

## SOME SUMMATION THEOREMS AND TRANSFORMATIONS FOR $Q$ -SERIES

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ABSTRACT. We introduce a double sum extension of a very well-poised series and extend to this the transformations of Bailey and Sears as well as the  ${}_6\phi_5$  summation formula of F. H. Jackson and the  $q$ -Dixon sum. We also give  $q$ -integral representations of the double sum. Generalizations of the Nassrallah-Rahman integral are also found.

**1. Introduction.** One of the most important formulas in the theory of basic hypergeometric series is Bailey’s transformation formula ([6], (2.10.10)):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.1) \quad & {}_8\phi_7 \left( \begin{matrix} a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e, f \\ \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f \end{matrix}; q, \frac{a^2q^2}{bcdef} \right) \\
 &= \frac{({}_2\phi_1(qa, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef; q)_\infty)}{({}_2\phi_1(qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qa/def; q)_\infty)} \\
 &\quad \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/bc, d, e, f \\ def/a, qa/b, qa/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{({}_2\phi_1(qa, d, e, f, q^2a^2/bdef, q^2a^2/cdef, qa/bc; q)_\infty)}{({}_2\phi_1(qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, def/qa, q^2a^2/bcdef; q)_\infty)} \\
 &\quad \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, q^2a^2/bcdef \\ q^2a^2/bdef, q^2a^2/cdef, q^2a/def \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The  ${}_8\phi_7$  series on the left and the two  ${}_4\phi_3$  series on the right hand side are special cases of the basic hypergeometric series  ${}_r\phi_s$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.2) \quad & {}_r\phi_s \left( \begin{matrix} a_1, \dots, a_r \\ b_1, \dots, b_s \end{matrix}; q, z \right) = {}_r\phi_s(a_1, \dots, a_r; b_1, \dots, b_s; q, z) \\
 &:= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, \dots, a_r; q)_n}{(q, b_1, \dots, b_s; q)_n} [(-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2}]^{1+s-r} z^n,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(1.3) \quad (a; q)_n := \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - aq^{k-1}),$$

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$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r; q)_n := \prod_{k=1}^r (a_k; q)_n,$$

and  $q$  is a complex parameter which is usually assumed to have modulus less than 1. In this paper we shall assume that  $q$  is real and  $0 < q < 1$ , although most of our results will remain valid for complex  $q$  with  $|q| < 1$ .

A basic hypergeometric series

$${}_{r+1}\phi_r(a_1, \dots, a_{r+1}; b_1, \dots, b_r; q, z)$$

is said to be *balanced* if  $qa_1a_2 \cdots a_{r+1} = b_1b_2 \cdots b_r$ . It is called *very-well-poised* if  $r \geq 2$  and  $a_2 = q\sqrt{a_1}$ ,  $a_3 = -q\sqrt{a_1}$ ,  $b_1 = \sqrt{a_1}$ ,  $b_2 = -\sqrt{a_1}$ ,  $b_j = qa_1/a_j$ ,  $j = 3, \dots, r$ . Note that the  ${}_8\phi_7$  series on the left hand side of (1.1) is very-well-poised while the two  ${}_4\phi_3$  series on the right hand side are balanced. By (2.10.19) of [6] this formula can also be rewritten as a  $q$ -integral.

The main result of this paper is the following extension of (1.1).

THEOREM 1.1.

(1.4)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e, f; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f; q)_n} \left( \frac{q^2 a^2}{bcdef} \right)^n \\ & \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g, h \\ b, c, qagh/bc \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ & = \frac{(qa, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qa/def; q)_{\infty}} \\ & \quad \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, qah/bc, d, e, f \\ qagh/bc, qa/b, qa/c, def/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{(qa, d, e, f, q^2 a^2/bdef, q^2 a^2/cdef; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, def/qa; q)_{\infty}} \\ & \quad \times \frac{(qag/bc, qah/bc, q^2 a^2 gh/bcdef; q)_{\infty}}{(qagh/bc, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef, q^2 a^2 h/bcdef; q)_{\infty}} \\ & \quad \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef, q^2 a^2 h/bcdef \\ q^2 a^2/bdef, q^2 a^2/cdef, q^2 a/def, q^2 a^2 gh/bcdef \end{matrix}; q, q \right). \end{aligned}$$

The convergence of the two  ${}_5\phi_4$  series on the right hand side is assured by our condition  $|q| < 1$ . When  $g$  or  $h$  equals 1 the  ${}_4\phi_3$  series on the left hand side is 1 and (1.4) reduces to Bailey's formula (1.1) in which case the left hand side converges if  $|q^2 a^2/bcdef| < 1$ , unless the series terminates. If  $g \neq q^{-2}$ ,  $h \neq q^{-1}$ , and  $|h| < |g|$ , then one can show by using the terminating case of (1.1), that is, Watson's formula (2.5.1) of [6], that

$$(1.5) \quad {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g, h \\ b, c, qagh/bc \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \sim \frac{(h, b/g, c/g, qah/bc; q)_{\infty}}{(b, c, qagh/bc; q)_{\infty}} g^n,$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  [9], so the double series on the left hand side of (1.4) converges if  $|q^2 a^2 g / bcdef| < 1$ . Hence the condition of convergence of the infinite series on the left hand side of (1.4) is

$$(1.6) \quad \left| \frac{q^2 a^2 \max(|g|, |h|)}{bcdef} \right| < 1.$$

The special case  $h = 0$  of (1.4) is of particular interest to us and we state it as a separate result.

COROLLARY 1.2.

$$(1.7) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e, f; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f; q)_n} \left( \frac{q^2 a^2}{bcdef} \right)^n$$

$$\times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right)$$

$$= \frac{(qa, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qa/def; q)_{\infty}}$$

$$\times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, d, e, f \\ def/a, qa/b, qa/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right)$$

$$+ \frac{(qa, d, e, f, q^2 a^2 / bdef, q^2 a^2 / cdef, qag/bc; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, def/qa, q^2 a^2 g / bcdef; q)_{\infty}}$$

$$\times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, q^2 a^2 g / bcdef \\ q^2 a^2 / bdef, q^2 a^2 / cdef, q^2 a / def \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

Note that none of the two  ${}_4\phi_3$  series on the right hand side is balanced unless  $g = 1$ . This is the formula that is directly connected with the nonsymmetric bilinear generating function:

$$(1.8) \quad K_r^{\mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}}(x, y) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ab; q)_n}{(q; q)_n a^{2n}} r^n p_n(x; a, b) p_n(y; \alpha, \beta).$$

Here we have used the vector notation

$$(1.9) \quad \mathbf{a} = (a, b), \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha, \beta).$$

Also the polynomials

$$(1.10) \quad p_n(x; a, b) = {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, ae^{i\theta}, ae^{-i\theta} \\ ab, 0 \end{matrix}; q, q \right), \quad x = \cos \theta,$$

are the Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials that arose in a characterization problem considered in [1]. Their weight function was found later in [2] and [4]. They are  $q$ -analogues of Laguerre polynomials and are orthogonal with respect to an absolutely continuous measure when  $-1 < a, b < 1$ . The notation used here is as in [5] and [3] but differs

from the one in [4] in a multiplicative factor. The present notation is more convenient for our purposes. The orthogonality relation of the Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials is

$$(1.11) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{p_m(\cos \theta; a, b)p_n(\cos \theta; a, b)(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(ae^{i\theta}, ae^{-i\theta}, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} d\theta = \frac{2\pi a^{2n}(q; q)_n}{(q, ab; q)_\infty(ab; q)_n} \delta_{m,n}.$$

The Poisson kernel of a sequence of orthonormal polynomials  $\{p_n(x)\}$  is defined by

$$(1.12) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(x)p_n(y)t^n, \quad |t| < 1,$$

so the Poisson kernel of the Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials is a constant multiple of the kernel  $K_t$ :

$$(1.13) \quad K_t(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ab; q)_n}{(q; q)_n a^{2n}} t^n p_n(x; a, b)p_n(y; a, b),$$

which is the symmetric case of (1.8), that is, the case  $\alpha = a, \beta = b$ . By (1.5) it is clear that the infinite series on the right hand side of (1.13) converges if  $|t| < 1$ , but in (1.8) it converges if  $|\alpha t/a| < 1$  which is what we shall assume to hold.

