{array}{l} H_{-\frac{1}{q}} \left( H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \right) + \left( \zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \left( H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} \right) \\ - H_{r-1} H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} + \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{s+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}}{s} \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left[ \begin{array}{l} -H_{-\frac{1}{q}} H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}-1} \left( \zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \\ \left( \zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} - H_{r-1} H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \\ + H_{-\frac{1}{q}} H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} + \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{s+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}}{s} \end{array} \right]$$

and since, from

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} - \frac{H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{k}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} \\ &= \frac{H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{k} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}} H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}-1} (\zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}) \\ &+ \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left[ \begin{array}{l} H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} (\zeta(2) - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}) + H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} (H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{r-1}) \\ + \sum_{s=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{s+\frac{1}{q}-1}}{s} \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

hence the identity (2.1) follows.  $\square$

The two special cases of  $q = \pm 1$  follows in the next corollary.

**Corollary 1.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 1, from (2.1) let  $q = 1$ , then

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \frac{\zeta(2)}{k^2} + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \left( \frac{H_r}{r^2} + \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_j}{j^2} \right)$$

and for  $q = -1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (2.5) \quad & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n+1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = (1-k) \zeta(3) + (kH_{k-1} - k - H_{k-1}) \zeta(2) + 3k \\ &+ \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_r}{(r-1)^2} + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_j}{j^2} \\ &- 2kH_{k-1} + \frac{k}{2} (H_{k-1}^{(2)} + H_{k-1}^2). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Consider  $q = 1$ , then

$$(2.6) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 \binom{n+k}{k}}.$$

The first sum on the right hand side of (2.6) can be replaced by (1.1), similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 \binom{n+k}{k}} &= \zeta(3) - H_k \zeta(2) + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_r}{r^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{k+1} {}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1, 1, 1, 1 \\ 2, 2, 2+k \end{array} \middle| 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

and substituting into (2.6) we obtain (2.4). For  $q = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n+1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} \\ &= \zeta(3) - H_{k-1} \zeta(2) + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_j}{j^2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

If we use the same method as in Theorem 1, by partial fraction expansion we are able to evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} (2.7) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} &= -k\zeta(3) + k(H_{k-1} - 1)\zeta(2) - 2kH_{k-1} \\ &\quad + 3k + \frac{k}{2} (H_{k-1}^{(2)} + H_{k-1}^2) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_r}{(r-1)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

we can also evaluate

$$(2.8) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} = 2 - {}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1, 1, 1, 1 \\ 2, 2, 1+k \end{array} \middle| 1 \right] + kH_k^{(2)} - k\zeta(2)$$

then from (2.7)

$$\begin{aligned} (2.9) \quad \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_r}{(r-1)^2} &= -k\zeta(3) + kH_{k-1}\zeta(2) - (2k+1)H_k \\ &\quad + 3k + \frac{k}{2} (H_k^2 - H_k^{(2)}) + {}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1, 1, 1, 1 \\ 2, 2, 1+k \end{array} \middle| 1 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From (1.1) and (2.9), (2.5) follows. Rewriting the last equality we are able to write the one parameter hypergeometric identity

(2.10)

$${}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, 1, 1, 1 \\ 2, 2, 1+k \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right] = k\zeta(3) - kH_{k-1}\zeta(2) - \sum_{r=2}^k \frac{(-1)^{r+1} r \binom{k}{r} H_{r-1}}{(r-1)^2}.$$

From (2.8), after some manipulations and simplification we can also obtain some new identities, which will be useful in the following work:

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_{r-1}}{r-1} &= kH_k^{(2)} - H_k, \\ \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} H_{r+p} &= H_p + \frac{1}{k \binom{p+k}{k}}, \\ \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} H_{r-1}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2} (H_k^{(2)} + H_k^2) - \frac{H_k}{k}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Identity (2.10) holds, in general, for  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ . If  $k = \frac{1}{2}$  and using (1.8), then

$${}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, 1, 1, 1 \\ 2, 2, 1 + \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right] = 3 \ln 2 \zeta(2) - \frac{7}{4} \zeta(3).$$

**Example 1.** From Theorem 1, let  $q = 4$ ,  $k = 4$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{4}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+4}{4}} = \frac{45808}{38025} - \frac{3706}{195} G - \frac{1662976 \ln 2}{38025} + \frac{831488\pi}{114075} + \frac{3771}{260} \zeta(2),$$

for  $q = -4$ ,  $k = 4$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n+\frac{1}{4}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+4}{4}} = 152 - \frac{140}{3} G - \frac{128 \ln 2}{3} - \frac{64\pi}{9} - \frac{69}{2} \zeta(2),$$

where  $G = .915965 \dots$  is the Catalan constant.

