

ON SOME CONTINUED FRACTIONS OF RAMANUJAN OF ORDER TWELVE

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define some continued fractions $u(q)$, $v(q)$, $U(q)$, $V(q)$ of order twelve, and we derive some modular relations involving these continued fractions and some of Ramanujan's theta functions. We also establish some dissections for these continued fractions, and we found two integral representations for $U(q)$ and $V(q)$. Moreover, we obtain a relation between $U(q)$, $V(q)$ and Ramanujan's cubic continued fraction $G(q)$.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

All through the paper, we use the standard q -product notation

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

$$(a; q)_n := \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \quad n \geq 1$$

and

$$(a; q)_\infty := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a; q)_n, \quad |q| < 1.$$

Ramanujan's general theta function is defined by

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

The well-known Jacobi triple product identity [5, p. 35, Entry 19] in Ramanujan's notation is

$$f(a, b) = (-a; ab)_\infty (-b; ab)_\infty (ab; ab)_\infty.$$

The three special cases of (1.1) are [5, p. 36, Entry 22]

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

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

and

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

Define

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

The following lemma provides transformation formulas for the function $f(a, b)$:

Lemma 1.1. [5, p. 46, Entry 30 (ii) & (iii)] *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, b) + f(-a, -b) &= 2f(a^3b, ab^3), \\ f(a, b) - f(-a, -b) &= 2af(b/a, a^5b^3). \end{aligned}$$

Adding the above two equations, we obtain

$$f(a, b) = f(a^3b, ab^3) + af(b/a, a^5b^3). \quad (1.5)$$

The Rogers-Ramanujan functions are defined by

$$G(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q; q)_n} \quad \text{and} \quad H(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2+n}}{(q; q)_n}, \quad (1.6)$$

These functions have elegant product forms, now famously known as the Rogers-Ramanujan identities, initially discovered and proved by L. J. Rogers [15] and then rediscovered by S. Ramanujan [14, pp. 214-215]:

$$G(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q; q)_n} = \frac{1}{(q; q^5)_{\infty} (q^4; q^5)_{\infty}}, \quad (1.7)$$

$$H(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2+n}}{(q; q)_n} = \frac{1}{(q^2; q^5)_{\infty} (q^3; q^5)_{\infty}}. \quad (1.8)$$

The Rogers-Ramanujan continued fraction $R(q)$ is defined by

$$R(q) := q^{1/5} \frac{H(q)}{G(q)} = \frac{q^{1/5}}{1} + \frac{q}{1} + \frac{q^2}{1} + \frac{q^3}{1} + \dots, \quad |q| < 1,$$

and first appeared in a manuscript by L. J. Rogers [15] in 1894. This $R(q)$ has many representations, for example it can be written in terms of infinite q -products as follows:

$$R(q) = q^{1/5} \frac{(q^4; q^5)_\infty (q; q^5)_\infty}{(q^3; q^5)_\infty (q^2; q^5)_\infty}. \quad (1.9)$$

The identity (1.9) has been proved by both Rogers [15] and also discovered by S. Ramanujan [12, Vol. II, Chapter 16, Section 15]. On page 50 of [11], Ramanujan established 2- and 5-dissections of $R(q)$ and for $1/R(q)$, see [4, 7].

On page 365 of his ‘lost’ notebook [13], Ramanujan recorded five identities involving $R(\pm q)$, $R(q^2)$, $R(q^3)$, $R(q^4)$ and $R(q^5)$ and in his first letter to G. H. Hardy [11, p. xxvii], Ramanujan gave the first non-elementary evaluations of $R(q)$, namely $R(e^{-2\pi})$ and $R(-e^{-\pi})$.

Ramanujan [13, p.46] claimed that

$$R(q) = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \exp \left((-1/5) \int_q^1 \frac{(1-t)^5(1-t^2)^5 \cdots dt}{(1-t^5)(1-t^{10}) \cdots t} \right),$$

where $0 < q < 1$ and it was proved by G. E. Andrews [4].

Ramanujan [13, p.366] studied the continued fraction

$$G(q) := \frac{q^{1/3}}{1} + \frac{q+q^2}{1} + \frac{q^2+q^4}{1} + \frac{q^3+q^6}{1} + \cdots, \quad |q| < 1,$$

which is known as Ramanujan’s cubic continued fraction. He guaranteed that there are many results of $G(q)$ which are undifferentiated from those of $R(q)$.

Motivated by Ramanujan’s theory for these continued fractions, many other continued fractions have been discovered and studied. Ramanujan [12, 13] recorded many fascinating q -continued fractions and some of their explicit values. For instance, we have [5, p. 21, Entry 11].

