

# SOME NEW MODULAR EQUATIONS OF RATIO'S OF RAMANUJAN QUANTITY

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**Abstract.** Recently, In [5],[6] Nikos Bagis defined Ramanujan Quantities  $R(a, b, p; q)$  as

$$R(a, b, p; q) = q^{-(a-b)/2+(a^2-b^2)/(2p)} \frac{\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^a q^{np})(1 - q^{p-a} q^{np})}{\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^b q^{np})(1 - q^{p-b} q^{np})}, \tag{0.1}$$

where  $a, b$  and  $p$  are positive rationals such that  $a + b < p$ . In this paper, we establish some modular equations of ratios for Ramanujan quantity  $R(q^n) := R(1, 2, 4; q^n)$  for  $n = 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9$  and some of their evaluations.

## 1 Introduction

In Chapter 16 of his second notebook [1], Ramanujan develops the theory of theta-function and is defined by

$$f(a, b) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}, \quad |ab| < 1, \tag{1.1}$$

$$= (-a; ab)_{\infty} (-b; ab)_{\infty} (ab; ab)_{\infty}$$

where  $(a; q)_0 = 1$  and  $(a; q)_{\infty} = (1 - a)(1 - aq)(1 - aq^2) \dots$ .

Following Ramanujan, we define

$$\varphi(q) := f(q, q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2} = \frac{(-q; -q)_{\infty}}{(q; -q)_{\infty}}, \tag{1.2}$$

$$\psi(q) := f(q, q^3) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q; q^2)_{\infty}}, \tag{1.3}$$

$$f(-q) := f(-q, -q^2) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{\frac{n(3n-1)}{2}} = (q; q)_{\infty} \tag{1.4}$$

and

$$\chi(q) := (-q; q^2)_{\infty}. \tag{1.5}$$

Now we define a modular equation in brief. The ordinary hypergeometric series  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; x)$  is defined by

$${}_2F_1(a, b; c; x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n}{(c)_n n!} x^n,$$

where  $(a)_0 = 1, (a)_n = a(a + 1)(a + 2) \cdots (a + n - 1)$  for any positive integer  $n$ , and  $|x| < 1$ . Let

$$z := z(x) := {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; x\right) \tag{1.6}$$

and

$$q := q(x) := \exp\left(-\pi \frac{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1-x)}{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; x)}\right), \tag{1.7}$$

where  $0 < x < 1$ .

Let  $r$  denote a fixed natural number and assume that the following relation holds:

$$r \frac{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1-\alpha)}{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \alpha)} = \frac{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1-\beta)}{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \beta)}. \tag{1.8}$$

Then a modular equation of degree  $r$  in the classical theory is a relation between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  induced by (1.8). We often say that  $\beta$  is of degree  $r$  over  $\alpha$  and  $m := \frac{z(\alpha)}{z(\beta)}$  is called the multiplier. We also use the notations  $z_1 := z(\alpha)$  and  $z_r := z(\beta)$  to indicate that  $\beta$  has degree  $r$  over  $\alpha$ .

Using Ramanujan continued fraction [1], Nikos Bagis [5],[6] deduced the following result:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q^{B-A}}{1-a_1b_1} + \frac{(a_1-b_1q_1)(b_1-a_1q_1)}{(1-a_1b_1)(q_1^2+1)} + \frac{(a_1-b_1q_1^3)(b_1-a_1q_1^3)}{(1-a_1b_1)(q_1^4+1)} + \dots \\ = \frac{\prod_{n=0}^{\infty}(1-q^aq^{np})(1-q^{p-a}q^{np})}{\prod_{n=0}^{\infty}(1-q^bq^{np})(1-q^{p-b}q^{np})} \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

where  $a_1 = q^A, b_1 = q^B, q_1 = q^{A+B}, a = 2A + 3p/4, 2B + p/4$ , and  $p = 4(A + B), |q| < 1$ .

In this paper, we establish several new modular relations between  $\frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{R(-q^n)}{R(q^n)}$  for  $n = 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9$  and values of  $\frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  for  $q = e^{-\pi}, e^{-2\pi}$ .

## 2 Preliminary results

**Definition 2.1.** [6]

$$[a, p; q] = (q^{p-a}; q^p)_{\infty} (q^a; q^p)_{\infty} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $q = e^{-\pi\sqrt{r}}$  and  $a, p, r > 0$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [6]

$$R(a, b, p; q) := q^{-(a-b)/2+(a^2-b^2)/(2p)} \frac{[a, p; q]}{[b, p; q]}. \tag{2.2}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [1, Ch. 17, Entry 10-11, p.122-123]

$$\psi(q) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} z\{\alpha q^{-1}\}^{1/8} \tag{2.3}$$

$$\psi(-q) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} z\{\alpha(1-\alpha)q^{-1}\}^{1/8} \tag{2.4}$$

where  $q = e^{-y}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [4, Entry 17.3.1, p.385] If  $\beta$  is of degree 2 over  $\alpha$ , then

$$(1 - \sqrt{1-\alpha})(1 - \sqrt{\beta}) = 2\sqrt{\beta(1-\alpha)}. \tag{2.5}$$

**Lemma 2.5.** [1, Entry 5(ii), p.230] If  $\beta$  has degree 3 over  $\alpha$ , then

$$(\alpha\beta)^{1/4} + \{(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)\}^{1/4} = 1. \tag{2.6}$$

