

A Relation for q -Pochhammer Symbol, q -Bracket, q -Factorial and q -Binomial Coefficient.

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"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." - 1 Corinthians 13:12.

ABSTRACT. In this paper, we construct a relation involving q -Pochhammer symbol, q -bracket, q -factorial and q -binomial coefficient among other things.

1. INTRODUCTION

We demonstrated that

$$\left(1 - \frac{a}{q}\right) \frac{(b/q; q)_\infty}{(b; q)_\infty} = \left(1 - \frac{b}{q}\right) \frac{(a/q; q)_\infty}{(a; q)_\infty},$$

by Corollary, we have

$$\frac{(q^{n+1}; q)_\infty^2}{(q^n; q)_\infty (q^{n+2}; q)_\infty} = \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q^n},$$

and beautiful identities

$$\frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^3; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty (q^4; q^2)_\infty} = 1 + q,$$

$$\frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2}{1 + q},$$

and

$$\frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty (q^7; q^4)_\infty}{(q^3; q^4)_\infty (q^8; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}{1 + q + q^2}$$

$$\frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty (q^9; q^5)_\infty}{(q^4; q^5)_\infty (q^{10}; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}.$$

2. PRELIMINARY

Lemma 1. *If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b \neq 0$, then*

$$\frac{a}{b} = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a+j-1)(b+j)}{(a+j)(b+j-1)}.$$

Proof. I well-know the identity

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b!(a-1)!}{[b+(a-1)+1]!} = \frac{a!(b-1)!}{[a+(b-1)+1]!}, \quad (1)$$

using the definition for beta function (4), I obtain

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{B(a+1, b)}{B(a, b+1)}. \quad (2)$$

On the other hand, the beta function have the following infinite product representation [5, p. 899]

$$(a+b+1)B(a+1, b+1) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j(a+b+j)}{(a+j)(b+j)}, \quad (3)$$

valid for $a, b \neq -1, -2, \dots$. Setting $a \rightarrow a-1$ and $b \rightarrow b-1$, respectively, in both members of (3), we find

$$B(a, b+1) = \frac{1}{a+b} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j(a+b+j-1)}{(a+j-1)(b+j)}, \quad (4)$$

and

$$B(a+1, b) = \frac{1}{a+b} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j(a+b+j-1)}{(a+j)(b+j-1)}. \quad (5)$$

Substituting (4) and (5) into the right hand side of (2), we get

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a+b}{a+b} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j(a+b+j-1)(a+j-1)(b+j)}{(a+j)(b+j-1)j(a+b+j-1)}.$$

Eliminate the same terms in the numerator and denominator of the above equation, and encounter

$$\frac{a}{b} = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a+j-1)(b+j)}{(a+j)(b+j-1)},$$

which is the desired result. \square

3. THE q -POCHHAMMER SYMBOL: A RELATION

3.1. A Relation for the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Theorem 2. *If $0 < a, b, q < 1$, then*

$$\left(1 - \frac{a}{q}\right) \frac{(b/q; q)_{\infty}}{(b; q)_{\infty}} = \left(1 - \frac{b}{q}\right) \frac{(a/q; q)_{\infty}}{(a; q)_{\infty}},$$

where $(z; q)_{\infty}$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. We know that [1, p. 85]

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - q^v}{1 - q} = v. \quad (6)$$

Applying (6) into the right hand side of Lemma 1, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - q^a}{1 - q^b} &= \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{a+j-1})(1 - q^{b+j})}{(1 - q^{a+j})(1 - q^{b+j-1})} \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - q^a}{1 - q^b} &= \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(1 - q^a)(q - q^b)(q^{a-1}; q)_{\infty}(q^b; q)_{\infty}}{(1 - q^b)(q - q^a)(q^{b-1}; q)_{\infty}(q^a; q)_{\infty}} \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - q^{a-1}}{1 - q^{b-1}} = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(q^{a-1}; q)_{\infty}(q^b; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{b-1}; q)_{\infty}(q^a; q)_{\infty}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $q^a \rightarrow a$ and $q^b \rightarrow b$; by quantization process, we eliminate the limit formula in previous equation and find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - a/q}{1 - b/q} &= \frac{(a/q; q)_{\infty}(b; q)_{\infty}}{(b/q; q)_{\infty}(a; q)_{\infty}} \\ \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{a}{q}\right) \frac{(b/q; q)_{\infty}}{(b; q)_{\infty}} &= \left(1 - \frac{b}{q}\right) \frac{(a/q; q)_{\infty}}{(a; q)_{\infty}}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. \square