Entry 11. Suppose that either q , a and b are complex numbers with $|q| < 1$ or q , a and b are complex numbers with $a = bq^m$ for some integer m . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(-a; q)_\infty (b; q)_\infty - (a; q)_\infty (-b; q)_\infty}{(-a; q)_\infty (b; q)_\infty + (a; q)_\infty (-b; q)_\infty} \\ &= \frac{a-b}{1-q} + \frac{(a-bq)(aq-b)}{1-q^3} + \frac{q(a-bq^2)(aq^2-b)}{1-q^5} + \cdots. \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

The above identity provides a continued fraction expansion for the quotient of two specific q -products.

Setting $q \rightarrow q^3$, $a = q^2$ and $b = -q$ in (1.10), we obtain

$$u(q) := \frac{q(1+q)}{1-q^3} + \frac{q^3(1+q^2)(1+q^4)}{1-q^9} + \frac{q^6(1+q^5)(1+q^7)}{1-q^{15}} + \cdots,$$

where

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

Again, setting $q \rightarrow q^3$, $a = q^4$ and $b = -q^{-1}$ in (1.10), we obtain

$$v(q) := \frac{q^{-1}(1+q^5)}{1-q^3} + \frac{q(1+q^2)(1+q^8)}{1-q^9} + \frac{q^6(1+q)(1+q^{11})}{1-q^{15}} + \dots,$$

where

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

With the help of Lemma 1.1, we can rewrite $u(q)$ and $v(q)$ as follows:

$$u(q) = \frac{f(q, q^2) - f(-q, -q^2)}{f(q, q^2) + f(-q, -q^2)} = q \frac{f(q, q^{11})}{f(q^5, q^7)}, \quad (1.11)$$

and

$$v(q) = \frac{f(q^4, q^{-1}) - f(-q^4, -q^{-1})}{f(q^4, q^{-1}) + f(-q^4, -q^{-1})} = q^{-1} \frac{f(q^5, q^7)}{f(q, q^{11})}. \quad (1.12)$$

In [9], the authors explored the following continued fraction of order 12:

$$H(q) := q \frac{f(-q, -q^{11})}{f(-q^5, -q^7)} = \frac{q(1-q)}{(1-q^3)} + \frac{q^3(1-q^2)(1-q^4)}{(1-q^3)(1+q^6)} + \frac{q^3(1-q^8)(1-q^{10})}{(1-q^3)(1+q^{12})} + \dots$$

They derived modular relations involving $H(q)$ and $H(q^n)$ for $n = 3, 5$, and $u(q)$ and $u(q^n)$ for $n = 2$, where $u(q) = -H(-q) = q \frac{f(q, q^{11})}{f(q^5, q^7)}$. For example, they proved that if $x := u(q)$ and $y := u(q^2)$, then

$$y(y^2 + 1)(1 + 2x + x^4) - x^2(y^4 + 2y^3 + 6y^2 + y + 1) + 2x^3y(y^2 + 1) = 0.$$

They obtained the following integral representation for $u(q)$ as a quotient of definite integrals, along with some explicit valuations of these continued fractions:

$$u(q) = \frac{1 - \exp(-2 \int_0^q \psi^2(t) \psi^2(t^3) dt)}{1 + \exp(-2 \int_0^q \psi^2(t) \psi^2(t^3) dt)}.$$

The authors in [16] obtained the modular relations involving $H(q)$ and $H(q^n)$ for $n = 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11$, and 13 by using modular relations of Rogers-Ramanujan-type functions of order 12 and theta function identities. In [6], modular relations connecting $H(q)$ and $H(q^n)$ for $n = 6, 10, 14$, and 18 were derived. In [2], the researchers obtained the Eisenstein series identities associated with the continued fraction $H(q)$. In [8], properties of the coefficients of the continued fraction $H(q)$ were studied through 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12-dissections of $H(q)$ and its reciprocal.

Define

$$U(q) := \frac{1}{1 - u(q)} \quad \text{and} \quad V(q) := \frac{-1}{1 - v(q)}. \quad (1.13)$$

The motivation for defining $U(q)$ and $V(q)$ by using the continued fractions $u(q)$ and $v(q)$ is that such continued fractions admit nice integral representations and also there are nice relations connecting these two continued fractions $U(q)$ and $V(q)$. From Lemma 1.1, (1.11), (1.12) and (1.13), one can easily verify the following lemma, which expresses the continued fractions in terms of theta functions:

Lemma 1.2. *We have*

$$u(q)v(q) = 1, \quad (1.14)$$

$$U(q) = \frac{f(q^5, q^7)}{f(-q)}, \quad (1.15)$$

$$V(q) = \frac{q f(q, q^{11})}{f(-q)}, \quad (1.16)$$

$$U(q)V(q) = \frac{\chi(q)f^3(-q^{12})}{\psi(q^3)f^2(-q)}. \quad (1.17)$$

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we derive some modular relations involving our continued fractions $U(q)$ and $V(q)$, and Ramanujan's theta functions defined above. In Section 3, we establish 2- and 4-dissections for $U(q)$ and 2-dissection for $V(q)$. In Section 4, we prove two integral representations for each $U(q)$ and $V(q)$. In Section 5, we establish a relation between $U(q)$ and $G(q)$. Using this relation and some known values of $G(q)$, we computed $U(q)$ and $V(q)$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we establish modular relations that link the continued fractions $u(q)$, $v(q)$, $U(q)$ and $V(q)$ with the Ramanujan theta functions.

