

# The $q$ -twisted Cohomology and the $q$ -hypergeometric Function at $|q| = 1$

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## Abstract

We construct the  $q$ -twisted cohomology associated with the  $q$ -multiplicative function of Jordan-Pochhammer type at  $|q| = 1$ . In this framework, we prove the Heine's relations and a connection formula for the  $q$ -hypergeometric function of the Barnes type. We also prove an orthogonality relation of the  $q$ -little Jacobi polynomials at  $|q| = 1$ .

## §1. Introduction

In this paper we construct the  $q$ -twisted cohomology at  $|q| = 1$  in Jordan-Pochhammer case and prove some properties of the  $q$ -hypergeometric function at  $|q| = 1$  defined in [NU].

The basic hypergeometric function with  $0 < |q| < 1$  [GR] is represented in terms of a Jackson integral. In [A1, AK], a formulation of Jackson integrals is given. Namely, for a  $q$ -multiplicative function defined by means of  $q$ -version of Sato's  $b$ -functions [Sa], the  $q$ -twisted cohomology is defined. In this approach, Jackson integrals can be regarded as a pairing between this cohomology and  $q$ -cycles.

We consider the case that  $|q| = 1$  and  $q$  is not a root of unity. Then the structure of  $b$ -functions is the same as in the case of  $0 < |q| < 1$  and associated  $q$ -multiplicative function can be constructed in terms of the double sine function [B]. The problem is to define a suitable integral which is a certain generalization of Jackson integrals to the case of  $|q| = 1$ .

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In [MT], a family of solutions to the quantum Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov equation ( $q$ KZ) at  $|q| = 1$  was constructed. The solution is represented in terms of a pairing between two functional spaces, which is called the hypergeometric pairing. The hypergeometric pairing was defined by Tarasov and Varchenko in the study of the rational  $q$ KZ [TV1] and the trigonometric  $q$ KZ for  $0 < |q| < 1$  [TV2]. In the trigonometric case, the hypergeometric pairing is a pairing between a space of trigonometric functions and that of elliptic functions. It is given by an integral over a closed contour with a kernel function defined by a product of the infinite product with step  $q$ . This kernel function is the  $q$ -multiplicative function mentioned above. By taking residues, we can represent this integral in terms of a Jackson integral.

In the case of  $|q| = 1$ , the hypergeometric pairing is a pairing between two spaces of trigonometric functions which depend on two respective values of a deformation parameter

$$q = e^{2\pi i\omega} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\omega}}.$$

Hence the pairing induces certain duality of two functional spaces at  $|q| = 1$ . This type of duality has appeared in mathematical physics: for example, modular double of quantum group [F] and matrix elements in quantum Toda chain [Sm].

In this paper we define an integral associated with the  $q$ -multiplicative function of Jordan-Pochhammer type at  $|q| = 1$  in a similar way to [MT]. This integral is regarded as a pairing between two functional spaces which depend on  $q$  and  $Q$ , respectively. Then we can define a cohomology of these spaces associated with this integral. In this way we get the  $q$ -twisted cohomology at  $|q| = 1$ . From this point of view, we can prove some relations satisfied by the  $q$ -hypergeometric function of the Barnes type at  $|q| = 1$ .

The plan of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we recall the result of  $q$ -analogue of  $b$ -functions following [A2] and define a  $q$ -multiplicative function at  $|q| = 1$ . In Section 3, we construct the  $q$ -twisted cohomology associated with the  $q$ -multiplicative function of Jordan-Pochhammer type. In this case we can find a basis of the cohomology. In order to prove linear independence, we write down the formula for a determinant, see (3.23). This formula gives us the  $q$ -Beta integral formula at  $|q| = 1$  in a special case. In Section 4, we prove two properties of the  $q$ -hypergeometric function at  $|q| = 1$ : Heine's relations and a connection formula. Section 5 is additional one. We discuss the  $q$ -little Jacobi polynomials and their orthogonality with respect to the kernel of the  $q$ -Beta integral at  $|q| = 1$  given in Section 3.

**§2. The  $q$ -multiplicative Function at  $|q| = 1$**

Let  $q$  be a nonzero complex number. In this paper, we consider the case that  $|q| = 1$  and  $q$  is not a root of unity. We put  $q = e^{2\pi i\omega}$  ( $\omega > 0, \omega \notin \mathbb{Q}$ ).

Let  $L$  be an  $l$  dimensional integer lattice in  $\mathbb{C}^l$ :

$$(2.1) \quad L := \{\chi = (\chi_1, \dots, \chi_l) \mid \chi_j \in \mathbb{Z}, j = 1, \dots, l\} \subset \mathbb{C}^l.$$

For a set of nonzero rational functions  $\{b_\chi(t)\}_{\chi \in L}$ , where

$$(2.2) \quad b_\chi(t) = b_\chi(t_1, \dots, t_l) \in \mathbb{C}(t_1, \dots, t_l)^\times,$$

we consider the following system of difference equations:

$$(2.3) \quad \Phi(z + \chi) = b_\chi(t)\Phi(z), \quad (\chi \in L),$$

where  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_l) \in \mathbb{C}^l$  and

$$(2.4) \quad t = (t_1, \dots, t_l) := (e^{2\pi i\omega z_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi i\omega z_l}).$$

The compatibility condition of (2.3) implies

$$(2.5) \quad b_0(t) = 1,$$

$$(2.6) \quad b_{\chi+\chi'}(t) = b_\chi(t)b_{\chi'}(q^\chi \cdot t) \quad \text{for any } \chi, \chi' \in L,$$

where  $q^\chi \cdot t = (q^{\chi_1}t_1, \dots, q^{\chi_l}t_l)$ . The conditions (2.5) and (2.6) mean that the set  $\{b_\chi(t)\}_{\chi \in L}$  defines a 1-cocycle. A set  $\{b_\chi(t)\}_{\chi \in L}$  is said to be a 1-coboundary if and only if there exists a nonzero rational function  $\varphi(t)$  such that

$$(2.7) \quad b_\chi(t) = \frac{\varphi(q^\chi \cdot t)}{\varphi(t)} \quad \text{for any } \chi \in L.$$

