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EXPANSIONS IN ASKEY-WILSON POLYNOMIALS VIA BAILEY TRANSFORM

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ABSTRACT. We prove a general expansion formula in Askey-Wilson polynomials using Bailey transform and Bressoud inversion. As applications, we give new proofs and generalizations of some recent results of Ismail-Stanton and Liu. Moreover, we prove a new q -beta integral formula involving Askey-Wilson polynomials, which includes the Nassrallah-Rahman integral as a special case. We also give a bootstrapping proof of Ismail-Stanton's recent generating function of Askey-Wilson polynomials.

1. INTRODUCTION

Andrews [2] demonstrates that q -orthogonal polynomials can play an important role in the theory of mock theta functions by applying the following expansion of a terminating, balanced ${}_5\phi_4$ in a series of Askey-Wilson polynomials, [2, (1.3)],

$$(1.1) \quad {}_5\phi_4 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-N}, \rho_1, \rho_2, b, c \\ \rho_1\rho_2q^{-N}/a, e, f, g \end{matrix} ; q, q \right] = \frac{(aq/\rho_1, aq/\rho_2; q)_N}{(aq, aq/\rho_1\rho_2; q)_N} \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q^{-N}, \rho_1, \rho_2, a; q)_n (1 - aq^{2n})}{(q, aq/\rho_1, aq/\rho_2, aq^{N+1}; q)_n (1 - a)} \left(\frac{aq^{N+1}}{\rho_1\rho_2} \right)^n {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, b, c \\ e, f, g \end{matrix} ; q, q \right],$$

where N is a non-negative integer, and $qabc = efg$.

As a follow-up to [2], Ismail and Stanton [12] show that Andrews' formula (1.1) is one of many similar expansion formulae in the Askey-Wilson polynomials. In particular, they prove the transformation formula:

$$(1.2) \quad {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, t_4/z, t_4z \\ t_1t_4, t_2t_4, t_3t_4, b_1, \dots, b_{p-3} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right] \\ = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_k(x; \mathbf{t}|q) \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}; q)_k}{(t_1t_4, t_2t_4, t_3t_4, b_1, \dots, b_{p-3}; q)_k} \\ \times \frac{(-t_4\delta)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}}}{(q, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k} {}_{p-1}\phi_{p-2} \left[\begin{matrix} a_1q^k, \dots, a_{p-1}q^k \\ b_1q^k, \dots, b_{p-3}q^k, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right],$$

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where $x = \cos \theta$ and $z = e^{i\theta}$, the Askey-Wilson polynomials are defined by

$$(1.3) \quad P_n(x; \mathbf{t}|q) = t_1^{-n} (t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4; q)_{n4} \phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 q^{n-1}, t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta} \\ t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4 \end{matrix} ; q, q \right].$$

Note that taking $p = 4$, $a_1 = q^{-N}$, $a_2 = \rho_1$, $a_3 = \rho_2$, $b_1 = \rho_1 \rho_2 q^{-N}/a$, $u = 1$ and $\delta = z$ in (1.2) the ${}_{p-1}\phi_{p-2}$, namely ${}_3\phi_2$, series at the right-hand side of the transformation can be summed by q -Pfaff-Saalschütz sum (7.4), we obtain the following result of Liu [17, Theorem 10.1], for any non-negative N and $|z| < 1$,

$$(1.4) \quad {}_5\phi_4 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-N}, \rho_1, \rho_2, b, c \\ \rho_1 \rho_2 q^{-N}/a, e, f, g \end{matrix} ; q, z \right] = \frac{(aq/\rho_1, aq/\rho_2; q)_N}{(aq, aq/\rho_1 \rho_2; q)_N} \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(q^{-N}, \rho_1, \rho_2, a; q)_n (1 - aq^{2n})}{(q, aq/\rho_1, aq/\rho_2, aq^{N+1}; q)_n (1 - a)} \left(\frac{aq^{N+1}}{\rho_1 \rho_2} \right)^n {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, b, c \\ e, f, g \end{matrix} ; q, z \right].$$

The above formula is an extension of Watson's transformation (7.9). Moreover, the $z = q$ case corresponds to Andrews's result (1.1) if $aqbc = efg$.

This paper arose from the desire to understand the Ismail-Stanton formula (1.2) through Bailey's machinery. Actually, Ismail-Stanton derived (1.2) from an expansion formula due to Ismail-Rahman [9], see also [11], which was proved using the orthogonality relation of Askey-Wilson polynomials, while Andrews' original proof of (1.1) used Bailey's transform with a special Bailey pair, which is equivalent to an inversion relation [3, (12.2.8)]. Looking at Ismail-Stanton's formula through Bailey's glance and using an inversion formula due to Bressoud [5], we are able to generalize formula (1.2) in several ways, see Proposition 2.3, Proposition 2.5 and Theorem 2.6.

A fundamental result about Askey-Wilson polynomials is the Askey-Wilson q -beta integral,

$$(1.5) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi (t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 4} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty},$$

where $\max\{|t_1|, |t_2|, |t_3|, |t_4|\} < 1$ and

$$h(\cos \theta; t_1, \dots, t_r) = \prod_{j=1}^r (t_j e^{i\theta}, t_j e^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty.$$

Nassrallah-Rahman [18] obtained the following important generalization of (1.5)

$$(1.6) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1) h(\cos \theta; t_6)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi (t_6/t_1, t_6 t_1, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty}{\prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty (q, t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_8W_7 \left(t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / q, t_1 t_5, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / t_6 ; q, t_6 / t_1 \right),$$

where $\max\{|t_1|, |t_2|, |t_3|, |t_4|, |t_5|, |t_6|\} < 1$.

When $t_6 = t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5$, the above ${}_8W_7$ reduces to 1 and (1.6) becomes the following appealing formula [3, 19]:

$$(1.7) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1) h(\cos \theta; t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi (t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty}.$$

By combining Theorem 2.6 and (1.7) we will generalize the Nassrallah-Rahman integral (1.6) in Theorem 2.7, which includes also two integrals of Liu [17, Theorem 1.6] and Zhang-Wang [21, Theorem 4.3].

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we first state and prove a general transformation, Proposition 2.3, and then derive two interesting expansions in Theorems 2.5 and 2.6. Moreover, we give a generalization of Nassrallah-Rahman integral (1.6) in Theorem 2.7. In Section 3, we derive some recent known results in [9, 10, 12] from our main results. In Section 4, we show how to derive some important known q -integrals from (2.10). In Section 5, we give a “bootstrapping proof” of Ismail-Stanton’s generating function for Askey-Wilson polynomials. In Section 6, we give two general transformations and show how to recover two transformations of Ismail-Stanton and Verma [12, 20].

Throughout this paper, we assume that q is a complex number such that $0 < |q| < 1$ and use standard q -notations in [7, 8]. Moreover, in Section 7, for the reader’s convenience, we list all summation and transformation formulae used in our proofs.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Our starting point is the Bailey transform, see [3, Chap. 12] for a gentle introduction.

Lemma 2.1 (Bailey transform). *Subject to conditions on the four sequences α_n , β_n , γ_n and δ_n which make all the infinite series absolutely convergent, if*

$$(2.1) \quad \beta_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \alpha_r \nu_{n-r} \nu_{n+r},$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \gamma_n = \sum_{r=n}^{\infty} \delta_r \nu_{r-n} \nu_{r+n},$$

then

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n \gamma_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n \delta_n.$$

For our purpose we need to choose suitable sequences (ν_n, ν_n) so that (2.1) can be inverted. First, we recall the following matrix inversion due to Bressoud [5].