Corollary 3. *If $0 < q < 1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then*

$$\frac{(q^{n+1}; q)_{\infty}^2}{(q^n; q)_{\infty}(q^{n+2}; q)_{\infty}} = \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q^n},$$

where $(z; q)_{\infty}$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. Let $a = q^{n+2}$ and $b = q^{n+1}$. This completes the proof. \square

Example 4. Setting $n = 1$, in Corollary 3, we get

$$x := \frac{(q^2; q)_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty}(q^3; q)_{\infty}} = 1 + q.$$

Using the elementary property

$$(a; q)_{\infty} = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (aq^k; q^n)_{\infty},$$

for $n = 2$, in previous equation, we have

$$x := \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^3; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty (q^4; q^2)_\infty} = 1 + q.$$

Example 5. Setting $n = 2$, in Corollary 3, we get

$$y := \frac{(q^3; q)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2}{1 + q}.$$

Using the elementary property

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (aq^k; q^n)_\infty,$$

for $n = 3$, in previous equation, we have

$$y := \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2}{1 + q}.$$

Example 6. Setting $n = 3$, in Corollary 3, we get

$$z := \frac{(q^4; q)_\infty^2}{(q^3; q)_\infty (q^5; q)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}{1 + q + q^2}.$$

Using the elementary property

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (aq^k; q^n)_\infty,$$

for $n = 4$, in previous equation, we have

$$z := \frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty (q^7; q^4)_\infty}{(q^3; q^4)_\infty (q^8; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}{1 + q + q^2}.$$

Example 7. Setting $n = 4$, in Corollary 3, we get

$$t := \frac{(q^5; q)_\infty^2}{(q^4; q)_\infty (q^6; q)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}.$$

Using the elementary property

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (aq^k; q^n)_\infty,$$

for $n = 5$, in previous equation, we have

$$t := \frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty (q^9; q^5)_\infty}{(q^4; q^5)_\infty (q^{10}; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}.$$

3.2. Equation Between x and y .

Theorem 8. If $0 < q < 1$ and let

$$x := \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^3; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty (q^4; q^2)_\infty}$$

and

$$y := \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty},$$

then,

$$x^2 - (y + 1)x + 1 = 0.$$

Proof. Let $q \rightarrow (1 - v)/(1 + v)$ in the right hand side of Example 4 and 5

$$x = \frac{2}{v + 1} \tag{7}$$

and

$$y = \frac{v^2 + 3}{2(v + 1)}. \tag{8}$$

Eliminate v from (7) and (8) and encounter

$$x^2 - (y + 1)x + 1 = 0,$$

which is the desired result. \square

3.3. Equation Between y and z .

Theorem 9. *If $0 < q < 1$ and let*

$$y: = \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty}$$

and

$$z: = \frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty (q^7; q^4)_\infty}{(q^3; q^4)_\infty (q^8; q^4)_\infty},$$

then,

$$zy^3 - (z^2 + 2)y^2 + (z + 2)y - 1 = 0.$$

Proof. Let $q \rightarrow (1 - v)/(1 + v)$ in the right hand side of Example 5 and 6