Let us consider the quotient  $H^1 := \{1\text{-cocycles}\} / \{1\text{-coboundaries}\}$ .  $H^1$  has a multiplicative group structure. For  $\mu \in L^* := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(L, \mathbb{Z})$ , we put

$$(2.8) \quad \mu(m) = \mu(0, \dots, \overset{m\text{-th}}{1}, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad t^\mu = t_1^{\mu(1)} \dots t_l^{\mu(l)}.$$

Note that  $\mu(\chi) = \sum_{m=1}^l \mu(m)\chi_m$  for  $\chi = (\chi_1, \dots, \chi_l) \in L$ .

Then the following result holds.

**Proposition 2.1.**  $H^1$  is represented by cocycles of the following form:

$$(2.10) \quad b_\chi(t) = a_\chi \frac{\prod_{j=1}^k (q^{\gamma_j} t^{\mu_j}; q)_{\mu_j(\chi)}}{\prod_{\nu=0}^{\mu_0(\chi)-1} (q^\nu t^{\mu_0})_{k'} \prod_{j=1}^l (q^{\gamma'_j} t^{\mu'_j}; q)_{\mu'_j(\chi)}}$$

for  $\mu_0, \mu_j, \mu'_j \in L^*$  and  $\gamma_j, \gamma'_j \in \mathbb{C}$ . Here  $\{a_\chi\}_{\chi \in L}$  is a set of nonzero constants satisfying  $a_{\chi+\chi'} = a_\chi a_{\chi'}$  for any  $\chi, \chi' \in L$ , and

$$(2.11) \quad (x; q)_n := \begin{cases} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (1 - xq^j), & \text{for } n \geq 0, \\ \prod_{j=1}^{-n} (1 - xq^{-j})^{-1}, & \text{for } n < 0. \end{cases}$$

The expression (2.10) is not unique.

This result is a  $q$ -analogue of Sato's result [Sa] and was stated by Aomoto in [A2]. In [A2], Aomoto stated this result in the case of  $0 < |q| < 1$ . However, it can be checked that the proposition holds unless  $q$  is a root of unity.

Let us find a solution  $\Phi(z)$  to (2.3) for the 1-cocycle  $\{b_\chi(t)\}_{\chi \in L}$  given by (2.10). Following [N], we set

$$(2.12) \quad \langle x \rangle := \exp\left(\frac{\pi i}{2} ((1 + \omega)x - \omega x^2)\right) S_2\left(x \mid 1, \frac{1}{\omega}\right),$$

where  $S_2(x)$  is the double sine function. We refer the reader to [JM] for the double sine function. Moreover, we define a function  $\sigma(x)$  by

$$(2.13) \quad \sigma(x) := \exp(\pi i ((1 + \omega)x - \omega x^2)) = \langle x \rangle \left\langle 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} - x \right\rangle.$$

These functions satisfy

$$(2.14) \quad \frac{\langle x+1 \rangle}{\langle x \rangle} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{2\pi i \omega x}}, \quad \frac{\sigma(x+1)}{\sigma(x)} = -e^{-2\pi i \omega x}.$$

For  $\mu \in L^*$ , we set

$$(2.15) \quad \mu(z) := \sum_{m=1}^l \mu(m) z_m.$$

Then we have

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{\langle \mu(z + \chi) + \gamma \rangle}{\langle \mu(z) + \gamma \rangle} = \frac{1}{(q^\gamma t^\mu; q)_{\mu(\chi)}},$$

$$\frac{\sigma(\mu(z + \chi))}{\sigma(\mu(z))} = (-1)^{\mu(\chi)} \prod_{\nu=0}^{\mu(\chi)-1} (q^\nu t^\mu)^{-1}.$$

From (2.13) and (2.16), we can get a solution to (2.3) in the following form:

$$(2.17) \quad \Phi(z) = t_1^{\alpha_1} \dots t_l^{\alpha_l} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n'} \langle \mu'_j(z) + \gamma'_j \rangle}{\prod_{j=1}^n \langle \mu_j(z) + \gamma_j \rangle},$$

where  $\alpha_m, \gamma_j, \gamma'_j \in \mathbb{C}, \mu_j, \mu'_j \in L^*$ .

A function  $\Phi(z)$  of type (2.17) is called a  $q$ -multiplicative function at  $|q| = 1$ .

### §3. The $q$ -twisted Cohomology in Jordan-Pochhammer Case

Let us consider the  $q$ -multiplicative function of Jordan-Pochhammer type given by

$$(3.1) \quad \Phi(z) = t^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\langle z + \gamma'_j \rangle}{\langle z + \gamma_j \rangle},$$

where  $z \in \mathbb{C}, t = e^{2\pi i \omega z} = q^z$  and  $\alpha, \gamma_j, \gamma'_j \in \mathbb{C}$ . We assume  $\gamma_j \neq \gamma'_k$  for any  $j, k = 1, \dots, n$ .

