# DIVISIBILITY OF CERTAIN SUMS INVOLVING CENTRAL $q$-BINOMIAL COEFFICIENTS 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we shall give a generalization of Ni and Pan's $q$-congruence, originally conjectured by Guo, on certain sums involving central $q$-binomial coefficients.


## 1. Introduction

In [12], Ramanujan obtained 17 curious convergent series concerning $1 / \pi$. Actually, there are a number of similar representations for $1 / \pi$ which are not listed in [12] as well. For example, the identity

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4 k+1}{(-64)^{k}}\binom{2 k}{k}^{3}=\frac{2}{\pi} \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

was first proved by Bauer [1] in 1859. Nowadays, Ramanujan-type series for $1 / \pi$ has been developed greatly, partly because they play an important role in fast algorithms for computing decimal digits of $\pi$. Recently, Guillera [8] gave a new method to prove Ramanujan-type series.

In the last few years, the truncated Ramanujan-type series attracted many researchers' attentions. Van Hamme [13] conjectured 13 congruences on truncated Ramanujan-type series, such as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1) / 2} \frac{4 k+1}{(-64)^{k}}\binom{2 k}{k}^{3} \equiv p(-1)^{(p-1) / 2} \quad\left(\bmod p^{3}\right) \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $p$ is an odd prime. Now all of the 13 conjectures by Van Hamme have been confirmed by different methods. Some history of the development of Van Hamme's conjectures can be found in $[5,8,15,19]$, and we refer the reader to $[9,11,14,16-18,20]$ for some other interesting $q$-congruences.

Recently, Ni and Pan [10] proved the following extension of (1.2): for any integers $n$ and $r$ with $n \geq 2$ and $r \geq 1$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{k=0}^{n-1}(4 k+1)\binom{2 k}{k}^{r}(-4)^{r(n-k-1)} \equiv 0 \quad\left(\bmod 2^{r-2} n\binom{2 n}{n}\right) \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]They also gave a $q$-analogue of (1.3): for any integers $n$ and $r$ with $n \geq 2$ and $r \geq 2$, modulo $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)^{2 r-2}[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{k=0}^{n-1}(-1)^{k} q^{k^{2}+(r-2) k}[4 k+1]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right]^{2 r-1}\left(-q^{k+1} ; q\right)_{n-k-1}^{4 r-2} \equiv 0,  \tag{1.4}\\
& \frac{1}{1+q^{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q^{(r-2) k}[4 k+1]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right]^{2 r}\left(-q^{k+1} ; q\right)_{n-k-1}^{4 r} \equiv 0, \tag{1.5}
\end{align*}
$$

which were originally conjectured by Guo [4, Conjecture 5.4]. Here, the $q$-binomial coefficient is defined as

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
n \\
k
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
n \\
k
\end{array}\right]_{q}= \begin{cases}\frac{(q ; q)_{n}}{(q ; q)_{k}(q ; q)_{n-k}}, & 0 \leq k \leq n \\
0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

with the $q$-shifted factorial $(a ; q)_{0}=1,(a ; q)_{n}=(1-a)(1-a q) \cdots\left(1-a q^{n-1}\right)$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{+}$ and $[n]=[n]_{q}=1+q+\cdots+q^{n-1}$ is the $q$-integer.

Recently, Guo and Wang [7] proved the following generalizations of (1.4) and (1.5): for any integers $n, r$ and $s$ with $n \geq 2, r \geq 1$ and $s \geq 0$, modulo $\left(1+q^{2 n-2}\right)^{2 r-2}[n]_{q^{2}}\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]_{q^{2}}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{n-1}(-1)^{k} q^{2 k^{2}+(2 r-4 s-4) k}[4 k+1]^{2 s}[4 k+1]_{q^{2}}\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right]_{q^{2}}^{2 r-1}\left(-q^{2 k+2} ; q^{2}\right)_{n-k-1}^{4 r-2} \equiv 0, \\
& \frac{1}{1+q^{2 n-2}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q^{(2 r-4 s-4) k}[4 k+1]^{2 s}[4 k+1]_{q^{2}}\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right]_{q^{2}}^{2 r}\left(-q^{2 k+2} ; q^{2}\right)_{n-k-1}^{4 r} \equiv 0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Motivated by the work just mentioned, we shall establish another different generalizations of (1.4) and (1.5) as follows.

