

SOME THEOREMS ON THE EXPLICIT EVALUATION OF RAMANUJAN'S THETA-FUNCTIONS

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Bruce C. Berndt et al. and Soon-Yi Kang have proved many of Ramanujan's formulas for the explicit evaluation of the Rogers-Ramanujan continued fraction and theta-functions in terms of Weber-Ramanujan class invariants. In this note, we give alternative proofs of some of these identities of theta-functions recorded by Ramanujan in his notebooks and deduce some formulas for the explicit evaluation of his theta-functions in terms of Weber-Ramanujan class invariants.

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1. Introduction. Ramanujan's general theta-function $f(a, b)$ is given by

$$f(a, b) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{k(k+1)/2} b^{k(k-1)/2}, \quad (1.1)$$

where $|ab| < 1$. If we set $a = q^{2iz}$, $b = q^{-2iz}$, and $q = e^{\pi i \tau}$, where z is complex and $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$, then $f(a, b) = \vartheta_3(z, \tau)$, where $\vartheta_3(z, \tau)$ denotes one of the classical theta-functions in its standard notation [9, page 464]. After Ramanujan, we define the following special types of his theta-function.

If $|q| < 1$, then

$$\phi(q) := f(q, q) = 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^{k^2}, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\psi(q) := f(q, q^3) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{k(k+1)/2}, \quad (1.3)$$

$$f(-q) := f(-q, -q^2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(3k-1)/2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k q^{k(3k+1)/2}, \quad (1.4)$$

$$\chi(q) := (-q; q^2)_{\infty}, \quad (1.5)$$

where $(a; q)_{\infty} := \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k)$. The function $\chi(q)$ is only for notational purposes. Also, note that $f(-q) = q^{-1/24} \eta(z)$, where $q = e^{2\pi iz}$ and η denotes the Dedekind eta-function. Much of Ramanujan's discoveries about theta-functions can be found in Chapters 16-21 of the organized pages of his second notebook [8]. Proofs and other references of all

the identities can be found in [1]. However, in the unorganized pages of his notebooks [8], Ramanujan recorded many other beautiful identities. Proofs of these identities can be found in [2, 3]. In Section 2, we prove some of these identities by using some other identities of theta-functions. Berndt [2, 3] proved these identities via parameterization.

At scattered places in his notebooks [8], Ramanujan recorded several values of his theta-function $\phi(q)$. Proofs of all the values claimed by Ramanujan can be found in [3, Chapter 35]. Berndt and Chan [4] also verified all of Ramanujan’s nonelementary values of $\phi(e^{-n\pi})$ and found three new values for $n = 13, 27,$ and 63 . Kang [6] also calculated some quotients of theta-functions ϕ and ψ . In Section 3, we give some theorems for the explicit evaluation of the quotients of theta-functions $\phi, \psi,$ and $f,$ by combining Weber-Ramanujan class invariants with the identities proved in Section 2 and some other identities of theta-functions. Some of these evaluations can be used to find explicit values of the famous Rogers-Ramanujan continued fraction $R(q)$ defined by

$$R(q) := \frac{q^{1/5}}{1} \frac{q}{+1} \frac{q^2}{+1} \frac{q^3}{+1} \dots, \tag{1.6}$$

where $|q| < 1$.

We end this introduction by defining Weber-Ramanujan class invariants G_n and g_n . For $q = \exp(-\pi\sqrt{n})$, where n is a positive rational number, the Weber-Ramanujan class invariants G_n and g_n are defined by

$$G_n := 2^{-1/4} q^{-1/24} \chi(q), \tag{1.7}$$

$$g_n := 2^{-1/4} q^{-1/24} \chi(-q). \tag{1.8}$$

2. Theta-function identities. The following identity was recorded by Ramanujan on page 295 of his first notebook [8]. Berndt [3, page 366] proved this by using parameterization. Here we give an alternative proof.