Theorem 2.1. *We have*

$$U(q) - V(q) = 1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$U(q) + V(q) = \frac{f(q, q^2)}{f(-q)}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$U^2(q) - V^2(q) = \frac{f(q, q^2)}{f(-q)}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$U^2(q) + V^2(q) = \frac{\phi(q^3)f(q^2, q^4)}{f^2(-q)}, \quad (2.4)$$

$$U^4(q) - V^4(q) = \frac{\phi(q^3)f(q, q^2)f(q^2, q^4)}{f^3(-q)}. \quad (2.5)$$

Proof. Identities (2.1) and (2.2) follow from (1.15), (1.16) and Lemma 1.1. Identity (2.3) follows from (2.1) and (2.2). Now we proceed to prove (2.4). We have

$$\phi(q^3)f(q^2, q^4) = \sum_{k, \ell=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{3k^2+3\ell^2+\ell}.$$

Here we set

$$k + \ell = 2K + a \text{ and } -k + \ell = 2L + b,$$

where $a, b \in \{0, 1\}$ and $K, L \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$k = K - L - (b - a)/2 \text{ and } \ell = K + L + (b + a)/2.$$

Then we have $a = b$, and so $k = K - L$ and $\ell = K + L + a$, where $a \in \{0, 1\}$. Thus, there is 1-1 correspondence between the set $\{(k, \ell) / -\infty < k, \ell < \infty\}$ and $\{(K, L, a) / -\infty < K, L < \infty, a \in \{0, 1\}\}$. Thus, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(q^3)f(q^2, q^4) &= \sum_{a=0}^1 q^{3a^2+a} \left(\sum_{K=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{6K^2+(1+6a)K} \right)^2 \\ &= f^2(q^5, q^7) + q^2 f^2(q, q^{11}). \end{aligned}$$

Using (1.15) and (1.16), we obtain (2.4). Identity (2.5) follows easily from (2.3) and (2.4). \square

Theorem 2.2. *We have*

$$\frac{u(q^2)u(q) + 1}{(1 - u(q))(1 - u(q^2))} = \frac{\psi(q)\phi(q^4) - q\psi(q^3)\psi(q^6)}{f(-q)f(-q^2)}, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\frac{u(q)u(q^5) + 1}{(1 - u(q^5))(1 - u(q))} = \frac{\phi(q^5)\psi(q^2) - q^2\psi(q^{15})\psi(q^3)}{f(-q)f(-q^5)}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u(q)u(q^3) + 1}{(1 - u(q^3))(1 - u(q))} &= \frac{\phi(-q^9)\phi(-q^3)}{f(-q)f(-q^3)\chi(-q)\chi(-q^3)} \\ -q \frac{\chi(q^2)\psi(-q^6)\phi(-q^{36})}{f(-q)f(-q^3)\chi(-q^{12})} &- q^2 \frac{\chi(q^6)\psi(-q^{18})\phi(-q^{12})}{f(-q)f(-q^3)\chi(-q^4)}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u(q^3) + u(q)}{(1 - u(q^3))(1 - u(q))} &= 2 \frac{q\psi(q^9)\phi(-q^3)}{f(-q)f(-q^3)\chi(-q)} \\ -q \frac{\phi(-q^{36})\chi(q^2)\psi(-q^6)}{f(-q)f(-q^3)\chi(-q^{12})} &- q^2 \frac{\chi(q^6)\psi(-q^{18})\phi(-q^{12})}{f(-q)f(-q^3)\chi(-q^4)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Proof. Identity (2.6) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{(1 - u(q))(1 - u(q^2))} - \frac{1}{(1 - u(q))} - \frac{1}{(1 - u(q^2))} + 1 \\ = \frac{\phi(q^4)\psi(q) - q\psi(q^6)\psi(q^3)}{f(-q)f(-q^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (1.13), we may rewrite the above identity in the form

$$U(q)U(q^2) + (U(q) - 1)(U(q^2) - 1) = \frac{\phi(q^4)\psi(q) - q\psi(q^6)\psi(q^3)}{f(-q)f(-q^2)}. \quad (2.10)$$

By applying (1.15), (1.16) and (2.1) in the identity (2.10), we obtain

$$f(q^{14}, q^{10})f(q^7, q^5) + q^3 f(q^{22}, q^2)f(q^{11}, q) = \phi(q^4)\psi(q) - q\psi(q^6)\psi(q^3). \quad (2.11)$$