Theorem 1.1. For any integers $n, r, m$ and $l$ with $n \geq 1, r \geq 2,0 \leq m \leq 2 r-3$ and $0 \leq l \leq n-1$, modulo $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)^{2 r-3-m}\left(1+q^{n-l-1}\right)^{1+m}[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{k=l}^{n-1}(-1)^{k} q^{(k-l)^{2}+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1] \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}^{1+m}(-q ; q)_{n-1}^{4 r-2}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}^{1+m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \equiv 0,  \tag{1.6}\\
& \frac{1}{1+q^{n-1}} \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} q^{l(l-2 k-1)+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1] \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-1-m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}^{1+m}(-q ; q)_{n-1}^{4 r}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-1-m}\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}^{1+m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \equiv 0 . \tag{1.7}
\end{align*}
$$

Notice that

$$
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right] \frac{1}{(-q ; q)_{k}^{2}},
$$

therefore, (1.6) and (1.7) can be expressed in terms of $q$-binomial coefficients: modulo $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)^{2 r-3-m}\left(1+q^{n-l-1}\right)^{1+m}[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \sum_{k=l}^{n-1}(-1)^{k} q^{(k-l)^{2}+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right]^{2 r-2-m}\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k-2 l \\
k-l
\end{array}\right]^{1+m} \\
& \times\left(q^{2 k-2 l+1} ; q^{2}\right)_{2 l}^{1+m}\left(-q^{k-l+1} ; q\right)_{n-k+l-1}^{2+2 m}\left(-q^{k+1} ; q\right)_{n-k-1}^{4 r-4-2 m} \equiv 0 \\
& \frac{1}{\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} q^{l(l-2 k-1)+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right]^{2 r-1-m}\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k-2 l \\
k-l
\end{array}\right]^{1+m} \\
& \quad \times\left(q^{2 k-2 l+1} ; q^{2}\right)_{2 l}^{1+m}\left(-q^{k-l+1} ; q\right)_{n-k+l-1}^{2+2 m}\left(-q^{k+1} ; q\right)_{n-k-1}^{4 r-2-2 m} \equiv 0
\end{aligned}
$$

Obviously, (1.4) and (1.5) can be deduced from Theorem 1.1 just by taking $l=0$.
The rest of the paper is arranged as follows. In Section 2, we shall present some useful preliminaries. The main proof of Theorem 1.1 will be shown in Section 3.

## 2. Preliminaries

To show the main results, we list some lemmas firstly. The following Lemma 2.1 is a special case of [10, Lemma 3.2].
Lemma 2.1. Let $s, t$ be non-negative integers and $d$ an odd integer with $0 \leq t \leq d-1$. Then

$$
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t}} \equiv \frac{1}{4^{s}}\binom{2 s}{s} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{t}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{t}} \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
$$

Here $\Phi_{n}(q)$ stands for the $n$-th cyclotomic polynomial in $q$ :

$$
\Phi_{n}(q)=\prod_{\substack{1 \leqslant k \leqslant n \\ \operatorname{gcd}(n, k)=1}}\left(q-\zeta^{k}\right)
$$

with $\zeta$ an $n$-th primitive root of unity.
We now give some useful notations used earlier by Guo and Wang [7]. For any positive integer $n$, let

$$
S(n)=\left\{d \geq 3: d \text { is odd and }\left\lfloor\frac{n-\frac{d+1}{2}}{d}\right\rfloor=\left\lfloor\frac{n}{d}\right\rfloor\right\}
$$

where $\lfloor x\rfloor$ denotes the greatest integer which does not exceed $x$. Notice that if $d>2 n-1$, the number $(d+1) / 2$ is greater than $n$, as a result, $d \notin S(n)$, therefore, $S(n)$ is a finite set actually. Let

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{n}(q)=\prod_{d \in S(n)} \Phi_{d}(q), \\
& C_{n}(q)=\prod_{\substack{d \mid n, d>1 \\
d \text { is odd }}} \Phi_{d}(q) .
\end{aligned}
$$

It is easy to see that if $d \mid n$, then $d \notin S(n)$, which means the polynomials $A_{n}(q)$ and $C_{n}(q)$ are relatively prime due to the property of cyclotomic polynomial.

