### ROGERS-RAMANUJAN TYPE IDENTITIES FOR ALTERNATING KNOTS

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ABSTRACT. We highlight the role of q-series techniques in proving identities arising from knot theory. In particular, we prove Rogers-Ramanujan type identities for alternating knots as conjectured by Garoufalidis, Lê and Zagier.

### 1. Introduction

Two of the most important results in the theory of q-series are the classical Rogers-Ramanujan identities which state that

$$\sum_{n>0} \frac{q^{n^2+sn}}{(q)_n} = \frac{1}{(q^{1+s}; q^5)_{\infty} (q^{4-s}; q^5)_{\infty}}$$
(1.1)

where s = 0 or 1 and

$$(a)_n = (a;q)_n = \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - aq^{k-1}),$$

valid for  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ . In 1974, Andrews [1] obtained a generalization of (1.1) to odd moduli, namely for all  $k \geq 2$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,

$$\sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{k-1} \ge 0} \frac{q^{N_1^2 + N_2^2 + \dots + N_{k-1}^2 + N_i + N_{i+1} + \dots + N_{k-1}}}{(q)_{n_1}(q)_{n_2} \cdots (q)_{n_{k-1}}} = \frac{(q^i; q^{2k+1})_{\infty} (q^{2k+1-i}; q^{2k+1})_{\infty} (q^{2k+1}; q^{2k+1})_{\infty}}{(q)_{\infty}}$$
(1.2)

where  $N_j = n_j + n_{j+1} + \cdots + n_{k-1}$ . There has been recent interest in the appearance of these (and similar) identities in knot theory. For example, Hikami [14] considered (1.1) from the perspective of the colored Jones polynomial of torus knots while Armond and Dasbach [6] gave a skein-theoretic proof of (1.2). For similar identities related to false theta series, see [13] and for other connections between q-series and quantum invariants of knots, see [7]–[9], [11], [15] and [16].

In this paper, we consider recent work in [10] whereby the q-multisums  $\Phi_K(q)$  and  $\Phi_{-K}(q)$  were associated to a given alternating knot K and its mirror -K. The q-multisum  $\Phi_K(q)$  occurs as the 0-limit (or "tail") of the colored Jones polynomial of K (see Theorem 1.10 in [10]). In

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Appendix D of [10], Garoufalidis and Lê (with Zagier) conjectured evaluations of  $\Phi_K(q)$  for 21 knots and of  $\Phi_{-K}(q)$  for 22 knots in terms of modular forms and false theta series and state "every such guess is a q-series identity whose proof is unknown to us". Before stating these conjectures, we recall some notation from [10]. For a positive integer b, we define

$$h_b = h_b(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \epsilon_b(n) q^{\frac{bn(n+1)}{2} - n}$$

where

$$\epsilon_b(n) = \begin{cases} (-1)^n & \text{if } b \text{ is odd,} \\ 1 & \text{if } b \text{ is even and } n \ge 0, \\ -1 & \text{if } b \text{ is even and } n < 0. \end{cases}$$

Note that  $h_1(q) = 0$ ,  $h_2(q) = 1$  and  $h_3(q) = (q)_{\infty}$ . For an integers p, a and b, let  $K_p$  denote the pth twist knot obtained by -1/p surgery on the Whitehead link and T(a, b) the left-handed (a, b) torus knot. The 43 conjectures from [10] are as follows:

K	$\Phi_K(q)$	$\Phi_{-K}(q)$
$3_{1}$	$h_3$	1
$4_1$	$h_3$	$h_3$
$5_1$	$h_5$	1
$5_2$	$h_4$	$h_3$
$6_1$	$h_5$	$h_3$
$6_2$	$h_3h_4$	$h_3$
$6_3$	$h_3^2$	$h_{3}^{2}$
$7_1$	$h_7$	1
$7_2$	$h_6$	$h_3$
$7_3$	$h_5$	$h_4$
$7_4$	$h_4^2$	$h_3$
$7_5$	$h_3h_4$	$h_4$
$7_6$	$h_3h_4$	$h_3^2 \\ h_3^2$
$7_7$	$h_3^3$	$h_3^2$
$8_1$	$h_7$	$h_3$
$8_2$	$h_3h_6$	$h_3$
$8_3$	$h_5$	$h_5$
$8_{4}$	$h_3$	$h_4h_5$
$8_5$	?	$h_3$
$K_p, p > 0$	$h_{2p}$	$h_3$
$K_p, p < 0$	$ h_{2 p +1} $	$h_3$
T(2,p), p > 0	$h_{2p+1}$	1

Table 1.

Here, we have corrected the entries for  $6_1$ ,  $7_3$ ,  $8_1$ ,  $8_4$ ,  $8_5$ ,  $K_p$ , p < 0 (and their mirrors) and  $7_5$  in Appendix D of [10]. Three of these Rogers-Ramanujan type identities, namely

$$\Phi_{3_1}(q) = h_3, \quad \Phi_{4_1}(q) = h_3 \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_{6_3}(q) = h_3^2$$
(1.3)

have been proven by Andrews [4]. Motivated by his work (and in conjunction with (1.3)), we prove the following result.

### **Theorem 1.1.** The identities in Table 1 are true.

In principle, one can use either Theorem 5.1 of [6] or Theorem 4.12 of [13] to give a skein-theoretic proof of Theorem 1.1. Here, we have chosen to highlight the role of q-series techniques in proving such identities. For example, one can use the Bailey machinery to quickly prove identity (2.7) in [13]. The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we provide the necessary background on q-series identities and the Bailey machinery. In Section 3, we clarify the construction of the q-multisums  $\Phi_K(q)$  and  $\Phi_{-K}(q)$  from [10] (see also [11]). In Section 4, we prove Theorem 1.1. It is interesting to note that the proofs for  $5_1$  and  $-8_4$  require (1.1) while those for  $7_1$  and T(2,p) utilize (1.2). Although, one can simplify  $\Phi_{8_5}(q)$  using the techniques in this paper, a conjectural evaluation is still currently unknown. Moreover, it is not known for a general alternating knot K if  $\Phi_K(q)$  reduces as in the current pleasant situation.

## 2. Preliminaries

We first recall five q-series identities. The first two are due to Euler (see II.1 and II.2, page 236 in [12]), the third is the z = 1 case of Lemma 2 in [4], the fourth is the q-binomial theorem (see II.4, page 236 in [12]) and the fifth is the Jacobi triple product (see II.28, page 239 in [12]):

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{(q)_n} = \frac{1}{(t)_{\infty}},\tag{2.1}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^n q^{n(n-1)/2}}{(q)_n} = (t)_{\infty}, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2 + An}}{(q)_n(q)_{n+A}} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}}$$
 (2.3)

for any integer A,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^n q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(q)_n (q)_{K-n}} = \frac{(t)_K}{(q)_K}$$
(2.4)

and

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} z^n q^{n^2} = (-zq; q^2)_{\infty} (-q/z; q^2)_{\infty} (q^2; q^2)_{\infty}.$$
 (2.5)

Here and throughout, we use the convention that

$$\frac{1}{(q)_n} = 0$$

for n < 0. In addition, one can easily check that for  $a, b \ge 0$ ,

$$\frac{(q^{-a-b})_a}{(q)_a} = (-1)^a q^{-\frac{a(a+1)}{2} - ab} \frac{(q)_{a+b}}{(q)_a(q)_b}.$$
 (2.6)

We now derive a key result which follows from a generalization of Sears' transformation (see III.15, page 242 in [12]).