Recently an explicit form of  $K_t^{\alpha, \alpha}(x, y)$  when  $ab = \alpha\beta$  was found independently in [3] and [7]. As we shall see later this really corresponds to setting  $g = 1$  in (1.7), so the kernel  $K_t^{\alpha, \alpha}(x, y)$  can be expressed in terms of a very well-poised  ${}_8\phi_7$  function. A year later Ismail and Stanton [8], in their study of linear and bilinear generating functions of the Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials, found the following representation for  $K_t^{\alpha, \alpha}(x, y)$ , without the restriction  $ab = \alpha\beta$ :

THEOREM 1.3.

$$(1.14) \quad K_t^{\alpha, \alpha}(\cos \theta, \cos \phi) = \frac{(\alpha e^{-i\phi}, \beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi}/a; q)_\infty}{(\alpha \beta, e^{-2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)}/a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)}/a; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha e^{i\phi}, \beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)}/a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)}/a \\ q e^{2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi}/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ + \frac{(\alpha e^{i\phi}, \beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{-i\phi}/a; q)_\infty}{(\alpha \beta, e^{2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)}/a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)}/a; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha e^{-i\phi}, \beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)}/a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)}/a \\ q e^{-2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{-i\phi}/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

Although the kernel on the left hand side of (1.14) is well-defined for all  $\theta, \phi$  in  $[0, \pi]$  provided  $\max(|a|, |b|, |c|, |d|) < 1$  and  $|\alpha t/a| < 1$ , the right hand side must be further restricted by  $0 < \phi < \pi$  because of the infinite products  $(e^{\pm 2i\phi}; q)_\infty$  in the denominators.

In Section 2 we shall give a proof of (1.4). In Section 3 we shall establish the connection between (1.14) and the special case (1.7) of (1.4). In Section 4 we shall consider the double series extension of the very-well-poised  ${}_8\phi_7$  series, that is,

$$(1.15) \quad \phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e, f; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f; q)_n} z^n \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right),$$

so that the double series on the left hand side of (1.7) is  $\phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef)$ . We shall discuss a  $q$ -integral representation and some useful properties and special cases of this function in Sections 4 and 5. In Section 6 we shall consider an extension of the Nassrallah-Rahman integral [10]:

$$(1.16) \quad \int_0^\pi \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{\prod_{k=1}^5 (a_k e^{i\theta}, a_k e^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} d\theta = \frac{2\pi(a_4 a_5, a_1 b, a_2 b, a_3 b, a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4, a_1 a_2 a_3 a_5; q)_\infty}{(q, a_1 a_2 a_3 b; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq 5} (a_j a_k; q)_\infty} \times {}_8W_7(a_1 a_2 a_3 b / q; a_1 a_2, a_1 a_3, a_2 a_3, b / a_4, b / a_5; q, a_4 a_5),$$

where

$$(1.17) \quad \max(|a_j|) < 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, 5,$$

$$(1.18) \quad a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5 = b,$$

and we have used the simpler notation for a very-well-poised series:

$$(1.19) \quad {}_{s+1}W_s(\alpha_1; \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{s-1}; q, z) := {}_{s+1}\phi_s \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha_1, q\sqrt{\alpha_1}, -\sqrt{\alpha_1}, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{s-1} \\ \sqrt{\alpha_1}, -\sqrt{\alpha_1}, q\alpha_1/\alpha_2, \dots, q\alpha_1/\alpha_{s-1} \end{matrix}; q, z \right).$$

When  $a_5 = 0, b = 0$ , the Nassrallah-Rahman integral (1.17) reduces to the well-known Askey-Wilson integral

$$(1.20) \quad \int_0^\pi w(\cos \theta; a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) d\theta = \frac{2\pi(a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4; q)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq 4} (a_j a_k; q)_\infty}$$

where the Askey-Wilson weight function  $w$  is

$$(1.21) \quad w(\cos \theta; a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) := \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty}{\prod_{j=1}^4 (a_j e^{i\theta}, a_j e^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}.$$

So Section 6 will deal with an extension of (1.16) to the functions (1.15).

**2. Proof of the main result.** In order to prove (1.4) we first use Sears' transformation formula (III.15) of [6] to get

(2.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g, h \\ b, c, qagh/bc \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 &= \frac{(qa/b, qa/c; q)_n}{(b, c; q)_n} \left( \frac{bc}{aq} \right)^n \\
 &\quad \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, qag/bc, qah/bc \\ qagh/bc, qa/b, qa/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 &= \frac{(qa/b, qa/c, h; q)_n}{(b, c, qa/h, qagh/bc; q)_n} g^n \\
 &\quad \times {}_8\phi_7 \left( \begin{matrix} a/h, q\sqrt{a/h}, -q\sqrt{a/h}, b/h, c/h, qag/bc, aq^n, q^{-n} \\ \sqrt{a/h}, -\sqrt{a/h}, qa/b, qa/c, bc/gh, q^{1-n}/h, q^{1+n}a/h \end{matrix}; q, q/g \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the left-hand side of (1.4) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.2) \quad & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{(1 - aq^{2n})(d, e, f, bc/gh; q)_n}{(1 - a)(qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qagh/bc; q)_n} \left( \frac{q^2 a^2 g}{bcdef} \right)^n \\
 & \times \frac{(1 - aq^{2m}/h)(a/h, b/h, c/h, qag/bc; q)_m}{(1 - a/h)(q, qa/b, qa/c, bc/gh; q)_m} \\
 & \times \frac{(a; q)_{n+m}(h; q)_{n-m}}{(qa/h; q)_{m+n}(q; q)_{n-m}} \left( \frac{h}{g} \right)^m \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{2m}/h)(a/h, b/h, c/h, qag/bc; q)_m}{(1 - a/h)(q, qa/b, qa/c, bc/gh; q)_m} \\
 & \quad \times \frac{(d, e, f; q)_m (qa; q)_{2m}}{(qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qagh/bc; q)_m (qa/h; q)_{2m}} \left( \frac{q^2 a^2 h}{bcdef} \right)^m \\
 & \quad \times {}_8W_7 (aq^{2m}; dq^m, eq^m, fq^m, bcq^m/gh, h; q, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we interchanged the order of summation that can be justified by the inequality (1.6) which we shall assume to hold. The  ${}_8\phi_7$  function above can be expressed as a sum of two  ${}_4\phi_3$ 's by virtue of (1.1) in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.3) \quad & \frac{(aq^{2m+1}, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{m+1}a/d, q^{m+1}a/e, q^{m+1}a/f, q^{1-m}a/def; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{m+1}ag/bc, dq^m, eq^m, fq^m \\ q^{m+1}agh/bc, q^{1+2m}a/h, a/d, q^m def/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 & + \frac{(aq^{2m+1}, q^{m+1}ag/bc, dq^m, eq^m, fq^m; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{1+m}agh/bc, q^{2m+1}a/h, q^{m+1}a/d, q^{m+1}a/e, q^{m+1}a/f; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times \frac{(q^2 a^2 gh/bcdef, q^{2+m}a^2/defh; q)_{\infty}}{(q^2 a^2 g/bcdef, q^{m-1}def/a; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/de, qa/df, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef, qa/ef \\ q^2 a^2 gh/bcdef, q^{m+2}a^2/defh, q^{2-m}a/def \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the expression in (2.2) becomes

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{(qa, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef; q)_\infty}{(qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qa/def; q)_\infty} \phi_1 + \frac{(qa, qag/bc, d, e, f, q^2 a^2 gh/bcdef, q^2 a^2 / defh; q)_\infty}{(qagh/bc, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qa/h, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef, def/qa; q)_\infty} \phi_2,$$

where

$$(2.5) \quad \phi_1 := \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{(1 - aq^{2m}/h)(a/h, b/h, c/h, d, e, f, qag/bc; q)_m}{(1 - a/h)(q, qa/b, qa/c, qagh/bc, q^{1-m}a/def; q)_m} \times \frac{(q^2 a^2 h/bcdef)^m}{(qa/h; q)_{2m}} {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{m+1} ag/bc, dq^m, eq^m, fq^m \\ q^{m+1} gh/bc, q^{1+2m} a/h, q^m def/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right)$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad \phi_2 := \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{(1 - aq^{2m}/h)(a/h, b/h, c/h, def/qa; q)_m}{(1 - a/h)(q, qa/b, qa/c, q^2 a^2 / defh; q)_m} \left( \frac{q^2 a^2 h}{bcdef} \right)^m \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/de, aq/df, qa/ef, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef \\ q^2 a^2 gh/bcdef, q^{m+2} a^2 / defh, q^{2-m} a / def \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