We now give the key lemma, which is a generalization of [7, Lemma 2.2].
Lemma 2.2. Let $v_{0}(q), v_{1}(q), \ldots$ be a sequence of rational functions in $q$. For any positive odd integer $d$, positive integer $n$ and $l$ with $0 \leq l \leq n-1$, if $v_{0}(q), v_{1}(q), \ldots$ satisfies the following conditions:
(i) $v_{k}(q)$ is $\Phi_{d}(q)$-integral for each $k \geq 0$, i.e. the denominator of $v_{k}(q)$ is relatively prime to $\Phi_{d}(q)$;
(ii) For any non-negative integers $s$ and $t$ with $0 \leq t \leq d-1$,

$$
v_{s d+t}(q) \equiv u_{s}(q) v_{t}(q) \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
$$

where $u_{s}(q)$ is a $\Phi_{d}(q)$-integral rational function only dependent on $s$;
(iii)

$$
\sum_{k=l}^{(d-1) / 2-l} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} v_{k}(q) \equiv 0 \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
$$

Then, for any positive integer $n$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{k=l}^{n-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} v_{k}(q) \equiv 0 \quad\left(\bmod A_{n}(q) C_{n}(q)\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. For $d \in S(n)$, we can write $n=u d+v$ with $(d+1) / 2 \leq v \leq d-1$. Therefore, for any $n \leq k \leq u d+d+l-1,\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l} /\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}$ is divisible by $\Phi_{d}(q)$. As a result, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} v_{k}(q) \\
& \equiv \sum_{s=0}^{u} \sum_{t=l}^{d+l-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t-l}} v_{s d+t}(q) \\
& \equiv \sum_{s=0}^{u} \frac{1}{4^{s}}\binom{2 s}{s} u_{s}(q) \sum_{t=l}^{d+l-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{t+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{t-l}} v_{t}(q) \equiv 0 \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where the second relation is due to Lemma 2.1, and in the last congruence, we have used the condition (iii) and the fact that $\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{t+l} v_{t}(q) /\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{t-l}$ is congruent to 0 modulo $\Phi_{d}(q)$ for $(d+1) / 2-l \leq t \leq d+l-1$. This proves that $(2.1)$ is true modulo $A_{n}(q)$.

On the other hand, for $d \mid n$, we assume that $u=n / d$. Firstly, we need to prove that

$$
\sum_{k=l}^{n-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} v_{k}(q) \equiv \sum_{s=0}^{u-1} \sum_{t=l}^{d+l-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t-l}} v_{s d+t}(q) \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
$$

which is trivial for $l=0$. Now, we should to verify that for $1 \leq l \leq n-1$ and $n \leq k \leq$ $n+l-1$,

$$
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} \equiv 0 \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
$$

It can be easily seen that the numerator of $\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l} /\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}$ must have the factor $\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{n+1}$, and the denominator doesn't have the factor $\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{n}$. As a result, the reduced form of $\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l} /\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}$ is congruent to 0 modulo $\Phi_{d}(q)$.

Therefore, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=l}^{n-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} v_{k}(q) & \equiv \sum_{s=0}^{u-1} \sum_{t=l}^{d+l-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t-l}} v_{s d+t}(q) \\
& \equiv \sum_{s=0}^{u} \frac{1}{4^{s}}\binom{2 s}{s} u_{s}(q) \sum_{t=l}^{d+l-1} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{t+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{t-l}} v_{t}(q) \equiv 0 \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

This proves that (2.1) is also true modulo $C_{n}(q)$. Now we complete the proof of this Lemma for the polynomials $A_{n}(q)$ and $C_{n}(q)$ are relatively prime.

We also need the following result, which is just a simple generalization of Guo and Schlosser [6, Lemma 3.1].