**Lemma 2.1.** For any n > 2 and integers  $c_k$ ,

$$\sum_{a\geq 0} (-1)^{na} \frac{q^{\frac{na(a+1)}{2}-a+a\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-1}c_k}}{(q)_a\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-1}(q)_{a+c_k}} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{i_1,\dots,i_{n-2}\geq 0} (-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-2}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j} \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-2}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right)\left(1+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right)+\sum\limits_{k=2}^{n-1}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k-1}c_ki_j}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-2}(q)_{i_k}\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-2}(q)_{i_k}\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-2}(q)_{c_k+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j}}.$$

*Proof.* We first use that

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)_n t^n = (-1)^n q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}},$$

then apply Corollary 1 in [5] and simplify to obtain

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{a\geq 0} (-1)^{na} \frac{q^{\frac{na(a+1)}{2} - a + a\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k}}{(q)_a \prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} (q)_{a+c_k}} = \frac{1}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} (q)_{c_k}} \lim_{t \to 0} \sum_{a\geq 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)_a^n t^{na} q^{a\left(n-1+\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k\right)}}{(q)_a \prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} (q^{c_k+1})_a} \\ &= \frac{1}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} (q)_{c_k}} \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{(tq^{c_{n-1}+1})_{\infty} (t^{n-1} q^{\frac{n-1+\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k}})_{\infty}}{(q^{c_{n-1}+1})_{\infty} (t^n q^{\frac{n-1+\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k}})_{\infty}} \\ &\times \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{n-2} \geq 0} \frac{(tq^{c_{2}+1})^{i_1} (tq^{c_{3}+1})^{i_1+i_2} \cdots (tq^{c_{n-1}+1})^{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{n-2}}}{(q)_{i_1} (q)_{i_2} \cdots (q)_{i_{n-2}}} \\ &\times \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^{i_1} \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^{i_1+i_2} \cdots \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{n-2}}}{(q)^{i_1} (q^{c_{2}+1})_{i_1+i_2} \cdots (q^{c_{n-2}+1})^{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{n-2}}}} \\ &\times \frac{(tq^{c_{1}+1})_{i_1} (q^{c_{2}+1})_{i_1+i_2} \cdots (q^{c_{n-2}+1})^{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{n-2}}}{(t^{n-1}q^{n-1+c_{1}+\dots+c_{n-1}})_{i_1+\dots+i_{n-2}}}} \\ &\times \frac{(tq^{c_{1}+1})_{i_1} \cdots (tq^{c_{n-2}+1})_{i_{n-2}} (tq^{c_{1}+1})_{i_1} (t^2q^{2+c_{1}+c_{2}+i_1})_{i_2} \cdots (t^{n-2}q^{n-2+c_{1}+\dots+c_{n-2}+i_1+\dots+i_{n-3}})_{i_{n-2}}}{(t^{n-1}q^{n-1+c_{1}+\dots+c_{n-1}})_{i_1+\dots+i_{n-2}}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{n-2} \geq 0} (-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-2} \sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_j} \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2} \sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-2} \left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_j\right) \left(1+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_j\right)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} c_k i_j}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-2} \left(q\right)_{i_k} \prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-2} \left(q\right)_{k} \prod\limits_{k=1}^{n-2} \left(q\right)_{k} \prod\limits_{k=1}^{k} i_j} \right)} . \end{split}$$

We now recall the Bailey machinery as initiated by Bailey and Slater in the 1940's and 50's and perfected by Andrews in the 1980's (for further details, see [2], [3] or [18]). A pair of sequences  $(\alpha_n, \beta_n)_{n\geq 0}$  satisfying

$$\beta_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\alpha_k}{(q)_{n-k} (aq)_{n+k}} \tag{2.7}$$

is called a Bailey pair relative to a. If  $(\alpha_n, \beta_n)_{n\geq 0}$  is a Bailey pair relative to a, then so is  $(\alpha'_n, \beta'_n)_{n\geq 0}$  where

$$\alpha_n' = \frac{(b)_n (c)_n (aq/bc)^n}{(aq/b)_n (aq/c)_n} \alpha_n \tag{2.8}$$

and

$$\beta'_{n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(b)_{k}(c)_{k} (aq/bc)_{n-k} (aq/bc)^{k}}{(aq/b)_{n} (aq/c)_{n} (q)_{n-k}} \beta_{k}. \tag{2.9}$$

Iterating (2.8) and (2.9) leads to a sequence of Bailey pairs, called the *Bailey chain*. Putting (2.8) and (2.9) into (2.7) and letting  $n \to \infty$  gives

$$\sum_{n\geq 0} (b)_n (c)_n (aq/bc)^n \beta_n = \frac{(aq/b)_{\infty} (aq/c)_{\infty}}{(aq)_{\infty} (aq/bc)_{\infty}} \sum_{n\geq 0} \frac{(b)_n (c)_n (aq/bc)^n}{(aq/b)_n (aq/c)_n} \alpha_n.$$
 (2.10)

For example, if we consider the Bailey pair relative to q (see B(3) in [17])

$$\alpha_n = \frac{(1 - q^{2n+1})(-1)^n q^{\frac{3}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n}}{1 - q}$$
 (2.11)

and

$$\beta_n = \frac{1}{(q)_n},\tag{2.12}$$

then one application of (2.8) and (2.9) with  $b,\,c\to\infty$  yields

$$\alpha'_{n} = \frac{(1 - q^{2n+1})(-1)^{n} q^{\frac{5}{2}n^{2} + \frac{3}{2}n}}{1 - q}$$
(2.13)

and

$$\beta_n' = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{q^{k(k+1)}}{(q)_k(q)_{n-k}} \tag{2.14}$$

while l-2 applications, l>2, of (2.8) and (2.9) with  $b, c\to\infty$  at each step produces

$$\alpha_n^{(l-2)} = \frac{(1 - q^{2n+1})(-1)^n q^{\frac{2l-1}{2}n^2 + \frac{2l-3}{2}n}}{1 - q}$$
(2.15)

and

$$\beta_n^{(l-2)} = \sum_{n=n_{l-1}, n_{l-2}, \dots, n_1 \ge 0} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{l-2} n_k(n_k+1)}{(q)_{n_1} \prod_{k=2}^{l-1} (q)_{n_k-n_{k-1}}}.$$
 (2.16)

