

**CERTAIN RESULTS INVOLVING  $q$ -HYPERGEOMETRIC SERIES  
AND RAMANUJAN'S MOCK THETA FUNCTIONS**

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**Abstract:** In this paper certain transformation formulas for  $q$ -hypergeometric series have been established. In another section of this paper, results involving mock theta functions have also been established.

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**1. Introduction, Notations and Definitions**

The  $q$ -shifted factorial for  $|q| < 1$  is defined as,

$$(a; q)_0 = 1$$

$$(a; q)_n = (1 - a)(1 - aq)\dots(1 - aq^{n-1}), \quad n \in N,$$

$$(a; q)_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a; q)_n = \prod_{r=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^r).$$

The basic hypergeometric series is defined as,

$${}_r\Phi_s \left[ \begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q; z \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q)_n z^n}{(q, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s; q)_n}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\max. (|q|, |z|) < 1$  for the convergence of the series and

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q)_n = (a_1; q)_n (a_2; q)_n \dots (a_r; q)_n.$$

The truncated hypergeometric series is defined as,

$${}_r\Phi_s \left[ \begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q; z \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s \end{matrix} \right]_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q)_k}{(q, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s; q)_k} z^k. \quad (1.2)$$

In 1949 Bailey [2] established the following very useful transform known as Bailey's transform. It is defined as,

If

$$\beta_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \alpha_r u_{n-r} v_{n+r}, \quad (1.3)$$

and

$$\gamma_n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \delta_{r+n} u_r v_{r+2n}, \quad (1.4)$$

then under suitable convergence conditions,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n \gamma_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n \delta_n \quad (1.5)$$

where  $u_r, v_r, \alpha_r$  and  $\delta_r$  are arbitrary functions of  $r$  alone.

Taking  $u_r = v_r = 1$  and  $\delta_r = z^r$  in above transform, it takes the form,

$$\text{If } \beta_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \alpha_r, \quad \gamma_n = \frac{z^n}{1-z} \text{ then under suitable convergence conditions,}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n z^n = (1-z) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n z^n = (1-z) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \sum_{r=0}^n \alpha_r. \quad (1.6)$$

We shall make use of (1.6) in next sections and one can refered the papers [4, 5, 6].

## 2. Summation formulas for truncated hypergeometric series

In this section we shall establish certain summation formulas for truncated  $q$ -series.

(i) Putting  $c = abq$  in the summation formula [3; App II (II. 12) p. 355] we get

$${}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b; q; q \\ abq \end{matrix} \right]_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{(a, b; q)_r q^r}{(q, abq; q)_r} = \frac{(aq, bq; q)_n}{(q, abq; q)_n}. \quad (2.1)$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , (2.1) yields

$${}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b; q; q \\ abq \end{matrix} \right] = \frac{(aq, bq; q)_\infty}{(q, abq; q)_\infty}. \quad (2.2)$$

(ii) Putting  $b = aq^{1+n}$  in [3; App II (II. 14)] we find,

$${}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q\sqrt{a}; q; \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \\ -\sqrt{a} \end{matrix} \right]_n = \frac{(aq; q)_n}{(q; q)_n (\sqrt{a})^n}. \quad (2.3)$$

(iii) Putting  $c = aq^{1+n}$  in [3; App II (II. 21)] we get,

$${}_4\Phi_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b; q; \frac{1}{b} \\ \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, \frac{aq}{b} \end{matrix} \right]_n = \frac{(aq, bq; q)_n}{(q, aq/b, ; q)_n b^n}. \quad (2.4)$$

(iii) Taking  $e = aq^{1+n}$  in [3; App II (II. 22)] we get,

$${}_6\Phi_5 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d; q; q \\ \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, \frac{aq}{b}, \frac{aq}{c}, \frac{aq}{d} \end{matrix} \right]_n = \frac{(aq, aq/bc, aq/bd, aq/cd; q)_n}{(aq/b, aq/c, aq/d, aq/bcd; q)_n}, \quad a = bcd. \quad (2.5)$$

[3; App II (II. 34)] can be put as

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(apq; pq)_k (a; p)_k (c; q)_k q^k}{(a; pq)_k (q; q)_k (ap/c; p)_k} = \frac{(ap; p)_n (cq; q)_n}{(q; q)_n (ap/c; p)_n}. \quad (2.6)$$

## 3. Transformation Formulas

In this section we shall establish transformation formulas by making use of the summation formulas established in the previous section.