Lemma 2.2 (Bressoud’s inversion). *For $n, k \geq 0$ let*

$$(2.4) \quad C_{n,k}(a, b) = \frac{(1 - aq^{2k})(b; q)_{n+k}(b/a; q)_{n-k}(b/a)^k}{(1 - a)(aq; q)_{n+k}(q; q)_{n-k}}.$$

The following inversion formula holds true

$$(2.5) \quad \beta'_n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_{n,k}(a, b) \alpha'_k \iff \alpha'_n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_{n,k}(b, a) \beta'_k.$$

Proposition 2.3. *We have*

$$(2.6) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n \delta_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(a; q)_n (a/b; q)_n (b/a)^n}{(1 - a)(bq; q)_n (q; q)_n} \\ \times \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(1 - bq^{2k})(aq^n; q)_k (q^{-n}; q)_k}{(1 - b)(bq^{n+1}; q)_k (bq^{1-n}/a; q)_k} q^k \beta_k \cdot \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(b/a; q)_r (b; q)_{r+2n}}{(q; q)_r (aq; q)_{r+2n}} \delta_{r+n},$$

subject to conditions on the two sequences β_n, δ_n which make all the infinite series absolutely convergent.

Proof. Substituting α'_k by $\frac{(1-a)(a/b)^k}{(1-aq^{2k})}\alpha_k$ and β'_n by β_n in (2.5) we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad \beta_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(b/a; q)_{n-k} (b; q)_{n+k}}{(q; q)_{n-k} (aq; q)_{n+k}} \alpha_k.$$

Inverting (2.7) using (2.5) we obtain

$$\alpha_n = \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(b/a)^n}{(1 - a)} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(1 - bq^{2k})(a; q)_{n+k} (a/b; q)_{n-k} (a/b)^k}{(1 - b)(bq; q)_{n+k} (q; q)_{n-k}} \beta_k \\ = \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(a; q)_n (a/b; q)_n (b/a)^n}{(1 - a)(bq; q)_n (q; q)_n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(1 - bq^{2k})(aq^n; q)_k (q^{-n}; q)_k}{(1 - b)(bq^{n+1}; q)_k (bq^{1-n}/a; q)_k} q^k \beta_k.$$

In view of (2.7) and (2.1), we choose two sequences (v_n, ν_n) as

$$v_n = \frac{(b/a; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_n = \frac{(b; q)_n}{(aq; q)_n}.$$

Then, we can compute γ_n by (2.2)

$$\gamma_n = \sum_{r=n}^{\infty} \delta_r \nu_{r-n} v_{r+n} \\ = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \delta_{r+n} \frac{(b/a; q)_r (b; q)_{r+2n}}{(q; q)_r (aq; q)_{r+2n}}.$$

Plugging the four sequences $\alpha_n, \beta_n, \gamma_n$ and δ_n into the Bailey transform (2.3) yields (2.6). \square

Remark 2.4. *The pair (α_n, β_n) satisfying (2.7) is called a WP-Bailey pair, see [1]. When $b = 0$ a WP-Bailey pair is called a Bailey pair.*

Setting $\delta_n = \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}; q)_n}{(b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}; q)_n} \delta^n$ in Proposition 2.3, we obtain the following general transformation.

Theorem 2.5. Let δ, a_i, b_i be any complex numbers such that $|a_i| < 1, |b_i| < 1$ ($1 \leq i \leq p-1$) and $|\delta| < 1$. Under suitable convergence conditions, for any complex sequence $\{\beta_n\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}; q)_n}{(b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}; q)_n} \delta^n \beta_n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, a/b; q)_n (1 - aq^{2n})(b; q)_{2n}}{(q, bq; q)_n (1 - a)(aq; q)_{2n}} \\ &\times \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}; q)_n}{(b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}; q)_n} (b\delta/a)^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(1 - bq^{2k})(aq^n; q)_k (q^{-n}; q)_k}{(1 - b)(bq^{n+1}; q)_k (bq^{1-n}/a; q)_k} q^k \beta_k \\ &\times {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1 q^n, \dots, a_{p-1} q^n, b/a, bq^{2n} \\ b_1 q^n, \dots, b_{p-1} q^n, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right]. \end{aligned}$$

If we choose

$$b = 0, \quad \beta_n = \frac{(g, h; q)_n}{(q, c, d, e; q)_n} u^n, \quad b_{p-1} = b_{p-2} = 0,$$

in Theorem 2.5, then we obtain the following generalisation of (1.2), which is our first main result.

Theorem 2.6. Let $\delta, u, c, d, e, g, h, b_i, a_i$ ($i \in \mathbb{N}$) be any complex numbers such that $|\delta| < 1, |u| < 1, |a_i| < 1, |b_i| < 1$ ($1 \leq i \leq p-1$). Then the following identity holds

$$(2.8) \quad {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, g, h \\ c, d, e, b_1, \dots, b_{p-3} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta u \right] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}; q)_n \delta^n}{(q, aq^n, b_1, \dots, b_{p-3}; q)_n} \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g, h \\ c, d, e \end{matrix} ; q, qu \right] {}_{p-1}\phi_{p-2} \left[\begin{matrix} a_1 q^n, \dots, a_{p-1} q^n \\ b_1 q^n, \dots, b_{p-3} q^n, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right].$$

We recover Ismail-Stanton's result (1.2) by choosing, in the above transformation,

$$u = 1, \quad a = t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 / q, \quad g = t_4 / z, \quad h = t_4 z, \quad c = t_1 t_4, \quad d = t_2 t_4, \quad e = t_3 t_4$$

(thus $aqgh = cde$) and then applying Sears' transformation (7.5).

By using the expansion formula (2.8) and integral formula (1.7) we can derive a generalization of Nassrallah-Rahman integral (1.6) in Theorem 2.7, which is our second main result. For convenience we shall use the following compact notation

$$(2.9) \quad A(\mathbf{t}) := \frac{2\pi(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty}{(q, \alpha q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty}.$$

Theorem 2.7. Let $\alpha q = t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5$. If $|g| \neq |h|$ and $\max\{|t_i|\} < 1$ ($1 \leq i \leq 5$), then

$$(2.10) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} g, h, t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta} \\ c, d, \alpha qgh/cd \end{matrix} ; q, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 \right] d\theta \\ = A(\mathbf{t}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)^n}{(q, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n} \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, g, h \\ c, d, \alpha qgh/cd \end{matrix} ; q, q \right].$$

Taking $g = s_4/z, h = s_4 z, c = s_1 s_4, d = s_2 s_4$ and $\alpha q = s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4$ in Theorem 2.7, we get the following formula involving Askey-Wilson polynomials.

Corollary 2.8. *If $\max\{|t_i|, |s_j|\} < 1$ ($1 \leq i \leq 5, 1 \leq j \leq 4$) and $\alpha q = t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5$, then*

$$(2.11) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} s_4 z, s_4/z, t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta} \\ s_1 s_4, s_2 s_4, s_3 s_4 \end{matrix}; q, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 \right] d\theta \\ = A(\mathbf{t}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 s_4)^n P_n(y; \mathbf{s}|q)}{(q, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5, s_1 s_4, s_2 s_4, s_3 s_4; q)_n},$$

where $z = e^{i\varphi}$, $y = \cos \varphi$ and $P_n(y; \mathbf{s}|q)$ are Askey-Wilson polynomials.

