

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

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

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 $k \geq 2$, $1 \leq i \leq k$,

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

where $N_j = n_j + n_{j+1} + \dots + n_{k-1}$. 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 of the colored Jones polynomial of K (see Theorem 1.10 in [10]). In Appendix D of [10], Garoufalidis and Lê (with Zagier) conjectured evaluations of $\Phi_K(q)$ for 22 knots and of $\Phi_{-K}(q)$ for 21 knots in terms of modular forms and false theta series and state “every such

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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

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

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 p th 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	$h_3 h_4$	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	$h_3 h_4$	h_4
7_6	$h_3 h_4$	h_3^2
7_7	h_3^3	h_3^2
8_1	h_7	h_3
8_2	$h_3 h_6$	h_3
8_3	h_5	h_5
8_4	h_3	$h_4 h_5$
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]. Note that a conjectural evaluation for $\Phi_{8_5}(q)$ is not currently known. Three of these Rogers-Ramanujan type identities, namely

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

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 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]. 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).

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]):

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

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

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

for any integer A ,

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

and

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

Here and throughout, we use the convention that

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

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

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

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 $n > 2$,*

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

Proof. We first use that

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a \geq 0} (-1)^{na} q^{\frac{na(a+1)}{2} - a + a \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k} \frac{1}{(q)_a \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (q)_{a+c_k}} &= \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (q)_{c_k}} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \sum_{a \geq 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t} \right)_a t^{na} q^{a \left(n-1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k \right)}}{(q)_a \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (q^{c_k+1})_a} \\ &= \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (q)_{c_k}} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(tq^{c_{n-1}+1})_\infty (t^{n-1} q^{n-1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k})_\infty}{(q^{c_{n-1}+1})_\infty (t^n q^{n-1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} c_k})_\infty} \\ &\times \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{n-2} \geq 0} \frac{(tq^{c_2+1})^{i_1} (tq^{c_3+1})^{i_1+i_2} \dots (tq^{c_{n-1}+1})^{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{n-2}}}{(q)_{i_1} (q)_{i_2} \dots (q)_{i_{n-2}}} \\ &\times \frac{\left(\frac{1}{t} \right)_{i_1} \left(\frac{1}{t} \right)_{i_1+i_2} \dots \left(\frac{1}{t} \right)_{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{n-2}}}{(q^{c_1+1})_{i_1} (q^{c_2+1})_{i_1+i_2} \dots (q^{c_{n-2}+1})_{i_1+i_2+\dots+i_{n-2}}} \\ &\times \frac{(tq^{c_1+1})_{i_1} \dots (tq^{c_{n-2}+1})_{i_{n-2}} (tq^{c_1+1})_{i_1} (t^2 q^{2+c_1+c_2+i_1})_{i_2} \dots (t^{n-2} q^{n-2+c_1+\dots+c_{n-2}+i_1+\dots+i_{n-3}})_{i_{n-2}}}{(t^{n-1} q^{n-1+c_1+\dots+c_{n-1}})_{i_1+\dots+i_{n-2}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{n-2} \geq 0} (-1)^{\sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \sum_{j=1}^k i_j} q^{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^k i_j \right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^k i_j \right) + \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_k i_j} \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{n-2} (q)_{i_k} \prod_{k=1}^{n-2} (q)_{c_k + \sum_{j=1}^k i_j}}. \end{aligned}$$

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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

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

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

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

and

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

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 $n \rightarrow \infty$ gives

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 $L : R \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ and $Q : R \times R \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ 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

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

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

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

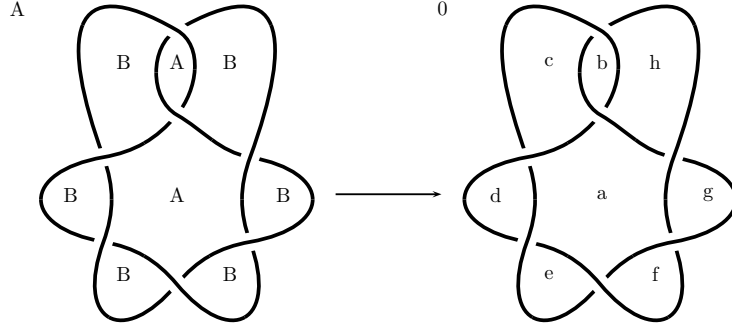
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$$Q'(s) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq |R|-1} Q(F_i, F_j) s(F_i) s(F_j).$$