**Lemma 2.6.** [4, Entry 17.3.2, p.385] If  $\beta$  has degree 4 over  $\alpha$ , then

$$(1 - \sqrt[4]{1 - \alpha})(1 - \sqrt[4]{\beta}) = 2\sqrt[4]{\beta(1 - \alpha)}. \tag{2.7}$$

**Lemma 2.7.** [1, Entry 13(i), p.280] If  $\beta$  has degree 5 over  $\alpha$ , then

$$(\alpha\beta)^{1/2} + \{(1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)\}^{1/2} + 2\{16\alpha\beta(1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)\}^{1/6} = 1. \tag{2.8}$$

**Lemma 2.8.** [1, Entry 19(i), p.314] If  $\beta$  has degree 7 over  $\alpha$ , then

$$(\alpha\beta)^{1/8} + \{(1 - \alpha)(1 - \beta)\}^{1/8} = 1. \tag{2.9}$$

**Lemma 2.9.** [1, Entry 3(x),(xi), p.352] If  $\beta$  has degree 9 over  $\alpha$ , then

$$\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{1/8} + \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 - \alpha}\right)^{1/8} - \left(\frac{\beta(1 - \beta)}{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}\right)^{1/8} = \sqrt{m}. \tag{2.10}$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{1/8} + \left(\frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \beta}\right)^{1/8} - \left(\frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{\beta(1 - \beta)}\right)^{1/8} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{m}}. \tag{2.11}$$

**Lemma 2.10.** [1, Entry 24(i), p.39]

$$\frac{\psi(-q)}{\psi(q)} = \sqrt{\frac{\varphi(-q)}{\varphi(q)}} \tag{2.12}$$

### 3 Modular relations of Ratio's of Ramanujan Quantities of $R(q)$

In this section, we obtain certain modular relations between  $\frac{a}{b} := \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{c}{d} := \frac{R(-q^n)}{R(q^n)}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** If  $\frac{a}{b} := \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{c}{d} := \frac{R(-q^2)}{R(q^2)}$  then

$$\left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^2 = 2\left(\frac{d}{c}\right)^2. \tag{3.1}$$

**Proof.** Putting  $a = 1, b = 2, p = 4$  in (0.1), we obtain

$$R(q) := R(1, 2, 4; q) = \frac{(q^2; q^4)_\infty (q^2; q^4)_\infty}{(q; q^4)_\infty (q^3; q^4)_\infty}. \tag{3.2}$$

Using the equations (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3), the above equation can be written as

$$R(q) = \frac{f(-q^2, -q^2)}{f(-q, -q^3)} = \frac{\varphi(-q^2)}{\psi(-q)}. \tag{3.3}$$

Replacing  $q$  by  $-q$  in the above equation, we obtain

$$R(-q) = \frac{f(-q^2, -q^2)}{f(q, q^3)} = \frac{\varphi(-q^2)}{\psi(q)}. \tag{3.4}$$

Dividing (3.4) by (3.3), we obtain

$$\frac{R(-q)}{R(q)} = \frac{\psi(-q)}{\psi(q)}. \tag{3.5}$$

Employing the equations (2.3) and (2.4), we obtain

$$\frac{\psi(-q)}{\psi(q)} = (1 - \alpha)^{1/8}. \tag{3.6}$$

Dividing (3.4) by (3.3) and then using (3.6), we obtain

$$(1 - \alpha)^{1/8} = \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}. \tag{3.7}$$

From the equation (3.7) and lemma (2.4), we obtain

$$(b^4 c^4 + 2b^2 d^4 a^2 + c^4 a^4)(b^4 c^4 - 2b^2 d^4 a^2 + c^4 a^4) = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

By examining the behavior of the above factors near  $q = 0$ , we can find a neighborhood about the origin, where the second factor is zero; whereas first factor are not zero in this neighborhood. By the Identity Theorem second factor vanishes identically. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $\frac{a}{b} := \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{c}{d} := \frac{R(-q^3)}{R(q^3)}$  then

$$\left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^2 + 2\frac{bd}{ac} = \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^2 + 2\frac{ac}{bd}. \tag{3.9}$$

**Proof.** From the equation (3.7) and lemma (2.5), we obtain

$$(d^4 a^4 + 2dc^3 ba^3 - 2d^3 cb^3 a - c^4 b^4)(d^4 a^4 - 2dc^3 ba^3 + 2d^3 cb^3 a - c^4 b^4) = 0. \tag{3.10}$$

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$$\left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^4 + \frac{c^4}{d^4} \left(4 \left[\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2}\right] + 6\right) = 8\frac{d^4}{c^4} \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2}\right) \tag{3.11}$$

**Proof.** From the equation (3.7) and lemma (2.6), we obtain(3.11).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $\frac{a}{b} := \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{c}{d} := \frac{R(-q^5)}{R(q^5)}$  then

$$\left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^3 + 4\left(\frac{bd}{ac}\right)^2 + 5\frac{ad}{bc} = \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^3 + 4\left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right)^2 + 5\frac{bc}{ad}. \tag{3.12}$$