Thus, it is enough to prove (2.11). We have

$$\phi(q^4)\psi(q) = \sum_{k, \ell=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{4k^2+2\ell^2+\ell}. \quad (2.12)$$

Here we set

$$k + \ell = 3K + a \text{ and } -2k + \ell = 3L + b,$$

where $a, b \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$. Then

$$k = K - L - (b - a)/3 \text{ and } \ell = 2K + L + (b + 2a)/3.$$

Then we have $a = b$, and so $k = K - L$ and $\ell = 2K + L + a$, where $-1 < a < 1$. Thus, there is 1-1 correspondence between the set $\{(k, \ell) / -\infty < k, \ell < \infty\}$ and $\{(K, L, a) / -\infty < K, L < \infty, -1 < a < 1\}$. Thus, we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(q^4) \psi(q) &= \sum_{a=-1}^1 q^{2a^2+a} \sum_{K,L=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{12K^2+2(1+4a)K+6L^2+(1+4a)L} \\ &= \sum_{a=-1}^1 q^{2a^2+a} f\left(q^{2(7+4a)}, q^{2(5-4a)}\right) f\left(q^{7+4a}, q^{5-4a}\right) \\ &= qf(q^6, q^{18}) f(q^3, q^9) + f(q^{14}, q^{10}) f(q^7, q^5) \\ &\quad + q^3 f(q^{22}, q^2) f(q^{11}, q),\end{aligned}$$

which is same as (2.11). This completes the proof of (2.6). The proof of (2.7)–(2.9) follows in a similar way, with a suitable choice of change of the indices. \square

Theorem 2.3. *We have*

$$\frac{u(q^5)u(q^7) + 1}{(1 - u(q^5))(1 - u(q^7))} \quad (2.13)$$

$$= \frac{\phi(q^{70})\psi(q^4) + q^{17}\phi(q^2)\psi(q^{140}) - q^4\psi(q^{21})\psi(q^{15})}{f(-q^5)f(-q^7)}, \quad (2.14)$$

$$\frac{u(q)u(q^{11}) + 1}{(1 - u(q))(1 - u(q^{11}))} \quad (2.15)$$

$$= \frac{\phi(q^{22})\psi(q^4) + q^5\phi(q^2)\psi(q^{44}) - q^4\psi(q^{33})\psi(q^3)}{f(-q)f(-q^{11})}. \quad (2.16)$$

Proof. Applying (1.13), (1.15), (1.16) and (2.1) in (2.13), we see that

$$\begin{aligned}f(q^{35}, q^{49})f(q^{25}, q^{35}) + q^{12}f(q^7, q^{77})f(q^5, q^{55}) \\ = \phi(q^{70})\psi(q^4) + q^{17}\phi(q^2)\psi(q^{140}) - q^4\psi(q^{21})\psi(q^{15}).\end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

Changing q to q^2 in (2.17) and then multiplying the resulting identity by $4q$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}4qf(q^{70}, q^{50})f(q^{98}, q^{70}) + 4q^{25}f(q^{10}, q^{110})f(q^{14}, q^{154}) \\ = 4q\{\phi(q^{140})\psi(q^8) + q^{34}\phi(q^4)\psi(q^{280})\} - 4q^9\psi(q^{42})\psi(q^{30}).\end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Setting $a = b = q$ and $a = b = q^{35}$ in (1.5), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(q) &= \phi(q^4) + 2q\psi(q^8), \\ \phi(q^{35}) &= \phi(q^{140}) + 2q^{35}\psi(q^{280}).\end{aligned}$$

Using the above two identities, we obtain

$$\phi(q^{35})\phi(q) - \phi(-q^{35})\phi(-q) = 4q\{\phi(q^{140})\psi(q^8) + q^{34}\phi(q^4)\psi(q^{280})\}. \quad (2.19)$$

From (2.18) and (2.19), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}4qf(q^{70}, q^{50})f(q^{98}, q^{70}) + 4q^{25}f(q^{10}, q^{110})f(q^{14}, q^{154}) \\ = \phi(q)\phi(q^{35}) - \phi(-q)\phi(-q^{35}) - 4q^9\psi(q^{42})\psi(q^{30}).\end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Thus, we need to prove (2.20).

Using (1.2), we have

$$\phi(q^{35})\phi(q) = f(q^{35}, q^{35})f(q, q) = \sum_{k, \ell=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{35k^2 + \ell^2}. \quad (2.21)$$