Inserting (2.13) and (2.14) into (2.10), then letting  $b \to \infty$  and c = q gives

$$\sum_{n,k\geq 0} (-1)^n \frac{q^{k(k+1) + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}}(q)_n}{(q)_k(q)_{n-k}} = \sum_{n\geq 0} q^{3n^2 + 2n} (1 - q^{2n+1})$$
(2.17)

while substituting (2.15) and (2.16) into (2.10), then letting  $b \to \infty$  and c = q leads to

$$\sum_{n_{l-1}, n_{l-2}, \dots, n_1 \ge 0} (-1)^{n_{l-1}} \frac{q^{\sum_{k=1}^{l-2} n_k(n_k+1) + \frac{n_{l-1}(n_{l-1}+1)}{2}}(q)_{n_{l-1}}}{(q)_{n_1} \prod_{k=2}^{l-1} (q)_{n_k - n_{k-1}}} = \sum_{n \ge 0} q^{ln^2 + (l-1)n} (1 - q^{2n+1}). \quad (2.18)$$

3. 
$$\Phi_K(q)$$
 AND  $\Phi_{-K}(q)$ 

Let K be an alternating knot with c crossings and D its associated diagram. We checkerboard D with colors A and B such that the exterior X is colored A (here, we identify D with the planar graph obtained by placing a vertex at each crossing and an edge at each arc) and let  $\mathcal{T}_K$  be the Tait graph of K (or, equivalently, of D). The reduced Tait graph  $\mathcal{T}'_K$  is obtained from  $\mathcal{T}_K$  by replacing every set of two edges that connect the same two vertices by a single edge. Let E(D) be the set of edges, R the set of faces,  $R_A$  the set of A-colored faces and  $R_B$  the set of B-colored faces in D. The idea is to assign variables to each face of D, including X. Thus, we let

$$S = \{s : R \to \mathbb{Z} : s(X) = 0\}.$$

For F,  $F_i$  and  $F_j \in R$ , define e(F) to be the number of edges of F,  $cv(F_i, F_j)$  the number of common vertices and  $ce(F_i, F_j)$  the number of common edges between  $F_i$  and  $F_j$ . We now consider the functions  $L: R \to \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$  and  $Q: R \times R \to \mathbb{Z}$  given by

$$L(F) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } F \in R_B, \\ \frac{e(F)}{2} - 1 & \text{if } F \in R_A \end{cases}$$

and

$$Q(F_i, F_j) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j, \ F_i \in R_B \ \text{or} \ i \neq j, \ F_i, \ F_j \in R_A, \\ e(F_i) & \text{if } i = j, \ F_i \in R_A, \\ cv(F_i, F_j) & \text{if } i \neq j, \ F_i, \ F_j \in R_B, \\ ce(F_i, F_j) & \text{if } i \neq j, \ F_i \in R_B, \ F_j \in R_A \ \text{or} \ F_i \in R_A, \ F_j \in R_B. \end{cases}$$

We extend  $s \in S$  to E(D) by defining s(e) to be the sum of the variables in adjacent faces. Furthermore, suppose  $F \in R_B$  shares a common edge with the maximum number of faces in  $R_A$ . If F is not unique, choose a face in  $R_B$  that shares a common edge with the maximum number of faces in  $R_A \setminus \{X\}$ . If this latter face is not unique, choose from any of the remaining candidates of faces and let  $F^*$  denote this choice. Finally, we let

$$\Lambda := \{ s \in S : s(e) \ge 0, \forall e \in E(D) \text{ and } s(F^*) = 0 \}$$

and consider the functions  $L': \Lambda \to \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^{|R|-1}$  and  $Q': \Lambda \to \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^{|R|-1}$  defined by

$$L'(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{|R|-1} L(F_i)s(F_i)$$

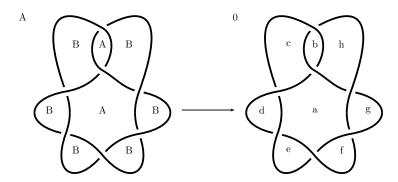
and

$$Q'(s) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \le i, j \le |R| - 1} Q(F_i, F_j) s(F_i) s(F_j).$$

The q-multisum  $\Phi_K(q)$  is now given by (see Theorem 1.10 in [10])

$$\Phi_K(q) = (q)_{\infty}^c S_K := (q)_{\infty}^c \sum_{s \in \Lambda} (-1)^{2L'(s)} \frac{q^{Q'(s) + L'(s)}}{\prod_{e \in E(D)} (q)_{s(e)}}.$$

Let us illustrate this construction for  $K = 7_2$ . We first consider



In matrix notation, we have

$$s = [c, d, e, f, g, h, a, b]^T, \quad L' = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 0],$$

$$Q' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(3.1)$$

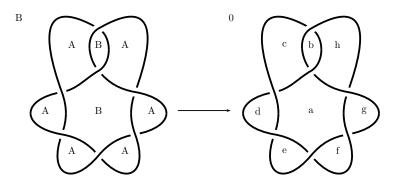
and

$$\Lambda = \{ [c, d, e, f, g, h, a, b] \in \mathbb{Z}^8 : a, b, c, d, e, f, g \ge 0, h = 0 \}.$$

Thus, in matrix notation,

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{7_2}(q) &= (q)_{\infty}^7 S_{7_2} = (q)_{\infty}^7 \sum_{s \in \Lambda} (-1)^{2L's} \frac{q^{s^T Q' s + L' s}}{\prod\limits_{e \in E(D)} (q)_{s(e)}} \\ &= (q)_{\infty}^7 \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} \frac{q^{3a^2 + 2a + b^2 + bc + ac + ad + ae + af + ag + cd + de + ef + fg + c + d + e + f + g}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{b+c}(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}}. \end{split}$$

To compute  $\Phi_{-K}(q)$ , we repeat the above process but swap A and B faces while still imposing the condition that s(X) = 0 and choosing  $F^* \in R_A$ . So, for  $-K = -7_2$ ,



Here,

$$s = [c, d, e, f, g, h, a, b]^T, \quad L' = \left[\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 1\right],$$

$$Q' = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

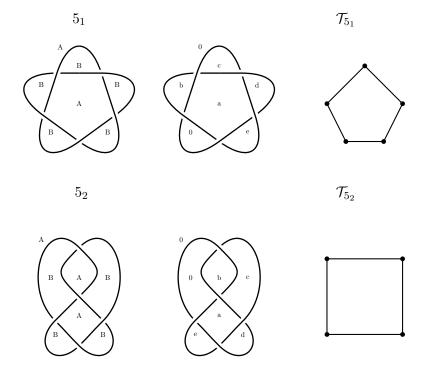
$$\Lambda = \{ [a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h] \in \mathbb{Z}^8 : a,b,c,d,e,f,g \ge 0, h = 0 \}.$$