In Theorem 2.7 choosing $g = s$, $h = adt/q$, $c = st$ and then letting $d \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

Theorem 2.9. *If $\max\{|t_i|, |at_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5/q|\} < 1$, ($1 \leq i \leq 5$) and $\alpha q = t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5$, then*

$$(2.12) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} s, t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta} \\ st, at_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5/q \end{matrix}; q, at_2 t_3 t_4 t_5/q \right] d\theta \\ = A(\mathbf{t}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)^n}{(q, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, s \\ st, \alpha a \end{matrix}; q, at \right]$$

$$(2.13) \quad = A(\mathbf{t}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, q/a, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n (\alpha at_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)^n}{(q, \alpha a, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, t \\ st, q/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

Note that (2.13) follows from applying the transformation (7.6) to the last ${}_3\phi_2$ in (2.12) with $c = \alpha q^n$, $b = t$, $d = st$, $e = q/a$. A proof and further applications of Theorem 2.7 will be given in section 4.

3. APPLICATIONS OF THEOREM 2.6

In this section, we show that Theorem 2.6 encompasses some results of Ismail-Rahman and Ismail-Stanton in [9, 12].

Theorem 3.1. *For any non-negative N , we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{(b_1/b, b_1/c; q)_N}{(b_1/bc, b_1; q)_N} = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(q^{-N}, e, f, g; q)_n q^n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{(q, aq^n, b_1, bcq^{1-N}/b_1; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, b, c \\ e, f, g \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-N+n}, eq^n, fq^n, gq^n \\ b_1 q^n, bcq^{1-N+n}/b_1, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix}; q, q \right],$$

and, for $|b_1/bc| < 1$,

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{(b_1/b, b_1/c; q)_\infty}{(b_1/bc, b_1; q)_\infty} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e, f, g; q)_n (b_1/bc)^n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{(q, aq^n, b_1; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, b, c \\ e, f, g \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} eq^n, fq^n, gq^n \\ b_1q^n, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix}; q, b_1/bc \right].$$

Proof. Taking $p = 5$, $a_1 = q^{-N}$, $a_2 = e$, $a_3 = f$ and $a_4 = g$ in Theorem 2.6, we have

$${}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-N}, b, c \\ b_1, b_2 \end{matrix}; q, \delta u \right] = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(q^{-N}, e, f, g; q)_n \delta^n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{(q, aq^n, b_1, b_2; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, b, c \\ e, f, g \end{matrix}; q, qu \right] \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-N+n}, eq^n, fq^n, gq^n \\ b_1q^n, b_2q^n, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix}; q, \delta \right].$$

When $b_2 = bcq^{1-N}/b_1$, $\delta = q$ and $u = 1$, the above ${}_3\phi_2$ series can be summed by q -Pfaff-Saalschütz sum (7.4) and we obtain (3.1). Letting $N \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.1) yields (3.2), where taking the limit inside the sum is justified by Tannery's theorem, the discrete analogue of the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem. We omit the details. \square

The following connection formula (3.3) was first proved by Ismail-Rahman-Stanton [11] though the limit case (3.4) appeared in a recent paper of Ismail and Stanton [12, Theorem 3.1].

Theorem 3.2 (Ismail-Rahman-Stanton). *For any non-negative n , we have*

$$(3.3) \quad (be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}; q)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n f_{n,k}(b, \mathbf{t}) P_k(x, \mathbf{t}|q)$$

where

$$f_{n,k}(b, \mathbf{t}) = \frac{(-b)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}} (q; q)_n (b/t_4, bt_4q^k; q)_{n-k}}{(q, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k (q; q)_{n-k}} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{k-n}, t_2t_4q^k, t_1t_4q^k, t_3t_4q^k \\ bt_4q^k, t_4q^{1-n+k}/b, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k} \end{matrix}; q, q \right],$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{(be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(bt_4, b/t_4; q)_\infty} = \sum_{k=0}^n P_k(x, \mathbf{t}|q) \frac{(-b)^k q^{\binom{k}{2}}}{(q, bt_4, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_2t_4q^k, t_1t_4q^k, t_3t_4q^k \\ bt_4q^k, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k} \end{matrix}; q, \frac{b}{t_4} \right].$$

Proof. Let $a = t_1t_2t_3t_4/q$, $b = t_4z$, $c = t_4/z$, $b_1 = bt_4$, $e = t_2t_4$, $f = t_3t_4$ and $g = t_1t_4$ and $z = e^{i\theta}$ in (3.1). Then, Sears' transformation (7.5) infers that

$${}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, b, c \\ e, f, g \end{matrix}; q, q \right] = \frac{(t_1t_3, t_1t_2; q)_n q^{-\binom{n}{2}}}{(t_2t_4, t_3t_4; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{n-1}, t_1z, t_1/z \\ t_1t_4, t_1t_3, t_1t_2 \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

Now, replacing n by k and N by n in (3.1) we get (3.3) after simplification. Clearly (3.4) is the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$ case of (3.3). \square

We can also derive a transformation of Ismail-Rahman-Suslov [10, Theorem 5.3] from Theorem 2.6.

Theorem 3.3 (Ismail-Rahman-Suslov). *We have*

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{(\alpha, \alpha ab/q; q)_\infty}{(\alpha a, \alpha b; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q/a, q/b, s \\ st, \alpha c \end{matrix}; q, \alpha abct/q^2 \right] \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(\alpha abc/q^2)^n (\alpha, q/a, q/b, q/c; q)_n}{(q, \alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c; q)_n} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, t \\ st, q/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

Proof. In (2.8), setting $p = 3$ and substituting $a \rightarrow \alpha$, $a_1 \rightarrow q/a$, $a_2 \rightarrow q/b$, $e \rightarrow \alpha qgh/dc$, $\delta \rightarrow \alpha ab/q$ and $u = 1$ we can sum the ${}_2\phi_1$ by the Gauss sum (7.1) and obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{(\alpha, \alpha ab/q; q)_\infty}{(\alpha a, \alpha b; q)_\infty} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q/a, q/b, g, h \\ c, d, \alpha qgh/dc \end{matrix}; q, \alpha ab/q \right] \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (\alpha ab/q)^n (\alpha, q/a, q/b; q)_n}{(q, \alpha a, \alpha b; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, g, h \\ d, c, \alpha qgh/dc \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

By Sears' transformation (7.5)

$$(3.7) \quad {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, g, h \\ d, c, \alpha qgh/dc \end{matrix}; q, q \right] = \frac{(cq^{-n}/\alpha, q^{1-n}gh/dc; q)_n}{(c, \alpha qgh/dc; q)_n} (\alpha q^n)^n \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, d/g, d/h \\ d, \alpha q/c, dc/gh \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

Now, plugging (3.7) into (3.6) and substituting $g \rightarrow s$, $d \rightarrow st$, $c \rightarrow \alpha c$ we obtain

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{(\alpha, \alpha ab/q; q)_\infty}{(\alpha a, \alpha b; q)_\infty} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q/a, q/b, s, h \\ st, \alpha c, qh/ct \end{matrix}; q, \alpha ab/q \right] \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(\alpha abc/q^2)^n (\alpha, q/a, q/b, q/c; q)_n (q^{1-n}h/\alpha ct; q)_n (\alpha q^n)^n}{(q, \alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c; q)_n (qh/tc; q)_n} \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, t, st/h \\ st, q/c, \alpha ct/h \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

Now, replace h by q^{-m} , for a positive integer m , then let $m \rightarrow \infty$ and apply Tannery's theorem. The result is (3.5). \square

When $st = q/a$, the ${}_3\phi_2$ at the left-hand side of (3.5) reduces to a ${}_2\phi_1$, which can be summed by (7.1) and we get the following summation formula,

$$(3.9) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(\alpha abc/q^2)^n (\alpha, q/a, q/b, q/c; q)_n}{(q, \alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c; q)_n} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, t \\ q/a, q/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \\ = \frac{(\alpha, \alpha ab/q, \alpha bc/q, \alpha act/q; q)_\infty}{(\alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c, \alpha abct/q^2; q)_\infty}.$$

Applying the transformation (7.6) to the above ${}_3\phi_2$ we obtain another result of Ismail-Rahman-Suslov [10, Theorem 5.1].