Here we set

$$5k + \ell = 12K + a \quad \text{and} \quad -7k + \ell = 12L + b,$$

where $a, b \in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 5, 6\}$. Then

$$k = K - L + (a - b)/12 \quad \text{and} \quad \ell = 7K + 5L + (7a + 5b)/12.$$

Since k, ℓ, K and L are all integers, we have $a = b$, and so $k = K - L$ and $\ell = 7K + 5L + a$, where $-5 \leq a \leq 6$. Thus, there is 1-1 correspondence between the set $\{(k, \ell) / -\infty < k, \ell < \infty\}$ and $\{(K, L, a) / -\infty < K, L < \infty, -5 \leq a \leq 6\}$. From (2.21), we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(q^{35})\phi(q) &= \sum_{a=-5}^6 q^{a^2} \sum_{K,L=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{84K^2+14Ka+60L^2+10La} \\
&= \sum_{a=-5}^6 q^{a^2} f(q^{14(6+a)}, q^{14(6-a)}) f(q^{10(6+a)}, q^{10(6-a)}) \\
&= 2q^{25} f(q^{14}, q^{154}) f(q^{10}, q^{110}) + 2q^{16} f(q^{28}, q^{140}) f(q^{20}, q^{100}) \\
&\quad + 2q^9 f(q^{42}, q^{126}) f(q^{30}, q^{90}) + 2q^4 f(q^{56}, q^{112}) f(q^{40}, q^{80}) \\
&\quad + 2q f(q^{70}, q^{98}) f(q^{50}, q^{70}) + f(q^{84}, q^{84}) f(q^{60}, q^{60}) \\
&\quad + q^{36} f(q^{168}, 1) f(q^{120}, 1). \tag{2.22}
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing q by $-q$ in (2.22) and then subtracting the resulting identity from (2.22), we obtain (2.20). This completes the proof of (2.13). In a similar way, one can establish (2.15). \square

Theorem 2.4. *We have*

$$4U^3(q) - 4U^2(q)V(q) - 3U^2(q) + V^2(q) - 2U(q)V(q) - U(q) + V(q) = 0, \tag{2.23}$$

$$4V^2(q)U(q) - 4V^3(q) - 3V^2(q) + U^2(q) - 2U(q)V(q) - U(q) + V(q) = 0. \tag{2.24}$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
4U(q) - \frac{1}{U(q)} &= 4 \frac{f(q^7, q^5)}{f(-q)} - \frac{f(-q)}{f(q^5, q^7)} \\
&= \frac{4f^2(q^7, q^5) - f^2(-q)}{f(q^5, q^7)f(-q)}. \tag{2.25}
\end{aligned}$$

Recall that we have by [10, Eq. 26],

$$\phi(q) + \phi(q^3) = 2f(-q^7, -q^5)\chi(q) \tag{2.26}$$

and by [5, Entry 24(iii)],

$$f(-q) = \frac{\phi(-q)}{\chi(-q)}. \tag{2.27}$$

Changing q to $-q$ in (2.26), then employing resulting identity and (2.27) to (2.25), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 4U(q) - \frac{1}{U(q)} &= \frac{2\{\phi^2(-q^3) + 2\phi(-q)\phi(-q^3)\}}{\phi^2(-q) + \phi(-q)\phi(-q^3)} \\ &= \frac{2\left(\frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\phi(-q)} + 2\right)}{\left(\frac{\phi(-q)}{\phi(-q^3)} + 1\right)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

From (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\frac{\phi(-q)}{\phi(-q^3)} = \frac{U(q) - V(q)}{V(q) + U(q)}. \quad (2.29)$$

Employing (2.29) in (2.28), we obtain (2.23).

The proof of (2.24) follows similarly, and we omit the details. \square

Theorem 2.5. *We have*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2U(q)}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2V(q)}} + \sqrt{2V(q)} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\psi(q^2)\psi^3(-q^3)}{q\psi(-q)\psi^3(q^6)}}. \quad (2.30)$$

Proof. By definition $V(q)$, we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2V(q)}} + \sqrt{2V(q)} = \frac{f(-q) + 2qf(q, q^{11})}{\sqrt{2qf(q, q^{11})f(-q)}}. \quad (2.31)$$

From Lemma 3.1 of [10, Eq. 27], we have

$$\phi(q) - \phi(q^3) = 2q\chi(q)f(-q, -q^{11}). \quad (2.32)$$

Changing q to $-q$ in (2.32), we deduce that

$$\phi(-q) - \phi(-q^3) = -2q\chi(-q)f(q, q^{11}). \quad (2.33)$$

Employing (2.27) and (2.33) to (2.31), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2V(q)}} + \sqrt{2V(q)} &= \frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\chi(-q) \sqrt{\frac{-2f(-q)}{2\chi(-q)} (\phi(-q) - \phi(-q^3))}} \\ &= \frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\sqrt{-\left(\frac{(\phi^2(-q) - \phi^2(-q^3))\chi(-q)f(-q)}{\phi(-q) + \phi(-q^3)}\right)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\left(\frac{\phi^2(-q)}{\phi^2(-q^3)} - 1\right) \frac{1}{2U(q)}}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.34)$$

In [3], we have

$$\frac{\phi^2(q)}{\phi^2(q^3)} - 1 = \frac{4q\psi(q)\psi^3(q^6)}{\psi(q^2)\psi^3(q^3)}, \text{ where } \psi(q) = f(q, q^3). \quad (2.35)$$