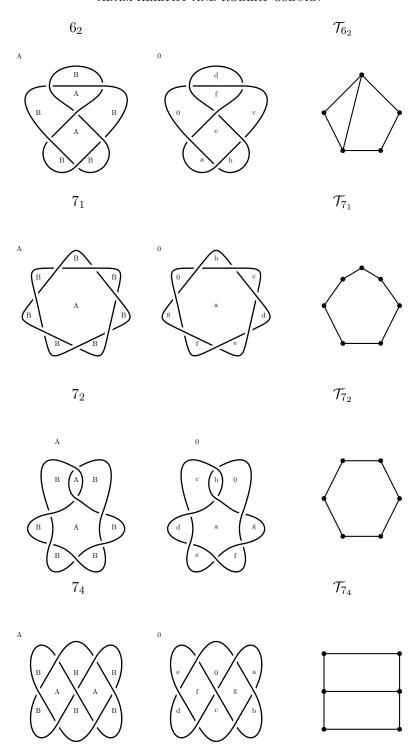
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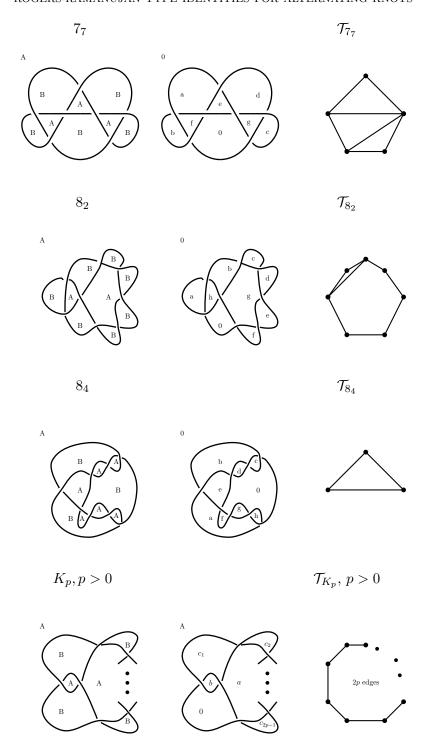
$$\Phi_{-7_2}(q) = (q)_{\infty}^7 S_{-7_2} = (q)_{\infty}^7 \sum_{s \in \Lambda} (-1)^{2L's} \frac{q^{s^T Q' s + L' s}}{\prod_{e \in \epsilon} (q)_{s(e)}}$$

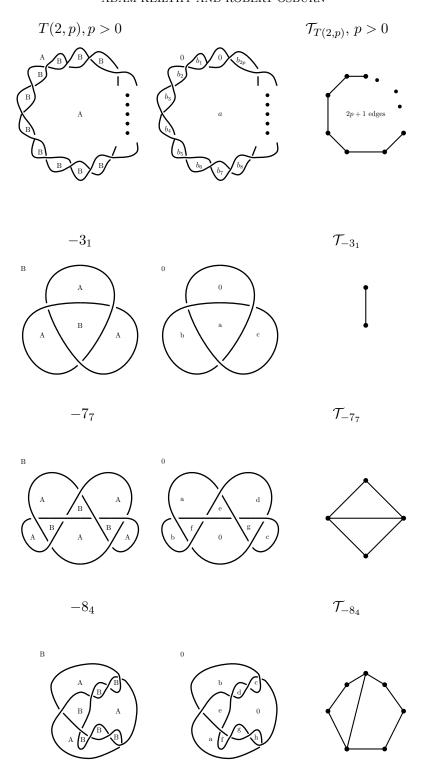
$$= (q)_{\infty}^7 \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \ge 0} \frac{q^{a+b+ab+ac+ad+ae+af+ag+bc+\frac{c(3c+1)}{2} + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}(q)_{b+c}}.$$

Finally, by Theorem 2 in [6] or Corollary 1.12 in [10], if the reduced Tait graphs of two alternating knots K and K' are isomorphic, then  $\Phi_K(q) = \Phi_{K'}(q)$ . Thus, in order to deduce Theorem 1.1, it suffices to verify the conjectural identities in the following cases:  $5_1$ ,  $5_2$ ,  $6_2$ ,  $7_1$ ,  $7_2$ ,  $7_4$ ,  $7_7$ ,  $8_2$ ,  $8_4$ ,  $K_p$ , p > 0, T(2, p),  $-3_1$ ,  $-7_7$  and  $-8_4$ . For each of these 14 knots, we provide the checkerboard coloring, assignment of variables and (reduced) Tait graph.









### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.1

We can now prove Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. For  $\Phi_{5_1}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{5_1} := \sum_{a,b,c,d,e>0} (-1)^a \frac{q^{\frac{a(5a+3)}{2} + ab + ac + ad + ae + bc + cd + de + b + c + d + e}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_{a+b}(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} h_5.$$
(4.1)

We now have

$$S_{5_1} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{i,j,k,b,c,d,e \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + j^2 + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 2ij + jk + ki + b + bc + c + ci + cd + d + di + dj + de + e + ei + ej + ek}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_k(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_{i+b}(q)_{i+j+c}(q)_{i+j+k+d}}$$

(apply Lemma 2.1 to the a-sum with n = 5)

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2}}\sum_{i,j,k,b,c,d>0}(-1)^{i+k}\frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2}+j^{2}+j+\frac{k(k+1)}{2}+2ij+jk+ki+b+bc+c+ci+cd+d+di+dj}}{(q)_{i}(q)_{j}(q)_{k}(q)_{b}(q)_{c}(q)_{d}(q)_{i+b}(q)_{i+j+c}}$$

(evaluate the e-sum with (2.1))

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{5}} \sum_{i,j,k>0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + j^{2} + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 2ij + jk + ki}}{(q)_{i}(q)_{j}(q)_{k}}$$

(evaluate the d-sum, c-sum and b-sum with (2.1))

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{5}} \sum_{i,j,k \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2} + j^{2} + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + jk}}{(q)_{i}(q)_{j-i}(q)_{k}} \quad \text{(shift } j \to j-i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{5}} \sum_{j,k \geq 0} (-1)^{k} \frac{q^{j^{2} + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + jk}}{(q)_{k}} \quad \text{(apply (2.4) to the } i\text{-sum)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{4}} \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{q^{j^{2} + j}}{(q)_{j}} \quad \text{(apply (2.2) to the } k\text{-sum)}$$

$$= \frac{(q; q^{5})_{\infty} (q^{4}; q^{5})_{\infty} (q^{5}; q^{5})_{\infty}}{(q)_{\infty}^{5}} \quad \text{(by (1.1))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{5}} h_{5} \quad \text{(apply (2.5) with } q \to q^{5/2}, z = -q^{3/2}).$$

For  $\Phi_{5_2}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{5_2} := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e \ge 0}} \frac{q^{2a^2 + b^2 + ac + ad + ae + bc + cd + de + a + c + d + e}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_{b+c}(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} h_4. \tag{4.2}$$

$$S_{5_2} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{a,c,d,e \geq 0} \frac{q^{2a^2 + ac + ad + ae + cd + de + a + c + d + e}}{(q)_a(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}}$$
(4.3)
$$(\text{evaluate the } b\text{-sum with } (2.3))$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \sum_{i,j,c,d,e \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2 + i + \frac{j^2 + j}{2} + ij + di + e(i + j) + cd + de + c + d + e}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_c(q)_d(q)_{e}(q)_{i+c}(q)_{i+j+d}}$$
(apply Lemma 2.1 to the  $a$ -sum with  $n = 4$ )
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^3} \sum_{i,j,c,d \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2 + i + \frac{j^2 + j}{2} + ij + di + cd + c + d}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_c(q)_d(q)_{i+c}}$$
(evaluate the  $e$ -sum with (2.1))
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2 + i + \frac{j^2 + j}{2} + ij}}{(q)_i(q)_j}$$
(evaluate the  $d$ -sum and  $c$ -sum with (2.1))
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2 + i + \frac{j^2 - j}{2} - ij}}{(q)_{i-j}(q)_j}$$
(shift  $i \rightarrow i - j$ )
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i q^{\frac{i^2 + i}{2}}$$
(apply (2.4) to the  $j$ -sum, then use (2.6))
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} h_4$$