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

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

$$Q' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.1)$$

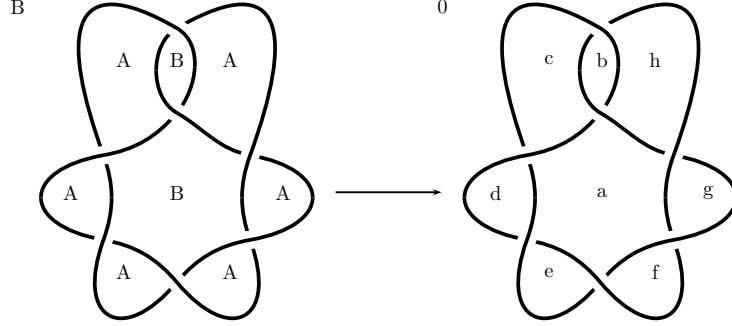
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$$\Lambda = \{[a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h] \in \mathbb{Z}^8 : a, b, c, d, e, f, g \geq 0, h = 0\}.$$

Thus,

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

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,



Here,

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

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

and

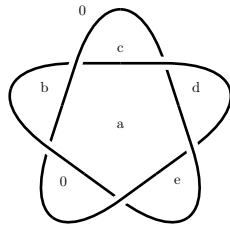
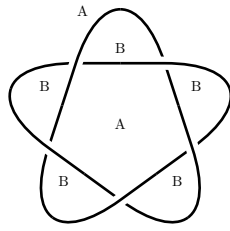
$$\Lambda = \{[a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h] \in \mathbb{Z}^8 : a, b, c, d, e, f, g \geq 0, h = 0\}.$$

This gives us

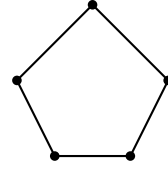
$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{-7_2}(q) &= (q)_\infty^7 S_{-7_2} = (q)_\infty^7 \sum_{s \in \Lambda} (-1)^{2L's} \frac{q^{s^T Q' s + L' s}}{\prod_{e \in \epsilon} (q)_{s(e)}} \\ &= (q)_\infty^7 \sum_{a, b, c, d, e, f, g \geq 0} \frac{q^{a+b+ab+ac+ad+ae+af+ag+bc+\frac{c(3c+1)}{2}+d^2+e^2+f^2+g^2}}{(q)_a (q)_b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

Finally, by 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.