$$y = \frac{v^2 + 3}{2(v + 1)} \quad (9)$$

and

$$z = \frac{4(v^2 + 1)}{(v + 1)(v^2 + 3)}. \quad (10)$$

Eliminate v from (9) and (10) and encounter

$$zy^3 - (z^2 + 2)y^2 + (z + 2)y - 1 = 0,$$

which is the desired result. \square

3.4. Equation Between z and t .

Theorem 10. *If $0 < q < 1$ and let*

$$z: = \frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty (q^7; q^4)_\infty}{(q^3; q^4)_\infty (q^8; q^4)_\infty}$$

and

$$t: = \frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty (q^9; q^5)_\infty}{(q^4; q^5)_\infty (q^{10}; q^5)_\infty},$$

then,

$$(t^2 - t + 1)z^4 - (t^3 - t^2 + 2t + 2)z^3 + (t^2 + t + 4)z^2 - (t + 3)z + 1 = 0.$$

Proof. Let $q \rightarrow (1 - v)/(1 + v)$ in the right hand side of Example 6 and 7

$$z = \frac{4(v^2 + 1)}{(v + 1)(v^2 + 3)} \quad (11)$$

and

$$t = \frac{v^4 + 10v^2 + 5}{4(v + 1)(v^2 + 1)}. \quad (12)$$

Eliminate v from (11) and (12) and encounter

$$(t^2 - t + 1)z^4 - (t^3 - t^2 + 2t + 2)z^3 + (t^2 + t + 4)z^2 - (t + 3)z + 1 = 0,$$

which is the desired result. \square

3.5. Equation Between y and t .

Theorem 11. *If $0 < q < 1$ and let*

$$y: = \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty}$$

and

$$t: = \frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty (q^9; q^5)_\infty}{(q^4; q^5)_\infty (q^{10}; q^5)_\infty}$$

then,

$$y^4 - (3t + 1)y^3 + (2t^2 + 3t + 1)y^2 - (2t^2 + t + 1)y + t^2 - t + 1 = 0.$$

Proof. Let $q \rightarrow (1 - v)/(1 + v)$ in the right hand side of Examples 5 and 7

$$y = \frac{v^2 + 3}{2(v + 1)} \quad (13)$$

and

$$t = \frac{v^4 + 10v^2 + 5}{4(v+1)(v^2+1)}. \quad (14)$$

Eliminate v from (13) and (14) and encounter

$$y^4 - (3t+1)y^3 + (2t^2+3t+1)y^2 - (2t^2+t+1)y + t^2 - t + 1 = 0,$$

which is the desired result. \square

Corollary 12. *If $0 < q < 1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, then*

$$\frac{(q^{n+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty (q^{2n+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty}{(q^n; q^{n+1})_\infty (q^{2n+2}; q^{n+1})_\infty} = \frac{1 - q^{n+1}}{1 - q^n},$$

where $(z; q)_\infty$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. Using the elementary property

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (aq^k; q^n)_\infty$$

setting $n \rightarrow n+1$

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^n (aq^k; q^{n+1})_\infty,$$

applying in $(q^{n+1}; q)_\infty$, $(q^n; q)_\infty$ and $(q^{n+2}; q)_\infty$, we encounter

$$(q^{n+1}; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^n (q^{n+k+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty, \quad (15)$$

$$(q^n; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^n (q^{n+k}; q^{n+1})_\infty \quad (16)$$

and

$$(q^{n+2}; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^n (q^{n+k+2}; q^{n+1})_\infty \quad (17)$$

Substitute the righthand side from (15), (16) and (17) in the left hand side of Corollary 3, and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(q^{n+1}; q)_\infty^2}{(q^n; q)_\infty (q^{n+2}; q)_\infty} &= \prod_{k=0}^n \frac{(q^{n+k+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty^2}{(q^{n+k}; q^{n+1})_\infty (q^{n+k+2}; q^{n+1})_\infty} \\ &= \frac{(q^{n+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty^2}{(q^n; q^{n+1})_\infty (q^{n+2}; q^{n+1})_\infty} \cdots \frac{(q^{2n+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty^2}{(q^{2n}; q^{n+1})_\infty (q^{2n+2}; q^{n+1})_\infty} \\ &= \frac{(q^{n+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty (q^{2n+1}; q^{n+1})_\infty}{(q^n; q^{n+1})_\infty (q^{2n+2}; q^{n+1})_\infty}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

