

# Product Identities for Theta Functions

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# Products of Theta Functions

Defining

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

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

Jacobi's triple product identity

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n q^{n^2} = (-qz; q^2)_\infty (-q/z; q^2)_\infty (q^2; q^2)_\infty, \quad |q| < 1.$$

Ramanujan's general theta function

For  $|ab| < 1$ ,

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2} = (-a; ab)_\infty (-b; ab)_\infty (ab; ab)_\infty.$$

$$\varphi(q) := f(q; q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2} = (-q; q^2)_\infty^2 (q^2; q^2)_\infty,$$

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

$$f(-q) := f(-q, -q^2) = (q; q)_\infty.$$

## Ramanujan

For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2} = \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{(kn+r)(kn+r+1)/2} b^{(kn+r)(kn+r-1)/2}.$$

Define

$$U_k = a^{k(k+1)/2} b^{k(k-1)/2}, V_k = a^{k(k-1)/2} b^{k(k+1)/2}.$$

$$f(a, b) = f(U_1, V_1) = \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} U_r f\left(\frac{U_{k+r}}{U_r}, \frac{V_{k-r}}{U_r}\right).$$

## Products of Two or more theta functions

**Problem:** Conditions under which the product of two or more theta functions can be written as linear combinations of other products of theta functions.

### *Motivation*

M.D.Hirschhorn's generalization of Winquist's identity, 1987

Ramanujan, 1919

$$p(11n + 6) \equiv 0 \pmod{11},$$

where  $p(n)$  is the number of partitions of the positive integer  $n$ .

**Theorem 1** (Winquist, 1969). *For any nonzero complex numbers  $a, b$  and for  $|q| < 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{m+n} q^{\frac{3m^2+3n^2+3m+n}{2}} \\ & \times (a^{-3m}b^{-3n} - a^{-3m}b^{3n+1} - a^{-3n+1}b^{-3m-1} + a^{3n+2}b^{-3m-1}) \\ & = (q; q)_\infty^2 (a; q)_\infty (a^{-1}q; q)_\infty (b; q)_\infty (b^{-1}q; q)_\infty \\ & \times (ab; q)_\infty (a^{-1}b^{-1}q; q)_\infty (ab^{-1}; q)_\infty (a^{-1}bq; q)_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

## Main idea

Let  $z_i \neq 0, l_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+, h_i \in \mathbb{Z}, (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S : &= \prod_{i=1}^n (-z_i q^{l_i-h_i}; q^{l_i})_\infty (-z_i^{-1} q^{h_i}; q^{l_i})_\infty (q^{l_i}; q^{l_i})_\infty \\ &= \sum_{x_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{x_2=-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{x_n=-\infty}^{\infty} z_1^{x_1} z_2^{x_2} \cdots z_n^{x_n} q^{\sum_{j=1}^n (\frac{1}{2}l_j - h_j)x_j + \frac{1}{2}l_j x_j^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$y = Ax$ ,  $A$  is an integral matrix,  $\det A \neq 0$ .

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

$x = A^{-1}y = \frac{1}{\det A}A^*y, k = |\det A|, B = \text{sgn}(\det A)A^*$ .

$$x = \frac{1}{k}By.$$

$$By \equiv 0 \pmod{k}.$$

If  $y \equiv c_i \pmod{k}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is the solution set of the above system of congruences, we substitute  $y$  with  $ky + c_i$  in  $x = \frac{1}{k}By$ . Then we have  $x = By + \frac{1}{k}Bc_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ).

A system of congruences  $a_i \pmod{n_i}$  with  $1 \leq i \leq k$  is called a **covering system** if every integer  $y$  satisfies  $y \equiv a_i \pmod{n_i}$  for at least one value of  $i$ . A covering system in which each integer is covered by just one congruence is called an **exact covering system**.

We can take  $\{By + \frac{1}{k}Bc_1, \dots, By + \frac{1}{k}Bc_m\}$  as an exact covering system of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ . We need the coefficients of all  $y_i y_j = 0$  ( $i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) in order to separate  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ .

## Generalized Orthogonal Relation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 b_{11} b_{12} + l_2 b_{21} b_{22} + \cdots + l_n b_{n1} b_{n2} = 0, \\ l_1 b_{11} b_{13} + l_2 b_{21} b_{23} + \cdots + l_n b_{n1} b_{n3} = 0, \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ l_1 b_{1(n-1)} b_{1n} + l_2 b_{2(n-1)} b_{2n} + \cdots + l_n b_{n(n-1)} b_{nn} = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

## Procedure for obtaining series-product identities

**1.** For fixed positive integers  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n$ , find  $n \times n$  matrices  $B$  satisfying

- The “generalized orthogonal” relation,
- $\det B = \pm k^{n-1}$ ,
- $kB^{-1}$  is an integral matrix,  
where  $k \in N$ .