**Proof.** From the equation (3.7) and lemma (2.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &(-5b^4 d^2 c^4 a^2 - 4d^5 b^5 ca + d^6 a^6 + 4bdc^5 a^5 + 5d^4 b^2 c^2 a^4 - b^6 c^6) \\ &(-5b^4 d^2 c^4 a^2 + 4d^5 b^5 ca + d^6 a^6 - 4bdc^5 a^5 + 5d^4 b^2 c^2 a^4 - b^6 c^6) \\ &(15b^4 d^8 c^4 a^8 - 10b^{10} d^2 c^{10} a^2 + 15b^8 d^4 c^8 a^4 + 20b^6 d^6 c^6 a^6 + b^{12} c^{12} \\ &+ d^{12} a^{12} + 16d^2 b^2 c^{10} a^{10} + 16b^{10} d^{10} c^2 a^2 - 10d^{10} b^2 c^2 a^{10})(b^{24} c^{24} \\ &+ 58b^{20} d^4 c^{20} a^4 - 320b^{20} d^{12} c^{12} a^4 + 256a^4 c^4 b^{20} d^{20} + 1423b^{16} a^8 d^8 c^{16} \\ &- 1408b^{16} a^8 d^{16} c^8 - 320b^{12} d^4 c^{20} a^{12} + 620a^{12} c^{12} b^{12} d^{12} + a^{24} d^{24} \\ &- 1408b^8 a^{16} d^8 c^{16} + 1423b^8 a^{16} d^{16} c^8 + 256a^{20} c^{20} b^4 d^4 - 320b^4 d^{12} c^{12} a^{20} \\ &+ 58b^4 d^{20} c^4 a^{20} - 320d^{20} b^{12} c^4 a^{12}) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

By examining the behavior of the above factors near  $q = 0$ , we can find a neighborhood about the origin, where the second factor is zero; whereas other factors are not zero in this neighborhood. By the Identity Theorem second factor vanishes identically. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $\frac{a}{b} := \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{c}{d} := \frac{R(-q^7)}{R(q^7)}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^4 + 28 \left[ \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{bd}{ac}\right)^2 \right] + 70 \\ &= 8 \left[ \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{bd}{ac}\right)^3 \right] + 56 \left[ \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right) + \left(\frac{bd}{ac}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

**Proof.** From the equation (3.7) and lemma (2.8), we obtain(3.14).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $\frac{a}{b} := \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{c}{d} := \frac{R(-q^9)}{R(q^9)}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^8 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^6 + 8 \left[ \left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^5 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^5 \right] + 10 \left[ \left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^4 \right] \\ &+ 16 \left[ \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{bd}{ac}\right)^4 \right] + 15 \left[ \left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^2 \right] + 48 \left[ \left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right) + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right) \right] \\ &= 24 \left[ \left(\frac{ad}{bc}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{bc}{ad}\right)^3 \right] + 16 \left(\frac{bd}{ac}\right)^3 \left[ \frac{b^2}{a^2} + \frac{d^2}{c^2} \right] + 16 \left(\frac{ac}{bd}\right)^3 \left[ \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{c^2}{d^2} \right] + 84. \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

**Proof.** From the equation (3.7) and lemma (2.9), we obtain (3.15).  $\square$

**Remark 3.7.** Similarly, we obtain the Modular relations between  $\frac{a}{b} := \frac{R(-q)}{R(q)}$  and  $\frac{c}{d} := \frac{R(-q^n)}{R(q^n)}$ , for  $n = 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23$  and  $25$ .

### 4 Explicit values of Ratio's of Ramanujan Quantities of $R(q)$

In this section, we obtain explicit values of Ratio's of Ramanujan Quantities of  $R(q)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** We have

$$\frac{R(-e^{-n\pi})}{R(e^{-n\pi})} = \frac{\psi(-e^{-n\pi})}{\psi(e^{-n\pi})} \tag{4.1}$$

**Proof.** Put  $q = e^{-n\pi}$  in equation (3.5), we get (4.1)  $\square$

In his first notebook, Ramanujan's second notebook [7] recorded many elementary values of  $\varphi(q)$ . In particularly, he recorded  $\varphi(e^{-n\pi})$  and  $\varphi(-e^{-n\pi})$  for  $n = 1, 2, 4$  and etc. Noting from [[3], Entry 1, p.325], we have

$$\varphi(e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{1/4}}{\Gamma(3/4)} \text{ and } \varphi(-e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{1/4}}{\Gamma(3/4)} 2^{-1/4}. \tag{4.2}$$

Employing the equations (4.1), (4.2) and (2.12), we obtain

$$\frac{R(-e^{-\pi})}{R(e^{-\pi})} = 2^{-1/8}. \tag{4.3}$$

Using the above value in Theorem (3.1), we get

$$\frac{R(-e^{-2\pi})}{R(e^{-2\pi})} = 2^{5/16} [\sqrt{2} - 1]^{1/4}. \tag{4.4}$$

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