Corollary 3.4 (Ismail-Rahman-Suslov). *We have*

$$(3.10) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(\alpha abc/q^2)^n (\alpha, q/a, q/b, q/c; q)_n}{(q, \alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c; q)_n} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, t \\ q/a, q/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \\ = \frac{(\alpha, \alpha ab/q, \alpha bc/q, \alpha act/q; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha a, \alpha b, \alpha c, \alpha abct/q^2; q)_{\infty}}.$$

Ismail-Rahman-Suslov derived the above two results from their main theorem [10, Theorem 1.1], which expresses a double sum as a linear combination of two ${}_5\phi_4$ sums. We notice that if we make the substitution $(a, b, c, d, e, f) \rightarrow (\alpha, q/b, q/c, q/d, q, \alpha)$ in their Theorem 1.1, then $qa/ef = 1$, which annihilates the factor in front of the first ${}_5\phi_4$ and reduces the second ${}_5\phi_4$ to 1 in [10, (1.4)], and we obtain immediately the following remarkable extension of (3.10).

Theorem 3.5.

$$(3.11) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(abcd/q^2)^n (\alpha, q/b, q/c, q/d; q)_n}{(q, \alpha b, \alpha c, \alpha d; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, g, h \\ q/b, q/c, abcgh/q \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \\ = \frac{(\alpha, \alpha bd/q, \alpha cd/q, \alpha bcg/q, \alpha bch/q, \alpha bcdgh/q^2; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha b, \alpha c, \alpha d, \alpha bcgh/q, \alpha bcdg/q^2, \alpha bcdh/q^2; q)_{\infty}}.$$

It seems that (3.11) was first published by Liu [16, Theorem 3].

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.7 AND ITS APPLICATIONS

4.1. Proof of Theorem 2.7. Choosing $p = 3$, $u = 1$, $\delta = \alpha a_1 a_2 / q$,

$$a_1 = (q/t_1)e^{i\theta}, \quad a_2 = (q/t_1)e^{-i\theta}, \quad e = \alpha qgh/cd$$

in Theorem 2.5, we can sum the ${}_{p-1}\phi_{p-2}$ by the q -Gauss sum (7.1) and rewrite (2.8) as

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{(\alpha q, \alpha q/t_1^2; q)_{\infty}}{h(\cos \theta; \alpha q/t_1) {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta}, g, h \\ c, d, \alpha qgh/dc \end{matrix}; q, \alpha q/t_1^2 \right]} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (\alpha q/t_1^2)^n (\alpha, t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta}; q)_n}{(1 - \alpha)(q, \alpha q e^{i\theta}/t_1, \alpha q e^{-i\theta}/t_1; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, g, h \\ c, d, \alpha qgh/dc \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

It is clear that the series at the left-hand side is convergent if $|\alpha q/t_1^2| < 1$. The convergence of the right-hand side can be justified as follows: if $|h| < |g|$, then one can show (see [14, (1.11)]) that the terminate ${}_4\phi_3$ series has the asymptotic formula

$$(4.2) \quad {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, g, h \\ c, d, \alpha qgh/dc \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \sim \frac{(h, d/g, c/g, qah/dc; q)_{\infty} g^n}{(c, d, h/g, \alpha qgh/dc; q)_{\infty}}, \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

N.B. This formula is also given in [10, (1.5)] without the factor $(h/g; q)_{\infty}$ in the denominator. Hence, in view of the factor $q^{\binom{n}{2}}$, the series on the right-hand side of (4.1) converges if $|g| \neq |h|$. Hence a sufficient condition of convergence of the infinite series on the two sides of (4.1) is

$$(4.3) \quad |g| \neq |h|, \quad |\alpha q/t_1^2| < 1.$$

Since $\alpha q/t_1 = t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5$, we have $h(\cos \theta; t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5) = (\alpha q e^{i\theta}/t_1, \alpha q e^{-i\theta}/t_1; q)_\infty$ and

$$\frac{h(\cos \theta; t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)(t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta}; q)_n}{h(\cos \theta; t_1)(\alpha q e^{i\theta}/t_1, \alpha q e^{-i\theta}/t_1; q)_n} = \frac{h(\cos \theta; t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 q^n)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1 q^n)}.$$

Multiplying both sides of (4.1) by

$$\frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)h(\cos \theta; t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)}$$

and integrating over $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, we have

$$(4.4) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta}, g, h \\ c, d, \alpha q g h / d c \end{matrix}; q, \alpha q / t_1^2 \right] d\theta \\ = \frac{1}{(\alpha q, \alpha q / t_1^2; q)_\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (\alpha q / t_1^2)^n (\alpha; q)_n}{(1 - \alpha)(q; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n, g, h \\ c, d, \alpha q g h / d c \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \\ \times \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)h(\cos \theta; t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 q^n)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1 q^n, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta.$$

The last integral can be evaluated by rescaling $t_1 \rightarrow t_1 q^n$ in (1.7),

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)h(\cos \theta; t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 q^n)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1 q^n, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times \frac{(t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n}{(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n}.$$

Substituting this in (4.4), we obtain (2.10). \square

4.2. Nassrallah-Rahman integrals. We show how to get Nassrallah-Rahman integral (1.6) from our Theorem 2.7. Let $h = c$ and $g \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.10), we have

$$(4.5) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta} \\ d \end{matrix}; q, d/t_1^2 \right] d\theta \\ = \frac{2\pi(t_6/t_1, t_6 t_1, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty}{\prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty (q, t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty} \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n}{(q, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n} \\ \times (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)^n {}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n \\ d \end{matrix}; q, d/\alpha \right].$$

Now, the above two ${}_2\phi_1$ series can be summed by q -Gauss summation (7.1) and q -Chu-Vandermonde sum (7.3), respectively,

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta} \\ d \end{matrix}; q, d/t_1^2 \right] = \frac{(d/t_1 e^{i\theta}, d/t_1 e^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(d, d/t_1^2; q)_\infty}, \\ {}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n \\ d \end{matrix}; q, d/\alpha \right] = \frac{(\alpha q/d; q)_n (-d/\alpha)^n q^{-\binom{n}{2}}}{(d; q)_n}.$$

Plugging these into (4.5), and then taking $d \rightarrow t_6 t_1$, we get the Nassrallah-Rahman integral (1.6).

In the following, we record some other well-known special cases of Theorem 2.7.

- **Askey-Wilson integral** When $t_5 = 0$, Theorem 2.7 immediately reduces to the Askey-Wilson integral (1.5).
- **Rahman Integral** (1.7) When $c = g$ and $h = d$ in (2.10), in the left hand, the ${}_4\phi_3$ series reduces to a ${}_2\phi_1$ series which can be summed by using q -Gauss summation (7.1),

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} t_1 e^{i\theta}, t_1 e^{-i\theta} \\ \alpha q \end{matrix} ; q, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 \right] = \frac{(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 e^{i\theta}, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 e^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(\alpha q, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty}.$$

On the other hand, using q -Chu-Vandermonde sums (7.2), we have

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha q^n \\ \alpha q \end{matrix} ; q, q \right] = \frac{(q^{1-n}; q)_n}{(\alpha q; q)_n} (\alpha q^n)^n,$$

which is zero for $n \geq 1$. After some simplification, this integral reduces to (1.7).