*Remark 1.* From Theorem 1 the case  $q = \pm \frac{1}{m}$ ,  $m \geq 1$  follows much the same procedure as in Theorem 1. Some specific cases are:

$$\sum_{n=6}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-6}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+3}{3}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{(n+6) \binom{n+6+3}{3}} = \frac{1}{68} \zeta(2) - \frac{37073}{7902720},$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n+6}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+3}{3}} = \frac{6401}{12000} - \frac{1}{60} \zeta(2).$$

Now we consider the following finite version of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $k, p \in \mathbb{N}$  and for real number  $q > 1$  and  $q < -1$ . Then we have*

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} \\ &= q^2 H_p + H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \left[ \frac{1}{k} + H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} \right] - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \left( \frac{1}{k \binom{p+k}{k}} + H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} \right) \\ & \quad - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \left[ H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}} \right] \\ & \quad + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{r-1} \right) H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \\ - \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^2 - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} \\ + \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \left( \left( \frac{q}{qm+1} \right)^2 H_{m+p} + \frac{H_{m+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)}}{m} \right) \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* To prove (2.12) we may write

$$\sum_{n=1}^p \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{k! h_n^{(2)}}{n} \sum_{r=1}^k \left( \frac{A_r}{n+r} \right),$$

where  $A_r$  is given by (2.3), and by a rearrangement of sums

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{k! h_n^{(2)}}{n} \sum_{r=1}^k \left( \frac{A_r}{n+r} \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{n=j}^p \left[ \frac{1}{n(n+r)} \left( \frac{q}{qj-1} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} r \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{q}{qj-1} \right)^2 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \psi(r+j) - \psi(j) \\ - (\psi(p+1+j) - \psi(p+1)) \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{q}{qj-1} \right)^2 \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \frac{1}{m+j} \\ -\sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \frac{1}{m+p+1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

From (1.3), (1.5) and (1.6)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{p+m+1} (\psi' \left( p - \frac{1}{q} + 1 \right) - \psi' \left( 1 - \frac{1}{q} \right)) \\ + \frac{q}{qm+1} (\psi' \left( 1 - \frac{1}{q} \right) - \psi' \left( p + 1 - \frac{1}{q} \right)) \\ \left[ \left( \frac{q}{qm+1} \right)^2 \begin{bmatrix} \psi(m+p+1) - \psi(m+1) \\ \psi \left( 1 - \frac{1}{q} \right) - \psi \left( p + 1 - \frac{1}{q} \right) \end{bmatrix} \right] \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(2.13)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \sum_{m=0}^{r-1} \left( \frac{q}{qm+1} \right)^2 (H_{m+p} - H_m) \\ &+ \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \begin{bmatrix} (H_{p+r} - H_p) \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \\ + \left( H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \right) \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}} \right) \\ + \left( H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} \right) \left( H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= q^2 H_p + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \sum_{m=1}^{r-1} \left( \frac{q}{qm+1} \right)^2 (H_{m+p} - H_m) \\ &+ \frac{1}{k \binom{p+k}{k}} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \\ &- H_{\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}} \right) - H_{\frac{1}{q}-1} \left( H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left[ H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1}^{(2)} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}} \right) - H_{r+\frac{1}{q}-1} \left( H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{p-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since from

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{h_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} &= \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)} - H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} - \frac{H_{-\frac{1}{q}}^{(2)}}{k} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\binom{p+k}{k}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

substituting into (2.13) and after simplification (2.12) follows.  $\square$

The two special cases of  $q = \pm 1$  follows in the next corollary and we will also give two remarkable identities for hypergeometric functions containing two parameters.