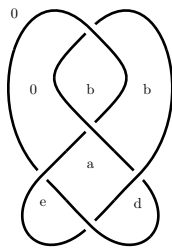
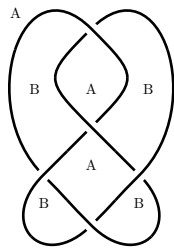
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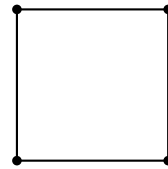
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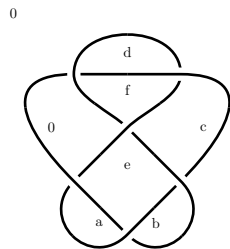
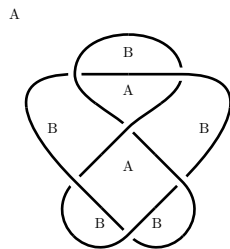
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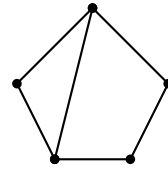
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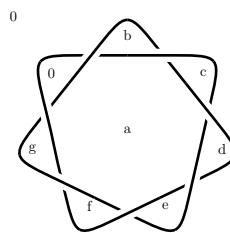
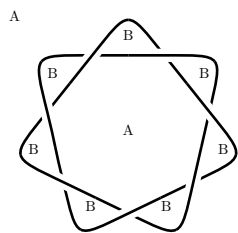
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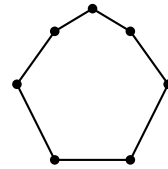
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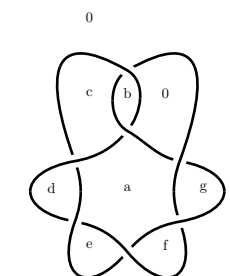
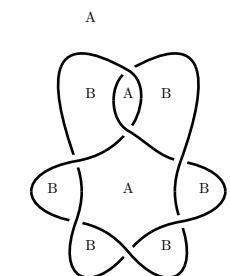
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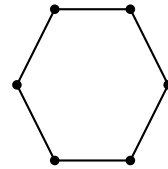
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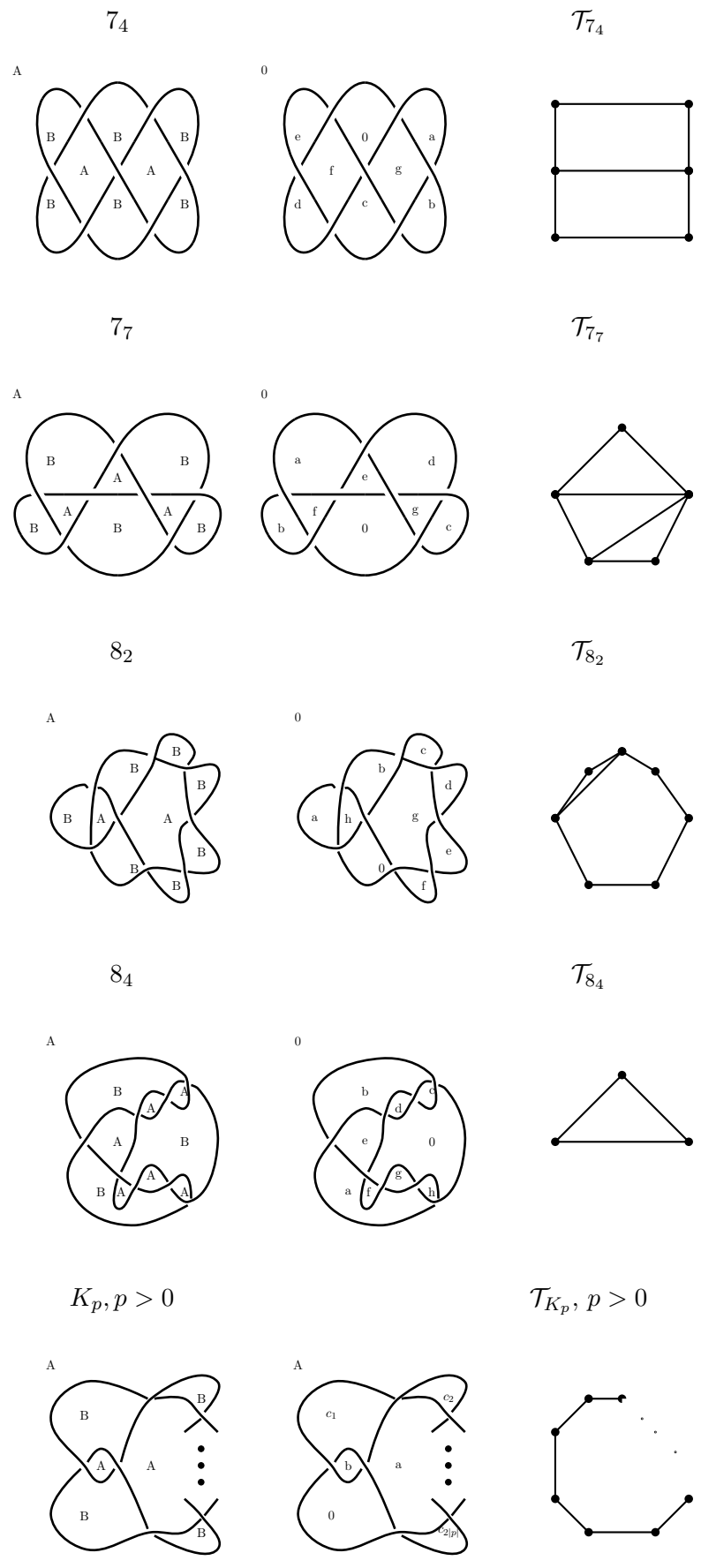