- **Ismail integral** Ismail [8, p. 442] uses the following integral to derive Nassrallah-Rahman formula via analytic prolongation.

$$(4.6) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)(\alpha e^{i\theta}, \alpha e^{-i\theta}; q)_n}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi(\alpha/t_4, \alpha t_4; q)_n (t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 4} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, t_1 t_4, t_2 t_4, t_3 t_4 \\ \alpha t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, q^{1-n} t_4 / \alpha \end{matrix} ; q, q \right].$$

When $h = c$, $g \rightarrow \infty$, $d = t_6 t_1$ and $t_1 \leftrightarrow t_5$ in (2.10), in the right hand side, the inner summation can be written as

$$(4.7) \quad {}_8W_7 \left(t_5^2 t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 / q, t_1 t_5, t_2 t_5, t_5 t_3, t_5 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / t_6 ; q, t_6 / t_5 \right).$$

Replacing $a = t_5^2 t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 / q$, $b = t_5 t_4$, $c = t_1 t_5$, $d = t_2 t_5$, $e = t_5 t_3$ and $f = t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / t_6$ into ${}_8W_7$ transformation (7.10), the above factor is equal to

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{(t_5^2 t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_5 t_4, t_1 t_6, t_2 t_6, t_3 t_6, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4; q)_\infty}{(t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_5 t_6, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_6, t_6 / t_5; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_8W_7 \left(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_6 / q, t_2 t_3, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_2, t_6 / t_4, t_6 / t_5 ; q, t_4 t_5 \right).$$

Applying ${}_8W_7$ transformation (7.11) once more (with $a = t_1 t_2 t_3 t_6 / q$, $b = t_2 t_3$, $c = t_1 t_3$, $d = t_1 t_2$, $e = t_6 / t_4$, $f = t_6 / t_5$), the ${}_8W_7$ series of (4.8) is equal to

$$(4.9) \quad \frac{(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_6, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / t_6, t_4 t_6, t_5 t_6; q)_\infty}{(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_6^2, t_4 t_5; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_8W_7 \left(t_6^2 / q, t_6 / t_1, t_6 / t_2, t_6 / t_3, t_6 / t_4, t_6 / t_5; q, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / t_6 \right).$$

Replacing (4.8) and (4.9) into (4.7), we have another form of Nassrallah-Rahman integral (1.6),

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1) h(\cos \theta; t_6)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi (\prod_{j=1}^5 (t_6 t_j; q)_\infty (t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / t_6; q)_\infty}{(q, t_6^2; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_8W_7 \left(t_6^2 / q, t_6 / t_1, t_6 / t_2, t_6 / t_3, t_6 / t_4, t_6 / t_5 ; q, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 / t_6 \right),$$

Taking $t_1 = t_6 q^n$ in the above result, we have

$$(4.10) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)(t_6 e^{i\theta}, t_6 e^{-i\theta}; q)_n}{h(\cos \theta; t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta \\ = \frac{2\pi(t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 q^n; q)_\infty (t_6^2 q^n; q)_\infty \prod_{j=2}^5 (t_j t_6; q)_\infty}{(q, t_6^2; q)_\infty \prod_{j=2}^5 (t_j t_6 q^n; q)_\infty \prod_{2 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_8W_7 \left(t_6^2/q, q^{-n}, t_6/t_2, t_6/t_3, t_6/t_4, t_6/t_5; q, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 q^n \right).$$

By using Watson's transformation ($a = t_6^2/q$, $b = t_6/t_2$, $c = t_6/t_3$, $d = t_6/t_4$ and $e = t_6/t_5$ in (7.9)), the ${}_8W_7$ series can be reduced to

$${}_8W_7 \left(t_6^2/q, q^{-n}, t_6/t_2, t_6/t_3, t_6/t_4, t_6/t_5; q, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 q^n \right) \\ = \frac{(t_6^2, t_4 t_5; q)_n}{(t_4 t_6, t_5 t_6; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, t_6/t_4, t_6/t_5, t_2 t_3 \\ t_2 t_6, t_3 t_6, q^{1-n}/t_4 t_5 \end{matrix}; q, q \right] \\ = \frac{(t_6^2, t_4 t_5, t_6/t_2, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n}{(t_4 t_6, t_5 t_6, t_3 t_6, t_4 t_5; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, t_2 t_3, t_2 t_4, t_2 t_5 \\ t_2 t_6, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5, q^{1-n} t_2/t_6 \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

The second step is obtained by Sears' transformation (7.5) ($a = t_2 t_3$, $b = t_6/t_4$, $c = t_6/t_5$, $d = t_2 t_6$, $e = t_3 t_6$, $f = q^{1-n}/t_4 t_5$). Replacing the above formula into (4.10), we get (4.6) after taking $t_2 \leftrightarrow t_4$, $t_1 \leftrightarrow t_5$ and $t_6 \rightarrow \alpha$.

- **Ismail-Stanton-Viennot integral** It is proved in [13] that

$$(4.11) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_5; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_2 t_3, t_2 t_4, t_3 t_4 \\ t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5 \end{matrix}; q, t_1 t_5 \right],$$

where $\max\{|t_1|, |t_2|, |t_3|, |t_4|, |t_5|\} < 1$.

When $g = 1$, the integral in (2.10) becomes

$$(4.12) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} d\theta = \frac{2\pi(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_\infty}{(q, \alpha q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)^n}{(q, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n}.$$

In the right-hand side of (4.12), the summation becomes

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha, \alpha^{1/2}, \alpha^{-1/2}, t_1 t_2, t_1 t_3, t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5; q)_n}{(q, \alpha^{1/2}, \alpha^{-1/2}, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5; q)_n} (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5)^n.$$

Setting $a = \alpha$, $b = t_1 t_2$, $c = t_1 t_3$, $d = t_1 t_4$, $e = t_1 t_5$ and $N \rightarrow 0$ in Watson's transformation (7.9), the above factor is equal to

$$(4.13) \quad \frac{(\alpha q, t_2 t_3; q)_\infty}{(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_1 t_4, t_1 t_5, t_4 t_5 \\ t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5 \end{matrix}; q, t_2 t_3 \right].$$

Using ${}_3\phi_2$ transformation (7.8) ($a = t_1t_4$, $b = t_1t_5$, $c = t_4t_5$, $d = t_1t_3t_4t_5$, $e = t_1t_2t_4t_5$), the above ${}_3\phi_2$ series is equal to

$$(4.14) \quad \frac{(t_1t_5, t_2t_3t_4t_5, t_1t_2t_3t_4; q)_\infty}{(t_1t_3t_4t_5, t_1t_2t_4t_5, t_2t_3; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_2t_4, t_3t_4, t_2t_3 \\ t_2t_3t_4t_5, t_1t_2t_3t_4 \end{matrix} ; q, t_1t_5 \right].$$

Substituting (4.13) and (4.14) into the integral (4.12), we get (4.11).

Remark 4.1. *In the next section, we will give another proof of (4.11) as an application of (5.1).*

4.3. Two integrals of Liu and Zhang-Wang. When $h = d$, $c = \alpha u$ and $g = \alpha uv/q$, the ${}_3\phi_2$ series at the right-hand side of (2.10) can be summed by q -Pfaff-Saalschütz sum (7.4). Thus we recover Liu's result [17, Theorem 1.6].