We denote by  $D, D_j$  and  $D'_j$  the difference operators corresponding to the displacements  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha + 1, \gamma_j \mapsto \gamma_j + 1$  and  $\gamma'_j \mapsto \gamma'_j + 1$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the commutative algebra generated by  $D^{\pm 1}, D_j^{\pm 1}$  and  $D'_j{}^{\pm 1}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ) over  $\mathbb{C}$ . We define a subspace  $Z$  of  $\mathbb{C}(t)$  by

$$(3.2) \quad Z := \{(\kappa\Phi)/\Phi | \kappa \in \mathcal{A}\}.$$

It is easy to see that

$$(3.3) \quad Z = \left\{ \frac{f(t)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (c_j q^{-\ell_j} t; q)_{\ell_j} (c'_j t; q)_{\ell'_j}} \mid f(t) \in \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] \text{ and } \ell_j, \ell'_j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \right\},$$

where  $c_j = e^{2\pi i \omega \gamma_j}$  and  $c'_j = e^{2\pi i \omega \gamma'_j}$ .

Next we define another space of rational functions. An important point is that the function  $\langle x \rangle$  satisfies also the following functional relation:

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{\langle x + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle}{\langle x \rangle} = \frac{1}{1 - e^{2\pi i x}}.$$

We denote by  $\widetilde{D}$ ,  $\widetilde{D}_j$  and  $\widetilde{D}'_j$  the difference operators corresponding to the displacements  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha + \frac{1}{\omega}$ ,  $\gamma_j \mapsto \gamma_j + \frac{1}{\omega}$  and  $\gamma'_j \mapsto \gamma'_j + \frac{1}{\omega}$ , respectively. In the same way as before, we consider the commutative algebra  $\widetilde{\mathcal{A}}$  generated by  $\widetilde{D}^{\pm 1}$ ,  $\widetilde{D}_j^{\pm 1}$  and  $\widetilde{D}'_j^{\pm 1}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ) over  $\mathbb{C}$  and set

$$(3.5) \quad \widetilde{Z} := \{(\widetilde{\kappa}\Phi)/\Phi | \widetilde{\kappa} \in \widetilde{\mathcal{A}}\}.$$

Then we have

$$(3.6) \quad \widetilde{Z} = \left\{ \frac{\widetilde{f}(T)}{\prod_{j=1}^n (C_j Q^{-\widetilde{\ell}_j} T; Q)_{\widetilde{\ell}_j} (C'_j T; Q)_{\widetilde{\ell}'_j}} \mid \widetilde{f}(T) \in \mathbb{C}[T, T^{-1}] \text{ and } \widetilde{\ell}_j, \widetilde{\ell}'_j \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \right\},$$

where  $Q = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\omega}}$ ,  $T = e^{2\pi i z}$ ,  $C_j = e^{2\pi i \gamma_j}$  and  $C'_j = e^{2\pi i \gamma'_j}$ .

Now we define a pairing between  $Z$  and  $\widetilde{Z}$ . For

$$(3.7) \quad \varphi(t) = \frac{t^m}{\prod_{j=1}^n (c_j q^{-\ell_j} t; q)_{\ell_j} (c'_j t; q)_{\ell'_j}} \in Z$$

and

$$(3.8) \quad \widetilde{\varphi}(T) = \frac{T^{\widetilde{m}}}{\prod_{j=1}^n (C_j Q^{-\widetilde{\ell}_j} T; Q)_{\widetilde{\ell}_j} (C'_j T; Q)_{\widetilde{\ell}'_j}} \in \widetilde{Z},$$

we set

$$(3.9) \quad I(\varphi, \widetilde{\varphi}) := \int_C dz \Phi(z) \varphi(t) \widetilde{\varphi}(T).$$

Here the contour  $C$  is taken to be the imaginary axis  $(-i\infty, i\infty)$  except that the poles at

$$(3.10) \quad -\gamma_j + \ell_j + \frac{\widetilde{\ell}_j}{\omega} + \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} + \frac{1}{\omega} \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} \quad (j = 1, \dots, n)$$

are on the left of  $C$  and the poles at

$$(3.11) \quad -\gamma'_j - \ell'_j - \frac{\widetilde{\ell}'_j}{\omega} + \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} + \frac{1}{\omega} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \quad (j = 1, \dots, n)$$

are on the right of  $C$ . Then the integral (3.9) is absolutely convergent if

$$(3.12) \quad 0 < \operatorname{Re} \alpha + m + \frac{\tilde{m}}{\omega} < \sum_{j=1}^n (\operatorname{Re} \gamma_j - \operatorname{Re} \gamma'_j) + \sum_{j=1}^n (\ell_j + \ell'_j) + \frac{1}{\omega} \sum_{j=1}^n (\tilde{\ell}_j + \tilde{\ell}'_j).$$

Under the condition (3.12) the integrand of (3.9) decreases exponentially as  $z \rightarrow \pm i\infty$ .

Let us consider cohomologies of  $Z$  and  $\tilde{Z}$  associated with the integral (3.9). We set

$$(3.13) \quad B := \operatorname{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{ \psi(t) - b_{\chi}(t) \psi(q^{\chi} t) \mid \psi(t) \in Z, \chi \in \mathbb{Z} \},$$

where  $b_{\chi}(t) = \Phi(z + \chi) / \Phi(z)$ . Note that for any  $\psi(t) \in Z, \tilde{\varphi}(T) \in \tilde{Z}$  and  $\chi \in \mathbb{Z}$  we can deform the contour  $C$  so that there are no poles of the function  $\Phi(z) \psi(t) \tilde{\varphi}(T)$  between  $C$  and  $C + \chi$ . Thus we have

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_C dz \Phi(z) \{ \psi(t) - b_{\chi}(t) \psi(q^{\chi} t) \} \tilde{\varphi}(T) \\ = \left( \int_C - \int_{C+\chi} \right) dz \Phi(z) \psi(t) \tilde{\varphi}(T) \\ = 0, \end{aligned}$$

if all the integrals are convergent. Here we used the fact that  $T = e^{2\pi iz}$  is invariant under the change  $z \rightarrow z - \chi$ . Hence, we find

$$(3.15) \quad I(\varphi_0, \tilde{\varphi}) = 0 \quad \text{for } \varphi_0 \in B \text{ and } \tilde{\varphi} \in \tilde{Z}.$$