**2.** Solve system of congruences  $By \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$ .

Suppose we have  $m$  solutions to it. By computing the contribution of each solution, we can write each product of  $n$  theta functions as a linear combination of  $m$  products of  $n$  theta functions.

## Products of Two Theta Functions

The generalized orthogonal relation is

$$l_1 b_{11} b_{12} + l_2 b_{21} b_{22} = 0.$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume three entries of matrix  $B$  are positive, one is negative. We also assume  $\det B = k$ .

Choose

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & k_2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $|ab| < 1$ ,  $(cd) = (ab)^{k_1 k_2}$ , where both  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are positive integers, then*

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, b)f(c, d) &= \sum_{i=0}^{k_1+k_2-1} a^{\frac{i^2+i}{2}} b^{\frac{i^2-i}{2}} f\left(a^{\frac{k_1^2+k_1}{2}+k_1 i} b^{\frac{k_1^2-k_1}{2}+k_1 i} d, a^{\frac{k_1^2-k_1}{2}-k_1 i} b^{\frac{k_1^2+k_1}{2}-k_1 i} c\right) \\ &\quad \times f\left(a^{\frac{k_2^2+k_2}{2}+k_2 i} b^{\frac{k_2^2-k_2}{2}+k_2 i} c, a^{\frac{k_2^2-k_2}{2}-k_2 i} b^{\frac{k_2^2+k_2}{2}-k_2 i} d\right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.*

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & k_2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\det B = k = k_1 + k_2.$$

$$y_1 - y_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{k}.$$

$k$  cases:  $y_1 \equiv y_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $y_1 \equiv y_2 \equiv k-1 \pmod{k}$ .

For  $y_1 \equiv y_2 \equiv i \pmod{k}$ , replace  $y_1$  by  $ky_1 + i$  and  $y_2$  by  $ky_2 + i$  in  $x = \frac{1}{k}By$ .

We find that

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 & k_2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Summing up the  $k$  parts in the sum  $S$ , we obtain Corollary 1.  $\square$

## Special case

For  $ab = cd$ ,

$$f(a, b)f(c, d) = f(ad, bc)f(ac, bd) + af\left(\frac{c}{a}, \frac{a}{c}abcd\right)f\left(\frac{d}{a}, \frac{a}{d}abcd\right).$$

Gasper, “three term relation for sigma functions” .

### Corollary 2.

$$\begin{aligned} & b(ad, q/ad, bc, q/bc, d/a, qa/d, c/b, qb/c; q)_\infty \\ & + c(ab, q/ab, cd, q/cd, b/a, qa/b, d/c, qc/d; q)_\infty \\ & + d(ac, q/ac, bd, q/bd, c/a, qa/c, b/d, qd/b; q)_\infty = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hirschhorn’s generalization of the quintuple product identity

For  $cd = (ab)^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, b)f(c, d) = & f(ac, bd)f(a^3bd, ab^3c) + af\left(\frac{d}{a}, \frac{a}{d}abcd\right)f\left(\frac{bc}{a}, \frac{a}{bc}a^2b^2c^2d^2\right) \\ & + bf\left(\frac{c}{b}, \frac{b}{c}abcd\right)f\left(\frac{ad}{b}, \frac{b}{ad}a^2b^2c^2d^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

## Göllnitz-Gordon functions

$$S(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q; q^2)_n}{(q^2; q^2)_n} q^{n^2} = \frac{1}{(q; q^8)_{\infty} (q^4; q^8)_{\infty} (q^7; q^8)_{\infty}},$$

$$T(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-q; q^2)_n}{(q^2; q^2)_n} q^{n^2+n} = \frac{1}{(q^3; q^8)_{\infty} (q^4; q^8)_{\infty} (q^5; q^8)_{\infty}}.$$

$$f(1, q)f(1, q^7) = \sum_{i=0}^7 q^{\frac{i^2-i}{2}} f(q^{7+i}, q^{1-i}) f(q^{21+7i}, q^{35-7i}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\psi(q)\psi(q^7) &= f(q, q^7)f(q^{21}, q^{35}) + q^3 f(q^3, q^5)f(q^{49}, q^7) \\ &\quad + q\psi(q^2)\psi(q^{14}) + \psi(q^8)\varphi(q^{28}) + q^6\varphi(q^4)\psi(q^{56}). \end{aligned}$$