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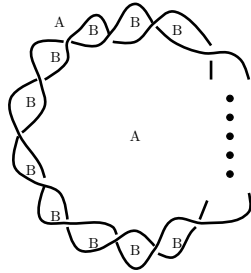


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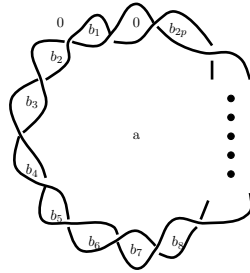




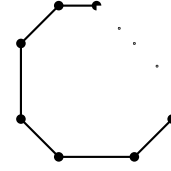
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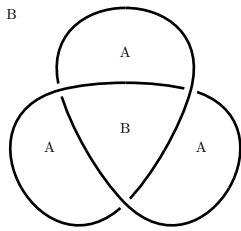


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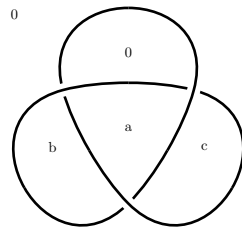
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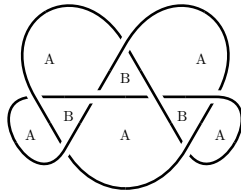
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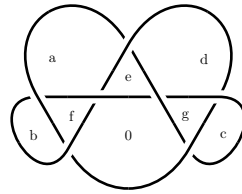


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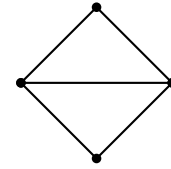


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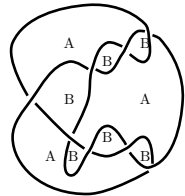
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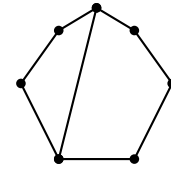
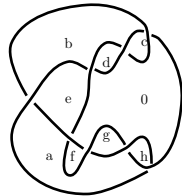
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4. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

We can now prove Theorem 1.1.