Lemma 2.3. Let d be a positive odd integer. Then, for any nonnegative integers $l$ and $k$ with $l \leq k \leq(d-1) / 2-l$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2-k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2-k-l}} \equiv(-1)^{(d-1) / 2} \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} q^{(d-1)^{2} / 4+k-4 k l-l} \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Notice that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2-k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2-k-l}} & =\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2}} \frac{\left(1-q^{d+1-2 k-2 l}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{d-1}\right)}{\left(1-q^{d-2 k+2 l}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{d-2}\right)} \\
& \equiv \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2}} \frac{\left(1-q^{2 k+2 l-1}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{1}\right)}{\left(1-q^{2 k-2 l}\right) \ldots\left(1-q^{2}\right)} q^{-4 k l+k-l} \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Then (2.2) holds due to the fact that

$$
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2}} \equiv(-1)^{(d-1) / 2} q^{(d-1)^{2} / 4} \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
$$

## 3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In order to make the proof of Theorem 1.1 clear, we present the following congruences firstly.

Theorem 3.1. For any integers $n, r, m$ and $l$ with $n \geq 1, r \geq 2,0 \leq m \leq 2 r-3$ and $0 \leq l \leq n-1$, modulo $A_{n}(q) C_{n}(q)$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{1}{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \sum_{k=l}^{n-1}(-1)^{k} q^{(k-l)^{2}+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1] \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}^{1+m}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}^{1+m}} \equiv 0  \tag{3.1}\\
& \frac{1}{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \sum_{k=l}^{n-1} q^{l(l-2 k-1)+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1] \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-1-m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}^{1+m}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-1-m}\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}^{1+m}} \equiv 0 \tag{3.2}
\end{align*}
$$

Proof. Here we only prove (3.1), for the reason that (3.2) can be verified by following the same steps used in the proof of (3.1).

For any integer $k \geq 0$, let

$$
v_{k}(q)=(-1)^{k} q^{(k-l)^{2}+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1] \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}^{m}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}^{m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}}
$$

We shall show that the sequence $v_{0}(q), v_{1}(q), \ldots$ satisfies the requirements (i), (ii) and (iii) of Lemma 2.2.

Note that

$$
\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}=\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}\left(q^{2 k-2 l+1} ; q^{2}\right)_{2 l}
$$

and

$$
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k-2 l \\
k-l
\end{array}\right] \frac{1}{(-q ; q)_{k-l}^{2}},
$$

it is obviously that for $l \leq k \leq n-1$, the denominator of $\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l} /\left(\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}\right)$ with the reduced form is always relatively prime to $\Phi_{d}(q)$. Therefore, for any odd $d$, the rational function $v_{k}(q)$ is $\Phi_{d}(q)$-integral, since the relation

$$
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right] \frac{1}{(-q ; q)_{k}^{2}},
$$

and $(-q ; q)_{k}$ is relatively prime to $\Phi_{d}(q)$.
By applying Lemma 2.1, we can get that for non-negative integers $s$ and $t$ with $0 \leq$ $t \leq d-1$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
v_{s d+t}(q) & =(-1)^{s d+t} q^{(s d+t-l)^{2}+(r-2)(s d+t-l)-2(s d+t) m l} \frac{[4(s d+t)+1]\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t+l}^{m}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{s d+t-l}^{m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \\
& \equiv(-1)^{s} \frac{1}{4^{(2 r-2) s}}\binom{2 s}{s}^{2 r-2} v_{t}(q) \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Apparently, $(-1)^{s}\binom{2 s}{s}^{2 r-2} / 4^{(2 r-2) s}$ is a $\Phi_{d}(q)$-integral rational function only dependent on $s$.

We now start to verify the requirement (iii) of Lemma 2.2, i.e., modulo $\Phi_{d}(q)$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{k=l}^{(d-1) / 2-l}(-1)^{k} q^{(k-l)^{2}+(r-2)(k-l)-2 k m l}[4 k+1] \frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}^{1+m}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k}^{2 r-2-m}\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}^{1+m}\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{l}^{m}} \equiv 0 . \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

In fact, by Lemma 2.3, it can be easily shown that, for $l \leq k \leq(d-1) / 2-l$, the $k$-th and $((d-1) / 2-k)$-th terms on the left-hand side of (3.3) cancel each other modulo $\Phi_{d}(q)$, because

$$
\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{k-l}} v_{k}(q) \equiv-\frac{\left(q ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2-k+l}}{\left(q^{2} ; q^{2}\right)_{(d-1) / 2-k-l}} v_{(d-1) / 2-k}(q) \quad\left(\bmod \Phi_{d}(q)\right)
$$

This means (3.3) is true. So far, we have finished verifying all of the requirements of Lemma 2.2. Hence, we access to the conclusion that (3.1) is true modulo $A_{n}(q) C_{n}(q)$.