$$f(-1, -q)f(-1, -q^7) = \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i q^{\frac{i^2-i}{2}} f(q^{m+i}, q^{1-i}) f(q^{\frac{m^2-m}{2}+mi}, q^{\frac{m^2+3m}{2}-mi}) = 0,$$

$$f(q, q^7)f(q^{21}, q^{35}) + q^3 f(q^3, q^5)f(q^{49}, q^7) = \psi(q^8)\varphi(q^{28}) + q^6\varphi(q^4)\psi(q^{56}) + q\psi(q^2)\psi(q^{14}).$$

$$\psi(q)\psi(q^7) = \psi(q^8)\varphi(q^{28}) + q^6\varphi(q^4)\psi(q^{56}) + q\psi(q^2)\psi(q^{14}),$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(q)\psi(q^7) &= f(q, q^7)f(q^{21}, q^{35}) + q^3f(q^3, q^5)f(q^{49}, q^7), \\ \psi(q^2)\varphi(-q^3) &= f(-q^3, -q^5)f(-q^9, -q^{15}) + q^2f(-q, -q^7)f(-q^3, -q^{21}), \\ \psi(q)\varphi(-q^2) &= f^2(-q^3, -q^5) + qf^2(-q, -q^7), \\ \psi(q^6)\varphi(q) &= f(q, q^7)f(q^9, q^{15}) + qf(q^3, q^5)f(q^3, q^{21}).\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3** (S.-S. Huang, 2002).

$$\begin{aligned}S(q^7)T(q) - q^3S(q)T(q^7) &= 1, \\ S(q^3)S(q) + q^2T(q^3)T(q) &= \frac{(q^3; q^3)_\infty(q^4; q^4)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty(q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty}, \\ S^2(q) + qT^2(q) &= \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty^6}{(q; q)_\infty^3(q^4; q^4)_\infty^3}, \\ S(q^3)T(q) - qS(q)T(q^3) &= \frac{(q; q)_\infty(q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty}{(q^3; q^3)_\infty(q^4; q^4)_\infty}.\end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.** Let  $P(q)$  denote any power series in  $q$ . Then the  $t$ -dissection of  $P$  is given by

$$P(q) =: \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} q^k P_k(q^t).$$

2m-dissection of  $\varphi(q)\varphi(q^{m^2})$

$$\varphi(q)\varphi(q^{m^2}) = \sum_{i=0}^{2m-1} q^{i^2} f^2(q^{2m^2+2mi}, q^{2m^2-2mi}).$$

$m$ -dissection of  $\psi(q)\varphi(2q^{m^2})$

$$\psi(q)\varphi(q^{2m^2}) = \sum_{i=0}^{2m-1} q^{2i^2-i} f^2(q^{4m^2-m+4mi}, q^{4m^2+m-4mi}).$$

4-dissection of  $\psi^2(-q^2)f^2(-q)$

$$\psi^2(-q^2)f^2(-q) = \varphi^2(-q^8)f(-q^8) - 2q\psi(q^8)f^2(-q^4).$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Corollary 4.** For  $ab = cd$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, b)f(c, d) = & f(a^2bc^2, ab^2d^2)f(ab^3c, a^3bd) + af(a^3b^2c^2, bd^2)f(bc/a, a^5b^3d) \\ & + cf(a^4b^3c^2, d^2/a)f(b^2c^3d^2, a^2d) \\ & + acf(a^5b^4c^2, b/c^2)f(b^2c, a^4b^2d) \\ & + adf(ac^2, a^2b^3d^2)f(c/a^2, a^6b^4d). \end{aligned}$$

**Special case** The septuple product identity

$$\begin{aligned} & (z; q^2)_\infty(z^{-1}q^2; q^2)_\infty(z^2; q^2)_\infty(z^{-2}q^2; q^2)_\infty(q^2; q^2)_\infty^2 \\ = & (q^4; q^{10})_\infty(q^6; q^{10})_\infty(q^{10}; q^{10})_\infty^2 \{ z^3(z^5q^8; q^{10})_\infty(z^{-5}q^2; q^{10})_\infty \\ & + (z^5q^2; q^{10})_\infty(z^{-5}q^8; q^{10})_\infty \} - (q^2; q^{10})_\infty(q^8; q^{10})_\infty(q^{10}; q^{10})_\infty^2 \\ & \times \{ z(z^5q^4; q^{10})_\infty(z^{-5}q^6; q^{10})_\infty + z^2(z^5q^6; q^{10})_\infty(z^{-5}q^4; q^{10})_\infty \}. \end{aligned}$$