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

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

We now have

$$\begin{aligned} S_{5_1} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty} \sum_{i,j,k,b,c,d,e \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + j^2 + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 2ij + jk + ki + b + bc + c + ci + cd + d + di + dj + de + e + ei + ej + ek}}{(q)_i (q)_j (q)_k (q)_b (q)_c (q)_d (q)_e (q)_{i+b} (q)_{i+j+c} (q)_{i+j+k+d}} \\ &\quad (\text{apply Lemma 2.1 to the } a\text{-sum with } n = 5) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{i,j,k,b,c,d \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + j^2 + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 2ij + jk + ki + b + bc + c + ci + cd + d + di + dj}}{(q)_i (q)_j (q)_k (q)_b (q)_c (q)_d (q)_{i+b} (q)_{i+j+c}} \\ &\quad (\text{evaluate the } e\text{-sum with (2.1)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{i,j,k \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + j^2 + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + 2ij + jk + ki}}{(q)_i (q)_j (q)_k} \\ &\quad (\text{evaluate the } d\text{-sum, } c\text{-sum and } b\text{-sum with (2.1)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{i,j,k \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2} + j^2 + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + jk}}{(q)_i (q)_{j-i} (q)_k} \quad (\text{shift } j \rightarrow j - i) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{j,k \geq 0} (-1)^k \frac{q^{j^2 + j + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + jk}}{(q)_k} \quad (\text{apply (2.4) to the } i\text{-sum}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^4} \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{q^{j^2 + j}}{(q)_j} \quad (\text{apply (2.2) to the } k\text{-sum}) \\ &= \frac{(q; q^5)_\infty (q^4; q^5)_\infty (q^5; q^5)_\infty}{(q)_\infty^5} \quad (\text{by (1.1)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} h_5 \quad (\text{apply (2.5) with } q \rightarrow q^{5/2}, z = -q^{3/2}). \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{5_2} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty} \sum_{a,c,d,e \geq 0} \frac{q^{2a^2+ac+ad+ae+cd+de+a+c+d+e}}{(q)_a(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}} \quad (\text{evaluate the } b\text{-sum with (2.3)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{i,j,c,d,e \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2+i+\frac{j^2+j}{2}+ij+di+e(i+j)+cd+de+c+d+e}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_{i+c}(q)_{i+j+d}} \\
&\quad (\text{apply Lemma 2.1 to the } a\text{-sum with } n = 4) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^3} \sum_{i,j,c,d \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2+i+\frac{j^2+j}{2}+ij+di+cd+c+d}}{(q)_i(q)_j(q)_c(q)_d(q)_{i+c}} \quad (\text{evaluate the } e\text{-sum with (2.1)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2+i+\frac{j^2+j}{2}+ij}}{(q)_i(q)_j} \quad (\text{evaluate the } d\text{-sum and } c\text{-sum with (2.1)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{i,j \geq 0} (-1)^j \frac{q^{i^2+i+\frac{j^2-j}{2}-ij}}{(q)_{i-j}(q)_j} \quad (\text{shift } i \rightarrow i-j) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i q^{\frac{i^2+i}{2}} \quad (\text{apply (2.4) to the } j\text{-sum, then use (2.6)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} h_4 \\
&\quad (\text{consider } i = 2n, i = 2n + 1, \text{ then let } n \rightarrow -n - 1 \text{ in the second resulting sum}).
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Thus,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty} \sum_{a,b,c,f \geq 0} \frac{q^{2f^2+f+ab+af+bc+bf+cf+a+b+c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_f(q)_{a+f}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+f}} \quad (\text{evaluate the } e\text{-sum with (2.2)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} h_4 \quad (\text{let } (a, b, c, f) \rightarrow (c, d, e, a), \text{ then apply (4.2)}).
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{7_1} &:= \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^a \frac{q^{\frac{a(7a+5)}{2}+ab+ac+ad+ae+af+ag+bc+cd+de+ef+fg+b+c+d+e+f+g}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+b}(q)_{a+c}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_7.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Thus,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{j,k,l,m \geq 0} (-1)^{k+m} \frac{q^{2j(j+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + l(l+1) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + jk + 2jl + jm + lm}}{(q)_k (q)_{l-k} (q)_m} \quad (\text{shift } l \rightarrow l - k) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{j,l,m \geq 0} (-1)^m \frac{q^{2j(j+1) + l(l+1) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} + 2jl + jm + lm} (q^{1+j})_l}{(q)_l (q)_m} \\
&\text{(evaluate the } k\text{-sum with (2.4), then use (2.6))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^6} \sum_{j,l \geq 0} \frac{q^{2j(j+1) + l(l+1) + 2jl}}{(q)_j (q)_l} \quad (\text{evaluate the } m\text{-sum with (2.2) and simplify}) \\
&= \frac{(q; q^7)_\infty (q^6; q^7)_\infty (q^7; q^7)_\infty}{(q)_\infty^7} \quad (\text{by (1.2) with } k = 3, n_1 = l, n_2 = j) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_7 \quad (\text{by (2.5) with } q \rightarrow q^{7/2}, z = -q^{5/2}).
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{7_2} &:= \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} \frac{q^{3a^2 + 2a + b^2 + bg + ac + ad + ae + af + ag + cd + de + ef + fg + c + d + e + f + g}}{(q)_a (q)_b (q)_c (q)_d (q)_e (q)_f (q)_g (q)_{b+g} (q)_{a+c} (q)_{a+d} (q)_{a+e} (q)_{a+f} (q)_{a+g}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_6.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Thus,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,j,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{j+l} \frac{q^{2i(i+1) + \frac{j(j-1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l+1)}{2} - ij + 2ik + il + kl}}{(q)_{i-j}(q)_j(q)_k(q)_l} \quad (\text{shift } i \rightarrow i - j) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{i+l} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l+1)}{2} + 2ik + il + kl}}{(q)_k(q)_l} \\
&\text{(evaluate the } j\text{-sum with (2.4), then use (2.6))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,k,l \geq 0} (-1)^{i+l} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + k(k+1) + \frac{l(l-1)}{2} + 2ik - il - kl}}{(q)_{k-l}(q)_l} \quad (\text{shift } k \rightarrow k - l) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,k \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} \frac{q^{\frac{3i(i+1)}{2} + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + ik}}{(q)_i(q)_k} \\
&\text{(evaluate the } l\text{-sum with (2.4), then use (2.6) and simplify)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,k \geq 0} (-1)^k \frac{q^{i(i+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2}}}{(q)_i(q)_{k-i}} \quad (\text{shift } k \rightarrow k - i) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{3n^2 + 2n} (1 - q^{2n+1}) \quad (\text{apply (2.17)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_6 \quad (\text{let } n \rightarrow -n - 1 \text{ in the second sum}).
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Thus,