THEOREM 2.1. *If $\phi(q), \psi(q),$ and $\chi(q)$ are defined by (1.2), (1.3), and (1.5), respectively, then*

$$\psi^2(-q) + 5q\psi^2(-q^5) = \frac{\phi^2(q)}{\chi(q)\chi(q^5)}. \tag{2.1}$$

PROOF. From [1, Entry 9(vii), page 258, and Entry 10(v), page 262], we find that

$$\psi^2(q) - q\psi^2(q^5) = \frac{\phi(-q^5)f(-q^5)}{\chi(-q)}. \tag{2.2}$$

From [1, Entry 24(iii), page 39], we note that

$$f(q) = \frac{\phi(q)}{\chi(q)}. \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.2) and (2.3), we deduce that

$$\psi^2(q) - q\psi^2(q^5) = \frac{\phi^2(-q^5)}{\chi(-q)\chi(-q^5)}. \quad (2.4)$$

Now, we recall from [1, Entry 9(iii), page 258] that

$$\phi^2(q) - \phi^2(q^5) = 4q\chi(q)f(-q^5)f(-q^{20}). \quad (2.5)$$

Replacing q by $-q$ in (2.5), we deduce that

$$\phi^2(-q^5) = \phi^2(-q) + 4q\chi(-q)f(q^5)f(-q^{20}). \quad (2.6)$$

Employing (2.6) in (2.4), we find that

$$\psi^2(q) - q\psi^2(q^5) = \frac{\phi^2(-q)}{\chi(-q)\chi(-q^5)} + 4q \frac{f(q^5)f(-q^{20})}{\chi(-q^5)}. \quad (2.7)$$

Again, by [1, Entry 24(iii), page 39], we find that

$$f(-q^4) = \psi(q^2)\chi(-q^2). \quad (2.8)$$

Using (2.8) in (2.7), we obtain

$$\psi^2(q) - q\psi^2(q^5) = \frac{\phi^2(-q)}{\chi(-q)\chi(-q^5)} + 4q \frac{f(q^5)\psi(q^{10})\chi(-q^{10})}{\chi(-q^5)}. \quad (2.9)$$

Now, by [1, Entry 24(iv), page 39], we note that

$$\chi(q)\chi(-q) = \chi(-q^2). \quad (2.10)$$

Thus, from (2.9), we obtain

$$\psi^2(q) - q\psi^2(q^5) = \frac{\phi^2(-q)}{\chi(-q)\chi(-q^5)} + 4qf(q^5)\psi(q^{10})\chi(q^5). \quad (2.11)$$

From [1, Entry 25(iv), page 40], we note that

$$\phi(q)\psi(q^2) = \psi^2(q). \quad (2.12)$$

Employing (2.3) and (2.12), with q replaced by q^5 , we conclude from (2.11) that

$$\psi^2(q) - q\psi^2(q^5) = \frac{\phi^2(-q)}{\chi(-q)\chi(-q^5)} + 4q\psi^2(q^5). \quad (2.13)$$

Replacing q by $-q$ in (2.13), we complete the theorem. \square

The next theorem was recorded by Ramanujan on page 4 of his second notebook [8]. Berndt [2, page 202] proved this theorem by parameterization. Here we give an alternative proof by using some identities of theta-functions.

THEOREM 2.2. With $\psi(q)$ and $\chi(q)$ defined in (1.3) and (1.5), respectively,

$$\frac{\chi^3(q)}{\chi(q^3)} = 1 + 3q \frac{\psi(-q^9)}{\psi(-q)}, \quad (2.14)$$

$$\frac{\chi^5(q)}{\chi(q^5)} = 1 + 5q \frac{\psi^2(-q^5)}{\psi^2(-q)}. \quad (2.15)$$