Similarly, we set

$$(3.16) \quad \tilde{B} := \operatorname{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \left\{ \tilde{\psi}(T) - \tilde{b}_{\chi}(T) \tilde{\psi}(Q^{\chi} T) \mid \tilde{\psi}(T) \in \tilde{Z}, \chi \in \mathbb{Z} \right\},$$

where  $\tilde{b}_{\chi}(T) := \Phi(z + \frac{\chi}{\omega}) / \Phi(z)$ . Then we have

$$(3.17) \quad I(\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}_0) = 0 \quad \text{for } \varphi \in Z \text{ and } \tilde{\varphi}_0 \in \tilde{B}.$$

From these relations, we define the  $q$ -twisted cohomology  $H$  and  $\tilde{H}$  by

$$(3.18) \quad H := Z/B \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{H} := \tilde{Z}/\tilde{B}.$$

We note that the structure of the cohomology  $H$  is determined by the parameters  $q, q^{\alpha}, c_j$  and  $c'_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ). We write down this dependence explicitly as

$$(3.19) \quad H = \mathbb{H}(q|q^{\alpha}; c_1, \dots, c_n; c'_1, \dots, c'_n).$$

Then  $\tilde{H}$  is written as

$$(3.20) \quad \tilde{H} = H(Q|Q^{\omega\alpha}; C_1, \dots, C_n; C'_1, \dots, C'_n).$$

It is easy to see that the following proposition holds.

**Proposition 3.1.** *The cohomology  $H(q|q^\alpha; c_1, \dots, c_n; c'_1, \dots, c'_n)$  is generated by*

$$(3.21) \quad \left\{ \frac{1}{1 - c'_j t} \mid j = 1, \dots, n \right\},$$

if the parameters  $q, q^\alpha, c_j$  and  $c'_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ) are generic.

Moreover, we see that the set  $\{\frac{1}{1 - c'_j t}\}_{j=1, \dots, n}$  is a basis of  $H$  from the following determinant formula.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Set*

$$(3.22) \quad \varphi_j(t) = \frac{1}{1 - c'_j t}, \quad \tilde{\varphi}_j(T) = \frac{1}{1 - C'_j T}, \quad (j = 1, \dots, n).$$

Then

$$(3.23) \quad \det (I(\varphi_j, \tilde{\varphi}_k))_{j,k=1, \dots, n} = \langle 1 \rangle^n \exp \left( -2\pi i \omega \alpha \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma'_j \right) \\ \times \frac{\langle \alpha + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma'_j \rangle}{\langle \alpha \rangle \prod_{j,k=1}^n \langle \gamma_j - \gamma'_k \rangle} \\ \times \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} \frac{(1 - e^{2\pi i \omega (\gamma'_j - \gamma'_k)}) (1 - e^{2\pi i (\gamma'_j - \gamma'_k)})}{\sigma(\gamma'_j - \gamma'_k)}.$$

*Proof.* First we set

$$(3.24) \quad \psi_k(t) = \frac{1}{1 - c'_k t} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 - c_j t}{1 - c'_j t}, \\ \tilde{\psi}_k(T) = \frac{1}{1 - C'_k T} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 - C_j T}{1 - C'_j T}, \quad (j = 1, \dots, n).$$

Then we have

$$(3.25) \quad \psi_k(t) = \sum_{p=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 - c_p/c'_p}{1 - c'_k/c'_p} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq p}}^{k-1} \frac{1 - c_j/c'_p}{1 - c'_j/c'_p} \varphi_p(t) + \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 - c_j/c'_k}{1 - c'_j/c'_k} \varphi_k(t)$$



and a similar formula for  $\tilde{\psi}_k(T)$ .

Hence we find

$$(3.26) \quad \det(I(\varphi_j, \tilde{\varphi}_k)) = \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} \left( \frac{1 - c'_j/c'_k}{1 - c_j/c'_k} \frac{1 - C'_j/C'_k}{1 - C_j/C'_k} \right) \det(I(\psi_j, \tilde{\psi}_k)).$$

The determinant in the right hand side of (3.26) is a special case of the determinant discussed in [MT]. Combining the result in [MT] and (3.26), we get the formula (3.23).  $\square$

*Remark.* In the case of  $n = 1$  and  $\gamma'_1 = 0$ , the formula (3.23) is represented as follows:

$$(3.27) \quad \int_C q^{\alpha z} \frac{\langle z \rangle}{\langle z + \beta \rangle} \frac{1}{1-t} \frac{1}{1-T} dz = \int_C q^{\alpha z} \frac{\langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle}{\langle z + \beta \rangle} dz = \frac{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \alpha + \beta \rangle}{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}.$$

We may call (3.27) the  $q$ -Beta integral formula at  $|q| = 1$ .

To finish this section we find a system of difference equation in  $\alpha$  satisfied by the function

$$(3.28) \quad \Psi(\alpha) = \Psi(\alpha | \tilde{\varphi}) := \int_C dz \Phi(z) \tilde{\varphi}(T) \quad \text{for } \tilde{\varphi}(T) \in \tilde{H}$$

in a similar manner to [AK].