Employing (2.35) in (2.34), we obtain (2.30). \square

Theorem 2.6. *We have*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2U(q)}} - \sqrt{2U(q)} = -\frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\phi(-q)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\phi(-q)} + 1}}. \quad (2.36)$$

Proof. By the definition of $U(q)$, we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2U(q)}} - \sqrt{2U(q)} = \frac{f(-q) - 2f(q^5, q^7)}{\sqrt{2f(q^5, q^7)f(-q)}}. \quad (2.37)$$

Employing (2.27) and (2.26) in (2.37) and recall $\phi(q) = f(q, q)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2U(q)}} - \sqrt{2U(q)} &= \frac{-\phi(-q^3)}{\sqrt{\phi(-q)(\phi(-q) + \phi(-q^3))}} \\ &= \frac{-\sqrt{\frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\phi(-q)}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\phi(-q)}{\phi(-q^3)} + 1}} \\ &= -\frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\phi(-q)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\phi(-q)} + 1}}. \end{aligned}$$

\square

3. 2- AND 4-DISSECTIONS FOR $U(q)$ AND 2-DISSECTION FOR $V(q)$

In this section we obtain 2 and 4-dissections for $U(q)$ and $V(q)$.

Theorem 3.1. If $U(q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n q^n$ and $V(q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n q^n$, then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n} q^n = \frac{1}{f^2(-q)} \{f(q^{11}, q^{13})f(q^3, q^5) + q^4 f(q, q^{23})f(q, q^7)\}, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n+1} q^n = \frac{1}{f^2(-q)} \{q^2 f(q, q^{23})f(q^3, q^5) + q f(q^{11}, q^{13})f(q, q^7)\}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{2n} q^n = \frac{q}{f^2(-q)} \{f(q^7, q^{17})f(q, q^7) + f(q^5, q^{19})f(q^3, q^5)\}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{2n+1} q^n = \frac{1}{f^2(-q)} \{f(q^7, q^{17})f(q^3, q^5) + q f(q^5, q^{19})f(q, q^7)\}. \quad (3.4)$$

Proof. In view of (1.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} U(q) &= \frac{f(q^7, q^5)}{f(-q^2, -q)} \\ &= \frac{f(q^7, q^5)f(q, q^3)}{f^2(-q^2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Setting $(a, b) = (q^5, q^7)$ in (1.5), we obtain

$$f(q^7, q^5) = f(q^{26}, q^{22}) + q^5 f(q^{46}, q^2). \quad (3.6)$$

Putting $a = q$ and $b = q^3$ in (1.5), we obtain

$$f(q, q^3) = f(q^6, q^{10}) + q^3 f(q^2, q^{14}). \quad (3.7)$$

Employing (3.6) and (3.7) in (3.5), then comparing coefficients of q^{2n} and q^{2n+1} respectively, we deduce that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n} q^{2n} = \frac{1}{f^2(-q^2)} \{f(q^6, q^{10})f(q^{22}, q^{26}) + q^8 f(q^2, q^{14})f(q^2, q^{46})\}, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n+1} q^{2n+1} = \frac{1}{f^2(-q^2)} \{q^5 f(q^2, q^{46})f(q^6, q^{10}) + q^3 f(q^{22}, q^{26})f(q^2, q^{14})\}. \quad (3.9)$$

Changing q to $q^{1/2}$ in (3.8) and (3.9), we deduce (3.1) and (3.2), respectively.

Proof of (3.3) and (3.4) are similar and we omit the details. \square

We define $P := f(q^{23}, q^{25})$, $Q := f(q, q^{47})$, $R := f(q^7, q^9)$, $S := f(q, q^{15})$, $A := f(q^{13}, q^{35})$, $B := f(q^{11}, q^{37})$, $C := f(q^5, q^{11})$, $D := f(q^3, q^{13})$, $M := f(q^3, q^5)$ and $N := f(q, q^7)$.

Theorem 3.2. *If $U(q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n q^n$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{4n} q^n &\equiv \frac{1}{f^4(-q)\phi^2(-q)} \{ (N^2 q^8 + M^2 q^7) Q S - 2 M N Q R q^6 \\ &\quad + B D N^2 q^4 + (A C N^2 - 2 (A D + B C) M N + B D M^2) q^3 \\ &\quad + (A C M^2 - 2 M N P S) q^2 + (N^2 q + M^2) P R \} \pmod{4}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{4n+1} q^n &\equiv \frac{1}{f^4(-q)\phi^2(-q)} \{ (C N^2 Q - 2 D M N Q) q^7 + Q C M^2 q^6 + B S N^2 q^4 \\ &\quad + (-2 A M N S + B M^2 S) q^3 + ((A R + D P) N^2 - 2 B R M N) q^2 \\ &\quad + (-2 P C M N + (A R + D P) M^2) q \} \pmod{4}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{4n+2} q^n &\equiv \frac{1}{f^4(-q)\phi^2(-q)} \{ -2 M N Q S q^7 + N^2 Q R q^6 + M^2 Q R q^5 \\ &\quad + ((A D + B C) N^2 - 2 B D M N) q^3 + (-2 A C M N + (A D \\ &\quad + B C) M^2 + N^2 P S) q^2 + M^2 P S q - 2 M N P R q \} \pmod{4}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{4n+3} q^n &\equiv \frac{1}{f^4(-q)\phi^2(-q)} \{ Q D N^2 q^7 + (-2 C M N Q + D M^2 Q) q^6 + (A N^2 S \\ &\quad - 2 B M N S) q^3 + (A M^2 S + B N^2 R) q^2 + (P C N^2 - 2 (A R + D P \\ &\quad \times M N + B R M^2) q + P C M^2 \} \pmod{4}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