PROOF OF (2.14). From [1, Chapter 16, Corollary (ii) of Entry 31, page 49], we find that

$$\psi(q) - q\psi(q^9) = f(q^3, q^6). \quad (2.16)$$

Using the Jacobi triple product identity, Berndt [1, page 350] proved that

$$f(q, q^2) = \frac{\phi(-q^3)}{\chi(-q)}. \quad (2.17)$$

Replacing q by q^3 in (2.17) and then using the resultant identity in (2.16), we find that

$$\psi(q) - q\psi(q^9) = \frac{\phi(-q^9)}{\chi(-q^3)}. \quad (2.18)$$

Now, from [1, Corollary (i) of Entry 31, page 49 and Example (v), page 51], we find that

$$\phi(-q^9) = \phi(-q) + 2q\psi(q^9)\chi(-q^3). \quad (2.19)$$

Invoking (2.19) in (2.18), we deduce that

$$\psi(q) - 3q\psi(q^9) = \frac{\phi(-q)}{\chi(-q^3)}. \quad (2.20)$$

Thus,

$$1 - 3q \frac{\psi(q^9)}{\psi(q)} = \frac{\phi(-q)}{\chi(-q^3)\psi(q)}. \quad (2.21)$$

Now, from [1, Entry 24(iii), page 39], we note that

$$\chi(q) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\phi(q)}{\psi(-q)}}. \quad (2.22)$$

Replacing q by $-q$ in (2.21) and then using (2.22), we complete the proof of (2.14). \square

PROOF OF (2.15). From Theorem 2.1, we find that

$$1 + 5q \frac{\psi^2(-q^5)}{\psi^2(-q)} = \frac{\phi^2(q)}{\chi(q)\chi(q^5)\psi^2(-q)}. \quad (2.23)$$

Employing (2.22) in (2.23), we arrive at (2.15), which completes the proof. \square

3. Explicit evaluations of theta-functions

THEOREM 3.1. *If $\psi(q)$, G_n , and g_n are defined by (1.3), (1.7), and (1.8), respectively, then*

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}} \frac{\psi(-e^{-9\pi\sqrt{n}})}{\psi(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}})} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sqrt{2} \frac{G_n^3}{G_{9n}} - 1 \right), \tag{3.1}$$

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}} \frac{\psi(e^{-9\pi\sqrt{n}})}{\psi(e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}})} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \sqrt{2} \frac{g_n^3}{g_{9n}} \right). \tag{3.2}$$

PROOF. From (2.14) and the definition of G_n from (1.7), we easily arrive at (3.1). To prove (3.2), we replace q by $-q$ in (2.14) and then use the definition of g_n from (1.8). □

Since G_{9n} and g_{9n} can be calculated from the respective values of G_n and g_n [5], from the theorem above, we see that the quotients of theta-functions on the left-hand sides can be evaluated if the corresponding values of G_n and g_n are known. We give a few examples below.

COROLLARY 3.2.

$$e^{-\pi} \frac{\psi(-e^{-9\pi})}{\psi(-e^{-\pi})} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2(\sqrt{3}-1)} - 1}{3}. \tag{3.3}$$

PROOF. Putting $n = 1$ in (3.1), we find that

$$e^{-\pi} \frac{\psi(-e^{-9\pi})}{\psi(-e^{-\pi})} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sqrt{2} \frac{G_1^3}{G_9} - 1 \right). \tag{3.4}$$

From [3, page 189],

$$G_1 = 1, \quad G_9 = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{1/3}. \tag{3.5}$$

Employing (3.5) in (3.4) and then simplifying, we complete the proof. □

From [1, Entry 11(ii), page 123], we find that

$$\psi(-e^{-\pi}) = \phi(e^{-\pi}) 2^{-3/4} e^{\pi/8}. \tag{3.6}$$

Since

$$\phi(e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{1/4}}{\Gamma(3/4)} \tag{3.7}$$

is classical [9], (3.3) and (3.6) provide an explicit evaluation for $\psi(-e^{-9\pi})$.

COROLLARY 3.3.

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{5/3}} \frac{\psi(-e^{-3\pi\sqrt{5}})}{\psi(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{5/3}})} = \frac{(3 + \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}) - 2}{6}. \tag{3.8}$$

PROOF. Putting $n = 5/9$ in (3.1), we obtain

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{5}/3} \frac{\psi(-e^{-3\pi\sqrt{5}})}{\psi(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{5}/3})} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sqrt{2} \frac{G_{5/9}^3}{G_5} - 1 \right). \tag{3.9}$$

Now, from [3, pages 189 and 345], we note that

$$G_5 = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{1/4}, \quad G_{5/9} = (\sqrt{5} + 2)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{1/3}. \tag{3.10}$$

Employing (3.10) in (3.9) and then simplifying, we arrive at (3.8). □

COROLLARY 3.4.

