

HYPERGEOMETRIC STARLIKE AND CONVEX FUNCTIONS WITH  
NEGATIVE COEFFICIENTS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we obtain several interesting properties of the hypergeometric function  $F(a, b, c, d; e; z)$  where

$$F(a, b, c, d; e; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, n)(b, n)(c, n)(d, n)}{(e, n)(1, n)} z^n.$$

In the class  $H(a, b, c, d, e, z)$  of the hypergeometric functions  $F(a, b, c, d; e; z)$  in the open unit disk  $U = \{z \mid |z| < 1\}$ , we consider starlike and convex functions of order  $\alpha$  with negative coefficients. These properties include conditions on  $a, b, c, d, e$  to guarantee  $zF(a, b, c, d; e; z)$  to be in the subclasses of starlike and convex functions. We give also several interesting properties of the class  $H(a, b, c, d; e; z)$ .

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