Theorem 4.2 (Liu).

$$(4.15) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} \alpha uv/q, t_1e^{i\theta}, t_1e^{-i\theta} \\ \alpha u, \alpha v \end{matrix} ; q, t_2t_3t_4t_5 \right] d\theta \\ = \frac{2\pi(t_1t_2t_3t_4, t_1t_2t_3t_5, t_1t_2t_4t_5, t_1t_3t_4t_5; q)_\infty}{(q, \alpha q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, q/u, q/v, t_1t_2, t_1t_3, t_1t_4, t_1t_5; q)_n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (\alpha^2 uv/t_1^2)^n}{(q, t_1t_2t_3t_4, \alpha u, \alpha v, t_1t_2t_3t_5, t_1t_2t_4t_5, t_1t_3t_4t_5; q)_n},$$

where $\alpha q = t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5$ and $\max\{|t_1|, |t_2|, |t_3|, |t_4|, |t_5|\} < 1$.

Taking $u = t_1g/\alpha$ and $v = t_1t_5/\alpha$, then (4.15) reduces to

$$(4.16) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} g/t_2t_3t_4, t_1e^{i\theta}, t_1e^{-i\theta} \\ gt_1, t_1t_5 \end{matrix} ; q, t_2t_3t_4t_5 \right] d\theta \\ = \frac{2\pi(t_1t_2t_3t_4, t_1t_2t_3t_5, t_1t_2t_4t_5, t_1t_3t_4t_5; q)_\infty}{(q, \alpha q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - \alpha q^{2n})}{(1 - \alpha)} \frac{(\alpha, t_1t_2, t_1t_3, t_1t_4, \alpha q/gt_1; q)_n (-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}} (gt_5)^n}{(q, gt_1, t_1t_2t_3t_5, t_1t_2t_4t_5, t_1t_3t_4t_5; q)_n}.$$

Using the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$ case of Watson's transformation (7.9) with $a = \alpha$, $b = t_1t_2$, $c = t_1t_3$, $d = t_1t_4$, $e = \alpha q/gt_1$, the summation at the right-hand side of (4.16) is transformed to

$$\frac{(t_1^2 t_2 t_3 t_4 t_5, g/t_4; q)_\infty}{(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_5, gt_1; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_4 t_5, t_1 t_4, \alpha q/gt_1 \\ t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5 \end{matrix} ; q, g/t_4 \right].$$

Hence (4.16) is equivalent to

$$(4.17) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5)} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} g/t_2t_3t_4, t_1e^{i\theta}, t_1e^{-i\theta} \\ gt_1, t_1t_5 \end{matrix} ; q, t_2t_3t_4t_5 \right] d\theta \\ = \frac{2\pi(t_1t_2t_3t_4, t_1t_2t_4t_5, t_1t_3t_4t_5, g/t_4; q)_\infty}{(q, gt_1; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 5} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_4 t_5, t_1 t_4, \alpha q/gt_1 \\ t_1 t_2 t_4 t_5, t_1 t_3 t_4 t_5 \end{matrix} ; q, g/t_4 \right].$$

Applying the ${}_3\phi_2$ transformations (7.7) and (7.8) to the above two ${}_3\phi_2$ in (4.17), respectively, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} g/t_2t_3t_4, t_1e^{i\theta}, t_1e^{-i\theta} \\ gt_1, t_1t_5 \end{matrix} ; q, t_2t_3t_4t_5 \right] \\ &= \frac{(t_1t_2t_3t_4t_5/g, gt_5; q)_\infty}{(t_1t_5, t_2t_3t_4t_5; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} g/t_2t_3t_4, ge^{i\theta}, ge^{-i\theta} \\ gt_1, gt_5 \end{matrix} ; q, t_1t_2t_3t_4t_5/g \right], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_4t_5, t_1t_4, \alpha q/gt_1 \\ t_1t_3t_4t_5, t_1t_2t_4t_5 \end{matrix} ; q, g/t_4 \right] \\ &= \frac{(\alpha q/gt_1, gt_1, gt_5; q)_\infty}{(t_1t_3t_4t_5, t_1t_2t_4t_5, g/t_4; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} g/t_2, g/t_3, g/t_4 \\ gt_1, gt_5 \end{matrix} ; q, \alpha q/gt_1 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging these into (4.17) and taking $t_1 = a$, $t_2 = b$, $t_3 = c$, $t_4 = d$, $t_5 = f$, we get the following integral formula of Zhang and Wang [21, Theorem 4.3].

Theorem 4.3 (Zhang and Wang).

$$\begin{aligned} (4.18) \quad & \int_0^\pi \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)}{h(\cos \theta; a, b, c, d, f)} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} g/bcd, ge^{i\theta}, ge^{-i\theta} \\ ag, fg \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{abcdf}{g} \right] d\theta \\ &= \frac{2\pi(abcd, bcdf; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd, bf, cf, df; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} g/b, g/c, g/d \\ af, fg, \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{abcdf}{g} \right], \end{aligned}$$

provided $|abcdf/g| < 1$.

5. ISMAIL-STANTON'S GENERATING FUNCTION OF ASKEY-WILSON POLYNOMIALS

Ismail and Stanton [12] use the orthogonality relation of Askey-Wilson polynomials and (4.11) to prove the following generating function of Askey-Wilson polynomials.

Theorem 5.1 (Ismail-Stanton). *The Askey-Wilson polynomials have the generating function*

$$(5.1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(x, \mathbf{t}|q) c_n(\mathbf{t}, b) = \frac{1}{(be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta})_\infty},$$

where

$$(5.2) \quad c_n(\mathbf{t}, b) = \frac{b^n(t_2t_3t_4bq^n; q)_\infty}{(q, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{n-1}; q)_n \prod_{j=2}^4 (t_j b; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_2t_3q^n, t_2t_4q^n, t_3t_4q^n \\ t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2n}, t_2t_3t_4bq^n \end{matrix} ; q, t_1b \right].$$

Prior to Ismail-Stanton's work, Kim and Stanton [15] proved the following special case of (5.1).

Proposition 5.2 (Kim-Stanton). *We have the following generating function of continuous dual q -Hahn polynomials $P_n(x; 0, t_2, t_3, t_4|q)$,*

$$(5.3) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_k(x; 0, t_2, t_3, t_4|q)}{(q, bt_2t_3t_4; q)_k} b^k = \frac{(bt_2, bt_3, bt_4; q)_\infty}{(bt_2t_3t_4, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}.$$

Kim and Stanton's idea is to use the "bootstrapping method": they derive (5.3) from the generating function of Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials $P_n(x; 0, 0, t_3, t_4|q)$ by using the connection formula, [4, 8],

$$(5.4) \quad \frac{P_n(x; A, t_2, t_3, t_4|q)}{(q, t_2t_3, t_2t_4, t_3t_4; q)_n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{P_k(x, \mathbf{t}|q)(At_2t_3t_4q^{n-1}; q)_k}{(q, t_2t_3, t_2t_4, t_3t_4, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k} \times \frac{t_1^{n-k}(A/t_1; q)_{n-k}}{(q, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k}; q)_{n-k}}.$$

We show that the same idea works for Ismail-Stanton's formula (5.1), that is, one can derive (5.1) from (5.3) by using (5.4).

