

On some identities of Rogers-Ramanujan type and continued fractions

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Abstract: In this paper we have established certain results involving q-series identities and continued fractions.

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1. Introduction, Notations and Definitions

The q-rising factorial $(a; q)_k$ is defined as,

$$(a, q)_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0; \\ (1 - a)(1 - aq)(1 - aq^2) \dots (1 - aq^{k-1}) & \text{if } k \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Similarly, the infinite q-rising factorial is defined by

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{r=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^r), \quad \text{for } |q| < 1.$$

The q-generalization of $1+1+1+1+\dots+1=n$ is

$$1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{n-1} = \frac{1 - q^n}{1 - q}.$$

Similarly, Ramanujan generalized the continued fraction

$$1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\dots}}}$$

to

$$1 + \frac{q}{1 + \frac{q^2}{1 + \frac{q^3}{\dots}}}$$