For  $\Phi_{6_2}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{6_2} := \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{2f^2 + f + \frac{e(3e+1)}{2} + ab + af + bc + bf + cd + ce + cf + de + a + b + c + d}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+f}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+e}(q)_{c+f}(q)_{d+e}} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} h_4.$$

(consider i = 2n, i = 2n + 1, then let  $n \to -n - 1$  in the second resulting sum).

$$\begin{split} S_{6_2} &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{2f^2 + f + \frac{e(e+1)}{2} + ab + af + bc + bf + cd + cf + de + a + b + c + d}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+f}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+e}(q)_{c+f}} \\ &\text{(apply Lemma 2.1 to the $e$-sum with $n = 3$)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \sum_{a,b,c,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{2f^2 + f + \frac{e(e+1)}{2} + ab + af + bc + bf + cf + a + b + c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+f}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+f}} \\ &\text{(evaluate the $d$-sum with $(2.1)$)} \end{split}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{a,b,c,f \geq 0} \frac{q^{2f^2 + f + ab + af + bc + bf + cf + a + b + c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_f(q)_{a+f}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+f}} \quad \text{(evaluate the $e$-sum with (2.2))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} h_4 \quad \text{(let } (a,b,c,f) \to (c,d,e,a), \text{ then proceed with (4.3))}.$$

For  $\Phi_{7_1}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{7_1} := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \ge 0}} (-1)^a \frac{q^{\frac{a(7a+5)}{2} + ab + ac + ad + ae + af + ag + bc + cd + de + ef + fg + b + c + d + e + f + g}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+b}(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} h_7.$$

$$\begin{split} S_{7_1} &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{i,j,k,l,m,b,c,d \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k+m} \frac{q^{\frac{5i(i+1)}{2} + 2j(j+1) + \frac{3k(k+1)}{2} + l(l+1) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2}}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_k(q)_l(q)_m} \\ &\times \frac{q^{bc+cd+de+ef+fg+b+c+d+e+f+g}}{(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g} \\ &\times \frac{q^{4ij+3ik+2il+im+3jk+2jl+jm+2kl+km+lm+ci+d(i+j)+e(i+j+k)+f(i+j+k+l)+g(i+j+k+l+m)}}{(q)_{b+i}(q)_{c+i+j}(q)_{d+i+j+k}(q)_{e+i+j+k+l}(q)_{f+i+j+k+l+m}} \\ &\text{(apply Lemma 2.1 to the $a$-sum with $n=7$)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} \sum_{i,j,k,l,m \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k+m} \frac{q^{\frac{5i(i+1)}{2} + 2j(j+1) + \frac{3k(k+1)}{2} + l(l+1) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2}}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_k} \\ &\times \frac{q^{4ij+3ik+2il+im+3jk+2jl+jm+2kl+km+lm}}{(q)_l(q)_m} \\ &\text{(evaluate the $g$-sum, $f$-sum, $e$-sum, $d$-sum, $c$-sum and $b$-sum with (2.1))} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} \sum_{i,j,k,l,m \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k+m} \frac{q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2} + 2j(j+1) + \frac{3k(k+1)}{2} + l(l+1) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + 3jk+2jl+jm+2kl+km+lm}}{(q)_i(q)_{j-i}(q)_k(q)_l(q)_m} \\ &\text{(shift $j \to j - i$)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} \sum_{j,k,l,m \geq 0} (-1)^{k+m} \frac{q^{2j(j+1) + \frac{3k(k+1)}{2} + l(l+1) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + 3jk+2jl+jm+2kl+km+lm}}{(q)_k(q)_l(q)_m} \\ &\text{(evaluate the $i$-sum with (2.4))} \end{aligned}$$

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}}\sum_{j,k,l,m\geq 0}(-1)^{k+m}\frac{q^{2j(j+1)+\frac{k(k+1)}{2}+l(l+1)+\frac{m(m+1)}{2}+jk+2jl+jm+lm}}{(q)_{k}(q)_{l-k}(q)_{m}}\quad \text{(shift }l\rightarrow l-k)$$

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}}\sum_{j,l,m\geq 0}(-1)^{m}\frac{q^{2j(j+1)+l(l+1)+\frac{m(m+1)}{2}+2jl+jm+lm}(q^{1+j})_{l}}{(q)_{l}(q)_{m}}$$
(evaluate the  $k$ -sum with (2.4))
$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{6}}\sum_{j,l\geq 0}\frac{q^{2j(j+1)+l(l+1)+2jl}}{(q)_{j}(q)_{l}}\quad \text{(evaluate the $m$-sum with (2.2) and simplfy)}$$

$$=\frac{(q;q^{7})_{\infty}(q^{6};q^{7})_{\infty}(q^{7};q^{7})_{\infty}}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}}\quad \text{(by (1.2) with }k=3,\,n_{1}=l,\,n_{2}=j)$$

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}}h_{7}\quad \text{(by (2.5) with }q\rightarrow q^{7/2},\,z=-q^{5/2}).$$

For  $\Phi_{7_2}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{7_2} := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \ge 0 \\ (q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{b+c}(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}} \frac{q^{3a^2+2a+b^2+bc+ac+ad+ae+af+ag+cd+de+ef+fg+c+d+e+f+g}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_b(q)_g(q)_{b+c}(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} h_6.$$
(4.4)

$$\begin{split} S_{7_2} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{i,j,k,l,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^{j+l} \frac{q^{2i(i+1) + \frac{3j(j+1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l+1)}{2}}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_k(q)_l} \\ &\times \frac{q^{3ij + 2ik + il + 2jk + jl + kl + di + e(i+j) + f(i+j+k) + g(i+j+k+l) + cd + de + ef + fg + c + d + e + f + g}}{(q)_{c+i}(q)_{d+i+j}(q)_{e+i+j+k}(q)_{f+i+j+k+l}(q)_{c}(q)_{d}(q)_{e}(q)_{f}(q)_{g}} \\ &\text{(evaluate the b-sum with (2.3) and apply Lemma 2.1 to the $a$-sum with $n = 6$)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,j,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{j+l} \frac{q^{2i(i+1) + \frac{3j(j+1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l+1)}{2} + 3ij + 2ik + il + 2jk + jl + kl}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_k(q)_l} \\ &\text{(evaluate the $g$-sum, $f$-sum, $e$-sum, $d$-sum and $c$-sum with (2.1))} \end{split}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{i,j,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{j+l} \frac{q^{2i(i+1) + \frac{j(j-1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l+1)}{2} - ij + 2ik + il + kl}}{(q)_{i-j}(q)_{j}(q)_{k}(q)_{l}} \quad \text{(shift } i \rightarrow i - j)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{i,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{i+l} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l+1)}{2} + 2ik + il + kl}}{(q)_{k}(q)_{l}}$$
(evaluate the  $j$ -sum with (2.4), then use (2.6))
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{i,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{i+l} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l-1)}{2} + 2ik - il - kl}}{(q)_{k-l}(q)_{l}} \quad \text{(shift } k \rightarrow k - l)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{i,k \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + ik}(q)_{k+i}}{(q)_{i}(q)_{k}}$$
(evaluate the  $l$ -sum with (2.4), then use (2.6) and simplify)
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{i,k \geq 0} (-1)^{k} \frac{q^{i(i+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2}}(q)_{k}}{(q)_{i}(q)_{k-i}} \quad \text{(shift } k \rightarrow k - i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{3n^{2} + 2n} (1 - q^{2n+1}) \quad \text{(apply (2.17))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} h_{6} \quad \text{(let } n \rightarrow -n - 1 \text{ in the second sum)}.$$