## Products of Three or More Theta Functions

$$B = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The set of the 3 columns of  $B$  is an orthogonal set.
- $\det B = 1296 = 36^{3-1}$ .
- $36 \cdot B^{-1}$  is an integer matrix.

$$k = 36.$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ 2y_1 - y_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ y_1 + y_2 - y_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S := & (z_1; q)_\infty (z_1^{-1}q; q)_\infty (z_2; q)_\infty (z_2^{-1}q; q)_\infty \\
& \times (z_3; q)_\infty (z_3^{-1}q; q)_\infty (q; q)_\infty^3 \\
= & (-z_1 z_2^2 z_3 q; q^6)_\infty (-z_1^{-1} z_2^{-2} z_3^{-1} q^5; q^6)_\infty (q^6, q^6)_\infty \\
& \times (z_1 z_2^{-1} z_3 q; q^3)_\infty (z_1^{-1} z_2 z_3^{-1} q^2; q^3)_\infty (q^3, q^3)_\infty \\
& \times (-z_1 z_3^{-1} q; q^2)_\infty (-z_1^{-1} z_3 q; q^2)_\infty (q^2, q^2)_\infty \\
& + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$B = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{array}{lll}
1^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 = 6 & 1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 3 & 1^2 + 0^2 + (-1)^2 = 2 \\
z_1 z_2^2 z_3 & z_1 z_2^{-1} z_3 & z_1 z_3^{-1}
\end{array}$$

**Corollary 5.** For  $a, b \neq 0$ , and  $|q| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a; q)_\infty (a^{-1}q; q)_\infty (b; q)_\infty (b^{-1}q; q)_\infty (ab; q)_\infty (a^{-1}b^{-1}q; q)_\infty (q; q)_\infty^2 \\
& = (-ab^{-1}q; q^2)_\infty (-a^{-1}bq; q^2)_\infty (q^2, q^2)_\infty \\
& \quad \times \{(-a^3b^3q; q^6)_\infty (-a^{-3}b^{-3}q^5; q^6)_\infty (q^6, q^6)_\infty \\
& \quad - a^2b^2(-a^3b^3q^5; q^6)_\infty (-a^{-3}b^{-3}q; q^6)_\infty (q^6, q^6)_\infty\} \\
& \quad + (-ab^{-1}q^2; q^2)_\infty (-a^{-1}b; q^2)_\infty (q^2, q^2)_\infty \\
& \quad \times \{a^2b(-a^3b^3q^4; q^6)_\infty (-a^{-3}b^{-3}q^2; q^6)_\infty (q^6, q^6)_\infty \\
& \quad - a(-a^3b^3q^2; q^6)_\infty (-a^{-3}b^{-3}q^4; q^6)_\infty (q^6, q^6)_\infty\}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 6.**

$$\begin{aligned}
16(q; q)_\infty^8 = & \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} \{(2n - 6m + 1)(2n + 6m - 2)^2 q^{-2m} \\
& - (2n - 6m - 3)(2n + 6m + 2)^2 q^{2m} \\
& + (2n - 6m - 1)(2n + 6m + 2)^2 q^{n+m} \\
& - (2n - 6m + 1)(2n + 6m)^2 q^{n-m}\} q^{n^2 + 3m^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$l_1 = l_2 = 1, l_3 = 2$$

$$B = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

**Corollary 7.** For  $a_1b_1 = a_2b_2 = q$ ,  $a_3b_3 = q^2$ ,  $|q| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & f(a_1, b_1)f(a_2, b_2)f(a_3, b_3) \\ &= f(a_1a_2a_3, b_1b_2b_3)f(a_1b_2, b_1a_2)f(a_1a_2b_3, b_1b_2a_3) \\ &\quad + a_1f(a_1a_2a_3q, b_1b_2b_3/q)f(a_1b_2q, b_1a_2/q)f(a_1a_2b_3q, b_1b_2a_3/q) \\ &\quad + a_1a_2f(a_1a_2a_3q^2, b_1b_2b_3/q^2)f(a_1b_2, b_1a_2)f(a_1a_2b_3q^2, b_1b_2a_3/q^2) \\ &\quad + a_1a_3f(a_1a_2a_3q^3, b_1b_2b_3/q^3)f(a_1b_2q, b_1a_2/q)f(a_1a_2b_3/q, b_1b_2a_3q). \end{aligned}$$

$$l_1 = l_2 = l_3 = l_4 = 1$$

$$B = 8 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $q = a_1b_1 = a_2b_2 = a_3b_3 = a_4b_4$ ,  $|q| < 1$ ,

$$f(a_1, b_1)f(a_2, b_2)f(a_3, b_3)f(a_4, b_4)$$

is a linear combination of eight products of four theta functions.