For the  $q$ -multiplicative function (3.1), we can represent the function  $b_\chi(t) = \frac{\Phi(z+\chi)}{\Phi(z)}$  ( $\chi \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) as follows:

$$(3.29) \quad b_\chi(t) = q^{\chi\alpha} \frac{b_\chi^+(t)}{b_\chi^-(t)},$$

where  $b_\chi^+(t)$  and  $b_\chi^-(t)$  are polynomials in  $t$  and have no common factor. For example, if  $\chi = 1$  we have

$$(3.30) \quad b_1^+(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - c_j t), \quad b_1^-(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - c'_j t).$$

By setting  $\psi(t) = b_\chi^-(q^{-\chi}t)$  in (3.13), we find

$$(3.31) \quad b_\chi^-(q^{-\chi}t) - q^{\chi\alpha} b_\chi^+(t) \in B.$$

Note that  $t\Phi = D\Phi$ , where  $D$  is the difference operator defined by  $\alpha \mapsto \alpha + 1$ . Therefore, we get

$$(3.32) \quad \{b_\chi^-(q^{-\chi}D) - q^{\chi\alpha} b_\chi^+(D)\} \Psi = 0$$

for  $\chi \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $b_\chi^-(q^{-\chi}D)\Psi$  and  $b_\chi^+(D)\Psi$  are defined. These equations are  $q$ -analogues of Mellin-Sato hypergeometric equations [AK] at  $|q| = 1$ . In the case of  $\chi = 1$ , the equation (3.32) is given by

$$(3.33) \quad \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - q^{-1}c_j' D) - q^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - c_j D) \right\} \Psi = 0.$$

## §4. Application to the $q$ -hypergeometric Function

### §4.1. Preliminaries

Following [GR], we recall some properties of the basic hypergeometric series with  $0 < |q| < 1$  given by

$$(4.1) \quad \phi(a, b, c; t) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_k (b; q)_k}{(q; q)_k (c; q)_k} t^k$$

for  $|t| < 1$ .

This function satisfies the Heine's relations:

$$(4.2) \quad \phi(a, b, q^{-1}c) - \phi(a, b, c) = tc \frac{(1-a)(1-b)}{(q-c)(1-c)} \phi(qa, qb, qc),$$

$$(4.3) \quad \phi(qa, b, c) - \phi(a, b, c) = ta \frac{1-b}{1-c} \phi(qa, qb, qc),$$

$$(4.4) \quad \phi(qa, q^{-1}b, c) - \phi(a, b, c) = q^{-1}t \frac{aq-b}{1-c} \phi(qa, b, qc).$$

Here we abbreviated  $\phi(a, b, c; x)$  to  $\phi(a, b, c)$ .

It also satisfies a connection formula:

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi(a, b, c; t) &= \frac{(b)_\infty (c/a)_\infty}{(c)_\infty (b/a)_\infty} \frac{\Theta(at)}{\Theta(t)} \phi(a, qa/c, qa/b; qc/abt) \\ &\quad + \frac{(a)_\infty (c/b)_\infty}{(c)_\infty (a/b)_\infty} \frac{\Theta(bt)}{\Theta(t)} \phi(b, qb/c, qb/a; qc/abt), \end{aligned}$$

where  $(a)_\infty := \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{j-1}a)$  and  $\Theta(x) := (q)_\infty (x)_\infty (q/x)_\infty$ .

Now we consider the  $q$ -hypergeometric function of the Barnes type at  $|q| = 1$  [NU], which is defined as follows in our notation:

$$(4.6) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) := \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \left( -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \right) \int_{C_0} \frac{\langle z+1 \rangle \langle z+\gamma \rangle}{\langle z+\alpha \rangle \langle z+\beta \rangle} \frac{\pi(-q^x)^z}{\sin \pi z} dz,$$

where  $-q^x = e^{2\pi i \omega x - \pi i}$  and the contour  $C_0$  is the imaginary axis  $(-i\infty, i\infty)$  except that the poles at

$$(4.7) \quad -\alpha + \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} + \frac{1}{\omega} \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}, \quad -\beta + \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} + \frac{1}{\omega} \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$$

are on the left of  $C_0$  and the poles at

$$(4.8) \quad \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} + \frac{1}{\omega} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \quad -\gamma + \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} + \frac{1}{\omega} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$$

are on the right of  $C_0$ .

By using

$$(4.9) \quad \left(-\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right) \frac{\pi(-q^x)^z}{\sin \pi z} = q^{xz} \frac{1}{1 - e^{2\pi iz}},$$

we can rewrite (4.6) as follows:

$$(4.10) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) = \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \int_{C_0} q^{xz} \frac{\langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle \langle z + \gamma \rangle}{\langle z + \alpha \rangle \langle z + \beta \rangle} dz.$$

Now we denote by  $\Phi(z)$  the integrand of (4.10):

$$(4.11) \quad \Phi(z) = q^{xz} \frac{\langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle \langle z + \gamma \rangle}{\langle z + \alpha \rangle \langle z + \beta \rangle}.$$

This function  $\Phi(z)$  is the  $q$ -multiplicative function of Jordan-Pochhammer type. From (3.12), the integral (4.10) is absolutely convergent if

$$(4.12) \quad 0 < \operatorname{Re} x < 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \operatorname{Re} \gamma - \operatorname{Re} \alpha - \operatorname{Re} \beta.$$

In this case, the equation (3.33) is nothing but the hypergeometric difference equation at  $|q| = 1$ :

$$(4.13) \quad \{(1 - D)(1 - q^{\gamma-1}D) - q^x(1 - q^\alpha D)(1 - q^\beta D)\} \Psi = 0,$$

where  $D$  is the difference operator defined by  $x \mapsto x + 1$ .

For the  $q$ -multiplicative function (4.10), we define two functional spaces  $Z$  and  $\tilde{Z}$  as in the previous section, and set

$$(4.14) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x|\tilde{\varphi}) := \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \int_{C_0} \Phi(z) \tilde{\varphi}(T) dz \quad \text{for } \tilde{\varphi} \in \tilde{Z}.$$

Note that  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) = \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x|1)$ . Then the function (4.14) also satisfies (4.13).