**Corollary 2.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2, from (2.12) let  $q = -1$ , then*

(2.14)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n+1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} &= H_p^{(3)} - H_p^{(2)} \left( H_{k-1} + \frac{1}{k \binom{k+p}{k}} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{H_p}{2} \left( H_k^{(2)} + H_p^2 - \frac{2H_k}{k} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_{r-1} - H_{p+r} + H_{p+1}}{(r-1)^2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{p+j} - H_j}{j^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{2p+1}{p+1} + H_k - k \left( H_{p+1}^{(2)} + H_{p+1}^{(3)} - H_{p+1}^{(2)} H_{k-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and for  $q = 1$

(2.15)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n-1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} &= \frac{H_p^{(2)}}{k} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\binom{k+p}{k}} \right) - \frac{H_k H_p}{k} \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \binom{k}{r} \left[ \frac{H_r - H_{p+r}}{r^2} - \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \frac{H_{j+p} - H_j}{j^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* First let us consider the case  $q = -1$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.16) \quad & \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} - \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} \\
 &= \frac{2k+1}{k} - \frac{1}{k \binom{p+k}{k}} - k\zeta(2) + kH_{k-1}^{(2)} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{(p+2) \binom{p+k+1}{k}} {}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+2, p+2 \\ p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{(p+2)^2 \binom{p+k+1}{k}} {}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+2, p+2, p+2 \\ p+3, p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right] \\
 &\quad - {}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, 1, 1, 1 \\ 2, 2, 1+k \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, by partial fraction decomposition we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.17) \quad & \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} = \frac{2p+1}{p+1} - k \left( H_{p+1}^{(2)} + H_{p+1}^{(3)} - H_{p+1}^{(2)} H_{k-1} \right) \\
 &\quad + H_k - \frac{k(k-1)}{2} H_{p+1} {}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, 1, 2, 2-k \\ 2, 2, 3 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right] \\
 &\quad + \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left( \frac{H_{r-1} - H_{p+r}}{(r-1)^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

and from (2.7) and (2.10) we know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}} \\
 &= \frac{2p+1}{p+1} + H_k - k \left( H_{p+1}^{(2)} + H_{p+1}^{(3)} - H_{p+1}^{(2)} H_{k-1} \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_{p+1}}{(r-1)^2} + \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left( \frac{H_{r-1} - H_{p+r}}{(r-1)^2} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The last step is to write

$$(2.18) \quad \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n+1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} + \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{n(n+1)^2 \binom{n+k}{k}},$$

substituting the known result (1.2), and (2.17) into (2.18) we obtain, upon using (2.11), the identity (2.14). From (2.16), (2.17) and (2.7) we obtain the new, two parameter identity

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{{}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+1, p+2 \\ p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{(p+2) \binom{p+k+1}{k}} \\ &= \zeta(2) - H_{p+1}^{(2)} + H_{p+1} H_{k-1} + \sum_{r=2}^k (-1)^{r+1} r \binom{k}{r} \frac{H_{p+r}}{r-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & (p+1) {}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+2, p+2 \\ p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right] + {}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+1, p+2 \\ p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{(p+2)(p+k+1)}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $q = 1$ , let

$$(2.20) \quad \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n-1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} = \sum_{n=1}^p \left[ \frac{H_n^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+k}{k}} - \frac{1}{n^3 \binom{n+k}{k}} \right]$$

and by partial fraction expansion

$$(2.21) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{n^3 \binom{n+k}{k}} &= H_p^{(3)} - H_p^{(2)} H_k + \frac{H_p}{2} (H_k^{(2)} + H_k^2) \\ &+ \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \frac{(H_r - H_{p+r})}{r^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$(2.22) \quad \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{1}{n^3 \binom{n+k}{k}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 \binom{n+k}{k}} - \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 \binom{n+k}{k}} \\
&= \frac{{}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, 1, 1, 1 \\ 2, 2, k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{k+1} - \frac{{}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+1, p+1, p+1 \\ p+2, p+2, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{(p+1)^3 \binom{p+k+1}{k}}
\end{aligned}$$

and from (2.21), (2.22) and (2.11) we obtain the new two parameter hypergeometric identity