Writing out the  ${}_4\phi_3$  in (2.5) as infinite series we get

$$(2.7) \quad \phi_1 = \sum_{m=0}^\infty \sum_{j=0}^\infty \frac{(1 - aq^{2m}/h)(a/h, b/h, c/h; q)_m}{(1 - a/h)(q, qa/b, qa/c; q)_m} \times \frac{(d, e, f, qag/bc; q)_{m+j}}{(qagh/bc, def/a; q)_{m+j}} \frac{(-q^2 ah/bc)^m q^{\binom{m}{2}+j}}{(q, q; q)(qa/h; q)_{2m+j}} = \sum_{k=0}^\infty q^k \frac{(d, e, f, qag/bc; q)_k}{(q, qagh/bc, qa/h, def/a; q)_k} \times {}_6\phi_5 \left( \begin{matrix} a/h, q\sqrt{a/h}, -\sqrt{a/h}, b/h, c/h, q^{-k} \\ \sqrt{a/h}, -\sqrt{a/h}, qa/b, qa/c, q^{k+1} a/h \end{matrix}; q, \frac{ah}{bc} q^{k+1} \right) = {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, qah/bc, d, e, f \\ qagh/bc, qa/b, qa/c, def/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right),$$

where we used [6, (II.21)] to sum the very-well-poised  ${}_6\phi_5$  series. In the same manner we find

$$(2.8) \quad \phi_2 = \sum_{k=0}^\infty q^k \frac{(qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef; q)_k}{(q, q^2 a^2 gh/bcde, q^2 a/def, q^2 a^2 / defh; q)_k} \times {}_6\phi_5 \left( \begin{matrix} a/h, q\sqrt{a/h}, -\sqrt{a/h}, b/h, c/h, q^{-k-1} def/a \\ \sqrt{a/h}, -\sqrt{a/h}, qa/b, qa/c, q^{k+2} a^2 / defh \end{matrix}; q, \frac{a^2 h}{bcdef} q^{k+2} \right) = \frac{(qa/h, qa/bc, q^2 a^2 / bdef, q^2 a^2 / cdef; q)_\infty}{(qa/b, qa/c, q^2 a^2 / defh, q^2 a^2 h/bcdef; q)_\infty} \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, q^2 a^2 g/bcdef, q^2 a^2 h/bcdef \\ q^2 a^2 / bdef, q^2 a^2 / cdef, q^2 a/def, q^2 a^2 gh/bcdef \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

Substituting (2.7) and (2.8) in (2.4) we establish (1.4) and the proof of Theorem 1.1 is complete.

Apart from the Corollary 1.2 which is a special case of (1.4) and directly linked with the bilinear generating function for the Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials there is a limiting case of (1.4) that needs to be mentioned. This corresponds to the limit  $h \rightarrow \infty$ , provided  $|q/g| < 1$ . The result is

COROLLARY 2.1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.9) \quad & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e, f; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f; q)_n} \left( \frac{q^2 a^2}{bcdef} \right)^n \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, \frac{bc}{ag} \right) \\
 & = \frac{(qa, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qa/def; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \quad \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, d, e, f \\ qa/b, qa/c, def/a \end{matrix}; q, q/g \right) \\
 & \quad + \frac{(qa, d, e, f, qa/bc, bc/a; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, bc/ag; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \quad \times \frac{(q^2 a^2 / bdef, q^2 a^2 / cdef, bcdef / qa^2 g; q)_{\infty}}{(q^2 a^2 / bcdef, bcdef / qa^2, def / qa; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \quad \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, q^2 a^2 g / bcdef \\ q^2 a^2 / bdef, q^2 a^2 / cdef, q^2 a / def \end{matrix}; q, q/g \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Replace  $h$  in (1.4) by  $q^{-m}$ , for a positive integer  $m$ , then let  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . The result is (2.9) and the proof is complete.

**3. Proof of Theorem 1.3.** In this section we shall present a new proof of (1.14). This proof is not simpler than one in [8], but it gives a ‘‘Poisson kernel’’ motivation of our transformation (1.7) which is important for us in the present paper. The proof of (1.14) given here depends on the  $q$ -integral representation of the Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials [6,  $c = d = 0$  in Example 7.34]

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.1) \quad & p_n(\cos \theta; a, b) \\
 & = B(\theta) \frac{a^{2n}}{(ab; q)_n} \int_{qe^{\theta/a}}^{qe^{-\theta/a}} \frac{(aue^{i\theta}, aue^{-i\theta}; q)_{\infty}}{(abu/q; q)_{\infty}} (q/u; q)_n (u/q)^n d_q u,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.2) \quad B(\theta) := \frac{2ia \sin \theta}{q(1-q)} \frac{(be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}; q)_{\infty}}{(q, e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_{\infty}}.$$

The  $q$ -integral in (3.1) is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.3) \quad & \int_0^a f(u) d_q u := a(1-q) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} q^m f(aq^m), \\
 & \int_a^b f(u) d_q u := \int_0^b f(u) d_q u - \int_0^a f(u) d_q u.
 \end{aligned}$$



In (3.3)  $f$  is assumed to be such that the series on the right hand side converge. Note the difference between (3.1) and  $q$ -integral representation in [8].

The proof of (1.14) consists of two parts. In the first part we work on the left-hand side and reduce it to a double sum. We then transform the double sum into the right-hand side of (1.14). Theorem 3.1 below provides the first step on this route.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *The kernel  $K_t^{a,\alpha}$  has the double sum representation*

$$(3.4) \quad K_t^{a,\alpha}(\cos \theta, \cos \phi) = \frac{(\alpha e^{-i\phi}, \beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2; q)_\infty}{(\alpha \beta, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a; q)_\infty} \\ \times \sum_{k=0}^\infty (\beta e^{i\phi})^k \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t / \beta; q)_k}{(q, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2; q)_k} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, b t / a \\ \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 q^k / a^2 \end{matrix}; q, \alpha q^k e^{-i\phi} \right).$$

**PROOF.** From (1.13) and (3.1) we get

$$(3.5) \quad K_t^{a,\alpha}(\cos \theta, \cos \phi) = B(\theta) \int_{q e^{i\theta} / a}^{q e^{-i\theta} / a} \frac{(a u e^{i\theta}, a u e^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(a b u / q; q)_\infty} \\ \times \left[ \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(q / u; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} (u t / q)^n p_n(\cos \phi; \alpha, \beta) \right] d_q u.$$

The last series can be summed by the generating function [11], [8]

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(v; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} t^n p_n(\cos \phi; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{(\alpha^2 t, \beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha v t e^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(\alpha \beta, \alpha t e^{i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha v / \beta \\ \alpha v t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t \end{matrix}; q, \beta e^{i\phi} \right).$$

This results in the following representation of the kernel

$$(3.7) \quad K_t^{a,\alpha}(\cos \theta, \cos \phi) = B(\theta) \frac{(\alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \beta e^{i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(\alpha \beta; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^\infty (\beta e^{i\phi})^k \frac{(\alpha e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t / \beta; q)_k}{(q, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}; q)_k} \\ \times \int_{q e^{i\theta} / a}^{q e^{-i\theta} / a} \frac{(a u e^{i\theta}, a u e^{-i\theta}, \alpha^2 t u q^{k-1}; q)_\infty}{(a b u / q, \alpha t u q^{-1} e^{i\phi}, \alpha t u q^{k-1} e^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty} d_q u.$$

Now we can use the limiting case of [6, (2.10.19)] in the form

$$(3.8) \quad \int_a^b \frac{(q t / a, q t / b, c t; q)_\infty}{(d t, e t, f t; q)_\infty} d_q t = b(1 - q) \frac{(q, a / b, q b / a, c / e, a b d e, a b e f; q)_\infty}{(a d, a e, a f, b d, b e, b f; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} a e, b e, a b d e f / c \\ a b d e, a b e f \end{matrix}; q, c / e \right),$$

and the representation (3.7) to obtain the right-hand side of (3.4). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

We next transform the right-hand side of (3.4) to the right-hand side of (1.14).

