

## ON ROGERS–RAMANUJAN FUNCTIONS, BINARY QUADRATIC FORMS AND ETA-QUOTIENTS

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ABSTRACT. In a handwritten manuscript published with his lost notebook, Ramanujan stated without proofs forty identities for the Rogers–Ramanujan functions. We observe that the function that appears in Ramanujan’s identities can be obtained from a Hecke action on a certain family of eta products. We establish further Hecke-type relations for these functions involving binary quadratic forms. Our observations enable us to find new identities for the Rogers–Ramanujan functions and also to use such identities in return to find identities involving binary quadratic forms.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Rogers–Ramanujan functions are defined for  $|q| < 1$  by

$$G(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q; q)_n} \quad \text{and} \quad H(q) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n(n+1)}}{(q; q)_n},$$

where  $(a; q)_0 := 1$ , and, for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$(a; q)_n := \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k).$$

These functions satisfy the famous Rogers–Ramanujan identities [11]

$$(1.1) \quad G(q) = \frac{1}{(q; q^5)_{\infty} (q^4; q^5)_{\infty}} \quad \text{and} \quad H(q) = \frac{1}{(q^2; q^5)_{\infty} (q^3; q^5)_{\infty}},$$

where

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

In a handwritten manuscript published with his lost notebook [10], Ramanujan stated without proofs forty identities for the Rogers–Ramanujan functions. These identities were established in a series of papers by L. J. Rogers [12] in 1921, G. N. Watson [13] in 1933, D. Bressoud [6] in 1977, A. J. F. Biagioli [5] in 1989, and by the second author [14] in 2012. A detailed history of Ramanujan’s forty identities can be found in [4].

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Ramanujan’s identities mainly involve the function

$$U(r, s, q) := U(r, s) = \begin{cases} G(q^r)G(q^s) + q^{(s+r)/5}H(q^r)H(q^s) & \text{if } s + r \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, \\ H(q^r)G(q^s) - q^{(s-r)/5}G(q^r)H(q^s) & \text{if } s - r \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \end{cases}$$

The modular properties of the function  $U(r, s)$  were first established by Biagioli [5]. M. Koike [9] observed that for certain values of  $r$  and  $s$  the function  $U(r, s)$  could be written in terms of the Thompson series. His observations were later proved by K. Bringmann and H. Swisher [7] by using the theory of modular forms. However, it was not realized that this function occurs naturally as a Hecke action on eta products, as given by the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $r$  and  $s$  be two positive integers with  $r + s \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$ . If  $r + s \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , then*

$$(1.2) \quad T_5(\eta(r\tau)\eta(s\tau)) = \eta(r\tau)\eta(s\tau) \left( q^{-(r+s)/60}U(r, s) \right)^2,$$

and if  $r - s \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , then

$$(1.3) \quad T_5(\eta(r\tau)\eta(s\tau)) = -\eta(r\tau)\eta(s\tau) \left( q^{(11r-s)/60}U(r, s) \right)^2,$$

where in either case  $\eta(\tau) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(6n-1)^2/24}$  with  $q = \exp(2\pi i\tau)$  and  $\text{Im}\tau > 0$ .

Here and later in this manuscript, for any function to which we apply the Hecke action with prime 5 we have the reduction formula

$$T_5 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a(5n) + a(n/5))q^n,$$

where we employ the convention that  $a(k) = 0$  whenever  $k$  is not an integer. We will also make use of the notation

$$U_5 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n \right) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(5n)q^n.$$

During our investigations, we also observed the following two theorems, where  $\varphi(q) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2}$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $r + s \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , then the following two identities hold:*

$$(1.4) \quad 2\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) + T_5(\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s)) = 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})U(r, s)U(4r, 4s),$$

$$(1.5) \quad 2\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) - T_5(\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s)) = 4q^r E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})U(r, 4s)U(4r, s).$$

**Theorem 1.3.** *If  $r - s \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , then the following two identities hold:*

$$2\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) + T_5(\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s)) = 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})U(r, 4s)U(s, 4r),$$

$$2\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) - T_5(\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s)) = 4q^r E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})U(r, s)U(4r, 4s).$$

Let  $(a, b, c)$  denote the positive definite quadratic form  $an^2 + bnm + cn^2$  with discriminant  $D = b^2 - 4ac < 0$ . For simplicity, we will not distinguish the quadratic form  $(a, b, c)$  and its generating function  $\sum_{n,m=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{an^2+bnm+cm^2}$ . It is well known that a Hecke action on a binary quadratic form of a given discriminant can be written as a linear combination of the quadratic forms of this discriminant [8, p. 794]. In applications of Theorem 1.1, we first express the eta product as a linear

combination of the relevant quadratic forms. In this format, Theorems 1.2–1.3 are easier to apply. These theorems enable us to find new identities for the Rogers–Ramanujan functions and also to use such identities in return to find identities involving binary quadratic forms. Among the many such results presented in this paper we give two examples (see (4.24) and (4.7)): letting  $\chi(q) := (-q; q^2)_\infty$ , they are

$$2qU(1, 71, q^2) = -2q^3 + \chi(q)\chi(q^{71}) - \chi(-q)\chi(-q^{71}) - 2q^9 \frac{1}{\chi(-q^2)\chi(-q^{142})}$$

and

$$\frac{(1, 1, 10) + (2, 1, 5) - (1, 0, 39) - (5, 2, 8)}{(3, 0, 13) + (2, 1, 5) - (3, 3, 4) - (5, 2, 8)} = \frac{\varphi(-q^6)\varphi(-q^{26})}{\varphi(-q^2)\varphi(-q^{78})}.$$

