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## Research Article

# Some New Generating Functions for q-Hahn Polynomials

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We obtain some new generating functions for q-Hahn polynomials and give their proofs based on the homogeneous q-difference operator.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper we suppose that  $q \in \mathbb{C}$ , |q| < 1, and the q-shifted factorials are defined by

$$(a;q)_0 = 1,$$
  $(a;q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k),$  (1)

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

Clearly,

$$(a;q)_n = \frac{(a;q)_{\infty}}{(aq^n;q)_{\infty}}.$$
 (2)

We also adopt the following compact notation for the multiple q-shifted factorials:

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m; q)_n = (a_1; q)_n (a_2; q)_n \cdots (a_m; q)_n,$$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m; q)_{\infty} = (a_1; q)_{\infty} (a_2; q)_{\infty} \cdots (a_m; q)_{\infty}.$$
(3)

The basic hypergeometric series or q-series  $_r\phi_s$  are defined by

Euler identity is as follows:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{(q;q)_n} = \frac{1}{(t;q)_{\infty}}.$$
 (5)

The *q*-binomial theorem is as follows:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a;q)_n}{(q;q)_n} x^n = \frac{(ax;q)_{\infty}}{(x;q)_{\infty}}.$$
 (6)

The usual q-differential operator or q-derivative operator  $D_q$  is defined by (see [1, Page 177, (2.1)])

$$D_{q} \{ f(a) \} = \frac{f(a) - f(aq)}{a},$$

$$D_{q}^{n} \{ f(a) \} = D_{q} \{ D_{q}^{n-1} \{ f(a) \} \}.$$
(7)

In [1], Chen and Liu introduced the *q*-exponential  $T(bD_q)$  operator as follows (see [1, Page 17, (2.5)]):

$$T\left(bD_{q}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(bD_{q}\right)^{n}}{\left(q;q\right)_{n}},\tag{8}$$

and they get the *q*-operator identity of  $T(bD_q)$  (see [1, Page 178, Theorems 2.2 and 2.3]) as follows:

$$T\left(bD_{q}\right)\left\{\frac{1}{\left(at;q\right)_{\infty}}\right\} = \frac{1}{\left(at,bt;q\right)_{\infty}} |bt| < 1,$$

$$T\left(bD_{q}\right)\left\{\frac{1}{\left(as,at;q\right)_{\infty}}\right\} = \frac{\left(abst;q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(as,at,bs,bt;q\right)_{\infty}} |bt| < 1.$$

$$(9)$$

Recently Chen et al. [2] introduced the following homogeneous q-difference  $D_{xy}$ 

$$D_{xy}\left\{f\left(x,y\right)\right\} = \frac{f\left(x,q^{-1}y\right) - f\left(qx,y\right)}{x - q^{-1}y} \tag{10}$$

and the homogeneous *q*-difference operator  $E(D_{xy})$ :

$$E\left(D_{xy}\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{D_{xy}^k}{\left(q;q\right)_k}.$$
 (11)

They obtained some properties of  $D_{xy}$  as follows:

$$D_{xy} \left\{ P_n(x, y) \right\} = \left( 1 - q^n \right) P_{n-1}(x, y),$$

$$D_{xy} \left\{ \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(xt; q)_{\infty}} \right\} = t \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(xt; q)_{\infty}},$$

$$D_{xy}^k \left\{ \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(xt; q)_{\infty}} \right\} = t^k \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(xt; q)_{\infty}},$$

$$E\left(D_{xy}\right) \left\{ \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(xt; q)_{\infty}} \right\} = \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(t, xt; q)_{\infty}}.$$

$$(12)$$

The classical Rogers-Szegö polynomial is defined by means of the generating function:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h_n(x \mid q) \frac{t^n}{(q;q)_n} = \frac{1}{(t,xt;q)_{\infty}}, \quad |t| < 1;$$
 (13)

obviously, we have

$$T\left(D_q\right)\left\{x^n\right\} = h_n\left(x \mid q\right) = \sum_{k=0}^n \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} x^k. \tag{14}$$

The homogeneous Rogers-Szegö polynomial is defined by

$$h_n(x, y \mid q) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k} P_k(x, y), \qquad (15)$$

where  $P_n(x, y) = (x - y)(x - yq) \cdots (x - yq^{n-1})$ . Clearly,  $h_n(x, y \mid q) = \Phi_n^{(y/x)}(x)$  are the Cauchy polynomials with the following generating function:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_k\left(x,y\right) \frac{z^k}{\left(q;q\right)_k} = \frac{\left(yz;q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(xz;q\right)_{\infty}}, \quad |xz| < 1. \tag{16}$$