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,j,k,l \geq 0} \frac{q^{i^2+i+\frac{j(j-1)}{2}+k^2+k+\frac{l(l-1)}{2}-ij-kl}}{(q)_{i-j}(q)_j(q)_{k-l}(q)_l} \quad (\text{shift } i \rightarrow i-j \text{ and } k \rightarrow k-l) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i,k \geq 0} (-1)^{i+k} q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}+\frac{k(k+1)}{2}} \quad (\text{evaluate the } j\text{-sum and } l\text{-sum with (2.4), then use (2.6)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_4^2 \quad (\text{as in the proof of (4.2)}).
\end{aligned}$$

For $\Phi_{77}(q)$, it suffices to prove

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{77} &:= \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f+g} \frac{q^{\frac{3e^2}{2}+\frac{e}{2}+\frac{3f^2}{2}+\frac{f}{2}+\frac{3g^2}{2}+\frac{g}{2}+ab+ad+ae+af+bf+cd+cg+de+dg+a+b+c+d}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+e}(q)_{d+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+g}(q)_{c+d}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

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

For $\Phi_{82}(q)$, it suffices to prove

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{82} &:= \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^b \frac{q^{3a^2+2a+\frac{b(3b+1)}{2}+ad+ae+af+ag+bc+bd+cd+de+ef+fg+c+d+e+f+g}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{b+c}(q)_{b+d}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_6.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{8_2} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty} \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^b \frac{q^{3a^2+2a+\frac{b(b+1)}{2}+ad+ae+af+ag+bc+cd+de+ef+fg+c+d+e+f+g}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{b+d}(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}} \\
&\quad \text{(apply Lemma 2.5 to the } b\text{-sum with } n = 3) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{a,b,d,e,f,g \geq 0} (-1)^b \frac{q^{3a^2+2a+\frac{b(b+1)}{2}+ad+ae+af+ag+de+ef+fg+d+e+f+g}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}} \\
&\quad \text{(evaluate the } c\text{-sum with (2.1))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty} \sum_{a,d,e,f,g \geq 0} \frac{q^{3a^2+2a+ad+ae+af+ag+de+ef+fg+d+e+f+g}}{(q)_a(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_{a+d}(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}} \\
&\quad \text{(evaluate the } b\text{-sum with (2.2))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} h_6 \quad \text{(let } (a, d, e, f, g) \rightarrow (a, c, d, e, f), \text{ then apply (4.4)).}
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{8_4} &:= \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(3e+1)}{2}+ae+be+ab+a+b+c^2+bc+d^2+bd+f^2+af+g^2+ag+h^2+ah}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{a+e}(q)_{a+f}(q)_{a+g}(q)_{a+h}(q)_{b+c}(q)_{b+d}(q)_{b+e}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{8_4} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{a,b,e \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(3e+1)}{2}+ae+be+ab+a+b}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_e(q)_{a+e}(q)_{b+e}} \\
&\quad \text{(evaluate the } c\text{-sum, } d\text{-sum, } f\text{-sum, } g\text{-sum and } h\text{-sum with (2.3))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^6} \sum_{a,b,e \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2}+be+ab+a+b}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_e(q)_{a+e}} \quad \text{(apply Lemma 2.1 to the } e\text{-sum with } n = 3) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^8} \sum_{e \geq 0} (-1)^e \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2}}}{(q)_e} \quad \text{(evaluate the } b\text{-sum and } a\text{-sum with (2.1))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \quad \text{(evaluate the } e\text{-sum with (2.2)).}
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{T(2,p)} &:= \sum_{a, b_1, \dots, b_{2p} \geq 0} (-1)^a q^{\frac{a((2p+1)a + (2p-1))}{2} + a \sum_{n=1}^{2p} b_n + \sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} b_n b_{n+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{2p} b_n} \\
&\quad \frac{1}{(q)_a \prod_{n=1}^{2p} (q)_{b_n} (q)_{a+b_n}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} h_{2p+1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