For simplicity's sake, hereafter we use the following notation:

$$(4.15) \quad t = e^{2\pi i \omega z}, \quad a = e^{2\pi i \omega \alpha}, \quad b = e^{2\pi i \omega \beta}, \quad c = e^{2\pi i \omega \gamma}$$

and

$$(4.16) \quad T = e^{2\pi i z}, \quad A = e^{2\pi i \alpha}, \quad B = e^{2\pi i \beta}, \quad C = e^{2\pi i \gamma}.$$

#### §4.2. Heine's relations

**Proposition 4.1.** *We abbreviate  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x)$  to  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Then the following equalities hold:*

$$(4.17) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma - 1) - \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = q^x c \frac{(1-a)(1-b)}{(q-c)(1-c)} \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \gamma + 1),$$

$$(4.18) \quad \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta, \gamma) - \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = q^x a \frac{1-b}{1-c} \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \gamma + 1),$$

$$(4.19) \quad \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \gamma) - \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = q^{x-1} \frac{aq-b}{1-c} \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta, \gamma + 1).$$

*Proof.* For  $f(t) \in Z$ , we set

$$(4.20) \quad [f] := \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \int_{C_0} \Phi(z) f(t) dz.$$

First we prove (4.17). It is easy to see that

$$(4.21) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma - 1) = \left[ \frac{1 - q^{-1}ct}{1 - q^{-1}c} \right], \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = [1].$$

Hence, we have

$$(4.22) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma - 1) - \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left[ \frac{c(1-t)}{q-c} \right].$$

On the other hand, by changing the variable  $z \rightarrow z - 1$ , we find

$$(4.23) \quad \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \gamma + 1) = \left[ q^{-x} \frac{(1-c)(1-t)}{(1-a)(1-b)} \right].$$

From (4.22) and (4.23), we get (4.17). We can prove (4.18) in the same way as above.

Next we prove (4.19). By changing the variable  $z \rightarrow z + 1$ , we have

$$(4.24) \quad \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \gamma) = \left[ q^{x-1} \frac{(q-b)(1-at)(1-qat)}{(1-a)(1-qt)(1-ct)} \right].$$

It is easy to see that

$$(4.25) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = [1], \quad \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta, \gamma + 1) = \left[ \frac{(1-c)(1-at)}{(1-a)(1-ct)} \right].$$

By using this, we can find the following:

$$(4.26) \quad \begin{aligned} & \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta - 1, \gamma) - \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) - q^{x-1} \frac{aq-b}{1-c} \Psi(\alpha + 1, \beta, \gamma + 1) \\ &= \left[ -1 + q^x \frac{(1-at)(1-bt)}{(1-qt)(1-ct)} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$(4.27) \quad -1 + q^x \frac{(1-at)(1-bt)}{(1-qt)(1-ct)} = -\{1 - b_1(t) \cdot 1\} \in B.$$

Therefore, (4.26) equals to 0. This completes the proof of (4.19).  $\square$

In the proof above, we see that Heine's relations come from some relations in  $H$ . Hence, we find that the function  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x|\tilde{\varphi})$  (4.14) also satisfies Heine's relations.

### §4.3. Connection formula

#### Proposition 4.2.

$$(4.28) \quad \begin{aligned} & \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) \\ &= \frac{\langle \beta \rangle \langle \gamma - \alpha \rangle \sigma(x + \alpha)}{\langle \gamma \rangle \langle \beta - \alpha \rangle \sigma(x)} \Psi(\alpha, 1 + \alpha - \gamma, 1 + \alpha - \beta; 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x) \\ &+ \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \gamma - \beta \rangle \sigma(x + \beta)}{\langle \gamma \rangle \langle \alpha - \beta \rangle \sigma(x)} \Psi(\beta, 1 + \beta - \gamma, 1 + \beta - \alpha; 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We rewrite the integral

$$(4.29) \quad \begin{aligned} & \Psi(\alpha, 1 + \alpha - \gamma, 1 + \alpha - \beta; 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x) \\ &= \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle} \int_{C'_0} q^{(1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x)z} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\langle 1 + \alpha - \gamma \rangle \langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle \langle z + 1 + \alpha - \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 + \alpha - \beta \rangle \langle z + \alpha \rangle \langle z + 1 + \alpha - \gamma \rangle} dz, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C'_0$  is the contour associated with the set of parameters  $(\alpha, 1 + \alpha - \gamma, 1 + \alpha - \beta)$ .

By changing the variable  $z \rightarrow -z - \alpha$ , we have

$$(4.30) \quad (4.29) = \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle} \int_{C_0} q^{(1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x)(-z - \alpha)} \\ \times \frac{\langle 1 + \alpha - \gamma \rangle \langle -z - \alpha + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle \langle -z + 1 - \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 + \alpha - \beta \rangle \langle -z \rangle \langle -z + 1 - \gamma \rangle} dz,$$

where  $C_0$  is the contour defined in (4.6). By using (2.13), we have

$$(4.31) \quad \text{the integrand of (4.30)} \\ = q^{(1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x)(-z - \alpha)} \\ \times \frac{\sigma(1 + \alpha - \gamma) \sigma(-z - \alpha + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega}) \sigma(-z + 1 - \beta)}{\sigma(1 + \alpha - \beta) \sigma(-z) \sigma(-z + 1 - \gamma)} \\ \times \frac{\langle \frac{1}{\omega} + \beta - \alpha \rangle \langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle \langle z + \gamma + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle}{\langle \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha \rangle \langle z + \alpha \rangle \langle z + \beta + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle}.$$