For  $\Phi_{7_4}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$\begin{split} S_{7_4} := \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} \frac{q^{2f^2 + f + 2g^2 + g + ab + ag + bc + bg + cd + cf + cg + de + df + ef + a + b + c + d + e}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a + g}(q)_{b + g}(q)_{c + f}(q)_{c + g}(q)_{d + f}(q)_{e + f}}\\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_4^2. \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$S_{7_4} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e,i,j,k,l \geq 0}} (-1)^{j+l} \frac{q^{i^2+i+\frac{j(j+1)}{2}+k^2+k+\frac{l(l+1)}{2}+ij+kl+di+e(i+j)+bk+c(k+l)+ab+bc+cd+de+a+b+c+d+e}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_i(q)_j(q)_k(q)_l(q)_{a+k}(q)_{b+k+l}(q)_{c+i}(q)_{d+i+j}}$$
(apply Lemma 2.1 to the f-sum and g-sum with  $n=4$ )
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} \sum_{\substack{i,j,k,l \geq 0}} (-1)^{j+l} \frac{q^{i^2+i+\frac{j(j+1)}{2}+k^2+k+\frac{l(l+1)}{2}+ij+kl}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_k(q)_l}$$

(evaluate the e-sum, d-sum, c-sum, b-sum and a-sum with (2.1))

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{i,j,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{j+l} \frac{q^{i^{2}+i+\frac{j(j-1)}{2}+k^{2}+k+\frac{l(l-1)}{2}-ij-kl}}{(q)_{i-j}(q)_{j}(q)_{k-l}(q)_{l}} \quad \text{(shift } i \to i-j \text{ and } k \to k-l)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} \sum_{i,k \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}+\frac{k(k+1)}{2}} \quad \text{(evaluate the } j\text{-sum and } l\text{-sum with } (2.4), \text{ then use } (2.6))$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{7}} h_{4}^{2} \quad \text{(as in the proof of } (4.2)).$$

For  $\Phi_{7_7}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{7_7} := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \ge 0}} (-1)^{e+f+g} \frac{q^{\frac{3e^2}{2} + \frac{e}{2} + \frac{3f^2}{2} + \frac{f}{2} + \frac{3g^2}{2} + \frac{g}{2} + ab + ad + ae + af + bf + cd + cg + de + dg + a + b + c + d}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+e}(q)_{d+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+g}(q)_{d+g}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^4}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{split} S_{77} &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^3} \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f+g} \frac{q^{\frac{e^2}{2} + \frac{e}{2} + \frac{f^2}{2} + \frac{f}{2} + \frac{g^2}{2} + \frac{g}{2} + ab + ad + ae + bf + cd + cg + a + b + c + d}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{d+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{d+g}} \\ & \text{(apply Lemma 2.1 to } e\text{-sum, } f\text{-sum and } g\text{-sum with } n = 3) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} \sum_{e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f+g} \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(f+1)}{2} + \frac{g(g+1)}{2}}}{(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g} \\ & \text{(evaluate the } c\text{-sum, } b\text{-sum, } a\text{-sum and } d\text{-sum using } (2.1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^4} \quad \text{(evaluate the } e\text{-sum, } f\text{-sum and } g\text{-sum using } (2.2)). \end{split}$$

For  $\Phi_{8_2}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$\begin{split} S_{8_2} := \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h \geq 0} (-1)^b \frac{q^{3a^2 + 2a + \frac{b(3b+1)}{2} + ad + ae + af + ag + ah + bc + bd + cd + de + ef + fg + gh + c + d + e + f + g + h}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{b+c}(q)_{b+d}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}(q)_{a+h}}}\\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_6. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} S_{82} &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h \geq 0} (-1)^b \frac{q^{3a^2 + 2a + \frac{b(b+1)}{2} + ad + ae + af + ag + ah + bc + cd + de + ef + fg + gh + c + d + e + f + g + h}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{b + d}(q)_{a + d}(q)_{a + e}(q)_{a + f}(q)_{a + g}(q)_{a + h}}) \\ & \text{(apply Lemma 2.5 to the $b$-sum with $n = 3$)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \sum_{a,b,d,e,f,g,h \geq 0} (-1)^b \frac{q^{3a^2 + 2a + \frac{b(b+1)}{2} + ad + ae + af + ag + ah + de + ef + fg + gh + d + e + f + g + h}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{a + d}(q)_{a + e}(q)_{a + f}(q)_{a + g}(q)_{a + h}}) \\ &\text{(evaluate the $c$-sum with (2.1))} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{a,d,e,f,g,h \geq 0} \frac{q^{3a^2 + 2a + ad + ae + af + ag + ah + de + ef + fg + gh + d + e + f + g + h}}{(q)_a(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{a + d}(q)_{a + e}(q)_{a + f}(q)_{a + g}(q)_{a + h}}) \\ &\text{(evaluate the $b$-sum with (2.2))} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} h_6 \quad (\text{let } (a,d,e,f,g,h) \rightarrow (a,c,d,e,f,g), \text{ then follow the proof of (4.4))}. \end{split}$$

For  $\Phi_{8_4}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{84} := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h \ge 0}} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(3e+1)}{2} + ae + be + ab + a + b + c^2 + bc + d^2 + bd + f^2 + af + g^2 + ag + h^2 + ah}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}(q)_{a+h}(q)_{b+c}(q)_{b+d}(q)_{b+e}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7}.$$

Thus,

$$S_{8_4} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} \sum_{a,b,e \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(3e+1)}{2} + ae + be + ab + a + b}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_e(q)_{a+e}(q)_{b+e}}$$
(evaluate the c-sum, d-sum, f-sum, g-sum and h-sum with (2.3))
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^6} \sum_{a,b,e \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + be + ab + a + b}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_e(q)_{a+e}} \quad \text{(apply Lemma 2.1 to the e-sum with } n = 3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^8} \sum_{e \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2}}}{(q)_e} \quad \text{(evaluate the b-sum and a-sum with } (2.1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} \quad \text{(evaluate the e-sum with } (2.2)).$$

For  $\Phi_{T(2,p)}(q)$  with p>0, it suffices to prove

$$S_{T(2,p)} := \sum_{a,b_1,\dots,b_{2p} \ge 0} (-1)^a \frac{q^{\frac{a((2p+1)a+(2p-1))}{2} + a\sum_{n=1}^{2p} b_n + \sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} b_n b_{n+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{2p} b_n}}{(q)_a \prod_{n=1}^{2p} (q)_{b_n} (q)_{a+b_n}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} h_{2p+1}.$$