From (18) and Corollary 3, it follows the desired identity. \square

Exercise 1. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^3; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty (q^4; q^2)_\infty} = 1 + q = \frac{1 - q^2}{1 - q} \\ \frac{(q^3; q)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^3; q^2)_\infty (q^4; q^2)_\infty}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^5; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2}{1 + q} = \frac{1 - q^3}{1 - q^2}, \\ \frac{(q^4; q)_\infty^2}{(q^3; q)_\infty (q^5; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^4; q^2)_\infty (q^5; q^2)_\infty}{(q^3; q^2)_\infty (q^6; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}{1 + q + q^2} = \frac{1 - q^4}{1 - q^3}, \\ \frac{(q^4; q^2)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^6; q^2)_\infty} &= 1 + q^2 = \frac{1 - q^4}{1 - q^2}, \\ \frac{(q^5; q)_\infty^2}{(q^4; q)_\infty (q^6; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^5; q^2)_\infty (q^6; q^2)_\infty}{(q^4; q^2)_\infty (q^7; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3} = \frac{1 - q^5}{1 - q^4}, \\ \frac{(q^6; q)_\infty^2}{(q^5; q)_\infty (q^7; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^6; q^2)_\infty (q^7; q^2)_\infty}{(q^5; q^2)_\infty (q^8; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4} = \frac{1 - q^6}{1 - q^5}, \\ \frac{(q^7; q)_\infty^2}{(q^6; q)_\infty (q^8; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^7; q^2)_\infty (q^8; q^2)_\infty}{(q^6; q^2)_\infty (q^9; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5} = \frac{1 - q^7}{1 - q^6}, \\ \frac{(q^8; q)_\infty^2}{(q^7; q)_\infty (q^9; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^8; q^2)_\infty (q^9; q^2)_\infty}{(q^7; q^2)_\infty (q^{10}; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6 + q^7}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6} = \frac{1 - q^8}{1 - q^7}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^4; q^3)_\infty}{(q; q^3)_\infty (q^7; q^3)_\infty} = 1 + q = \frac{1 - q^2}{1 - q}, \\ \frac{(q^3; q)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2}{1 + q} = \frac{1 - q^3}{1 - q^2}, \\ \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^4; q^3)_\infty (q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty (q^7; q^3)_\infty} &= 1 + q + q^2 = \frac{1 - q^3}{1 - q}, \\ \frac{(q^4; q)_\infty^2}{(q^3; q)_\infty (q^5; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^4; q^3)_\infty (q^6; q^3)_\infty}{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^7; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}{1 + q + q^2} = \frac{1 - q^4}{1 - q^3}, \\ \frac{(q^5; q)_\infty^2}{(q^4; q)_\infty (q^6; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^5; q^3)_\infty (q^7; q^3)_\infty}{(q^4; q^3)_\infty (q^8; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3} = \frac{1 - q^5}{1 - q^4}, \\ \frac{(q^6; q)_\infty^2}{(q^5; q)_\infty (q^7; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^6; q^3)_\infty (q^8; q^3)_\infty}{(q^5; q^3)_\infty (q^9; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4} = \frac{1 - q^6}{1 - q^5}, \\ \frac{(q^7; q)_\infty^2}{(q^6; q)_\infty (q^8; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^7; q^3)_\infty (q^9; q^3)_\infty}{(q^6; q^3)_\infty (q^{10}; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5} = \frac{1 - q^7}{1 - q^6}, \\ \frac{(q^8; q)_\infty^2}{(q^7; q)_\infty (q^9; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^8; q^3)_\infty (q^{10}; q^3)_\infty}{(q^7; q^3)_\infty (q^{11}; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6 + q^7}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6} = \frac{1 - q^8}{1 - q^7}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^2; q^4)_\infty (q^5; q^4)_\infty}{(q; q^4)_\infty (q^6; q^4)_\infty} = 1 + q = \frac{1 - q^2}{1 - q}, \\ \frac{(q^3; q)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^3; q^4)_\infty (q^6; q^4)_\infty}{(q^2; q^4)_\infty (q^7; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2}{1 + q} = \frac{1 - q^3}{1 - q^2}, \\ \frac{(q^4; q)_\infty^2}{(q^3; q)_\infty (q^5; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty (q^7; q^4)_\infty}{(q^3; q^4)_\infty (q^8; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}{1 + q + q^2} = \frac{1 - q^4}{1 - q^3}, \\ \frac{(q^5; q)_\infty^2}{(q^4; q)_\infty (q^6; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^5; q^4)_\infty (q^8; q^4)_\infty}{(q^4; q^4)_\infty (q^9; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3} = \frac{1 - q^5}{1 - q^4}, \\ \frac{(q^6; q)_\infty^2}{(q^5; q)_\infty (q^7; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^6; q^4)_\infty (q^9; q^4)_\infty}{(q^5; q^4)_\infty (q^{10}; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4} = \frac{1 - q^6}{1 - q^5}, \\ \frac{(q^7; q)_\infty^2}{(q^6; q)_\infty (q^8; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^7; q^4)_\infty (q^{10}; q^4)_\infty}{(q^6; q^4)_\infty (q^{11}; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5} = \frac{1 - q^7}{1 - q^6}, \\ \frac{(q^8; q)_\infty^2}{(q^7; q)_\infty (q^9; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^8; q^4)_\infty (q^{11}; q^4)_\infty}{(q^7; q^4)_\infty (q^{12}; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6 + q^7}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6} = \frac{1 - q^8}{1 - q^7}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^2; q^5)_\infty (q^6; q^5)_\infty}{(q; q^5)_\infty (q^7; q^5)_\infty} = 1 + q = \frac{1 - q^2}{1 - q}, \\ \frac{(q^3; q)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^3; q^5)_\infty (q^7; q^5)_\infty}{(q^2; q^5)_\infty (q^8; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2}{1 + q} = \frac{1 - q^3}{1 - q^2}, \\ \frac{(q^3; q^5)_\infty (q^6; q^5)_\infty}{(q; q^5)_\infty (q^8; q^5)_\infty} &= 1 + q + q^2 = \frac{1 - q^3}{1 - q}, \\ \frac{(q^4; q)_\infty^2}{(q^3; q)_\infty (q^5; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^4; q^5)_\infty (q^8; q^5)_\infty}{(q^3; q^5)_\infty (q^9; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3}{1 + q + q^2} = \frac{1 - q^4}{1 - q^3}, \\ \frac{(q^5; q)_\infty^2}{(q^4; q)_\infty (q^6; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty (q^9; q^5)_\infty}{(q^4; q^5)_\infty (q^{10}; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3} = \frac{1 - q^5}{1 - q^4}, \\ \frac{(q^6; q)_\infty^2}{(q^5; q)_\infty (q^7; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^6; q^5)_\infty (q^{10}; q^5)_\infty}{(q^5; q^5)_\infty (q^{11}; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4} = \frac{1 - q^6}{1 - q^5}, \\ \frac{(q^7; q)_\infty^2}{(q^6; q)_\infty (q^8; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^7; q^5)_\infty (q^{11}; q^5)_\infty}{(q^6; q^5)_\infty (q^{12}; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5} = \frac{1 - q^7}{1 - q^6}, \\ \frac{(q^8; q)_\infty^2}{(q^7; q)_\infty (q^9; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^8; q^5)_\infty (q^{12}; q^5)_\infty}{(q^7; q^5)_\infty (q^{13}; q^5)_\infty} = \frac{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6 + q^7}{1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + q^6} = \frac{1 - q^8}{1 - q^7}. \end{aligned}$$