It can be shown that

$$(4.32) \quad q^{(1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x)(-z - \alpha)} \\ \times \frac{\sigma(1 + \alpha - \gamma) \sigma(-z - \alpha + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega}) \sigma(-z + 1 - \beta)}{\sigma(1 + \alpha - \beta) \sigma(-z) \sigma(-z + 1 - \gamma)} \\ = q^{xz} \frac{\sigma(x)}{\sigma(x + \alpha)}.$$

From (3.4), we have

$$(4.33) \quad \frac{\langle \frac{1}{\omega} + \beta - \alpha \rangle \langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle \langle z + \gamma + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle}{\langle \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha \rangle \langle z + \alpha \rangle \langle z + \beta + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle} \\ = \frac{\langle \beta - \alpha \rangle \langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle \langle z + \gamma \rangle (A - C)(1 - BT)}{\langle \gamma - \alpha \rangle \langle z + \alpha \rangle \langle z + \beta \rangle (A - B)(1 - CT)}.$$

Combining (4.32) and (4.33), we get

$$(4.34) \quad \Psi \left( \alpha, 1 + \alpha - \gamma, 1 + \alpha - \beta; 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x \right) \\ = \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta - \alpha \rangle \sigma(x)}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma - \alpha \rangle \sigma(x + \alpha)} \int_{C_0} \Phi(z) \frac{(A - C)(1 - BT)}{(A - B)(1 - CT)} dz.$$

By exchanging  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we find

$$(4.35) \quad \Psi \left( \beta, 1 + \beta - \gamma, 1 + \beta - \alpha; 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \gamma - \alpha - \beta - x \right) \\ = \frac{\langle \beta \rangle \langle \alpha - \beta \rangle \sigma(x)}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma - \beta \rangle \sigma(x + \beta)} \int_{C_0} \Phi(z) \frac{(B - C)(1 - AT)}{(B - A)(1 - CT)} dz.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.36) \quad & \text{the rhs of (4.28)} \\
 &= \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \int_{C_0} \Phi(z) \left\{ \frac{(A-C)(1-BT)}{(A-B)(1-CT)} + \frac{(B-C)(1-AT)}{(B-A)(1-CT)} \right\} dz \\
 &= \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \int_{C_0} \Phi(z) \cdot 1 dz = \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

In the proof above, we see that the formula (4.28) comes from the following simple relation in  $\tilde{H}$ :

$$(4.37) \quad \frac{(A-C)(1-BT)}{(A-B)(1-CT)} + \frac{(B-C)(1-AT)}{(B-A)(1-CT)} = 1.$$

If we consider  $H$  as a cohomology and  $\tilde{H}$  as its dual, that is a homology, then the relation (4.37) is a relation among some homologies, and the formula (4.28) is a linear relation among the integrals associated with different homologies.

### §5. The $q$ -little Jacobi Polynomials at $|q| = 1$

First we recall the definition of the  $q$ -little Jacobi polynomials in the case of  $0 < |q| < 1$  [GR]:

$$(5.1) \quad p_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) := \phi(q^{-n}, q^{\alpha+\beta+n+1}, q^{\alpha+1}; qt), \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots).$$

The following orthogonality relation holds [AA, GR]:

$$(5.2) \quad \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} \frac{(tq)_\infty}{(tq^\beta)_\infty} p_m^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) p_n^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) d_q t = \delta_{m,n} c_n,$$

where

$$(5.3) \quad c_n = (1-q) \frac{(q)_\infty (q^{\alpha+\beta})_\infty}{(q^\alpha)_\infty (q^\beta)_\infty} \frac{1 - q^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{1 - q^{\alpha+\beta+2n-1}} \frac{(q)_n (q^\beta)_n}{(q^{\alpha+\beta-1})_n (q^\alpha)_n} q^{n\alpha}.$$

In (5.2), the integral is a Jackson integral defined by

$$(5.4) \quad \int_0^1 f(t) d_q t := (1-q) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(q^k) q^k,$$

and  $(a)_n = (a; q)_n$ .

The formula (5.2) means that the  $q$ -little Jacobi polynomials are orthogonal polynomials with respect to the kernel of the  $q$ -Beta integral given by

$$(5.5) \quad \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} \frac{(tq)_\infty}{(tq^\beta)_\infty} d_q t = (1-q) \frac{(q)_\infty (q^{\alpha+\beta})_\infty}{(q^\alpha)_\infty (q^\beta)_\infty}.$$

Let us consider the case of  $|q| = 1$ . We can get the  $q$ -little Jacobi polynomials at  $|q| = 1$  from the  $q$ -hypergeometric function (4.10) as follows.

**Proposition 5.1.** *For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we have*

$$(5.6) \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -n} \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) = \phi(q^{-n}, q^\beta, q^\gamma; q^x).$$

*Note that the right hand side of (5.6) is a polynomial in  $q^x$  and so makes sense at  $|q| = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Recall the definition of  $\Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x)$ :

$$(5.7) \quad \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) := \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \int_{C_0} \Phi(z) dz.$$

At  $\alpha = -n$ , the coefficient  $\langle \alpha \rangle$  has a zero and the integral has a pole because of pinches of the contour  $C_0$  by poles at  $z = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and  $z = -\alpha - n, -\alpha - n + 1, \dots, -\alpha$ , respectively. In order to avoid these pinches, we take the residues at  $z = -\alpha - n, \dots, -\alpha$ . Then we get

$$(5.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) &= \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \sum_{k=0}^n 2\pi i \operatorname{res}_{z=-\alpha-k} \Phi(z) dz \\ &\quad + \frac{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle}{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \gamma \rangle} \times (\text{regular at } \alpha = -n). \end{aligned}$$

The second term of the rhs of (5.8) equals zero at  $\alpha = -n$ . Hence it suffices to calculate the limit of the first term.