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.23) \quad & \frac{{}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+2, p+2, p+2 \\ p+3, p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{(p+2)^2 \binom{p+k+1}{k}} + \frac{{}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+2, p+2 \\ p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{(p+2) \binom{p+k+1}{k}} \\
&= k\zeta(3) + k(1 - H_{k-1}) (\zeta(2) - H_{p+1}^{(2)}) - kH_{p+1}^{(3)} \\
&\quad + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \binom{k}{r} \left( \frac{H_{p+1} - H_{p+r}}{(r-1)^2} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Using the identities (1.2) and (2.21) into (2.20) and simplifying we obtain the required identity (2.15). From (2.19) and (2.23) we can also explicitly derive an identity for  ${}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, p+2, p+2, p+2 \\ p+3, p+3, p+k+2 \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]$ .  $\square$

Identities (2.19) and (2.23) hold, in general, for  $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\}$ . If  $p = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $k = 5$  and using (1.8), then

$$\frac{{}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{11}{4}, \frac{11}{4} \\ \frac{15}{4}, \frac{31}{4} \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{\frac{11}{4} \binom{\frac{27}{4}}{5}} + \frac{{}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{11}{4} \\ \frac{15}{4}, \frac{31}{4} \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{\frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{11}{4} \binom{\frac{27}{4}}{5}} = \frac{1}{5 \binom{\frac{23}{4}}{5}} = \frac{8192}{168245},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{{}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{11}{4}, \frac{11}{4}, \frac{11}{4} \\ \frac{15}{4}, \frac{15}{4}, \frac{31}{4} \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{\left(\frac{11}{4}\right)^2 \binom{\frac{27}{4}}{5}} + \frac{{}_3F_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, \frac{11}{4}, \frac{11}{4} \\ \frac{15}{4}, \frac{31}{4} \end{matrix} \middle| 1 \right]}{\frac{11}{4} \binom{\frac{27}{4}}{5}} \\
&= 140\zeta(3) - 5\pi^3 - \frac{65}{2}\zeta(2) + \frac{130}{3}G + \frac{24712405}{44517627}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.** Some examples follow. Using the identities (2.11), (2.12), (2.14) and (2.15), then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n+\frac{1}{4}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+2}{2}} &= 152 - \frac{140}{3}G + \frac{16(7p+8)}{9p(p+1)} - \frac{64}{9}\pi - \frac{175}{6}\zeta(2) + 128H_{p-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{128}{9}H_{p+\frac{1}{4}} - \frac{128}{3}\ln(2) - H_{p+\frac{1}{4}}^{(2)} \left( \frac{16}{3} + \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right), \\ \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{4}}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+2}{2}} &= \frac{16}{25} - \frac{108}{5}G + \frac{16(23p+24)}{25p(p+1)} + \frac{192}{25}\pi + \frac{27}{2}\zeta(2) + \frac{384}{25}H_{p-1} \\ &\quad - \frac{384}{25}H_{p-\frac{1}{4}} - \frac{1152}{25}\ln(2) + H_{p-\frac{1}{4}}^{(2)} \left( \frac{16}{5} - \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right), \\ \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n+1}^{(2)}}{n \binom{n+2}{2}} &= \frac{7p^3 + 19p^2 + 17p + 1}{2(p+1)^3} - \frac{H_p}{p+2} - \frac{H_p^{(2)}(p^2 + 3p + 3)}{(p+1)(p+2)} - H_p^{(3)}. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n+1}^{(2)}}{n(n+1)} &= \frac{3p+2}{p+1} - \frac{p+2}{p+1}H_{p+1}^{(2)}, \\ \sum_{n=1}^p \frac{H_{n-1}^{(2)}}{n(n+1)} &= \frac{p}{p+1} \left( H_p^{(2)} - 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 2.* Using similar principles as discussed above, it is possible to express the more general sums,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{n-\frac{1}{q}}^{(p)}}{n^r \binom{n+k}{k}^m}$ , in closed form. This will be done in a forthcoming paper.

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