4. THE Q-BRACKET OR Q-NUMBER: FROM FINITE AT INFINITE

4.1. An Newsworthy Lemma.

Lemma 13. *If $0 < z, q < 1$, then*

$$\frac{1-q}{1-zq} = \frac{(q; q)_\infty (zq^2; q)_\infty}{(q^2; q)_\infty (zq; q)_\infty},$$

where $(a; q)_\infty$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. In previous paper [7], we proved that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{a}{q}\right) \frac{(b/q; q)_\infty}{(b; q)_\infty} &= \left(1 - \frac{b}{q}\right) \frac{(a/q; q)_\infty}{(a; q)_\infty} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1 - \frac{a}{q}}{1 - \frac{b}{q}} &= \frac{(a/q; q)_\infty (b; q)_\infty}{(a; q)_\infty (b/q; q)_\infty}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Replacing q^2 by a and zq^2 by b and encounter

$$\frac{1-q}{1-zq} = \frac{(q; q)_\infty (zq^2; q)_\infty}{(q^2; q)_\infty (zq; q)_\infty},$$

which is the desired result. \square

Theorem 14. *We have*

$$\frac{(q^3; q)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} = \frac{1-q^3}{1-q^2} = \frac{1+q+q^2}{1+q},$$

where $(a; q)_\infty$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. In previous Lemma replace q^2 by z

$$\frac{1-q}{1-q^3} = \frac{(q; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty} \Rightarrow \frac{1-q^3}{1-q} = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} \quad (20)$$

and replace q by z

$$\frac{1-q}{1-q^2} = \frac{(q; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^2; q)_\infty}. \quad (21)$$

Multiplying (20) by (21), we obtain

$$\frac{(q^3; q)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^4; q)_\infty} = \frac{1+q+q^2}{1+q} = \frac{1-q^3}{1-q^2},$$

which is the desired result. \square

4.2. The q -Bracket or q -Number.

Theorem 15. *If $q \in \mathbb{C} - \{1\}$, then*

$$[k]_q = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^k; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (q^{k+1}; q)_\infty},$$

where $[k]_q$ denotes the q -bracket or q -number and $(a; q)_\infty$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. By previous Lemma, we have

$$\frac{1-zq}{1-q} = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty (zq; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (zq^2; q)_\infty}.$$

Replacing q^{k-1} by z in previous equation, we find

$$\frac{1-q^k}{1-q} = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^k; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (q^{k+1}; q)_\infty}. \quad (22)$$

On the other hand, I know that [2]

$$[k]_q := \frac{1-q^k}{1-q}. \quad (23)$$

From (22) and (23), it follows that

$$[k]_q = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^k; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (q^{k+1}; q)_\infty},$$

which is the desired result. \square

5. THE q -FACTORIAL FUNCTION: FROM FINITE AT INFINITE

5.1. The q -Factorial Function.

Theorem 16. *If $0 < q < 1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$, then*

$$[n]_{q!} = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^n}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1} (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty},$$

where $[n]_{q!}$ denotes the q -factorial function and $(a; q)_\infty$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. I know that [3, p. 491, Eq. 2.2]

$$[n]_{q!} = \prod_{k=1}^n [k]_q. \quad (24)$$

Replacing the right hand side of the Theorem 15 in the right hand side of (24), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [n]_{q!} &= \prod_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^k; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (q^{k+1}; q)_\infty} \right] \\ &= \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^n}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1} (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. \square

6. THE q -BINOMIAL COEFFICIENT OR GAUSSIAN BINOMIAL COEFFICIENT: FROM FINITE AT INFINITE

6.1. The q -Binomial Coefficient.

Theorem 17. *If $0 < q < 1$ and $n, r \in \mathbb{N}$, then*

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{(q^{r+1}; q)_\infty (q^{n-r+1}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty},$$

where $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q$ denotes the q -binomial coefficient or Gaussian binomial coefficient and $(a; q)_\infty$ denotes the q -Pochhammer Symbol.