PROOF OF (1.14). Change the order of summations in (3.4) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.9) \quad & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\beta e^{i\phi})^k \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t / \beta; q)_k}{(q, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2; q)_k} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, b t / a \\ \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 q^k / a^2 \end{matrix}; q, \alpha q^k e^{-i\phi} \right) \\
 & = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\alpha e^{-i\phi})^j \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, t b / a; q)_j}{(q, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2; q)_j} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t / \beta \\ \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t^2 q^j / a^2 \end{matrix}; q, \beta q^j e^{i\phi} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We now invoke [6, (III.34)] to see that the  ${}_3\phi_2$  on the right-hand side of (3.9) is the following linear combination of  ${}_3\phi_2$ 's

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(\alpha t q^j e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t q^j e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha^2 t^2 q^j / a^2, q^j e^{2i\phi}; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a \\ \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, q^{1-j} e^{-2i\phi} \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 & + \frac{(\beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t q^j e^{i\phi}; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t^2 q^j / a^2, q^{-j} e^{-2i\phi}, \beta q^j e^{i\phi}; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha t q^j e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t q^j e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \beta q^j e^{i\phi} \\ \alpha t q^j e^{i\phi}, q^{j+1} e^{2i\phi} \end{matrix}; q, q \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

and the kernel (3.4) now takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.10) \quad & K_t^{\mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}}(\cos \theta, \cos \phi) \\
 & = \frac{(\alpha e^{-i\phi}, \beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha \beta, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, e^{2i\phi}; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\alpha e^{-i\phi})^k \frac{(e^{2i\phi}, b t / a; q)_k}{(q, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a; q)_k} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a \\ \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, q^{1-j} e^{-2i\phi} \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 & + \frac{(\alpha e^{-i\phi}, \beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha \beta, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, e^{-2i\phi}; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-\alpha e^{i\phi})^k q^{k(k+1)/2} \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, b t / a, \beta e^{i\phi}; q)_k}{(q, \alpha t e^{i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a, q e^{2i\phi}; q)_k} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha t q^k e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t q^k e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \beta q^k e^{i\phi} \\ \alpha t q^k e^{i\phi}, q^{1+k} e^{2i\phi} \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The first series on the right-hand side of (3.10) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.11) \quad & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a; q)_j}{(q, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, q e^{-2i\phi}; q)_j} q^j \\
 & \times {}_2\phi_1 \left( \begin{matrix} bt/a, q^{-j} e^{2i\phi} \\ \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a \end{matrix}; q, \alpha q^j e^{-i\phi} \right) \\
 & = \frac{(\alpha e^{i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{-i\phi} / a; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha e^{-i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha e^{-i\phi}, \beta e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a \\ q e^{-2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{-i\phi} / a \end{matrix}; q, q \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

by [6, (II.8)]. The second series in (3.10) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.12) \quad & \sum_{k,j=0}^{\infty} (-\alpha e^{i\phi})^k q^{j+k(k+1)/2} \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \beta e^{i\phi}; q)_{j+k}}{(q e^{2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i\phi}; q)_{j+k} (q; q)_j} \\
 & \times \frac{(bt/a; q)_k}{(q, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a; q)_k} \\
 & = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \beta e^{i\phi}; q)_m}{(q, q e^{2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i\phi}; q)_m} q^m \\
 & \quad \times {}_2\phi_1 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-m}, bt/a \\ \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a \end{matrix}; q, \alpha q^m e^{i\phi} \right) \\
 & = {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha e^{i\phi}, \beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a \\ q e^{2i\phi}, \alpha t e^{i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting from (3.11) and (3.12) in (3.10) we establish (1.14) and the proof is complete.

We have already mentioned that the  ${}_4\phi_3$ 's in (1.14) become balanced when  $ab = \alpha\beta$  and the right-hand side of (1.14) can be transformed to a single function, a very well-poised  ${}_8\phi_7$  function by the Bailey transform [6, (III.36)]. In the general case equating the right-hand sides of (3.4) and (1.14) gives us a transformation formula (1.7) expressing a double sum as a linear combination of two  ${}_4\phi_3$ 's. To give a motivation of this transformation as the nonsymmetric Poisson kernel for the Al-Salam-Chihara polynomials we first need to cast the right-hand side of (3.4) in a more convenient form, a task we now proceed to do.

The use of (III.36) in [6] allows us to rewrite (3.4) in the equivalent form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.13) \quad & K_t^{a,\alpha}(\cos \theta, \cos \phi) \\
 & = \frac{(b e^{i\theta}, \beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha^2 t e^{-i\theta} / a, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2; q)_{\infty}}{(\alpha\beta, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \quad \times \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\beta e^{i\phi})^k \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t / \beta; q)_k}{(q, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2, \alpha^2 t e^{-i\theta} / a, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}; q)_k} \\
 & \quad \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t q^k e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha^2 t q^k / ab \\ \alpha^2 t q^k e^{-i\theta} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 q^k / a^2 \end{matrix}; q, b e^{i\theta} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We then use [6, (3.2.11)] to transform the  ${}_3\phi_2$  in (3.13), then express the resulting double sum in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{(\alpha b t e^{-i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t e^{i\theta} / a; q)_\infty}{(b e^{i\theta}, \alpha^3 t^2 q^{2k} e^{-i\phi} / a^2; q)_\infty} \\
& \times \sum_{k,j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha e^{-i\phi}, \alpha t / \beta; q)_{k+j}}{(\alpha^2 t e^{-i\theta} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2, \alpha t b e^{-i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t e^{i\theta} / a; q)_{k+j}} \\
& \times \frac{(\beta e^{i\phi})^k (1 - \alpha^3 t^2 q^{2k+2j-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2)}{(q, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}; q)_k (1 - \alpha^3 t^2 q^{2k-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2)} \\
& \times \frac{(\alpha^3 t^2 q^{2k-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2, \alpha^2 t q^k / ab; q)_j}{(q, \alpha t q^k / \beta; q)_j} q^{j(j-1)/2} (-\alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a)^j \\
& = \frac{(\alpha b t e^{-i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t e^{i\theta} / a; q)_\infty}{(b e^{i\theta}, \alpha^3 t^2 e^{-i\phi} / a^2; q)_\infty} \\
& \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{n(n-1)/2} (-\alpha b t e^{i\phi} / a)^n \frac{(1 - \alpha^3 t^2 q^{2n-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2)}{(1 - \alpha^3 t^2 q^{-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2)} \\
& \times \frac{(\alpha^3 t^2 q^{-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t / ab; q)_n}{(q, \alpha^2 t e^{-i\theta} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2, \alpha b t e^{-i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t e^{i\theta} / a; q)_n} \\
& \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha^3 t^2 q^{n-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2, \alpha t / \beta \\ \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t / ab \end{matrix}; q, \beta a q / \alpha b t \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally we use [6, (III.13)] to transform the last  ${}_3\phi_2$  and arrive at the following result.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *The kernel  $K_t^{\mathbf{a}, \alpha}$  of (1.8) has the alternate double sum representation*

(3.14)

$$\begin{aligned}
& K_t^{\mathbf{a}, \alpha}(\cos \theta, \cos \phi) \\
& = \frac{(\beta e^{i\phi}, \alpha^2 t e^{i\theta} / a, \alpha^2 t e^{-i\theta} / a, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}, \alpha b t e^{-i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2; q)_\infty}{(\alpha \beta, \alpha^3 t^2 e^{-i\phi} / a^2, \alpha t e^{i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{i(\phi-\theta)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a; q)_\infty} \\
& \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a b e^{i\phi} / \alpha)^n \frac{(1 - \alpha^3 t^2 q^{2n-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2)}{(1 - \alpha^3 t^2 q^{-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2)} \\
& \times \frac{(\alpha^3 t^2 q^{-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2, \alpha t e^{i(\theta-\phi)} / a, \alpha t e^{-i(\theta+\phi)} / a, \alpha e^{-i\phi}, \alpha^2 t / ab, \alpha^2 t / a^2; q)_n}{(q, \alpha^2 t e^{-i\theta} / a, \alpha^2 t^2 / a^2, \alpha b t e^{-i\phi} / a, \alpha^2 t e^{i\theta} / a, \alpha t e^{-i\phi}; q)_n} \\
& \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, \alpha^3 t^2 q^{n-1} e^{-i\phi} / a^2, \alpha \beta / ab \\ \alpha^2 t / ab, \alpha^2 t / a^2 \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
\end{aligned}$$

We note that interchanging sums in the argument leading to Theorem 3.2 can be easily justified until we reach the last  ${}_3\phi_2$ . The justification of the last step follows from the asymptotic formula, [9]

$$(3.15) \quad {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, abq^{n+1}, x \\ qa, qc \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \sim \frac{x^n (qa/x, qc/x; q)_\infty}{(qa, qc; q)_\infty},$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for fixed  $x, x \neq 0, aq^{m+1}, cq^{m+1}, m = 0, 1, \dots$ . The asymptotic formula (3.15), which can be seen as a special case of (1.5), also shows that the right-hand side of (3.14) converges for  $|\beta e^{i\phi}| < 1$  except when one of the factors in the denominators on the right-hand side vanishes. This provides analytic continuation for the kernel on the left-hand side of (3.14).

We conclude this section by stating symmetry relations for the kernel (1.8).