Proof of Theorem 5.1 Letting $A = 0$ and summing the two sides of (5.4), multiplied with $\frac{(t_2t_3, t_2t_4, t_3t_4; q)_n b^n}{(bt_2t_3t_4; q)_n}$, over $n \geq 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_n(x; 0, t_2, t_3, t_4|q)}{(q, bt_2t_3t_4; q)_n} b^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^n}{(q, bt_2t_3t_4; q)_n} \sum_{k=0}^n P_k(x, \mathbf{t}|q) \frac{(q, t_2t_3, t_2t_4, t_3t_4; q)_n}{(q, t_2t_3, t_2t_4, t_3t_4; q)_k} \\ &\quad \times \frac{t_1^{n-k}}{(t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k (q, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k}; q)_{n-k}} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^{n+k} P_k(x, \mathbf{t}|q) (t_2t_3, t_2t_4, t_3t_4; q)_{n+k}}{(bt_2t_3t_4; q)_{n+k} (q, t_2t_3, t_2t_4, t_3t_4; q)_k} \\ &\quad \times \frac{t_1^n}{(t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k (q, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k}; q)_n} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^k P_k(x, \mathbf{t}|q)}{(q, bt_2t_3t_4, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(t_2t_3q^k, t_2t_4q^k, t_3t_4q^k; q)_n (bt_1)^n}{(q, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k}, bt_2t_3t_4q^k; q)_n}. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (5.3), we can rewrite the above equation as:

$$\frac{(bt_2, bt_3, bt_4; q)_{\infty}}{(bt_2t_3t_4, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}; q)_{\infty}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^k P_k(x, \mathbf{t}|q)}{(q, bt_2t_3t_4, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{k-1}; q)_k} \times {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} t_2t_3q^k, t_2t_4q^k, t_3t_4q^k \\ t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{2k}, bt_2t_3t_4q^k \end{matrix}; q, bt_1 \right].$$

The result follows then after some simplification. \square

As an application of (5.1), we give another proof of Ismail-Stanton-Viennot integral (4.11).

Another Proof of (4.11) In view of (5.1) with $b \rightarrow t_5$ the left-hand side of (4.11) is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(\mathbf{t}, t_5) \frac{(t_1t_4, t_1t_3, t_1t_4; q)_n}{t_1^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(q^{-n}, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{n-1}; q)_k}{(q, t_1t_2, t_1t_3, t_1t_4; q)_k} q^k \int_0^{\pi} \frac{h(\cos 2\theta; 1)(t_1e^{i\theta}, t_1e^{-i\theta}; q)_k}{h(\cos \theta; t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4)} d\theta.$$

The inner integral can be evaluated by replacing $t_1 \rightarrow t_1q^k$ in the Askey-Wilson integral (1.5),

$$(5.5) \quad \frac{2\pi(t_1t_2t_3t_4; q)_{\infty}}{(q; q)_{\infty} \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 4} (t_r t_s; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(\mathbf{t}, t_5) \frac{(t_1t_4, t_1t_3, t_1t_4; q)_n}{t_1^n} {}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{n-1} \\ t_1t_2t_3t_4 \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

The inner ${}_2\phi_1$ series can be summed by q -Chu-Vandemonde (7.2)

$${}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{n-1} \\ t_1t_2t_3t_4 \end{matrix}; q, q \right] = \frac{(q^{1-n}; q)_n (t_1t_2t_3t_4q^{n-1})^n}{(t_1t_2t_3t_4; q)_n}.$$

Since $(q^{1-n}; q)_n = 0$ for $n \geq 1$, (5.5) reduces to

$$\frac{2\pi(t_1 t_2 t_3 t_4; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq r < s \leq 4} (t_r t_s; q)_\infty} c_0(\mathbf{t}, t_5),$$

which is clearly equal to the right-hand side of (4.11) in view of (5.2). \square

6. MORE TRANSFORMATION FORMULAE

Ismail-Stanton [12, §5-6] proved the following expansion formula:

$$(6.1) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(az, a/z; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} A_n B_n \delta^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\delta)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{(q, Cq^{k-1}; q)_k} \\ \times \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(q^{-n}, Cq^{n-1}, az, a/z; q)_k q^k A_k}{(q; q)_k} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\delta^r B_{r+n}}{(q, Cq^{2n}; q)_r}.$$

They also derive several interesting results from the above identity. We note that (6.1) follows from Proposition 2.3. Indeed, substituting $\beta_n \rightarrow \frac{A_n u^n}{(q, \alpha, \beta; q)_n}$, $\delta_n \rightarrow (\alpha, \beta; q)_n B_n \delta^n$ and $b \rightarrow \gamma$ in (2.6) yields the following result.

Theorem 6.1.

$$(6.2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n B_n \frac{(\delta u)^n}{(q; q)_n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(a; q)_n (a/\gamma; q)_n (\gamma/a)^n}{(1-a)(\gamma q; q)_n (q; q)_n} \\ \times \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(1 - \gamma q^{2k})(aq^n; q)_k (q^{-n}; q)_k}{(1-\gamma)(\gamma q^{n+1}; q)_k (\gamma q^{1-n}/a; q)_k} \frac{(uq)^k A_k}{(q, \alpha, \beta; q)_k} \\ \times \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\gamma/a; q)_r (\gamma; q)_{r+2n} (\alpha, \beta; q)_{r+n} \delta^{r+n} B_{r+n}}{(q; q)_r (aq; q)_{r+2n}}.$$

Letting $\gamma = 0$ and $A_n \rightarrow A_n(b, c; q)_n$, the above formula reduces to

$$(6.3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(b, c; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} A_n B_n (\delta u)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n (1 - aq^{2n})(-1)^n q^{\binom{n}{2}}}{(q; q)_n (1-a)(aq; q)_{2n}} \\ \times \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(q^{-n}, aq^n, b, c; q)_k}{(q, \alpha, \beta; q)_k} (uq)^k A_k \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\delta^{r+n} B_{r+n} (\alpha, \beta; q)_{n+r}}{(q, aq^{2n+1}; q)_r}.$$

Obviously (6.3) reduces to (6.1) when $\alpha = \beta = 0$, $b \rightarrow az$, $c \rightarrow a/z$, $u \rightarrow 1$ and $a \rightarrow C/q$.

Verma [20] (see also [7, p. 84]) proved the following important expansion formula

$$(6.4) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n B_n \frac{(xw)^n}{(q; q)_n} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^n}{(q, \gamma q^n; q)_n} q^{\binom{n}{2}} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{(q^{-n}, \gamma q^n; q)_j}{(q, \alpha, \beta; q)_j} (wq)^r A_j \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha, \beta; q)_{n+k}}{(q, \gamma q^{2n+1}; q)_k} x^k B_{k+n}.$$

We note that the above formula corresponds to (6.3) with $b = c = 0$, $a = \gamma$, $u = w$ and $\delta = x$.

Besides, the special $\beta_n = \frac{(g, h, y; q)_n}{(q, e, f, t; q)_n} u^n$ case of Proposition 2.5 gives the following result.

Theorem 6.2. *Let $\delta, u, y, h, t, e, f, g, b_i, a_i$ ($i \in \mathbb{N}$) be any complex numbers. Then the following formal power series in ζ and u holds*

$$\begin{aligned} {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, y, h, g \\ t, e, f, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1} \end{matrix} ; q, u\delta \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(a, a/b, a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}; q)_n (b\delta a^{-1})^n (b; q)_{2n}}{(1 - a)(bq, q, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}; q)_n (aq; q)_{2n}} \\ &\times {}_8\phi_7 \left[\begin{matrix} b, b^{1/2}q, -b^{1/2}q, y, h, g, aq^n, q^{-n} \\ b^{1/2}, -b^{1/2}, bq^{n+1}, bq^{1-n}/a, t, e, f \end{matrix} ; q, qu \right] {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1q^n, \dots, a_{p-1}q^n, b/a, bq^{2n} \\ b_1q^n, \dots, b_{p-1}q^n, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we record two special cases of Theorem 6.2 when the above ${}_8\phi_7$ is summable in closed form.