From the above properties, we have

$$E(D_{xy})\{P_n(x,y)\} = h_n(x,y \mid q), \qquad (17)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h_n(x, y \mid q) \frac{t^n}{(q; q)_n} = \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(t, xt; q)_{\infty}}.$$
 (18)

**Lemma 1** (see [3, Lemma 2.3]). For |t|, |xt| < 1,

$$E\left(D_{xy}\right) \left\{ \frac{(yt;q)_{\infty}}{(xt;q)_{\infty}} \frac{P_n(x,y)}{(yt;q)_n} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{(yt;q)_{\infty}}{(t,xt;q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k} \frac{(y,xt;q)_k}{(yt;q)_k} x^{n-k}.$$
(19)

q-Hahn polynomial is defined by [4]

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_n^{(a)}(x) \frac{t^n}{(q;q)_n} = \frac{(axt;q)_{\infty}}{(t,xt;q)_{\infty}}.$$
 (20)

We have

$$\Phi_n^{(a)}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n {n \brack k} (a;q)_k x^k.$$
 (21)

Clearly,  $\Phi_n^{(0)}(x) = h_n(x \mid q)$ .

Recently, Chen et al. [3] gave some new proofs of the following results based on the method of homogeneous q-difference operator  $E(D_{xy})$ .

**Theorem 2.** Consider the following:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_n^{(a)}(x) \Phi_n^{(b)}(y) \frac{t^n}{(q;q)_n}$$

$$= \frac{(xat, ybt; q)_{\infty}}{(t, xt, yt; q)_{\infty}} {}_{3}\phi_2\left(\begin{array}{c} t, a, b \\ xat, ybt; \end{array} q, xyt\right). \tag{22}$$

**Theorem 3.** *Consider the following:* 

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{m+n}^{(a)}(x) \frac{t^n}{(q;q)_n} \frac{s^m}{(q;q)_m}$$

$$= \frac{(xas;q)_{\infty}}{(s,xs,xt;q)_{\infty}} {}_{2}\phi_1 \begin{pmatrix} xa,xs \\ xas; \end{pmatrix} q,t.$$
(23)

For more references on the q-difference operators, see [1, 5–16].

In the present paper, we obtain some new generating functions for q-Hahn polynomials and give their proofs based on the homogeneous q-difference operator.

# **2. Some New Generating Functions for** q**-Hahn Polynomial**

In the present section we obtain the following new generating functions of q-Hahn polynomial.

Theorem 4. For |z| < 1,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{n+k}^{(a)}(x) \frac{z^{k}}{(q;q)_{k}} = \frac{(axz;q)_{\infty}}{(z,xz;q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} \frac{(a,z;q)_{k}}{(axz;q)_{k}} x^{k}.$$
(24)

*Proof.* Let  $x \mapsto y$  and  $a \mapsto b$  in (21), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{n}^{(a)}(x) \Phi_{n}^{(b)}(y) \frac{z^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{n}^{(a)}(x) \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k} (b;q)_{k} y^{k} \frac{z^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{n+k}^{(a)}(x) \frac{(b;q)_{k} z^{n}}{(q;q)_{n} (q;q)_{k}} (yz)^{k}.$$
(25)

By the *q*-binomial theorem (6) and noting that  $(b;q)_{n+k} = (bq^k;q)_n(b;q)_k$ , we have

$$\frac{(xaz, ybz; q)_{\infty}}{(z, xz, yz; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, b, z; q)_{k}}{(axz, byz, q; q)_{k}} (xyz)^{k}$$

$$= \frac{(xaz; q)_{\infty}}{(z, xz; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, b, z; q)_{k}}{(axz, q; q)_{k}} (xyz)^{k} \frac{(byzq^{k}; q)_{\infty}}{(yz; q)_{\infty}}$$

$$= \frac{(xaz; q)_{\infty}}{(z, xz; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, b, z; q)_{k}}{(axz, q; q)_{k}} (xyz)^{k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(bq^{k}; q)_{n}}{(q; q)_{n}} (yz)^{n}$$

$$= \frac{(xaz; q)_{\infty}}{(z, xz; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, z; q)_{k}}{(axz, q; q)_{k}} \frac{(b; q)_{n+k}}{(q; q)_{n}} x^{k} (yz)^{n+k}.$$
(26)

By (17), (25), and (26), we obtain

$$\sum_{k,n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{n+k}^{(a)}(x) \frac{(b;q)_k z^n}{(q;q)_n (q;q)_k} (yz)^k$$

$$= \frac{(xaz;q)_{\infty}}{(z,xz;q)_{\infty}} \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a,z;q)_k}{(axz,q;q)_k} \frac{(b;q)_{n+k}}{(q;q)_n} x^k (yz)^{n+k}.$$
(27)

Comparing the coefficients of  $y^k/(q;q)_k$  on both sides of (27), we obtain the formula (24) immediately. This proof is complete.