**THEOREM 3.3.** *The kernel  $K_t^{a,\alpha}(x, y)$  has the properties*

$$(3.16) \quad K_{bt/a}^{b,\beta}(x, y) = K_t^{a,\alpha}(x, y),$$

$$(3.17) \quad K_{\alpha bt/\beta a}^{b,\alpha}(x, y) = K_t^{a,\alpha}(x, y),$$

and

$$(3.18) \quad K_t^{a,\alpha}(x, y) = \frac{(ab; q)_\infty}{(\alpha\beta; q)_\infty} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(\alpha\beta/ab; q)_k}{(q; q)_k} (ab)^k K_{\alpha^2 t q^k/a^2}^{\alpha,a}(y, x).$$

Here  $\mathbf{a} = (a, b)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b, a)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha, \beta)$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta, \alpha)$ .

**PROOF.** Use the symmetry relation

$$(3.19) \quad p_n(x; a, b) = (a/b)^n p_n(x; b, a),$$

to get (3.16) and (3.17). Apply the  $q$ -binomial theorem to  $(ab; q)_n / (q; q)_n$  then rearrange the sums in (3.18).

**4. Some properties of  $\phi(a; b, c, d, e, f; g; z)$ .** When  $g = 1$  the function  $\phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef)$  defined by (1.15) becomes a very well-poised  ${}_8\phi_7$ .

**THEOREM 4.1.** *A  $q$ -integral form of (1.7) is*

$$(4.1) \quad \int_a^b \frac{(qu/a, qu/b, cu, du; q)_\infty}{(eu, fu, ru, gh; q)_\infty} d_q u \\ = b(1 - q) \frac{(q, a/b, qb/a, cd/eh, cd/fh, cd/rh, bc, bd; q)_\infty}{(bcd/h, ae, af, ar, be, bf, br, bgh; q)_\infty} \\ \times \phi(bcd/qh; c/h, d/h; be, bf, br; g; ah),$$

provided that  $cd = abefrh$ .

Theorem 4.1 is an extension of the  $q$ -integral representation (2.10.19) in [6].

The next theorem states two transformation formulas for our  $\phi$  functions.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *The function  $\phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef)$  of (4.1) obeys the following transformation rules:*

$$(4.2) \quad \phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef) \\ = \frac{(qa, qa/de, q^2 a^2 g / bcdf, q^2 a^2 g / bcef; q)_\infty}{(qa/d, qa/e, q^2 a^2 g / bcf, q^2 a^2 g / bcdef; q)_\infty} \\ \times \phi(qa^2 g / bcf; qag/bf, qag/cf; d, e, qag/bc; g; qa/deg),$$

and

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef) \\ &= \frac{(qa, q^2 a^2 / bdef, q^2 a^2 / cdef, qag / bc; q)_\infty}{(qa / b, qa / c, q^2 a^2 / def, q^2 a^2 g / bcdef; q)_\infty} \\ & \quad \times \phi(qa^2 / def; b, c; qa / de, qa / df, qa / ef; g; qa / bc), \end{aligned}$$

which are independent if  $g \neq 1$ , but reduce to the transformation (III.23) of [6] when  $g = 1$ .

PROOF. Using (III.23) of [6] on the  ${}_8\phi_7$  on the right-hand side of (2.2), we have

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & {}_8W_7 \left( aq^{2m}; dq^m, eq^m, fq^m, bcq^m / gh, h; q, \frac{q^2 a^2 g}{bcdef} \right) \\ &= \frac{(qa, qa / de, q^2 a^2 g / bcdf, q^2 a^2 g / bcef; q)_\infty}{(qa / d, qa / e, q^2 a^2 g / bcdef, q^2 a^2 g / bcf; q)_\infty} \\ & \quad \times \frac{(qa / d, qa / e; q)_m (q^2 a^2 g / bcf; q)_{2m}}{(q^2 a^2 g / bcef, q^2 a^2 g / bcdf; q)_m (qa; q)_{2m}} \\ & \quad \times {}_8W_7 \left( q^{2m+1} \frac{a^2 g}{bcf}; q \frac{agh}{bcf}, q^{m+1} \frac{a}{fh}, q^{m+1} \frac{ag}{bc}, dq^m, eq^m; q \frac{qa}{de} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that  $|qa / de| < 1$ , we now substitute this into (2.2), interchange the order of summation again, convert the infinite  ${}_8\phi_7$  series back into a balanced  ${}_4\phi_3$  series. Finally we take the limit  $h \rightarrow 0$  and obtain (4.2). A similar line of argument also yields (4.3). This proves the theorem.

THEOREM 4.3. We have the following three term transformation formula for a  $\phi$  series

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef) \\ &= \frac{(qa, qa / de, qa / df, qa / ef; q)_\infty}{(qa / b, qa / d, qa / e, qa / f; q)_\infty} \\ & \quad \times \frac{(bde / a, bdf / a, bef / a, b / a, qa / b; q)_\infty}{(bd / a, be / a, bf / a, qa / def, bdef / a; q)_\infty} \\ & \quad \times \phi(bdef / qa; b, bcdef / qa^2; d, e, f; g; q / c) \\ & \quad + \frac{b}{a} \frac{(qa, d, e, f, qb / a, qb / c, qb / d, qb / e, qb / f; q)_\infty}{(qa / b, qa / c, qa / d, qa / e, qa / f, bd / a, be / a, bf / a; q)_\infty} \\ & \quad \times \frac{(qa^2 / bdef, bdef / a^2, qag / bc; q)_\infty}{(qb^2 / a, qa / def, def / a, qg / c; q)_\infty} \\ & \quad \times \phi(b^2 / a; b, bc / a; bd / a, be / a, bf / a; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. First note that (3.3) and (1.7) imply

$$(4.6) \quad \phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef) \\ = \frac{aq - def}{q(1 - q)adef} \frac{(qa, d, e, f, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, qag/bc; q)_\infty}{(q, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, qa/def, def/qa; q)_\infty} \\ \times \int_{qa}^{def} \frac{(u/a, qu/def, qau/bdef, qau/cdef; q)_\infty}{(u/de, u/df, u/ef, qagu/bcdef; q)_\infty} d_q u.$$

Let  $f(u)$  denote the integrand in the above  $q$ -integral. Use

$$(4.7) \quad \int_{qa}^{def} f(u) d_q u = \int_{qa}^{bdef/a} f(u) d_q u + \int_{bdef/a}^{def} f(u) d_q u$$

and the  $q$ -integral relationships

$$(4.8) \quad \int_{qa}^{bdef/a} f(u) d_q u \\ = \frac{(1 - q)bdef(q, qb/a, qb/c, qb/d, qb/e, qb/f, qa^2/bdef, bdef/a^2; q)_\infty}{a(qb^2/a, bd/a, be/a, bf/a, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, qg/c; q)_\infty} \\ \times \phi(b^2/a; b, bc/a, bd/a, be/a, bf/a; g; q^2 a^2 / bcdef),$$

and

$$(4.9) \quad \int_{bdef/a}^{def} f(u) d_q u \\ = \frac{(1 - q)def(q, qa/c, def/a, bef/a, bdf/a, bde/a, b/a, qa/b; q)_\infty}{(bdef/a, d, e, f, bd/a, be/a, bf/a, qag/bc; q)_\infty} \\ \times \phi(bdef/qa; b, bcdef/qa^2; d, e, f; g; q/c),$$

to get (4.5) and the proof is complete.

When  $g = 1$  the special case  $qa^2 = bcdef$  of the transformation (4.5) gives Bailey's summation formula á la the proof of (2.11.7) in [6]. An extension of Bailey's formula to the case  $g \neq 1$  will now be stated as our next theorem.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *The special case  $qa^2 = bcdef$  of (4.5) is*

$$(4.10) \quad \phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; g; q) \\ = \frac{(qa, qa/cd, qa/ce, qa/cf, qa/de, qa/df, qa/ef, b/a; q)_\infty}{(qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, bc/a, bd/a, be/a, bf/a; q)_\infty} \\ \times \phi(a/c; b, 1; d, e, f; g; q/c) \\ + \frac{b(qa, c, d, e, f, qb/a, qb/c, qb/d, qb/e, qb/f, q/c, qag/bc; q)_\infty}{a(qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, qa/f, bc/a, bd/a, be/a, bf/a, qb^2/a, qg/c, qa/bc; q)_\infty} \\ \times \phi(b^2/a; b, bc/a, bd/a, be/a, bf/a; g; q),$$

where

$$(4.11) \quad \phi(a/c; b, 1; d, e, f; g; q/c) \\ = 1 + \frac{q^2(1 - q^2a/c)(1 - d)(1 - e)(1 - f)(1 - g)}{c(1 - q)^2(1 - qa/c)(1 - qa/bc)(1 - qa/cd)(1 - qa/ce)(1 - qa/cf)} \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(qa/c, q^2\sqrt{a/c}, -q^2\sqrt{a/c}, q, qb, qd, qe, qf; q)_n}{(q^2, q\sqrt{a/c}, -q\sqrt{a/c}, q^2a/c, q^2a/cd, q^2a/ce, q^2a/cf; q)_n} \left(\frac{q}{c}\right)^n \\ \times (1 - q^{-n-1})(1 - aq^{n+1}/c)_3 \phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^{n+2}/c, qg \\ q^2, qb \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