(i) Putting  $\alpha_n = \frac{(a, b; q)_n q^n}{(q, abq; q)_n}$  in (1.6) we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, b; q)_n z^n q^n}{(q, abq; q)_n} = (1 - z) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(aq, bq; q)_n z^n}{(q, abq; q)_n},$$

which can be written as

$$(zq; q)_\infty {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b; q; zq \\ abq \end{matrix} \right] = (z; q)_\infty {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} aq, bq; q; z \\ abq \end{matrix} \right] \quad (3.1)$$

(ii) Putting  $\alpha_n = \frac{(a, -q\sqrt{a}; q)_n}{(q, -\sqrt{a}; q)_n a^{n/2}}$  in (1.6) we get,

$$(zq; q)_\infty {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, -q\sqrt{a}; q; \frac{z}{\sqrt{a}} \\ -\sqrt{a} \end{matrix} \right] = (z; q)_\infty {}_1\Phi_0 \left[ \begin{matrix} aq; q; \frac{z}{\sqrt{a}} \\ - \end{matrix} \right] = \frac{(z; q)_\infty (zq\sqrt{a}; q)_\infty}{(z/\sqrt{a}; q)_\infty}. \quad (3.2)$$

(iii) Taking  $\alpha_n = \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, aq/b; q)_n b^n}$  in (1.6) we get,

$$(zq; q)_\infty {}_4\Phi_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b; q; \frac{z}{b} \\ \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, aq/b \end{matrix} \right] = (z; q)_\infty {}_2\Phi_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} aq, bq; q; \frac{z}{b} \\ aq/b \end{matrix} \right]. \quad (3.3)$$

(iv) Taking  $\alpha_n = \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, aq/b, aq/c, aq/d; q)_n} q^n$  in (1.6) and using (2.5) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (zq; q)_\infty {}_6\Phi_5 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d; q; zq \\ \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, aq/b, aq/c, aq/d \end{matrix} \right] \\ = (z; q)_\infty {}_4\Phi_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} aq, aq/bc, aq/bd, aq/cd; q; z \\ aq/b, aq/c, aq/d, aq/bcd \end{matrix} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

(v) Putting  $\alpha_n = \frac{(apq; q)_n (a; p)_n (c; q)_n q^n}{(q; q)_n (a; pq)_n (ap/c; p)_n}$  in (1.6) we get,

$$(zq; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(apq; pq)_n (a; p)_n (c; q)_n z^n q^n}{(q; q)_n (a; pq)_n (ap/c; p)_n} = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ap; p)_n (cq; q)_n z^n}{(q; q)_n (ap/c; p)_n}. \quad (3.5)$$

#### 4. Main Results

In this section we shall establish certain results involving Ramanujan's mock theta functions.

Let us define as,

If  $A(q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n$  is a mock theta function, then  $A_m(q) = \sum_{n=0}^m B_n$  is called partial mock theta function.

Also,  $A(z, q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n z^n$  is a mock theta function having one more variable  $z$ .

For the definitions of mock theta functions of order three, five and seven one is referred chapter 2 and 3 of the book [1, Agarwal].

(i) Putting  $\alpha_n = \frac{q^{n^2}}{(-q; q)_n^2}$  in (1.6) we get,

$$(zq; q)_\infty f(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n f_n(q). \quad (4.1)$$

(ii) Putting  $\alpha_n = \frac{q^{n^2}}{(-q^2; q^2)_n}$  in (1.6) we get,

$$(zq; q)_\infty \Phi(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \Phi_n(q). \quad (4.2)$$

(iii) For  $\alpha_n = \frac{q^{(n+1)^2}}{(q; q^2)_{n+1}}$  in (1.6) we have,

$$(zq; q)_\infty \Psi(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \Psi_n(q). \quad (4.3)$$

(iv) Taking  $\alpha_n = \frac{q^{n^2}}{(-\omega q, -\omega^2 q; q)_n}$  in (1.6) we get,

$$(zq; q)_\infty \chi(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \chi_n(q). \quad (4.4)$$

(v) For  $\alpha_n = \frac{q^{2n(n+1)}}{(q; q^2)_{n+1}^2}$  in (1.6) we have,

$$(zq; q)_\infty \omega(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \omega_n(q). \quad (4.5)$$

(vi) Taking  $\alpha_n = \frac{q^{n(n+1)}}{(-q; q^2)_{n+1}}$  in (1.6) we find,

$$(zq; q)_\infty \nu(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \nu_n(q). \quad (4.6)$$

(vii) Taking  $\alpha_n = \frac{q^{2n(n+1)}}{(\omega q, \omega^2 q; q^2)_n}$  in (1.6) we have,

$$(zq; q)_\infty \rho(z; q) = (z; q)_\infty \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \rho_n(q). \quad (4.7)$$

By proper choice of  $\alpha_n$  one can establish similar results for mock theta functions of five and seven order.

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