Thus,

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{i_2, i_4, \dots, i_{2p-2}, i_{2p-1} \geq 0} (-1)^{i_{2p-1}} q^{\frac{\frac{i_{2p-1}(i_{2p-1}+1)}{2} + i_{2p-1} \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} i_{2j} + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^k i_j \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^k i_{2j+1} \right)}{(q)_{i_{2p-1}}} \\
&\quad \times \prod_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{(q)_{\sum_{j=1}^k i_{2j}}}{(q)_{\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_{2j}} (q)_{i_{2k}}}
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_j \right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_j \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n i_k (i_k + 1) - \sum_{k=1}^n i_k \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} i_j = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} i_k (i_k + 1) + \frac{1}{2} i_n (i_n + 1). \quad (4.6)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{K_p}^+ &:= \sum_{a, b, c_1, \dots, c_{2p-1} \geq 0} (-1)^a q^{\frac{pa^2 + (p-1)a + a \sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} c_n + b^2 + bc_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{2p-2} c_n c_{n+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{2p-1} c_n}{2p-1}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^{2p+1}} h_{2p}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

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

(evaluate the b -sum with (2.3))

$$= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{2p-2}, c_1, \dots, c_{2p-1} \geq 0} (-1)^{\sum_{k=1}^{2p-2} \sum_{j=1}^k i_j} q^{\frac{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{2p-2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^k i_j \right) \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^k i_j \right) + \sum_{k=2}^{2p-1} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} c_k i_j + \sum_{k=1}^{2p-2} c_k c_{k+1} + \sum_{k=1}^{2p-1} c_k}{\prod_{k=1}^{2p-2} (q)_{i_k} \prod_{k=1}^{2p-2} (q)_{c_k + \sum_{j=1}^k i_j} \prod_{k=1}^{2p-1} (q)_{c_k}}}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(simplify the product)

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{i_1, i_3, \dots, i_{2p-1} \geq 0} (-1)^{i_{2p-1}} \frac{q^{\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} i_{2k-1}(1+i_{2k-1}) + \frac{1}{2}i_{2p-1}(i_{2p-1}+1)}}{(q)_{i_1} \prod_{k=2}^{p-1} (q)_{i_{2k-1}-i_{2k-3}}} (q)_{i_{2p-1}} \\
&\text{(let } i_3 \rightarrow i_3 - i_1, i_5 \rightarrow i_5 - i_3, \dots, i_{2p-1} \rightarrow i_{2p-1} - i_{2p-2}, \text{ then apply (4.6))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{pn^2 + (p-1)n} (1 - q^{2n+1}) \quad (\text{apply (2.18)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^{2p+1}} h_{2p} \quad (\text{let } n \rightarrow -n - 1 \text{ in the second sum}).
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Thus,