Thus,

$$S_{T(2,p)} = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{i_1,\dots,i_{2p-1},b_1,\dots,b_{2p} \ge 0} (-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j} \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right)\left(1+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right) + \sum\limits_{k=2}^{2p}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k-1}b_ki_j + \sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p}b_k + \sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}b_kb_{k+1}}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}(q)_{i_k}\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}(q)} \frac{1}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}(q)_{i_k}\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}(q)_{b_k}} (q)_{b_k}}$$

(apply Lemma 2.1 to the a-sum with n = 2p + 1)

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}}\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_{2p-1}\geq 0}(-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j}\frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right)\left(1+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right)}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}(q)_{i_k}}$$

(evaluate the  $b_{2p}$ -sum,  $b_{2p-1}$ -sum, ... and  $b_1$ -sum with (2.1))

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}}\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_{2p-1}\geq 0}(-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^pi_{2k-1}}\frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{k=1}^pi_{2k-1}(i_{2k-1}+1)+\sum\limits_{k=1}^pi_{2k-1}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k-1}i_{2j}+\sum\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^ki_{2j}\right)\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^ki_{2j}+1\right)}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^p(q)_{i_{2k-1}}\prod\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}(q)_{i_{2k}-i_{2k-1}}}$$

(shift  $i_{2k} \to i_{2k} - i_{2k-1}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ )

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}}\sum_{\substack{i_{2},i_{4},\dots,i_{2p-2},i_{2p-1}\geq 0}} (-1)^{i_{2p-1}} \frac{q^{\frac{i_{2p-1}(i_{2p-1}+1)}{2}+i_{2p-1}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{p-1}i_{2j}+\sum\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{2j}\right)\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{2j}+1\right)}{(q)_{i_{2p-1}}}$$

$$\times \prod_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{(q)\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j}}{(q)\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j}} (q)_{i_{2k}}$$

(evaluate the  $i_1$ -sum,  $i_3$ -sum, ... and  $i_{2p-3}$ -sum with (2.4), then simplify)

$$\begin{split} &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{i_2,i_4,\dots,i_{2p-2},i_{2p-1} \geq 0} (-1)^{i_{2p-1}} q^{\frac{i_{2p-1}(i_{2p-1}+1)}{2} + i_{2p-1} \sum\limits_{j=1}^{p-1} i_{2j} + \sum\limits_{k=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j}\right) \left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j} + 1\right)}{\left(q\right)_{i_{2p-1}} \prod\limits_{k=1}^{p-1} (q)_{i_{2k}}} \\ &\times \frac{(q)_{p-1}}{(q)_{i_{2p-1}} \prod\limits_{k=1}^{p-1} (q)_{i_{2k}}} \quad \text{(simplify the product)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p}} \sum\limits_{i_2,i_4,\dots,i_{2p-2} \geq 0} \frac{q^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j}\right) \left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j} + 1\right)}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{p-1} (q)_{i_{2k}}} \quad \text{(evaluate the } i_{2p-1}\text{-sum with } (2.2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} h_{2p+1} \\ \text{(let } n_j = i_{2j} \text{ and } k = p \text{ in } (1.2) \text{ and } q \rightarrow q^{\frac{2p+1}{2}}, \ z = q^{\frac{2p-1}{2}} \text{ in } (2.5)). \end{split}$$

Before turning to the  $\Phi_{K_p}(q)$ , p>0 case, we note that for any given set of indices  $\{i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_n\}$ , if we let  $i_2\to i_2-i_1,\ i_3\to i_3-i_2,\ \ldots,\ i_n\to i_n-i_{n-1}$ , then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{j} \right) \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{j} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} i_{k} (i_{k} + 1) - \sum_{k=1}^{n} i_{k} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{j} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} i_{k} (i_{k} + 1) + \frac{1}{2} i_{n} (i_{n} + 1).$$
 (4.5)

For  $\Phi_{K_p}(q)$  with p > 0, it suffices to prove

$$S_{K_p}^+ := \sum_{a,b,c_1,\dots,c_{2p-1} \ge 0} \frac{q^{pa^2 + (p-1)a + a\sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} c_n + b^2 + bc_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{2p-2} c_n c_{n+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} c_n}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_{b+c_1} \prod_{n=1}^{2p-1} (q)_{c_n}(q)_{a+c_n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} h_{2p}.$$

$$S_{K_p}^+ = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{a, c_1, \dots, c_{2p-1} \ge 0} \frac{q^{pa^2 + (p-1)a + a \sum_{k=1}^{2p-1} c_k + \sum_{k=1}^{2p-2} c_k c_{k+1} + \sum_{k=1}^{2p-1} c_k}}{(q)_a \prod_{k=1}^{2p-1} (q)_{c_k} (q)_{a+c_k}}$$

(evaluate the b-sum with (2.3))

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2}}\sum_{i_{1},\dots,i_{2p-2},c_{1},\dots,c_{2p-1}\geq 0}(-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{j}}\frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{j}\right)\left(1+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{j}\right)+\sum\limits_{k=2}^{2p-1}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k-1}c_{k}i_{j}+\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}c_{k}c_{k+1}+\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-1}c_{k}}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}(q)_{i_{k}}\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}(q)\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}(q)_{c_{k}}}$$

(apply Lemma 2.1 to the a-sum with n = 2p)

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}}\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_{2p-2}\geq 0}(-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j}\frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right)\left(1+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_j\right)}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{2p-2}(q)_{i_k}}$$

(evaluate the  $c_{2p-1}$ -sum,  $c_{2p-2}$ -sum, ... and  $c_1$ -sum with (2.1))

$$=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}}\sum_{i_1,\dots,i_{2p-2}\geq 0}(-1)^{\sum\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}i_{2k}}\frac{\sum\limits_{j=1}^{p-1}\left(\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{2j-1}\right)\left(1+\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{2j-1}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\sum\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}i_{2k}(i_{2k}-1)-\sum\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}i_{2k}\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{2j-1}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}(q)_{i_{2k-1}-i_{2k}}(q)_{i_{2k}}}$$

(shift  $i_{2k-1} \to i_{2k-1} - i_{2k}$  for k = 1, 2, ..., p-1)

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{i_1, i_3, \dots, i_{2p-3} \ge 0} (-1)_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{i_{2k-1}}^{i_{2k-1}} \sum_{q^{k=1}}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} (i_{2k-1}+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j-1}}$$

$$\times \frac{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}(q)_{\sum\limits_{j=1}^{k}i_{2j-1}}}{\prod\limits_{k=1}^{p-1}(q)_{i_{2k-1}}(q)_{k-1}}\sum\limits_{\substack{j=1\\ i=1}}^{i_{2j-1}}$$

(evaluate the  $i_2$ -sum,  $i_4$ -sum, ... and  $i_{2p-2}$ -sum with (2.4), then use (2.6))