- Taking $u = 1, t = bq/y, e = bq/h, f = bq/g$ and $b^2q = ayhg$ in Theorem 6.2, the ${}_8\phi_7$ series can be summed by Jackson's summation (7.13)

$$\begin{aligned} (6.5) \quad {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, y, h, g \\ bq/y, bq/h, bq/g, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(a, a/b; q)_n (a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}; q)_n (b; q)_{2n}}{(1 - a)(q; q)_n (b_1, \dots, b_{p-1})_n (aq; q)_{2n}} \\ &\times \frac{(bq/gh, bq/yg, bq/gg; q)_n}{(bq/y, bq/h, bq/g, by/ygh; q)_n} {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1q^n, \dots, a_{p-1}q^n, b/a, bq^{2n} \\ b_1q^n, \dots, b_{p-1}q^n, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- Taking $y = t, h = e, u = b/ag$ and $f = bq/g$ in Theorem 6.2, the ${}_6\phi_5$ series can be summed by (7.12)

$$\begin{aligned} (6.6) \quad {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, g \\ bq/g, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1} \end{matrix} ; q, b\delta/ag \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(a, a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}, ag/b; q)_n (b\delta/a)^n (b; q)_{2n}}{(1 - a)(q, b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}, bq/g; q)_n (aq; q)_{2n}} \\ &\times {}_{p+1}\phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1q^n, \dots, a_{p-1}q^n, b/a, bq^{2n} \\ b_1q^n, \dots, b_{p-1}q^n, aq^{2n+1} \end{matrix} ; q, \delta \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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7. APPENDIX

The following formulae are taken from [7, Appendices II and III].

The q -Gauss sum,

$$(7.1) \quad {}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; q, c/ab \right] = \frac{(c/a, c/b; q)_\infty}{(c, c/ab; q)_\infty}, \quad (|c/ab| < 1).$$

The q -Chu-Vandermonde sums,

$$(7.2) \quad {}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, q^{-n} \\ c \end{matrix}; q, q \right] = \frac{(c/a; q)_n a^n}{(c; q)_n},$$

and, reversing the order of summation,

$$(7.3) \quad {}_2\phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, q^{-n} \\ c \end{matrix}; q, cq^n/a \right] = \frac{(c/a; q)_n}{(c; q)_n}.$$

The q -Pfaff-Saalschütz sum,

$$(7.4) \quad {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b, q^{-n} \\ c, abq^{1-n}/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right] = \frac{(c/a, c/b; q)_n}{(c, c/ab; q)_n}.$$

Sears' transformation,

$$(7.5) \quad {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b, c, q^{-n} \\ d, e, f \end{matrix}; q, q \right] = \frac{(e/a, f/a; q)_n a^n}{(e, f; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} a, d/b, d/c, q^{-n} \\ d, aq^{1-n}/e, aq^{1-n}/f \end{matrix}; q, q \right],$$

where $def = abcq^{1-n}$.

Transformations of finite ${}_3\phi_2$ series (by sending $c, f \rightarrow 0$ in (7.5)),

$$(7.6) \quad {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, a, b \\ d, e \end{matrix}; q, q \right] = \frac{(e/a; q)_n a^n}{(e; q)_n} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} q^{-n}, a, d/b \\ d, aq^{1-n}/e \end{matrix}; q, bq/e \right].$$

Transformations of ${}_3\phi_2$ series,

$$(7.7) \quad {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b, c \\ d, e \end{matrix}; q, de/abc \right] = \frac{(e/a, de/bc; q)_\infty}{(e, de/abc; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} a, d/b, d/c \\ d, de/bc \end{matrix}; q, e/a \right]$$

$$(7.8) \quad = \frac{(b, de/ab, de/bc; q)_\infty}{(d, e, de/abc; q)_\infty} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} e/b, d/b, de/abc \\ de/ab, de/bc \end{matrix}; q, b \right],$$

where $\max\{|de/abc|, |e/a|, |b|\} < 1$.

Watson's transformation,

$$(7.9) \quad {}_8\phi_7 \left[\begin{matrix} a, a^{1/2}q, -a^{1/2}q, b, c, d, e, q^{-n} \\ a^{1/2}, -a^{1/2}, aq/b, aq/c, aq/d, aq/e, aq^{n+1} \end{matrix}; q, \frac{a^2 q^{n+2}}{bcde} \right] \\ = \frac{(aq, aq/de; q)_n}{(aq/d, aq/e; q)_n} {}_4\phi_3 \left[\begin{matrix} aq/bc, d, e, q^{-n} \\ aq/b, aq/c, deq^{-n}/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right].$$

Transformations of very-well-poised ${}_8\phi_7$ series,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.10) \quad & {}_8\phi_7 \left[\begin{matrix} a, a^{1/2}q, -a^{1/2}q, b, c, d, e, f \\ a^{1/2}, -a^{1/2}, aq/b, aq/c, aq/d, aq/e, aq/f \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{a^2q^2}{bcdef} \right] \\
 &= \frac{(aq, b, bc\mu/a, bd\mu/a, be\mu/a, bf\mu/a; q)_\infty}{(aq/c, aq/d, aq/e, aq/f, \mu q, b\mu/a; q)_\infty} \\
 (7.11) \quad & \times {}_8\phi_7 \left[\begin{matrix} \mu, \mu^{1/2}q, -\mu^{1/2}q, aq/bc, aq/bd, aq/be, aq/bf, b\mu/a \\ \mu^{1/2}, -\mu^{1/2}, bc\mu/a, bd\mu/a, be\mu/a, bf\mu/a, aq/b \end{matrix} ; q, b \right] \\
 &= \frac{(aq, aq/ef, \lambda q/e, \lambda q/f; q)_\infty}{(aq/e, aq/f, \lambda q, \lambda q/ef; q)_\infty} \\
 & \times {}_8\phi_7 \left[\begin{matrix} \lambda, \lambda^{1/2}q, -\lambda^{1/2}q, \lambda b/a, \lambda c/a, \lambda d/a, e, f \\ \lambda^{1/2}, -\lambda^{1/2}, aq/b, aq/c, aq/d, \lambda q/e, \lambda q/f \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{aq}{ef} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda = a^2q/bcd$, $\mu = a^3q^3/b^2cdef$ and $\max\{|a^2q^2/bcdef|, |aq/ef|, |b|\} < 1$.

Rogers' ${}_6\phi_5$ summation,

$$(7.12) \quad {}_6\phi_5 \left[\begin{matrix} a, a^{1/2}q, -a^{1/2}q, b, c, q^{-n} \\ a^{1/2}, -a^{1/2}, aq/b, aq/c, aq^{n+1} \end{matrix} ; q, \frac{aq^{n+1}}{bc} \right] = \frac{(aq, aq/bc; q)_n}{(aq/b, aq/c; q)_n}.$$

Jackson's ${}_8\phi_7$ summation,

$$(7.13) \quad {}_8\phi_7 \left[\begin{matrix} a, a^{1/2}q, -a^{1/2}q, b, c, d, e, q^{-n} \\ a^{1/2}, -a^{1/2}, aq/b, aq/c, aq/d, aq/e, aq^{n+1} \end{matrix} ; q, q \right] = \frac{(aq, aq/bc, aq/bd, aq/cd; q)_n}{(aq/b, aq/c, aq/d, aq/bcd; q)_n},$$

where $a^2q = bcdeq^{-n}$.

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