Proof. I know that [2]

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q := \frac{[n]_{q!}}{[r]_{q!} [n-r]_{q!}}. \quad (25)$$

Replacing the right hand side of the Theorem 16 in the right hand side of (25), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q &= \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^n (q; q)_\infty^{r-1} (q^{r+1}; q)_\infty (q; q)_\infty^{n-r-1} (q^{n-r+1}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1} (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty (q^2; q)_\infty^r (q^2; q)_\infty^{n-r}} \\ &= \frac{(q^{r+1}; q)_\infty (q^{n-r+1}; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. \square

Corollary 18. *We have*

$$\frac{(q^2; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} = \frac{1}{1-q}.$$

Proof. In [4], for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$[n]_q! = \Gamma_q(n+1). \quad (26)$$

and, in [5],

$$\Gamma_q(n) = \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^n; q)_\infty} (1-q)^{1-n}. \quad (27)$$

Replacing $n+1$ by n in both members of (27), we find

$$\Gamma_q(n+1) = \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^{n+1}; q)_\infty} (1-q)^n. \quad (28)$$

From the Theorem 16 and (28), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^{n+1}; q)_\infty (1-q)^n} &= \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^n}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1} (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(1-q)^n} &= \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^n}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1-q} = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. \square

Note 19. Letting $q \rightarrow q^2$ in previous Corollary, we get:

$$\frac{(q^4; q^2)_\infty}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{1}{1-q^2}. \quad (29)$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{(q^6; q^3)_\infty}{(q^3; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{1}{1-q^3}. \quad (30)$$

Corollary 20. We have

$$\frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^n}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1} (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q)_n}{(1-q)^n}.$$

Proof. In [4], for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$[n]_q! = \frac{(q; q)_n}{(1-q)^n}. \quad (31)$$

From the Theorem 16 and (31), we obtain

$$\frac{(q; q)_n}{(1-q)^n} = \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^n}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1} (q^{n+1}; q)_\infty},$$

which is the desired result. \square

Example 21. Setting $n=2$ in previous Corollary, we get

$$\frac{(q^2; q)_\infty^2}{(q; q)_\infty (q^3; q)_\infty} = 1+q.$$

Setting $q \rightarrow q^2$ in previous Corollary, we get

$$\frac{(q^4; q^2)_\infty^2}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^6; q^2)_\infty} = 1+q^2. \quad (32)$$

Setting $q \rightarrow q^3$ in previous Corollary, we get

$$\frac{(q^6; q^3)_\infty^2}{(q^3; q^3)_\infty (q^9; q^3)_\infty} = 1+q^3. \quad (33)$$

From (29) and (32), we get

$$\frac{(q^4; q^2)_\infty}{(q^6; q^2)_\infty} = 1-q^4.$$

From (30) and (33), we get

$$\frac{(q^6; q^3)_\infty}{(q^9; q^3)_\infty} = 1-q^6.$$

Exercise 5. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^2; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q; q^2)_\infty}{(q^3; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q^3)_\infty}{(q^4; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q^4)_\infty}{(q^5; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q^5)_\infty}{(q^6; q^5)_\infty} = 1 - q, \\ \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty}{(q^3; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(q^4; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^2; q^3)_\infty}{(q^5; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^2; q^4)_\infty}{(q^6; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^2; q^5)_\infty}{(q^7; q^5)_\infty} = 1 - q^2, \\ \frac{(q^3; q)_\infty}{(q^4; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^3; q^2)_\infty}{(q^5; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty}{(q^6; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^3; q^4)_\infty}{(q^7; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^3; q^5)_\infty}{(q^8; q^5)_\infty} = 1 - q^3, \\ \frac{(q^4; q)_\infty}{(q^5; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^4; q^2)_\infty}{(q^6; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^4; q^3)_\infty}{(q^7; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty}{(q^8; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^4; q^5)_\infty}{(q^9; q^5)_\infty} = 1 - q^4, \\ \frac{(q^5; q)_\infty}{(q^6; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^5; q^2)_\infty}{(q^7; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^8; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^5; q^4)_\infty}{(q^9; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty}{(q^{10}; q^5)_\infty} = 1 - q^5, \\ \frac{(q^6; q)_\infty}{(q^7; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^6; q^2)_\infty}{(q^8; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^6; q^3)_\infty}{(q^9; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^6; q^4)_\infty}{(q^{10}; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^6; q^5)_\infty}{(q^{11}; q^5)_\infty} = 1 - q^6, \\ \frac{(q^7; q)_\infty}{(q^8; q)_\infty} &= \frac{(q^7; q^2)_\infty}{(q^9; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^7; q^3)_\infty}{(q^{10}; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^7; q^4)_\infty}{(q^{11}; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^7; q^5)_\infty}{(q^{12}; q^5)_\infty} = 1 - q^7.\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(n+1)q^n}{1-q^{n+1}} - \frac{(n+2)q^{n+1}}{1-q^{n+2}} \right] &= \frac{1}{1-q}, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(n+z)q^{n+z-1}}{1-q^{n+z}} - \frac{(n+z+1)q^{n+z}}{1-q^{n+z+1}} \right] &= \frac{z}{q^{1-z}(1-q^z)}.\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 7. Prove that: if