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}} \frac{\psi(e^{-9\pi\sqrt{2}})}{\psi(e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}})} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{2} \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}}{3}. \tag{3.11}$$

PROOF. Putting $n = 2$ in (3.2), we find that

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}} \frac{\psi(e^{-9\pi\sqrt{2}})}{\psi(e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}})} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \sqrt{2} \frac{g_2^3}{g_{18}} \right). \tag{3.12}$$

From [3, page 200], we note that

$$g_2 = 1, \quad g_{18} = (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2})^{1/3}. \tag{3.13}$$

Using (3.13) in (3.12), we easily arrive at (3.11). □

THEOREM 3.5. *With $\psi(q)$, G_n , and g_n defined in (1.3), (1.7), and (1.8), respectively,*

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}} \frac{\psi^2(-e^{-5\pi\sqrt{n}})}{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}})} = \frac{1}{5} \left(2 \frac{G_n^5}{G_{25n}} - 1 \right), \tag{3.14}$$

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}} \frac{\psi^2(e^{-5\pi\sqrt{n}})}{\psi^2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}})} = \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - 2 \frac{g_n^5}{g_{25n}} \right). \tag{3.15}$$

PROOF. From (2.15) and the definition of G_n from (1.7), we easily arrive at (3.14). Replacing q by $-q$ in (2.15) and then using the definition of g_n from (1.8), we arrive at (3.15). □

If the class invariants are known, then we can explicitly find the values of the quotients of the left-hand-side expressions of the theorem. Next we give some examples.

COROLLARY 3.6 [6].

$$e^{-\pi} \frac{\psi^2(-e^{-5\pi})}{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi})} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{5} + 10}. \tag{3.16}$$

PROOF. Putting $n = 1$ in (3.14), we find that

$$e^{-\pi} \frac{\psi^2(-e^{-5\pi})}{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi})} = \frac{1}{5} \left(2 \frac{G_1^5}{G_{25}} - 1 \right). \tag{3.17}$$

From [3, page 189],

$$G_1 = 1, \quad G_{25} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}. \quad (3.18)$$

Employing (3.18) in (3.17) and then simplifying, we complete the proof. \square

COROLLARY 3.7.

$$e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}} \frac{\psi^2(-e^{-\sqrt{5}\pi})}{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}. \quad (3.19)$$

PROOF. We put $n = 1/5$ in (3.14) to obtain

$$e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}} \frac{\psi^2(-e^{-\sqrt{5}\pi})}{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}})} = \frac{1}{5} (2G_5^4 - 1). \quad (3.20)$$

Since, from [3, page 189],

$$G_5 = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{1/4}, \quad (3.21)$$

we can easily complete the proof by (3.20). \square

COROLLARY 3.8.

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}} \frac{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{15}})}{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}})} = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{5 + \sqrt{5}}. \quad (3.22)$$

PROOF. Putting $n = 3/5$ in (3.14), we obtain

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}} \frac{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{15}})}{\psi^2(-e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}})} = \frac{1}{5} \left(2 \frac{G_{3/5}^5}{G_{15}} - 1 \right). \quad (3.23)$$

Now, from [3, page 341], we note that

$$G_{15} = 2^{-1/12} (1 + \sqrt{5})^{1/3}, \quad G_{3/5} = 2^{-1/12} (\sqrt{5} - 1)^{1/3}. \quad (3.24)$$

Employing (3.24) in (3.23) and then simplifying, we arrive at (3.22). \square

COROLLARY 3.9.