Proof. we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n} q^n &= \frac{1}{f^2(-q)} \{f(q^{11}, q^{13})f(q^3, q^5) + q^4 f(q, q^{23})f(q, q^7)\} \\
&= \frac{\chi^2(q)}{\phi^2(-q^2)} \{f(q^{11}, q^{13})f(q^3, q^5) + q^4 f(q, q^{23})f(q^7, q)\} \\
&= \frac{\phi^2(q)}{\phi^2(-q^2)f^2(q)} \{f(q^{11}, q^{13})f(q^3, q^5) + q^4 f(q, q^{23})f(q^7, q)\} \\
&= \frac{\phi^2(q)\psi^2(-q)}{f^4(-q)\phi^2(-q^2)} \{f(q^{11}, q^{13})f(q^3, q^5) + q^4 f(q, q^{23})f(q, q^7)\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

From (1.2), we have

$$\phi^{2k}(q) = \left(1 + 2 \sum_{n \geq 1} q^{n^2}\right)^{2k} \equiv 1 \pmod{4}. \tag{3.15}$$

In view of (3.15), identity (3.14) follows as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{2n} q^n \equiv \frac{\psi^2(-q)}{f^4(-q)\phi^2(-q^2)} \left\{f(q^{11}, q^{13})f(q^3, q^5) + q^4 f(q, q^{23})f(q, q^7)\right\} \pmod{4}. \tag{3.16}$$

We can easily find that

$$f(q^{11}, q^{13}) = f(q^{46}, q^{50}) + q^{11} f(q^2, q^{94}), \tag{3.17}$$

$$f(q^3, q^5) = f(q^{14}, q^{18}) + q^3 f(q^2, q^{30}), \tag{3.18}$$

$$f(q, q^{23}) = f(q^{26}, q^{70}) + q f(q^{22}, q^{74}), \tag{3.19}$$

$$f(q, q^7) = f(q^{10}, q^{22}) + q f(q^6, q^{26}), \tag{3.20}$$

$$\psi(-q) = f(-q, -q^3) = f(q^6, q^{10}) - q f(q^2, q^{14}). \tag{3.21}$$

Employing (3.17)-(3.21) to (3.16) and then comparing the coefficients q^{2n} and q^{2n+1} powers of resulting identity and changing q to $q^{1/2}$, we obtain (3.10) and (3.12).

The Proofs of (3.11) and (3.13) are similar to the proofs of (3.10) and (3.12), respectively. \square

4. INTEGRAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR $U(q)$ AND $V(q)$

In this section, we derive integral representations for the functions $U(q)$ and $V(q)$.

Theorem 4.1. For $0 < q < 1$,

$$U(q) = \frac{1}{2} + C_1 \exp \left(2 \int \psi^2(q) \psi^2(q^3) dq \right), \quad (4.1)$$

$$U(q) = \frac{1}{2} + C_2 \exp \left(\frac{1}{8} \int \{ 2 \phi^2(q) \phi^2(q^3) + \phi^4(q) - 3 \phi^4(q^3) \} \frac{dq}{q} \right), \quad (4.2)$$

$$V(q) = -\frac{1}{2} + C_1 \exp \left(2 \int \psi^2(q) \psi^2(q^3) dq \right), \quad (4.3)$$

and

$$V(q) = -\frac{1}{2} + C_2 \exp \left(\frac{1}{8} \int \{ 2 \phi^2(q) \phi^2(q^3) + \phi^4(q) - 3 \phi^4(q^3) \} \frac{dq}{q} \right), \quad (4.4)$$

where $\phi(q)$ and $\psi(q)$ are defined as in (1.2) and (1.3), respectively, and C_1 and C_2 are some constants.