**Theorem 5.** For |t| < 1,

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{m+n}^{(a)}(x) \, \Phi_{n}^{(b)}(y) \, \frac{t^{n}}{\left(q;q\right)_{n}} \\ &= \frac{\left(xat;q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(t,xt;q\right)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(b;q\right)_{k} \left(xyt\right)^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{k}} \sum_{j=0}^{m+k} \left[ m+k \atop j \right] \frac{\left(xa,xt;q\right)_{j}}{\left(xat;q\right)_{j}} x^{m-j}. \end{split}$$

*Proof.* By (17) and (19), we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h_{m+n}(x, y \mid q) h_{n}(u, v \mid q) \frac{t^{n}}{(q; q)_{n}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(D_{xy}) \{P_{m+n}(x, y)\} h_{n}(u, v \mid q) \frac{t^{n}}{(q; q)_{n}}$$

$$= E(D_{xy}) \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{m+n}(x, y) \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brack k} P_{k}(u, v) \frac{t^{n}}{(q; q)_{n}} \right\}$$

$$= E(D_{xy}) \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{m+n+k}(x, y) P_{k}(u, v) t^{n+k}}{(q; q)_{k}(q; q)_{n}} \right\}$$

$$= E(D_{xy}) \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{m+k}(x, y) P_{k}(u, v) t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{n}(x, yq^{m+k}) t^{n}}{(q; q)_{n}} \right\}$$

$$= E(D_{xy}) \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{m+k}(x, y) P_{k}(u, v) t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}} \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(xt; q)_{\infty}(yt; q)_{m+k}} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{k}(u, v) t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}} E(D_{xy}) \left\{ \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty} P_{m+k}(x, y)}{(xt; q)_{\infty}(yt; q)_{m+k}} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{k}(u, v) t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}} \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(t, xt; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{j=0}^{m+k} {m+k \brack j} \frac{(y, xt; q)_{j}}{(yt; q)_{j}} x^{m+k-j}$$

$$= \frac{(yt; q)_{\infty}}{(t, xt; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(v/u; q)_{k}(utx)^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}}$$

$$\times \sum_{j=0}^{m+k} {m+k \brack j} \frac{(y, xt; q)_{j}}{(yt; q)_{j}} x^{m-j}.$$
(29)

Setting y/x = a, v/u = b, u = y in the last sum, we obtain the formula (28) of Theorem 5. This proof is complete.

**Theorem 6.** For |l| < 1, |s| < 1, |t| < 1,

$$\sum_{m,n,k=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{m+k}^{(a)}(x) \Phi_{n+k}^{(b)}(y) \frac{l^m s^n t^k}{(q;q)_m (q;q)_n (q;q)_k}$$

$$= \frac{(xal, ybs; q)_{\infty}}{(l, xl, s, ys; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{(q;q)_k}$$

$$\times \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ j \end{bmatrix} \frac{(xa, xl; q)_i}{(xal; q)_i} \frac{(yb, ys; q)_j}{(ybs; q)_j} x^{k-i} y^{k-j}.$$
(30)