Corollary 7 is a special case of the identity generated by this matrix.

## Generalized Schröter Formula

$$T(x, q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x^n q^{n^2}, \text{ where } x \neq 0, |q| < 1.$$

**Theorem 2** (Schröter's Formula). *For positive integers  $a, b$ ,*

$$T(x, q^a)T(y, q^b) = \sum_{n=0}^{a+b-1} y^n q^{bn^2} T(xyq^{2bn}; q^{a+b}) T(x^{-b}y^a q^{2abn}, q^{ab^2+a^2b}).$$

**Theorem 3.** *For positive integers  $a, b, k_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $k_2|k_1b$  and  $k_2|a$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, q^a)T(y, q^b) &= \sum_{n=0}^{a/k_2+k_1^2b/k_2-1} y^n q^{bn^2} T(xy^{k_1} q^{2k_1 bn}; q^{a+bk_1^2}) \\ &\quad \times T(x^{-k_1 b/k_2} y^{a/k_2} q^{2abn/k_2}, q^{ab^2 k_1^2/k_2^2 + a^2 b/k_2^2}). \end{aligned}$$

**Special case:** W. Chu and Q. Yan, 2007

**Corollary 8.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be three natural integers with  $\gcd(\alpha, \gamma) = 1$  and  $\lambda = 1 + \alpha\beta^2\gamma$ . For two indeterminate  $x$  and  $y$  with  $x \neq 0$  and  $y \neq 0$ , there holds the algebraic identity*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x; q^\alpha \rangle_\infty \langle x^{\beta\gamma} y; q^\gamma \rangle_\infty &= \sum_{l=0}^{\alpha\beta^2\gamma} (-1)^l q^{\binom{l}{2}\alpha} x^l \langle (-1)^{\alpha\beta} x^\lambda y^{\alpha\beta} q^{\binom{\alpha\beta}{2}\gamma+l\alpha}; q^{\lambda\alpha} \rangle \\ &\quad \times \langle (-1)^{\beta\gamma} y q^{\binom{\beta\gamma+1}{2}\gamma-l\alpha\beta\gamma}; q^{\lambda\gamma} \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle x; q \rangle_\infty = (q; q)_\infty (x; q)_\infty (q/x; q)_\infty$ .

**Corollary 9.** For positive integer  $a, b$ , and  $k$ , with  $k|a$ ,

$$T(x, q^a)T(y, q^b) = \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{a}{k}+bk-1} y^n q^{bn^2} T(xy^k q^{2bkn}, q^{a+bk^2}) T(x^{-b} y^{\frac{a}{k}} q^{\frac{2ab}{k}n}, q^{ab^2+\frac{a^2b}{k^2}}).$$

**Corollary 10 (Blecksmith-Brillhart-Gerst Theorem, 1988).** Define  $f_0(a, b) = f(a, b)$  and  $f_1(a, b) = f(-a, -b)$ . Let  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  denote complex numbers such that  $|ab|, |cd| < 1$ , and suppose that there exist positive integer  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $m$  such that

$$(ab)^\beta = (cd)^{\alpha(m-\alpha\beta)}$$

Let  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & f_{\varepsilon_1}(a, b) f_{\varepsilon_2}(c, d) \\ &= \sum_{r \in R} (-1)^{\varepsilon_2 r} c^{r(r+1)/2} d^{r(r-1)/2} f_{\delta_1} \left( \frac{a(cd)^{\alpha(\alpha+1-2n)/2}}{c^\alpha}, \frac{b(cd)^{\alpha(\alpha+1+2n)/2}}{d^\alpha} \right) \\ & \quad \times f_{\delta_2} \left( \frac{(a/b)^{\beta/2} (cd)^{(m-\alpha\beta)(m+1+2n)/2}}{d^{m-\alpha\beta}}, \frac{(b/a)^{\beta/2} (cd)^{(m-\alpha\beta)(m+1-2n)/2}}{c^{m-\alpha\beta}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $R$  is a complete residue system  $(\text{mod } m)$ ,

$$\delta_1 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \varepsilon_1 + \alpha\varepsilon_2 \text{ is even,} \\ 1, & \text{if } \varepsilon_1 + \alpha\varepsilon_2 \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\delta_2 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \varepsilon_1\beta + \varepsilon_2(m - \alpha\beta) \text{ is even,} \\ 1, & \text{if } \varepsilon_1\beta + \varepsilon_2(m - \alpha\beta) \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$