Proof. To prove (4.1), Using (2.1) and (2.2), we find that

$$2U(q) - 1 = \frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\phi(-q)} = \frac{(-q; q)_\infty (q^3; q^3)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty (-q^3; q^3)_\infty}. \quad (4.5)$$

Taking logarithm on both sides of (4.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \log(2U(q) - 1) &= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \log(1 + q^\ell) + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \log(1 - q^{3\ell}) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \log(1 - q^\ell) - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \log(1 + q^{3\ell}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Taking derivative on both sides of (4.6), after some simplifications, we deduce that

$$\frac{d}{dq} [\log(2U(q) - 1)] = \frac{2}{q} \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^\ell}{1 - q^{2\ell}} - 3 \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{3\ell}}{1 - q^{6\ell}} \right]. \quad (4.7)$$

Using identity found in Entry 1 (iii) in Chapter 19 of Ramanujan's notebooks [5, p.225], we deduce that

$$\frac{d}{dq} [\log(2U(q) - 1)] = 2 \psi^2(q) \psi^2(q^3).$$

Integrating both sides of the above identity and then exponentiating, we obtain (4.1).

To prove (4.2), we use (4.5) and (1.2), thus we have

$$2U(q) - 1 = \frac{(q^6; q^6)_\infty (q^3; q^6)_\infty (-q^2; q^2)_\infty (-q; q^2)_\infty}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (-q^3; q^6)_\infty (q; q^2)_\infty (-q^6; q^6)_\infty}. \quad (4.8)$$

In a similar way, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dq} [\log (2U(q) - 1)] &= - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(6\ell-3)q^{6\ell-4}}{1-q^{6\ell-3}} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{6\ell q^{6\ell-1}}{1-q^{6\ell}} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(6\ell-3)q^{6\ell-4}}{1+q^{6\ell-3}} \\
&\quad - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{6\ell q^{6\ell-1}}{1+q^{6\ell}} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\ell-1)q^{2\ell-2}}{1+q^{2\ell-1}} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\ell q^{2\ell-1}}{1+q^{2\ell}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\ell-1)q^{2\ell-2}}{1-q^{2\ell-1}} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\ell q^{2\ell-1}}{1-q^{2\ell}} \\
&= \frac{1}{q} \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{\ell}}{1-(-q)^{\ell}} - 3 \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{3\ell}}{1-(-q)^{3\ell}} \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{q} \left[\sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{\ell}}{1+(-q)^{\ell}} - 3 \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{3\ell}}{1+(-q)^{3\ell}} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

Recall that we have by [5, p. 226],

$$\frac{1}{4} (\phi^2(q)\phi^2(q^3) - 1) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{\ell}}{1-(-q)^{\ell}} - 3 \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{3\ell}}{1-(-q)^{3\ell}}. \tag{4.10}$$

Also, we have [5, p. 114, Entry 8(ii)]

$$\frac{1}{8} (\phi^4(q) - 1) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ell q^{\ell}}{1+(-q)^{\ell}}. \tag{4.11}$$

From (4.9), (4.10) and (4.11), we deduce that

$$\frac{d}{dq} [\log (2U(q) - 1)] = \frac{1}{8q} (2\phi^2(q)\phi^2(q^3) + \phi^4(q) - 3\phi^4(q^3)),$$

which leads us to (4.2). Substituting (4.1) and (4.2) in (2.1), we obtain (4.3) and (4.4), respectively. This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

5. EXPLICIT EVALUATIONS OF $U(q)$ AND $V(q)$

We know that $G(q)$ satisfy the following interesting identity:

$$1 - 8G^3(q) = \frac{\phi^4(-q)}{\phi^4(-q^3)}, \tag{5.1}$$

which is due to Ramanujan and can be found in [5, p. 347]. We observed that there is a remarkable relation between $U(q)$ and $G(q)$, which can be found using the first equality of (4.5) and (5.1) and given by

$$U(q) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1-8G^3(q)} \right)^{1/4}.$$

Substituting above relation in (2.1), we obtain the relation between $V(q)$ and $G(q)$ and is given by

$$V(q) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1 - 8G^3(q)} \right)^{1/4}.$$

It is known that, many mathematician have computed several explicit evaluations for the $G(q)$ for example see [1, Theorem 5.6]. Thus from the above identities, by using the known values of $G(q)$ we can compute $U(q)$ and $V(q)$. For example, we have

$$\begin{aligned} U(-e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}} \right), \\ U(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{5}}) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \left(\sqrt[4]{1 - \frac{(3-\sqrt{5})^3(\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{5})^3}{8}} \right)}, \\ U(-e^{-\pi}) &= \frac{1 + \sqrt[4]{(6\sqrt{3}-9)}}{2 \sqrt[4]{(6\sqrt{3}-9)}}, \\ V(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{5}}) &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \left(\sqrt[4]{1 - \frac{(3-\sqrt{5})^3(\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{5})^3}{8}} \right)}, \\ V(-e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}} - 1 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad V(-e^{-\pi}) = \frac{1 - \sqrt[4]{(6\sqrt{3}-9)}}{2 \sqrt[4]{(6\sqrt{3}-9)}}. \end{aligned}$$

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