*Proof.* By (17) and (19), we have

$$\sum_{m,n,k=0}^{\infty} h_{m+k}(x,y\mid q) h_{n+k}(u,v\mid q)$$

$$\times \frac{l^m s^n t^k}{(a;a)(a;a)(a;a)}$$

$$= \sum_{m,n,k=0}^{\infty} E\left(D_{xy}\right) \left\{P_{m+k}\left(x,y\right)\right\} E\left(D_{uv}\right) \left\{P_{n+k}\left(u,v\right)\right\} \\ \times \frac{l^{m}s^{n}t^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{m}\left(q;q\right)_{n}\left(q;q\right)_{k}} \\ = E\left(D_{xy}\right) E\left(D_{uv}\right) \left\{\sum_{m,n,k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{m+k}\left(x,y\right) P_{n+k}\left(u,v\right) l^{m}s^{n}t^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{m}\left(q;q\right)_{n}\left(q;q\right)_{k}}\right\} \\ = E\left(D_{xy}\right) E\left(D_{uv}\right) \left\{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{k}\left(x,y\right) P_{k}\left(u,v\right) t^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{k}} \\ \times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{m}\left(x,yq^{k}\right) l^{m}}{\left(q;q\right)_{m}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{n}\left(u,vq^{k}\right) s^{n}}{\left(q;q\right)_{n}}\right\} \\ = E\left(D_{xy}\right) E\left(D_{uv}\right) \left\{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{P_{k}\left(x,y\right) P_{k}\left(u,v\right) t^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{k}} \\ \times \frac{\left(ylq^{k};q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(xl;q\right)_{\infty}} \left(\frac{vsq^{k};q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(us;q\right)_{\infty}}\right\} \\ \times E\left(D_{uv}\right) \left\{\frac{\left(yl;q\right)_{\infty} P_{k}\left(x,y\right)}{\left(xl;q\right)_{\infty}\left(yl;q\right)_{k}}\right\} \\ \times E\left(D_{uv}\right) \left\{\frac{\left(vs;q\right)_{\infty} P_{k}\left(u,v\right)}{\left(us;q\right)_{\infty}\left(vs;q\right)_{k}}\right\} \frac{t^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{k}} \\ = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{\frac{\left(yl;q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(l,xl;q\right)_{\infty}} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \begin{bmatrix}k\\j \frac{\left(y,xl;q\right)_{j}}{\left(vs;q\right)_{j}} u^{k-j}\right\} \frac{t^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{k}} \\ \times \left\{\frac{\left(vs;q\right)_{\infty}}{\left(s,us;q\right)_{\infty}} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \begin{bmatrix}k\\j \frac{\left(v,us;q\right)_{j}}{\left(vs;q\right)_{j}} u^{k-j}\right\} \frac{t^{k}}{\left(q;q\right)_{k}} \\ \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i,j=0}^{k} \begin{bmatrix}k\\j \frac{\left(y,xl;q\right)_{i}\left(v,us;q\right)_{j}}{\left(yl;q\right)_{i}\left(vs;q\right)_{j}} x^{k-i}u^{k-j}t^{k}} \\ \left(yl;q\right)_{k} \\ \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i,j=0}^{k} \begin{bmatrix}k\\i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}k\\j \frac{\left(y,xl;q\right)_{i}\left(v,us;q\right)_{j}}{\left(yl;q\right)_{i}\left(vs;q\right)_{j}} x^{k-i}u^{k-j}t^{k}} \\ \left(yl;q\right)_{k} \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

Setting y/x = a, v/u = b, u = y in the last sum, we obtain the formula (30) of Theorem 6. This proof is complete.

**Theorem 7.** *For* |t| < 1,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{m+k}^{(a)}(x) \, \Phi_{n+k}^{(b)}(y) \, \frac{t^k}{(q;q)_k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{(q;q)_k} \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ j \end{bmatrix} (xa;q)_i (by;q)_j$$

$$\times x^{k-i} y^{k-j} \Phi_m^{(a)}(xq^i) \, \Phi_n^{(b)}(yq^j). \tag{32}$$

*Proof.* Applying (2) and the Euler identity (5) and noting (21), then the right-hand side is equal to (30) as follows:

$$\frac{(xal, ybs; q)_{\infty}}{(l, xl, s, ys; q)_{\infty}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}}$$

$$\times \sum_{i,j=0}^{\infty} {k \brack i} {k \brack j} \frac{(xa, xl; q)_{i}}{(xal; q)_{i}} \frac{(yb, ys; q)_{j}}{(ybs; q)_{j}} x^{k-i} y^{k-j}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}} \sum_{i,j=0}^{k} {k \brack i} {k \brack j} (xa; q)_{i} (yb; q)_{j} x^{k-i} y^{k-j}$$

$$\times \frac{(xalq^{i}, ybsq^{j}; q)_{\infty}}{(l, s, xlq^{i}, ysq^{j}; q)_{\infty}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}} \sum_{i,j=0}^{k} {k \brack i} {k \brack j} (xa; q)_{i} (yb; q)_{j} x^{k-i} y^{k-j}$$

$$\times \sum_{u,v,m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_{m} (b; q)_{n} (xlq^{i})^{m} (ysq^{j})^{n} l^{u} s^{v}}{(q; q)_{m} (q; q)_{n} (q; q)_{u} (q; q)_{v}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{k}}{(q; q)_{k}} \sum_{i,j=0}^{k} {k \brack i} {k \brack j} (xa; q)_{i} (yb; q)_{j} x^{k-i} y^{k-j}$$

$$\times \sum_{u,v,m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_{m} (b; q)_{n} (xlq^{i})^{m} (ysq^{j})^{n}}{(q; q)_{m} (q; q)_{n} (q; q)_{u} (q; q)_{v}} l^{m+u} s^{n+v}.$$

$$\times \sum_{u,v,m,n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_{m} (b; q)_{n} (xlq^{i})^{m} (ysq^{j})^{n}}{(q; q)_{m} (q; q)_{n} (q; q)_{u} (q; q)_{v}} l^{m+u} s^{n+v}.$$
(33)