Now we begin to prove Theorem 1.1.
Proof of Theorem 1.1. For $l \leq k \leq n-2$, the $q$-factorial $\left(-q^{k+1} ; q\right)_{n-k-1}$ contains the factor $1+q^{n-1}$. For $k=n-1$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
{\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k \\
k
\end{array}\right] } & =\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 n-2 \\
n-1
\end{array}\right]=\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 n-3 \\
n-2
\end{array}\right] \\
{\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 k-2 l \\
k-l
\end{array}\right] } & =\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 n-2-2 l \\
n-1-l
\end{array}\right]=\left(1+q^{n-1-l}\right)\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 n-3-2 l \\
n-2-l
\end{array}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, the left-hand sides of (1.6) and (1.7) are both divisible by $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)^{2 r-2-m}(1+$ $\left.q^{n-l-1}\right)^{1+m}$.

In what follows, we shall prove that the left-hand sides of (1.6) and (1.7) are both divisible by $[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]$. From Chen and Hou's [2, Lemma 1] result

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
n \\
k
\end{array}\right]_{q}=\prod_{d \in D_{n, k}} \Phi_{d}(q), \quad \text { with } \quad D_{n, k}:=\left\{d \geq 2:\left\lfloor\frac{k}{d}\right\rfloor+\left\lfloor\frac{n-k}{d}\right\rfloor<\left\lfloor\frac{n}{d}\right\rfloor\right\}
$$

and the well known relation

$$
[n]=\prod_{d>1, d \mid n} \Phi_{d}(q)
$$

obviously, we have

$$
[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 n-1  \tag{3.4}\\
n-1
\end{array}\right]=A_{n}(q) C_{n}(q) \prod_{\begin{array}{c}
d \mid n, d>1, \\
d \text { is even }
\end{array}} \Phi_{d}(q) \cdot \prod_{\begin{array}{c}
d \in D_{2 n-1, n-1}^{d i n} \\
d \text { is even }
\end{array}} \Phi_{d}(q),
$$

for $1<d \in D_{2 n-1, n-1}$ is odd if and only if $d \in S(n)$.
By Theorem 3.1, the left-hand sides of (1.6) and (1.7) are congruent to 0 modulo $A_{n}(q) C_{n}(q)$. It remains to show that (1.6) and (1.7) also hold modulo

$$
\prod_{\substack{d \mid n, d>1 \\ d \text { is even }}} \Phi_{d}(q) \cdot \prod_{\substack{d \in D_{2 n}-1, n-1 \\ d \text { is even }}} \Phi_{d}(q) .
$$

For this proof, we refer the reader to Guo and Wang's similar proof of [7, Theorem 1.1].

By taking $q^{2} \rightarrow q$ in the equation at the top of page 8 of [7], we obtain

$$
[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 n-1 \\
n-1
\end{array}\right]=\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)[2 n-1]\left[\begin{array}{c}
2 n-3 \\
n-2
\end{array}\right]
$$

Notice that $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)$ is relatively prime to $[2 n-1]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-3 \\ n-2\end{array}\right]$, the least common multiple of $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)^{2 r-2-m}\left(1+q^{n-l-1}\right)^{1+m}$ and $[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]$ is $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)^{2 r-3-m}\left(1+q^{n-l-1}\right)^{1+m}[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]$. Now we obtain that (1.6) and (1.7) hold modulo $\left(1+q^{n-1}\right)^{2 r-3-m}\left(1+q^{n-l-1}\right)^{1+m}[n]\left[\begin{array}{c}2 n-1 \\ n-1\end{array}\right]$. So we finish proving this theorem.

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