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{i_{1},i_{3},...,i_{2p-3} \ge 0} (-1)_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{q^{k-1} (j=1)}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} (i_{2k-1}+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} (i_{2k-1}+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} (i_{2k-1}+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} (i_{2k-1}+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} (i_{2k-1}+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k} i_{2j-1}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} (i_{2k-1}+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1} \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} i$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{i_1, i_3, \dots, i_{2p-3} \ge 0} (-1)^{i_{2p-3}} \frac{q^{\sum_{k=1}^{p-2} i_{2k-1}(1+i_{2k-1}) + \frac{1}{2} i_{2p-3}(i_{2p-3}+1)}}{(q)_{i_1} \prod_{k=2}^{p-1} (q)_{i_{2k-1} - i_{2k-3}}}$$
(let  $i_3 \to i_3 - i_1$ ,  $i_5 \to i_5 - i_3$ , ...,  $i_{2p-3} \to i_{2p-3} - i_{2p-5}$ , then apply (4.5))
$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{n \ge 0} q^{pn^2 + (p-1)n} (1 - q^{2n+1}) \quad \text{(apply (2.18))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} h_{2p} \quad \text{(let } n \to -n-1 \text{ in the second sum)}.$$

For  $\Phi_{-3_1}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{-3_1} := \sum_{a,b,c \ge 0} \frac{q^{a+b^2+c^2+ab+ac}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_{a+b}(q)_{a+c}} = \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^3}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{split} S_{-3_1} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{a \geq 0} \frac{q^a}{(q)_a} \quad \text{(evaluate the $b$-sum and $c$-sum with (2.3))} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^3} \quad \text{(evaluate the $a$-sum with (2.1))}. \end{split}$$

For  $\Phi_{-7_7}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$\begin{split} S_{-7_7} &:= \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0}} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{d^2 + \frac{e(3e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(3f+1)}{2} + g^2 + ab + ad + ae + bc + be + bf + cf + cg + a + b + c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{b+e}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+f}(q)_{c+g}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5}. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} S_{-77} &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \sum_{a,b,c,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(3e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(3f+1)}{2} + ab + ae + bc + be + bf + cf + a + b + c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+e}(q)_{b+e}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+f}} \\ & \text{(evaluate the $d$-sum and $g$-sum with (2.3))} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^4} \sum_{a,b,c,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(f+1)}{2} + ab + bc + be + cf + a + b + c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+e}(q)_{b+f}} \\ & \text{(apply Lemma 2.1 to the $e$-sum and $f$-sum with $n = 3$)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} \sum_{a,b,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(f+1)}{2} + ab + be + a + b}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+e}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^7} \sum_{e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(f+1)}{2}}}{(q)_e(q)_f} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^5} \text{ (evaluate the $e$-sum and $f$-sum with (2.2))}. \end{split}$$

For  $\Phi_{-8_4}(q)$ , it suffices to prove

$$S_{-8_4} := \sum_{\substack{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h \ge 0}} (-1)^g \frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + 2h^2 + ab + ah + bc + bh + cd + cg + ch + de + dg + ef + eg + fg + a + b + c + d + e + f + h}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{a+h}(q)_{b+h}(q)_{c+g}(q)_{c+h}(q)_{d+g}(q)_{e+g}(q)_{f+g}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^8} h_4 h_5.$$

$$\begin{split} S_{-84} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,i,j \geq 0} (-1)^{g+j} \frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + i(i+1) + \frac{j(j+1)}{2} + ij + ab + a(i+j) + bc + bi + cd + cg + de + dg + ef + eg + fg + a + b + c + d + e + f}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_i(q)_j(q)_{b+i+j}(q)_{c+g}(q)_{c+i}(q)_{d+g}(q)_{e+g}(q)_{f+g}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^3} \sum_{c,d,e,f,g,i,j \geq 0} (-1)^{g+j} \frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + i(i+1) + \frac{j(j+1)}{2} + ij + cd + cg + de + dg + ef + eg + fg + c + d + e + f}}{(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_i(q)_j(q)_{c+g}(q)_{d+g}(q)_{e+g}(q)_{f+g}} \\ &\text{(evaluate the $a$-sum and $b$-sum with (2.1))} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^3}\sum_{c,d,e,f,g,i,j\geq 0}(-1)^{g+j}\frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2}+i(i+1)+\frac{j(j-1)}{2}-ij+cd+cg+de+dg+ef+eg+fg+c+d+e+f}}{(q)c(q)d(q)e(q)f(q)g(q)i-j(q)j(q)c+g(q)d+g(q)e+g(q)f+g}\\ &(\text{shift }i\to i-j)\\ &=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^3}\sum_{c,d,e,f,g,i\geq 0}(-1)^{g+i}\frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2}+\frac{i(i+1)}{2}+cd+cg+de+dg+ef+eg+fg+c+d+e+f}}{(q)c(q)d(q)e(q)f(q)g(q)c+g(q)d+g(q)e+g(q)f+g}\\ &(\text{evaluate the }j\text{-sum with }(2.4), \text{ then apply }(2.6))\\ &=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^4}\sum_{c,d,e,f,i,r,s,t\geq 0}(-1)^{r+t+i}\frac{q^{\frac{3^{r}(r+1)}{2}+s(s+1)+\frac{t(t+1)}{2}+2rs+rt+st}}{(q)c(q)d(q)e(q)f(q)r(q)s(q)t(q)c+r(q)d+r+s(q)e+r+s+t)}\\ &\times q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}+cd+de+dr+ef+e(r+s)+f(r+s+t)+c+d+e+f}\\ &(\text{apply Lemma }2.1 \text{ to the }g\text{-sum with }n=5)\\ &=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^8}\sum_{i,r,s,t\geq 0}(-1)^{r+t+i}\frac{q^{\frac{3^{r}(r+1)}{2}+s(s+1)+\frac{t(t+1)}{2}+2rs+rt+st+\frac{i(i+1)}{2}}}{(q)r(q)s(q)t}\\ &(\text{evaluate the }f\text{-sum, }e\text{-sum, }d\text{-sum and }c\text{-sum with }(2.1))\\ &=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^8}\sum_{i,r,s,t\geq 0}(-1)^{r+t+i}\frac{q^{\frac{r(r+1)}{2}+s(s+1)+\frac{t(t+1)}{2}+st+\frac{i(i+1)}{2}}}{(q)r(q)s-r(q)t} \text{ (shift }s\to s-r)\\ &=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^8}\sum_{i,s,t\geq 0}(-1)^{t+i}\frac{q^{s(s+1)+\frac{t(t+1)}{2}+st+\frac{t(i+1)}{2}}}{(q)r(q)s-r(q)t} \text{ (evaluate the }r\text{-sum with }(2.4))\\ &=\frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^8}\sum_{i,s,t\geq 0}(-1)^{i}q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}}\sum_{s\geq 0}\frac{q^{s(s+1)}}{(q)s}\\ &(\text{evaluate the }t\text{-sum with }(2.2), \text{ then simplify)} \end{aligned}$$

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(by (1.1),  $q \to q^{5/2}$ ,  $z = -q^{3/2}$  in (2.5) and the proof of (4.2)).

 $=\frac{1}{(a)^8}h_4h_5$ 

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