PROOF. The limiting case  $\phi(v; b, 1; d, e, f; g; q^2v^2/bdef)$  of the function (1.15) is

$$(4.12) \quad \phi(v; b, 1; d, e, f; g; q^2v^2/bdef) \\ = 1 + \frac{(1 - q^2v)(1 - d)(1 - e)(1 - f)(1 - g)}{(1 - q^2)(1 - qv)(1 - qv/b)(1 - qv/d)(1 - qv/e)(1 - qv/f)} \left(\frac{q^3v^2}{bdef}\right) \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(qv, q^2\sqrt{v}, -q^2\sqrt{v}, q, qb, qd, qe, qf; q)_n}{(q^2, q\sqrt{v}, -q\sqrt{v}, q^2v, q^2v/b, q^2v/d, q^2v/e, q^2v/f; q)_n} \left(\frac{q^2v^2}{bdef}\right)^n \\ \times (1 - q^{-n-1})(1 - vq^{n+1})_3 \phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, vq^{n+2}, qg \\ q^2, qb \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

Now put  $qa^2 = bcdef$  in (4.5) and apply (4.12) with  $v = a/c$  to establish (4.10) and (4.11) and we have completed the proof.

When  $f = q^{-m}$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ , the second term on the right-hand side of (4.10) vanishes and we obtain an extension of Jackson's summation formula for a terminating balanced  ${}_8\phi_7$ , [6, (II.22)]. This is our next theorem.

**THEOREM 4.5.** *The following terminating summation formula holds*

$$(4.13) \quad \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e, q^{-m}; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, q^{m+1}a; q)_n} q^n \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ = \frac{(qa, qa/bc, qa/bd, qa/cd; q)_m}{(qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/bcd; q)_m} \\ \times \left[ 1 + \frac{q^2(1 - q^2a/c)(1 - d)(1 - e)(1 - q^{-m})(1 - g)}{c(1 - q)^2(1 - qa/c)(1 - qa/bc)(1 - qa/cd)(1 - qa/ce)(1 - aq^{m+1}/c)} \right. \\ \times \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \frac{(qa/c, q^2\sqrt{a/c}, -q^2\sqrt{a/c}, q, qb, qd, qe, q^{1-m}; q)_n}{(q^2, q\sqrt{a/c}, -q\sqrt{a/c}, q^2a/c, q^2a/cd, q^2a/ce, aq^{m+2}/c; q)_n} \left(\frac{q}{c}\right)^n \\ \left. \times (1 - q^{-n-1})(1 - aq^{n+1}/c)_3 \phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^{n+2}/c, qg \\ q^2, qb \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \right].$$



5. **Some special cases.** We now consider special and limiting cases of the transformation formula (1.7). When  $g = 1$  we have Bailey's result (1.1). The next interesting special case is when  $qa = de$ . The result is Theorem 5.1.

THEOREM 5.1. *The following summation theorem holds*

$$(5.1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d; q)_n} \left(\frac{qa}{bcd}\right)^n {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ = \frac{(qa, qa/bd, qa/cd, qag/bc; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qag/bcd; q)_{\infty}}.$$

It follows directly from (4.3) because

$$\phi(a; b, c; d, e, f; q, z) = 1$$

if one of  $d, e, f$  equals 1. The summation theorem (5.1) is an extension of the  $q$ -Dougall sum which evaluates the sum of a very well-poised  ${}_6\phi_5$  function [6, (II.20)]. The  $q$ -Dougall sum corresponds to the case  $g = 1$ .

By letting  $d = \sqrt{a}$  in (5.1) we establish:

THEOREM 5.2. *We have*

$$(5.2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c; q)_n}{(q, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c; q)_n} \left(\frac{q\sqrt{a}}{bc}\right)^n {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ = \frac{(qa, q\sqrt{a}/b, q\sqrt{a}/c, qag/bc; q)_{\infty}}{(q\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, q\sqrt{a}g/bc; q)_{\infty}}.$$

The  $q$ -Dixon sum [6, (II.13)] corresponds to the special value  $g = 1$  of (5.2).

If we let  $d \rightarrow \infty$  in (5.1) we get

$$(5.3) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c; q)_n} \left(-\frac{qa}{bc}\right)^n q^{n(n-1)/2} \\ \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ = \frac{(qa, qag/bc; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/b, qa/c; q)_{\infty}}.$$

It is of interest to note that the  $q$ -Dougall sum [6, (II.20)] follows from (5.1) when  $qag = bc$  because in this case the  ${}_3\phi_2$  on the left-hand side of (1.7) becomes balanced and can be summed by [6, (II.2)].

The special case  $qa = cd$  of (1.7) is of interest and reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.4) \quad & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, e, f; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/e, qa/f; q)_n} \left(\frac{qa}{bef}\right)^n \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 & = \frac{(qa, c/e, c/f, qa/ef; q)_{\infty}}{(c, qa/e, qa/f, c/ef; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, e, f \\ qef/c, qa/b \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 & + \frac{(qa, e, f, qac/bef, qa/ef, qag/bc; q)_{\infty}}{(c, qa/b, qa/e, qa/f, ef/c, qag/bef; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} c/e, c/f, qag/bef \\ qac/bef, qc/ef \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

When  $g = 1$  the  ${}_3\phi_2$  on the left-hand side of (5.4) becomes 1 and the remaining series can be summed as a very well-poised  ${}_6\phi_5$  series, [6, (II.20)]. The result is the nonterminating  $q$ -Saalschütz sum [6, (2.10.11)]. For general  $g$  the right-hand side of (5.2) can be transformed by [6, (III.34)] and results in a transformation which we shall state as a separate theorem.

**THEOREM 5.3.** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.5) \quad & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, e, f; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/e, qa/f; q)_n} \left(\frac{qa}{bef}\right)^n \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
 & = \frac{(qa, qa/ef; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/e, qa/f; q)_{\infty}} {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} c/g, e, f \\ qa/b, c \end{matrix}; q, \frac{qag}{bef} \right) \\
 & = \frac{(qa, qa/be, qa/ef, qag/bf; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/b, qa/e, qa/f, qag/bef; q)_{\infty}} \\
 & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} e, c/f, g \\ c, qag/bf \end{matrix}; q, \frac{qa}{be} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

To go from the middle term to the last term in (5.5) we used [6, (III.9)]. When  $c = e$  we can sum the right-hand side of (3.6) by the  $q$ -Gauss summation formula [6, (II.8)]. This gives an alternate proof of (5.1).

Another interesting limiting case of (1.7) is the case  $f \rightarrow \infty$ . Replace  $f$  by  $f q^{-m}$  and let  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . The result is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e; q)_n} q^{n(n-1)/2} \left(-\frac{q^2 a^2}{bcde}\right)^n \\ & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ & = \frac{(qa, qa/de; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/d, qa/e; q)_{\infty}} \\ & \quad \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, d, e \\ qa/b, qa/c \end{matrix}; q, \frac{qa}{de} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{(qa, d, e, qag/bc, q^2 a/de; q)_{\infty}}{(q, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e; q)_{\infty}} \\ & \quad \times \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(fq^{-m}; q)_{\infty}}{(defq^{-1-m}/a; q)_{\infty}}. \end{aligned}$$

We have used the  $q$ -binomial theorem to evaluate the second term on the right-hand side of (1.7). On the other hand

$$\frac{(fq^{-m}; q)_{\infty}}{(defq^{-1-m}/a; q)_{\infty}} = \frac{(f; q)_{\infty}}{(def/qa; q)_{\infty}} \frac{(q/f; q)_m}{(q^2 a/def; q)_m} \left(\frac{qa}{de}\right)^m,$$

hence

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(fq^{-m}; q)_{\infty}}{(defq^{-1-m}/a; q)_{\infty}} = 0, \quad \text{if } |qa/de| < 1.$$

Thus we proved:

**THEOREM 5.4.** *If  $|qa/de| < 1$  then*

$$\begin{aligned} (5.6) \quad & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e; q)_n} q^{n(n-1)/2} \left(-\frac{q^2 a^2}{bcde}\right)^n \\ & \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ & = \frac{(qa, qa/de; q)_{\infty}}{(qa/d, qa/e; q)_{\infty}} \\ & \quad \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, d, e \\ qa/b, qa/c \end{matrix}; q, \frac{qa}{de} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The above theorem is a double series extension of [6, (3.2.11)], which is already an extension of a transformation connecting a  ${}_3F_2$  at  $x = 1$  and a  ${}_6F_5$  at  $x = -1$ . Observe that the  ${}_3\phi_2$  on the right-hand side of (5.6) is a general  ${}_3\phi_2$  unlike the type II  ${}_3\phi_2$  appearing in [6, (3.2.11)]. Therefore Theorem 5.6 provides an analytic continuation of the general  ${}_3\phi_2$  function to a function meromorphic in the complex plane. In fact we have

$$(5.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} a, b, c \\ d, e \end{matrix}; q, \frac{de}{abc}z \right) = \frac{(dez/ab, dez/ac; q)_\infty}{(dez/a, dez/abc; q)_\infty} \\
& \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(dez/qa, \sqrt{qdez/a}, -\sqrt{qdez/a}, ez/a, dz/a, b, c; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{dez/qa}, -\sqrt{dez/qa}, d, e, dez/ab, dez/ac; q)_n} q^{n(n-1)/2} \left( -\frac{de}{bc} \right)^n \\
& \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, dezq^{n-1}/a, z \\ ez/a, dz/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The limiting case  $c \rightarrow \infty$  of (5.7) is worth recording. It is

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.8) \quad & {}_2\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} a, b \\ d, e \end{matrix}; q, \frac{de}{ab}z \right) = \frac{(dez/ab; q)_\infty}{(dez/a; q)_\infty} \\
& \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(dez/qa, \sqrt{qdez/a}, -\sqrt{qdez/a}, ez/a, dz/a, b; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{dez/qa}, -\sqrt{dez/qa}, d, e, dez/ab; q)_n} q^{n(n-1)} \left( \frac{de}{b} \right)^n \\
& \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, dezq^{n-1}/a, z \\ ez/a, dz/a \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Another interesting special case of (5.7) is the case

$$d = qa/b, \quad e = qa/c, \quad z = bcx/q.$$

In this case the well-poised  ${}_3\phi_2$  on the left-hand side of (5.7) can be transformed by [6, (III.35)], originally due to Gasper and Rahman. This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.9) \quad & {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} a, b, c \\ qa/b, qa/c \end{matrix}; q, \frac{qax}{bc} \right) = \frac{(qax/b, qax/c; q)_\infty}{(qax, qax/bc; q)_\infty} \\
& \times \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ax, q\sqrt{ax}, -q\sqrt{ax}, b, c, bx, cx; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{ax}, -\sqrt{ax}, qax/b, qax/c, qa/b, qa/c; q)_n} q^{n(n-1)/2} \left( -\frac{q^2a^2}{b^2c^2} \right)^n \\
& \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, axq^n, bcx/q \\ bx, cx \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
& = \frac{(ax; q)_\infty}{(x; q)_\infty} {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{qa}, -\sqrt{qa}, qa/bc \\ qa/b, qa/c, ax, q/x \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
& + \frac{(a, qa/bc, qax/b, qax/c; q)_\infty}{(qa/b, qa/c, qax/bc, 1/x; q)_\infty} \\
& \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} x\sqrt{a}, -x\sqrt{a}, x\sqrt{qa}, -x\sqrt{qa}, qax/bc \\ qax/b, qax/c, qx, ax^2 \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
\end{aligned}$$

For completeness we mention the terminating version of (1.7) as a separate theorem.

**THEOREM 5.5.** *We have the following extension of Watson's transformation formula*

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.10) \quad & \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{(a, q\sqrt{a}, -q\sqrt{a}, b, c, d, e, q^{-m}; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{a}, -\sqrt{a}, qa/b, qa/c, qa/d, qa/e, aq^{m+1}; q)_n} \left( \frac{q^{2+m}a^2}{bcde} \right)^n \\
& \times {}_3\phi_2 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, aq^n, g \\ b, c \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\
& = \frac{(qa, qa/de; q)_m}{(qa/d, qa/e; q)_m} {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} qag/bc, d, e, q^{-m} \\ q^{-m}de/a, qa/b, qa/c \end{matrix}; q, q \right).
\end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Let  $f = q^{-m}$  in (1.7) and simplify the result.

**6. Integral representations.** Our next aim is a generalization of Nassrallah and Rahman's extension (1.16) of the Askey-Wilson integral.

It is straightforward to use the Askey-Wilson integral (1.20) and obtain the following integral representation

$$(6.1) \quad \int_0^\pi {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}, f, u \\ g, h, qfd^2u/gh \end{matrix}; q, q \right) w(\cos \theta; a, b, c, d) d\theta \\ = \frac{2\pi(abcd; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} f, u, ad, bd, cd \\ g, h, qfd^2u/gh, abcd \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

We similarly write a companion identity where the vector  $(d, f, u, g, h)$  is transformed to the vector  $(qa/g, qf/g, qu/g, q^2/g, qh/g)$ . We then transform the combination

$$(6.2) \quad \frac{2\pi(abcd; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} f, u, ad, bd, cd \\ g, h, qfd^2u/gh, abcd \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ + \frac{(q/g, f, u, qh/g, q^2d^2fu/g^2h; q)_\infty}{(g/q, h, qf/g, qu/g, qfd^2u/gh; q)_\infty} \\ \times \frac{2\pi(qabcd/g; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, qad/g, bc, qbd/g, qcd/g; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} qf/g, qu/g, qbd/g, qcd/g, qad/g \\ q^2/g, qh/g, qabcd/g, q^2d^2fu/g^2h \end{matrix}; q, q \right),$$

and substitute for the  ${}_4\phi_3$ 's from (6.1) and its companion formula. The result is

$$(6.3) \quad \frac{(q/g, qd^2/g; q)_\infty}{(qu/g, qd^2u/g; q)_\infty} \\ \times \int_0^\pi {}_8W_7 \left( \begin{matrix} d^2u/g, h/f, qd^2u/gh, u, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta} \\ g, f, qd^2u/gh, u, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta} \end{matrix}; q, q \frac{f}{g} \right) \\ \times w(\cos \theta; a, b, c, d) \frac{(qdue^{i\theta}/g, qdue^{-i\theta}/g; q)_\infty}{(qde^{i\theta}/g, qde^{-i\theta}/g; q)_\infty} d\theta.$$

This leads to our next result.

**THEOREM 6.1.** We have

$$(6.4) \quad \int_0^\pi {}_8W_7(dg/q; h, r, g/f, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}; q, gf/hr) \\ \times w(\cos \theta; a, b, c, d) \frac{(ge^{i\theta}, ge^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(fe^{i\theta}, fe^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2\pi(abcd, dg, g/d; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd, df, f/d; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} ad, bd, cd, g/f, dg/hr \\ abcd, qd/f, dg/h, dg/r; q, q \end{matrix} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{2\pi(abcf, dg, g/f; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, af, bc, bf, cf, df, d/f; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(fg/h, fg/r, dg/hr; q)_\infty}{(dg/h, dg/r, fg/hr; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} af, bf, cf, g/d, gf/hr \\ abcf, qf/d, gf/h, gf/r; q, q \end{matrix} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can use the Nassrallah-Rahman integral to replace the  ${}_8\phi_7$  in (6.4) by its integral representation (1.16). This reduces the left-hand side of (6.4) to a double integral and we have proved the following theorem.

**THEOREM 6.2.** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.5) \quad &\frac{(q; q)_\infty^2}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \frac{(dre^{i\phi}, dre^{-i\phi}, fre^{i\theta}, fre^{-i\theta}, gre^{i\theta}, gre^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(re^{i(\theta+\phi)}, re^{i(\theta-\phi)}, re^{i(\phi-\theta)}, re^{-i(\theta+\phi)}, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(e^{2i\phi}, e^{-2i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(fe^{i\phi}, fe^{-i\phi}, ge^{i\phi}, ge^{-i\phi}, he^{i\phi}, he^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty d\theta d\phi}{(ae^{i\theta}, ae^{-i\theta}, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}, ce^{i\theta}, ce^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\
&= \frac{(abchr, dr/h, fhr^2, ghr^2; q)_\infty}{(r^2, ab, ac, bc, fh, gh, ahr, bhr, chr; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} r^2, ahr, bhr, chr, fghr/d \\ qhr/d, ghr^2, fhr^2, abchr; q, q \end{matrix} \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{(abcd, dfr, dgr, fghr/d; q)_\infty}{(ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd, fg, fh, gh, hr/d; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times {}_5\phi_4 \left( \begin{matrix} ad, bd, cd, fg, dr/h \\ abcd, qd/hr, dfr, dgr; q, q \end{matrix} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

We next reformulate (6.5) in such a way that the right-hand side is a double series.