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}} \frac{\psi^2(e^{-5\pi\sqrt{2}})}{\psi^2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}})} = \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - \frac{2}{a} \right), \quad (3.25)$$

where

$$a = g_{50} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{4} \right)^{1/3} \left(\sqrt[3]{1 + 7\sqrt{5} + 6\sqrt{6}} + \sqrt[3]{1 + 7\sqrt{5} - 6\sqrt{6}} \right) \right). \quad (3.26)$$

PROOF. We put $n = 2$ in (3.15) to obtain

$$e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}} \frac{\psi^2(e^{-5\pi\sqrt{2}})}{\psi^2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}})} = \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - 2 \frac{g_2^5}{g_{50}} \right). \tag{3.27}$$

From [3, page 201],

$$g_{50} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \left(\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{4} \right)^{1/3} \left(\sqrt[3]{1 + 7\sqrt{5} + 6\sqrt{6}} + \sqrt[3]{1 + 7\sqrt{5} - 6\sqrt{6}} \right) \right). \tag{3.28}$$

Employing (3.13) and (3.28) in (3.27), we complete the proof. □

Since for $q = e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}}$, n positive rational, the explicit formulas for $\phi^2(q^5)/\phi^2(q)$, $\phi(q^9)/\phi(q)$, and $\phi^4(q^3)/\phi^4(q)$ are known [3, page 339, (8.11); page 334, (5.7); page 330, (4.5), respectively], namely,

$$\frac{\phi^2(e^{-5\pi\sqrt{n}})}{\phi^2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}})} = \frac{1}{5} \left(1 + 2 \frac{G_{25n}}{G_n^5} \right), \tag{3.29}$$

$$\frac{\phi(e^{-9\pi\sqrt{n}})}{\phi(e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}})} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \sqrt{2} \frac{G_{9n}}{G_n^3} \right), \tag{3.30}$$

$$\frac{\phi^4(e^{-3\pi\sqrt{n}})}{\phi^4(e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}})} = \frac{1}{9} \left(1 + 2\sqrt{2} \frac{G_{9n}^3}{G_n^9} \right), \tag{3.31}$$

we now derive some identities by which the corresponding values of the quotients $\psi^2(-q^5)/\psi^2(-q)$, $\psi(-q^9)/\psi(-q)$, and $\psi^4(-q^3)/\psi^4(-q)$ can be found.

THEOREM 3.10 [7]. *If $\phi(q)$ and $\psi(q)$ are defined by (1.2) and (1.3), respectively, then*

$$q \frac{\psi^2(-q^5)}{\psi^2(-q)} = \frac{1 - \phi^2(q^5)/\phi^2(q)}{(5\phi^2(q^5)/\phi^2(q)) - 1}. \tag{3.32}$$

PROOF. We replace q by $-q$ in (2.4) and then divide the resulting identity by (2.1) to obtain

$$\frac{\phi^2(q^5)}{\phi^2(q)} = \frac{\psi^2(-q) + q\psi^2(-q^5)}{\psi^2(-q) + 5q\psi^2(-q^5)}. \tag{3.33}$$

This is indeed equivalent to (3.32). □

THEOREM 3.11. *With $\phi(q)$ and $\psi(q)$ defined in (1.2) and (1.3), respectively,*

$$q \frac{\psi(-q^9)}{\psi(-q)} = \frac{1 - \phi(q^9)/\phi(q)}{(3\phi(q^9)/\phi(q)) - 1}. \tag{3.34}$$

PROOF. Replace q by $-q$ in (2.18) and (2.20) and then, dividing the first resulting identity by the second, we find that

$$\frac{\phi(q)}{\phi(q^9)} = \frac{\psi(-q) + q\psi(-q^9)}{\psi(-q) + 3q\psi(-q^9)}. \tag{3.35}$$

It is now easy to see that (3.35) and (3.34) are equivalent. □

THEOREM 3.12. With $\phi(q)$ and $\psi(q)$ defined in (1.2) and (1.3), respectively,

$$1 + 9q \frac{\psi^4(-q^3)}{\psi^4(-q)} = \frac{8}{(9\phi^4(q^3)/\phi^4(q)) - 1}. \tag{3.36}$$

PROOF. From Theorem 3.11, we note that

$$1 + 3q \frac{\psi(-q^9)}{\psi(-q)} = \frac{2}{(3\phi(q^9)/\phi(q)) - 1}. \tag{3.37}$$