By using (2.14), we have

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} &2\pi i \operatorname{res}_{z=-\alpha-(n-k)} \Phi(z) dz \\ &= 2\pi i \operatorname{res}_{z=-\alpha} \Phi(z) \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} \frac{(1 - q^{-j+1}t)(1 - q^{-j}ct)}{(1 - q^{-j}at)(1 - q^{-j}bt)} q^{-(n-k)x} dz \\ &= \langle 1 \rangle \langle 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} - \alpha \rangle \frac{\langle \gamma - \alpha \rangle}{\langle \beta - \alpha \rangle} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} \frac{(1 - q^{-j+1}/a)(1 - q^{-j}c/a)}{(1 - q^{-j})(1 - q^{-j}b/a)} q^{-(\alpha+n-k)x}. \end{aligned}$$



Here we used the notation (4.15) and

$$(5.10) \quad 2\pi i \operatorname{res}_{z=0} \frac{dz}{\langle z \rangle} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{\omega}} = \langle 1 \rangle.$$

Therefore, we get

$$(5.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -n} \Psi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; x) \\ &= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -n} \langle \alpha \rangle \langle 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} - \alpha \rangle \frac{\langle \beta \rangle}{\langle \beta - \alpha \rangle} \frac{\langle \gamma - \alpha \rangle}{\langle \gamma \rangle} \\ & \quad \times \sum_{k=0}^n q^{-(\alpha+n-k)x} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} \frac{(1 - q^{-j+1}/a)(1 - q^{-j}c/a)}{(1 - q^{-j})(1 - q^{-j}b/a)} \\ &= \sigma(-n) \frac{\langle \beta \rangle}{\langle \beta + n \rangle} \frac{\langle \gamma + n \rangle}{\langle \gamma \rangle} \sum_{k=0}^n q^{kx} \prod_{j=1}^{n-k} \frac{(1 - q^{n+1-j})(1 - q^{n-j}c)}{(1 - q^{-j})(1 - q^{n-j}b)} \\ &= (-1)^n q^{-\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1 - q^j}{1 - q^{-j}} \sum_{k=0}^n q^{kx} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{(1 - q^{-n+j})(1 - q^j b)}{(1 - q^{j+1})(1 - q^j c)} \\ &= \phi(q^{-n}, q^\beta, q^\gamma; q^x). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

From this proposition, we get

$$(5.12) \quad p_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(q^x) = \Psi(-n, \alpha + \beta + n + 1, \alpha + 1; x + 1), \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots).$$

Then we find that the  $q$ -little Jacobi polynomials (5.12) satisfy the orthogonal relation associated with the  $q$ -Beta integral at  $|q| = 1$  (3.27).

**Proposition 5.2.**

$$(5.13) \quad \int_C q^{\alpha z} \frac{\langle z + 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} \rangle}{\langle z + \beta \rangle} p_m^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) p_n^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) dz = \delta_{m,n} c_n,$$

where  $t = q^z = e^{2\pi i \omega z}$  and

$$(5.14) \quad c_n = \frac{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \alpha + \beta \rangle}{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle} \frac{1 - q^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{1 - q^{\alpha+\beta+2n-1}} \frac{(q)_n (q^\beta)_n}{(q^{\alpha+\beta-1})_n (q^\alpha)_n} q^{n\alpha}.$$

In the left hand side of (5.13), the contour  $C$  is the imaginary axis  $(-i\infty, i\infty)$  except that the poles at  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} + \frac{1}{\omega}\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  are on the right of  $C$  and the poles at  $-\beta + \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} + \frac{1}{\omega}\mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$  are on the left of  $C$ .

*Proof.* First we rewrite the orthogonality relation with  $0 < |q| < 1$  (5.2) as follows. We expand the product

$$(5.15) \quad p_m^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) p_n^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} A_k^{m,n} t^k, \quad A_k^{m,n} \in \mathbb{C}.$$

By using (5.5), we have

$$(5.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} \frac{(tq)_\infty}{(tq^\beta)_\infty} p_m^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) p_n^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) d_q t \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} A_k^{m,n} \int_0^1 t^{\alpha+k-1} \frac{(tq)_\infty}{(tq^\beta)_\infty} d_q t \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} A_k^{m,n} (1-q) \frac{(q)_\infty (q^{\alpha+\beta+k})_\infty}{(q^{\alpha+k-1})_\infty (q^\beta)_\infty} \\ &= (1-q) \frac{(q)_\infty (q^{\alpha+\beta})_\infty}{(q^\alpha)_\infty (q^\beta)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} A_k^{m,n} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1-q^{\alpha+j}}{1-q^{\alpha+\beta+j}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the relation (5.2) is equivalent to

$$(5.17) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} A_k^{m,n} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1-q^{\alpha+j}}{1-q^{\alpha+\beta+j}} = \delta_{m,n} \frac{1-q^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{1-q^{\alpha+\beta+2n-1}} \frac{(q)_n (q^\beta)_n}{(q^{\alpha+\beta-1})_n (q^\alpha)_n} q^{n\alpha}.$$

Note that (5.17) is an algebraic equality and holds also in the case of  $|q| = 1$ .

On the other hand, we find the following from (3.27) in the same way as (5.16):

$$(5.18) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_C q^{\alpha z} \frac{\langle z+1+\frac{1}{\omega} \rangle}{\langle z+\beta \rangle} p_m^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) p_n^{(\alpha-1, \beta-1)}(t) dz \\ &= \frac{\langle 1 \rangle \langle \alpha+\beta \rangle}{\langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle} \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} A_k^{m,n} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{1-q^{\alpha+j}}{1-q^{\alpha+\beta+j}}. \end{aligned}$$

From (5.17) and (5.18), we get (5.13). □

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