By (30) and (33), we have

$$\sum_{m,n,k=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{m+k}^{(a)}(x) \, \Phi_{n+k}^{(b)}(y) \, \frac{l^m s^n t^k}{(q;q)_m (q;q)_n (q;q)_k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{(q;q)_k} \sum_{i,j=0}^k \begin{bmatrix} k \\ i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k \\ j \end{bmatrix} (xa;q)_i (yb;q)_j x^{k-i} y^{k-j}$$

$$\times \sum_{n,y=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a;q)_m (b;q)_n (xlq^i)^m (ysq^j)^n}{(q;q)_m (q;q)_n (q;q)_n} l^{m+u} s^{n+v}.$$
(34)

Comparing the coefficients of  $l^m s^n/(q;q)_m(q;q)_n$  on both sides of (34), we obtain the formula (32) immediately.

Theorem 8. For |t| < 1,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{m+n}^{(a)}(x) \Phi_{n}^{(b)}(y) \frac{t^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}}$$

$$= \frac{(xyat, xybt; q)_{\infty}}{(xyt, xt, yt; q)_{\infty}}$$

$$\times \sum_{s=0}^{m} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ s \end{bmatrix} (a;q)_{s} x^{s} \frac{(yt;q)_{s}}{(xyat;q)_{s}}$$

$$\times {}_{3}\phi_{2} \begin{pmatrix} xyt, xa, yb \\ xyatq^{s}, xybt; q, tq^{s} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(35)

*Proof.* Set n = 0 and then let  $k \mapsto n$  in (32) and note that  $\Phi_0^{(b)}(x) = 1$ ; by (21) and (22), we obtain

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{m+n}^{(a)}(x) \, \Phi_{n}^{(b)}(y) \, \frac{t^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n} {n \brack i} {n \brack j} (xa;q)_{i} \\ &\qquad \times (yb;q)_{j} x^{n-i} y^{n-j} \Phi_{m}^{(a)}(xq^{i}) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}} \sum_{i,j=0}^{n} {n \brack i} {n \brack j} (xa;q)_{i} (yb;q)_{j} x^{n-i} y^{n-j} \\ &\qquad \times \sum_{s=0}^{m} {m \brack s} (a;q)_{s} (xq^{i})^{s} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}} \sum_{s=0}^{m} {m \brack s} (a;q)_{s} y^{n} \\ &\qquad \times \sum_{i=0}^{n} {n \brack i} (ax;q)_{i} x^{s+n} \left( \frac{q^{s}}{x} \right) \sum_{j=0}^{n} {n \brack j} (by;q)_{j} \left( \frac{1}{y} \right)^{j} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}} \sum_{s=0}^{m} {m \brack s} (a;q)_{s} x^{s+n} y^{n} \Phi_{n}^{(xa)} \left( \frac{q^{s}}{x} \right) \Phi_{n}^{(yb)} \left( \frac{1}{y} \right) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{m} {m \brack s} (a;q)_{s} x^{s} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Phi_{n}^{(xa)} \left( \frac{q^{s}}{x} \right) \Phi_{n}^{(yb)} \left( \frac{1}{y} \right) \frac{(xyt)^{n}}{(q;q)_{n}} \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{m} {m \brack s} (a;q)_{s} x^{s} \frac{(xytaq^{s}, xybt;q)_{\infty}}{(xyt, ytq^{s}, xt;q)^{\infty}} \\ &\qquad \times {}_{3} \Phi_{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} xyt, xa, yb \\ xyatq^{s}, xybt; \end{array} q, tq^{s} \right) \\ &= \frac{(xyat, xybt;q)_{\infty}}{(xyt, xt, yt;q)_{\infty}} \sum_{s=0}^{m} {m \brack s} (a;q)_{s} x^{s} \frac{(yt;q)_{s}}{(xyat;q)_{s}} \\ &\qquad \times {}_{3} \Phi_{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} xyt, xa, yb \\ xyatq^{s}, xybt; \end{array} q, tq^{s} \right). \end{split}$$

This proof is complete.

#### **Conflict of Interests**

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