From the third equality of [1, Entry 1(ii), page 345] and the second equality of [1, Entry 1(iii), page 345], we note that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 3q \frac{\psi(-q^9)}{\psi(-q)} &= \left(1 + 9q \frac{\psi^4(-q^3)}{\psi^4(-q)} \right)^{1/3}, \\ 3 \frac{\phi(q^9)}{\phi(q)} - 1 &= \left(9 \frac{\phi^4(q^3)}{\phi^4(q)} - 1 \right)^{1/3}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.38}$$

respectively. Employing (3.38) in (3.37) and then cubing the resultant identity, we complete the proof. □

COROLLARY 3.13.

$$e^{-\pi} \frac{\psi^4(-e^{-3\pi})}{\psi^4(-e^{-\pi})} = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{3}}. \tag{3.39}$$

PROOF. It is known from [3, page 327] (or can be found easily from (3.31)) that

$$\frac{\phi^4(e^{-3\pi})}{\phi^4(e^{-\pi})} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3} - 9}. \tag{3.40}$$

The proof of the corollary now follows immediately by putting $q = e^{-\pi}$ in Theorem 3.12 and then using (3.40). □

Now, from [1, Entries 24(ii) and 24(iv), page 39], we note that

$$\begin{aligned} f^3(q) &= \phi^2(q)\psi(-q), \\ f^3(-q^2) &= \phi(q)\psi^2(-q). \end{aligned} \tag{3.41}$$

From (3.41), we find the following quotients of f in terms of ϕ and ψ :

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(q) &:= \frac{f^6(q)}{qf^6(q^5)} = \frac{\psi^2(-q)}{q\psi^2(-q^5)} \times \frac{\phi^4(q)}{\phi^4(q^5)}, \\ F_2(q) &:= \frac{f^6(-q^2)}{q^2f^6(-q^{10})} = \frac{\phi^2(q)}{\phi^2(q^5)} \times \frac{\psi^4(-q)}{q^2\psi^4(-q^5)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.42}$$

The values of $F_1(q)$ and $F_2(q)$ can be determined explicitly for $q = e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}}$ by employing [Theorem 3.5](#) and [\(3.29\)](#). We give a couple of examples below.

COROLLARY 3.14.

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}}) &= 5\sqrt{5}, \\ F_2(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}}) &= 5\sqrt{5}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.43}$$

PROOF. As in [Corollary 3.7](#), by putting $n = 1/5$ in [\(3.29\)](#), it can be easily seen that

$$\frac{\phi^2(e^{-\sqrt{5}\pi})}{\phi^2(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}. \tag{3.44}$$

Putting $q = e^{-\pi/\sqrt{5}}$ in [\(3.42\)](#) and then employing [\(3.44\)](#) and [Corollary 3.7](#), we complete the proof. □

COROLLARY 3.15.

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}}) &= \frac{5(5 + \sqrt{5})}{2}, \\ F_2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}}) &= \frac{5(25 + 11\sqrt{5})}{2}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.45}$$

PROOF. As in [Corollary 3.8](#), by putting $n = 3/5$ in [\(3.29\)](#), it can be easily seen that

$$\frac{\phi^2(e^{-\sqrt{15}\pi})}{\phi^2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}})} = \frac{2}{5 - \sqrt{5}}. \tag{3.46}$$

Putting $q = e^{-\pi\sqrt{3/5}}$ in [\(3.42\)](#) and then employing [\(3.46\)](#) and [Corollary 3.8](#), we complete the proof. □

Now, for the explicit evaluation of $R(q)$ defined in [\(1.6\)](#), we note from [\[6\]](#) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{R^5(q^2)} - 11 - R^5(q^2) &= \frac{f^6(-q^2)}{q^2 f^6(-q^{10})}, \\ \frac{1}{S^5(q)} + 11 - S^5(q) &= \frac{f^6(q)}{q f^6(q^5)}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.47}$$

where $S(q) = -R(-q)$.

From [\(3.47\)](#) and [\(3.42\)](#), we see that to find the explicit values of $R(q^2)$ and $S(q)$, for $q = e^{-\pi\sqrt{n}}$, it is enough to find $F_1(q)$ and $F_2(q)$. See [\[6\]](#).

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