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

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

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

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{-7_7} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{a,b,c,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(3e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(3f+1)}{2} + ab+ae+bc+be+bf+cf+a+b+c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+e}(q)_{b+e}(q)_{b+f}(q)_{c+f}} \\
&\quad (\text{evaluate the } e\text{-sum and } g\text{-sum with (2.3)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^4} \sum_{a,b,c,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(f+1)}{2} + ab+bc+be+cf+a+b+c}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+e}(q)_{b+f}} \\
&\quad (\text{apply Lemma 2.1 to the } e\text{-sum and } f\text{-sum with } n = 3) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \sum_{a,b,e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(f+1)}{2} + ab+be+a+b}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_e(q)_f(q)_{a+e}} \quad (\text{evaluate the } c\text{-sum with (2.1)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{e,f \geq 0} (-1)^{e+f} \frac{q^{\frac{e(e+1)}{2} + \frac{f(f+1)}{2}}}{(q)_e(q)_f} \quad (\text{evaluate the } b\text{-sum and } a\text{-sum with (2.1)}) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^5} \quad (\text{evaluate the } e\text{-sum and } f\text{-sum with (2.2)}).
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{-8_4} &:= \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h \geq 0} (-1)^g \frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + 2h^2 + ab+ah+bc+bh+cd+cg+ch+de+dg+ef+eg+fg+a+b+c+d+e+f+h}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_h(q)_{a+h}(q)_{b+h}(q)_{c+g}(q)_{c+h}(q)_{d+g}(q)_{e+g}(q)_{f+g}} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^8} h_4 h_5.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{-8_4} &= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty} \sum_{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,i,j \geq 0} (-1)^{g+j} \frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + i(i+1) + \frac{j(j+1)}{2} + ij+ab+a(i+j)+bc+bi+cd+cg+de+dg+ef+eg+fg+a+b+c+d+e+f}}{(q)_a(q)_b(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_i(q)_j(q)_{b+i+j}(q)_{c+g}(q)_{c+i}(q)_{d+g}(q)_{e+g}(q)_{f+g}} \\
&\quad (\text{apply Lemma 2.1 to the } h\text{-sum with } n = 4) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^3} \sum_{c,d,e,f,g,i,j \geq 0} (-1)^{g+j} \frac{q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + i(i+1) + \frac{j(j+1)}{2} + ij+cd+cg+de+dg+ef+eg+fg+a+b+c+d+e+f}}{(q)_c(q)_d(q)_e(q)_f(q)_g(q)_i(q)_j(q)_{c+g}(q)_{d+g}(q)_{e+g}(q)_{f+g}} \\
&\quad (\text{evaluate the } a\text{-sum and } b\text{-sum with (2.1)})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^3} \sum_{c,d,e,f,g,i,j \geq 0} (-1)^{g+j} q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + i(i+1) + \frac{j(j-1)}{2} - ij + cd + cg + de + dg + ef + eg + fg + a + b + c + d + e + f} \\
&\quad \text{(shift } i \rightarrow i - j) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^3} \sum_{c,d,e,f,g,i \geq 0} (-1)^{g+i} q^{\frac{g(5g+3)}{2} + \frac{i(i+1)}{2} + cd + cg + de + dg + ef + eg + fg + a + b + c + d + e + f} \\
&\quad \text{(evaluate the } j\text{-sum with (2.4), then apply (2.6))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^4} \sum_{c,d,e,f,i,r,s,t \geq 0} (-1)^{r+t+i} \frac{q^{\frac{3r(r+1)}{2} + s(s+1) + \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + 2rs + rt + st}}{(q)_c (q)_d (q)_e (q)_f (q)_r (q)_s (q)_t (q)_{c+e} (q)_{d+r+s} (q)_{e+r+s+t}} \\
&\quad \times q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2} + cd + de + dr + ef + e(r+s) + f(r+s+t) + a + b + c + d + e + f} \\
&\quad \text{(apply Lemma 2.1 to the } g\text{-sum with } n = 5) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^8} \sum_{i,r,s,t \geq 0} (-1)^{r+t+i} q^{\frac{3r(r+1)}{2} + s(s+1) + \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + 2rs + rt + st + \frac{i(i+1)}{2}} \\
&\quad \text{(evaluate the } f\text{-sum, } e\text{-sum, } d\text{-sum and } c\text{-sum with (2.1))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^8} \sum_{i,r,s,t \geq 0} (-1)^{r+t+i} q^{\frac{r(r+1)}{2} + s(s+1) + \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + st + \frac{i(i+1)}{2}} \quad \text{(shift } s \rightarrow s - r) \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^8} \sum_{i,s,t \geq 0} (-1)^{t+i} q^{\frac{s(s+1)}{2} + \frac{t(t+1)}{2} + st + \frac{i(i+1)}{2}} \quad \text{(evaluate the } r\text{-sum with (2.4))} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^7} \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i q^{\frac{i(i+1)}{2}} \sum_{s \geq 0} \frac{q^{s(s+1)}}{(q)_s} \\
&\quad \text{(evaluate the } t\text{-sum with (2.2), then simplify)} \\
&= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^8} h_4 h_5 \\
&\quad \text{(by (1.1), } q \rightarrow q^{5/2}, z = -q^{3/2} \text{ in (2.5) and the proof of (4.2)).}
\end{aligned}$$

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