$$\begin{aligned}A &:= \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(q^2; q)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q^2)_\infty}{(q^3; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q^3)_\infty}{(q^4; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q^4)_\infty}{(q^5; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q; q^5)_\infty}{(q^6; q^5)_\infty}, \\ B &:= \frac{(q^2; q)_\infty}{(q^3; q)_\infty} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(q^4; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^2; q^3)_\infty}{(q^5; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^2; q^4)_\infty}{(q^6; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^2; q^5)_\infty}{(q^7; q^5)_\infty}, \\ C &:= \frac{(q^3; q)_\infty}{(q^4; q)_\infty} = \frac{(q^3; q^2)_\infty}{(q^5; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty}{(q^6; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^3; q^4)_\infty}{(q^7; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^3; q^5)_\infty}{(q^8; q^5)_\infty},\end{aligned}$$

then,

$$A^2 - 2A = -B, A(B-1) = B-C, B^3 - 3B^2 + 3B = (2-C)C \text{ and } A(C-1) = B^2 - 2B + C.$$

Prove that: if

$$\begin{aligned}D &:= \frac{(q^4; q)_\infty}{(q^5; q)_\infty} = \frac{(q^4; q^2)_\infty}{(q^6; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^4; q^3)_\infty}{(q^7; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty}{(q^8; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^4; q^5)_\infty}{(q^9; q^5)_\infty}, \\ E &:= \frac{(q^5; q)_\infty}{(q^6; q)_\infty} = \frac{(q^5; q^2)_\infty}{(q^7; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^5; q^3)_\infty}{(q^8; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^5; q^4)_\infty}{(q^9; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^5; q^5)_\infty}{(q^{10}; q^5)_\infty}, \\ F &:= \frac{(q^6; q)_\infty}{(q^7; q)_\infty} = \frac{(q^6; q^2)_\infty}{(q^8; q^2)_\infty} = \frac{(q^6; q^3)_\infty}{(q^9; q^3)_\infty} = \frac{(q^6; q^4)_\infty}{(q^{10}; q^4)_\infty} = \frac{(q^6; q^5)_\infty}{(q^{11}; q^5)_\infty},\end{aligned}$$

then,

$$\begin{aligned}D^3 - 3D^2 + 3D &= (2-F)F, D(F-1) = F + E^2 - 2E, D(E^4 - 4E^3 + 6E^2 - 4E + 1) = -F^4 + 4F^3 - 6F^2 + 4F + E^4 - 4E^3 + 6E^2 - 4E, \\ E^6 - 6E^5 + 15E^4 - 20E^3 + 15E^2 - 6E &= F(-F^4 + 5F^3 - 10F^2 + 10F - 5), \\ D^2(E^2 - 2E + 1) + D(-2E^2 + 4E - 2) &= -F^3 + 3F^2 - 3F - E^2 + 2E.\end{aligned}$$

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