**THEOREM 6.3.** *A double series form of (6.5) is*

$$\begin{aligned}
(6.6) \quad &\frac{(q; q)_\infty^2}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \frac{(dre^{i\phi}, dre^{-i\phi}, fre^{i\theta}, fre^{-i\theta}, gre^{i\theta}, gre^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(re^{i(\theta+\phi)}, re^{i(\theta-\phi)}, re^{i(\phi-\theta)}, re^{-i(\theta+\phi)}, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(e^{2i\phi}, e^{-2i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(fe^{i\phi}, fe^{-i\phi}, ge^{i\phi}, ge^{-i\phi}, he^{i\phi}, he^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty} \\
&\quad \times \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty d\theta d\phi}{(ae^{i\theta}, ae^{-i\theta}, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}, ce^{i\theta}, ce^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\
&= \frac{(abcd, dfr, dgr; q)_\infty}{(ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd, fg, fh, gh; q)_\infty}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\times \frac{(fghr/d, abdhr, acdhr, bcdhr; q)_\infty}{(ahr, bhr, chr, abcd^2hr; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(abcd^2hr/q, \sqrt{abcd^2hrq}, -\sqrt{abcd^2hrq}; q)_n}{(q, \sqrt{abcd^2hr/q}, -\sqrt{abcd^2hr/q}; q)_n} \\ &\times \frac{(ad, bd, cd, dhr, abcdh/g; q)_n}{(bcdhr, acdhr, abdhr, abcd, dgr; q)_n} \left(\frac{gr}{d}\right)^n \\ &\times {}_4\phi_3 \left( \begin{matrix} q^{-n}, abcd^2hrq^{n-1}, fh, dr/g \\ dfr, dhr, abcdh/g \end{matrix}; q, q \right). \end{aligned}$$

Two special cases of Theorem 6.3 are worth noting. First the case  $dr = h$  of (6.6) is

$$\begin{aligned} (6.7) \quad &\frac{(q; q)_\infty^2}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \frac{(fre^{i\theta}, fre^{-i\theta}, gre^{i\phi}, gre^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(re^{i(\theta+\phi)}, re^{i(\theta-\phi)}, re^{i(\phi-\theta)}, re^{-i(\theta+\phi)}, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \frac{(e^{2i\phi}, e^{-2i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(fe^{i\phi}, fe^{-i\phi}, ge^{i\phi}, ge^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty d\theta d\phi}{(ae^{i\theta}, ae^{-i\theta}, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}, ce^{i\theta}, ce^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\ &= \frac{(abcd, fgr^2; q)_\infty}{(ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, fg, r^2; q)_\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

The second case  $dr = g$  is

$$\begin{aligned} (6.8) \quad &\frac{(q; q)_\infty^2}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \frac{(fre^{i\theta}, fre^{-i\theta}, dr^2e^{i\theta}, dr^2e^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(re^{i(\theta+\phi)}, re^{i(\theta-\phi)}, re^{i(\phi-\theta)}, re^{-i(\theta+\phi)}, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \frac{(e^{2i\phi}, e^{-2i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(fe^{i\phi}, fe^{-i\phi}, he^{i\phi}, he^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty d\theta d\phi}{(ae^{i\theta}, ae^{-i\theta}, be^{i\theta}, be^{-i\theta}, ce^{i\theta}, ce^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\ &= \frac{(abcd, d^2r^2, fhr^2; q)_\infty}{(ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd, fh; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \frac{(abdhr, acdhr, bcdhr; q)_\infty}{(ahr, bhr, chr, dhr, abcd^2hr; q)_\infty} \\ &\times {}_8W_7(abcd^2hr/q; ad, bd, cd, dhr, abch/r; q, r^2) \\ &= \frac{(adr^2, bdr^2, cdr^2, fhr^2; q)_\infty}{(ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd, fh; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \frac{(abchr, abcd; q)_\infty}{(ahr, bhr, chr, abcd^2r^2, r^2; q)_\infty} \\ &\times {}_8W_7(abcdr^2/q; ab, ac, bc, dr/h, r^2; q, dhr). \end{aligned}$$

In the limit  $r \rightarrow 1^-$  formulas (6.7) and (6.8) reduce to the Askey-Wilson integral (1.20).

Denote the left-hand side of (1.4) by

$$(6.9) \quad \Phi\left(a; b, c; d, e, f; g, h; q, \frac{q^2 a^2}{bcde}\right),$$

(cf. (1.15)). Following the outlines of the proof of Theorem 6.1 we obtain the following result.

THEOREM 6.4. *We have*

$$(6.10) \quad \int_0^\pi \Phi(dg/q; h, r; g/f, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}; \lambda, \mu; q, gf/hr) \\ \times w(\cos \theta; a, b, c, d) \frac{(ge^{i\theta}, ge^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(fe^{i\theta}, fe^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} d\theta \\ = \frac{2\pi(abcd, dg, g/d; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, ad, bc, bd, cd, df, f/d; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_6\phi_5 \left( \begin{matrix} ad, bd, cd, g/f, dg\lambda/hr, dg\mu/hr \\ abcd, qd/f, dg/h, dg/r, dg\lambda\mu/hr \end{matrix}; q, q \right) \\ + \frac{2\pi(abcf, dg, g/f; q)_\infty}{(q, ab, ac, af, bc, bf, cf, df, d/f; q)_\infty} \\ \times \frac{(fg/h, fg/r, dg\lambda/hr, dg\mu/hr, fg\lambda\mu/hr; q)_\infty}{(dg/h, dg/r, fg\lambda/hr, fg\mu/hr, dg\lambda\mu/hr; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_6\phi_5 \left( \begin{matrix} af, bf, cf, g/d, fg\lambda/hr, fg\mu/hr \\ abcf, qf/d, fg/h, fg/r, fg\lambda\mu/hr \end{matrix}; q, q \right).$$

Equation (6.4) is the special case  $\lambda = 1$  or  $\mu = 1$  of (6.10).

By combining (6.6) and (6.10) we establish our next theorem.

THEOREM 6.5. *We have*

$$(6.11) \quad \frac{(q; q)_\infty^3}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \frac{(cse^{i\psi}, cse^{-i\psi}, dre^{i\phi}, dre^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(se^{i(\theta+\psi)}, se^{i(\theta-\psi)}, se^{i(\psi-\theta)}, se^{-i(\theta+\psi)}; q)_\infty} \\ \times \frac{(fre^{i\theta}, fre^{-i\theta}, gre^{i\theta}, gre^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty}{(re^{i(\theta+\phi)}, re^{i(\theta-\phi)}, re^{i(\phi-\theta)}, re^{-i(\theta+\phi)}; q)_\infty} \\ \times \frac{(e^{2i\psi}, e^{-2i\psi}; q)_\infty}{(\alpha e^{i\psi}, \alpha e^{-i\psi}, \beta e^{i\psi}, \beta e^{-i\psi}, \gamma e^{i\psi}, \gamma e^{-i\psi}; q)_\infty} \\ \times \frac{(e^{2i\phi}, e^{-2i\phi}; q)_\infty}{(fe^{i\phi}, fe^{-i\phi}, ge^{i\phi}, ge^{-i\phi}, he^{i\phi}, he^{-i\phi}; q)_\infty} \\ \times \frac{(e^{2i\theta}, e^{-2i\theta}; q)_\infty d\theta d\phi d\psi}{(ce^{i\theta}, ce^{-i\theta}, de^{i\theta}, de^{-i\theta}; q)_\infty} \\ = \frac{(\alpha\beta\gamma ds, cds^2, dfr, dgr, fghr/d; q)_\infty}{(\alpha\beta, \alpha\gamma, \beta\gamma, cd, fg, fh, gh, hr/d, \alpha ds, \beta ds, \gamma ds, s^2; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_6\phi_5 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha ds, \beta ds, \gamma ds, cd, fg, dr/h \\ \alpha\beta\gamma ds, cds^2, qd/hr, dfr, dgr \end{matrix}; q, q \right)$$



$$+ \frac{(\alpha\beta\gamma hrs, chrs^2, dr/h, fhr^2, ghr^2; q)_\infty}{(\alpha\beta, \alpha\gamma, \beta\gamma, fh, gh, chr, \alpha hrs, \beta hrs, \gamma hrs, r^2, s^2; q)_\infty} \\ \times {}_6\phi_5 \left( \begin{matrix} \alpha hrs, \beta hrs, \gamma hrs, chr, fghr/d, r^2 \\ \alpha\beta\gamma hrs, qhr/d, fhr^2, ghr^2, chrs^2; q, q \end{matrix} \right).$$

In the same manner, by induction, one can evaluate a similar  $n$ -fold integral. We would like to leave details to the reader.

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