We proceed by collecting the necessary definitions and formulas in the next section. In Section 3, we give proofs of Theorems 1.1–1.3. In Section 4, we present several applications. We conclude in the last section with a brief description of the prospects for future work.

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

We first recall Ramanujan’s definitions for a general theta function and some of its important special cases. Set

$$(2.1) \quad f(a, b) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2}, \quad |ab| < 1.$$

The function  $f(a, b)$  satisfies the well-known Jacobi triple product identity [2, p. 35, Entry 19]

$$(2.2) \quad f(a, b) = (-a; ab)_\infty (-b; ab)_\infty (ab; ab)_\infty.$$

The three most important special cases of (2.1) are

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi(q) &:= f(q, q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2} = (-q; q^2)_\infty (q^2; q^2)_\infty, \\ \psi(q) &:= f(q, q^3) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{n(n+1)/2} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q^2)_\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad E(q) := f(-q, -q^2) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n(3n-1)/2} = (q; q)_\infty = q^{-1/24} \eta(\tau).$$

The product representations in (2.3)–(2.4) are special cases of (2.2). The function  $f(a, b)$  also satisfies a useful addition formula. For each integer  $n$ , let

$$U_n := a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2} \quad \text{and} \quad V_n := a^{n(n-1)/2} b^{n(n+1)/2}.$$

Then [2, p. 48, Entry 31]

$$(2.5) \quad f(U_1, V_1) = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} U_r f\left(\frac{U_{n+r}}{U_r}, \frac{V_{n-r}}{U_r}\right).$$

With  $a = b = q$  and  $n = 2$ , we find from (2.5) that

$$(2.6) \quad \varphi(q) = \varphi(q^4) + 2q\psi(q^8).$$

Similarly, with  $a = q, b = q^3$ , and  $n = 2$ , we find that

$$(2.7) \quad \psi(q) = f(q^6, q^{10}) + qf(q^2, q^{14}).$$

By (1.1) and (2.2), we see that

$$(2.8) \quad G(q) = \frac{f(-q^2, -q^3)}{E(q)} \quad \text{and} \quad H(q) = \frac{f(-q, -q^4)}{E(q)}.$$

A useful consequence of (2.8) in conjunction with the Jacobi triple product identity (2.2) is

$$(2.9) \quad G(q)H(q) = \frac{E(q^5)}{E(q)}.$$

The odd-even dissections of  $G$  and  $H$  were given by Watson [13]:

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} G(q) &= \frac{E(q^8)}{E(q^2)}(G(q^{16}) + qH(-q^4)), \\ H(q) &= \frac{E(q^8)}{E(q^2)}(q^3H(q^{16}) + G(-q^4)). \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the general theta function  $f$  is defined by (2.1). For convenience, we also define

$$f_k(a, b) := \begin{cases} f(a, b) & \text{if } k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \\ f(-a, -b) & \text{if } k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $m$  be an integer and let  $\alpha, \beta, p$ , and  $\lambda$  be positive integers such that

$$\alpha m^2 + \beta = p\lambda.$$

Let  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$  be integers, and let  $t$  and  $l$  be reals. With the parameters defined this way, we set

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} R(\epsilon, \delta, l, t, \alpha, \beta, m, p, \lambda) := & \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ n:=2k+t}}^{p-1} \left( (-1)^{\epsilon k} q^{\{\lambda n^2 + p\alpha l^2 + 2\alpha nml\}/8} \right. \\ & \times f_{\delta}(q^{(1+l)p\alpha/2 + \alpha nm/2}, q^{(1-l)p\alpha/2 - \alpha nm/2}) \\ & \left. \times f_{\epsilon p/2 + m\delta/2}(q^{p\beta/2 + \beta n/2}, q^{p\beta/2 - \beta n/2}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by [15, Th. 1] with  $x = y = 1$  and  $q$  replaced by  $q^{1/2}$ , we have

$$(2.12) \quad R(\epsilon, \delta, l, t, \alpha, \beta, m, p, \lambda) = \sum_{u, v=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{\delta v + \epsilon u} q^{(\lambda U^2 + 2\alpha mUV + p\alpha V^2)/8},$$

where  $U := 2u + t$  and  $V := 2v + l$ . From this representation it follows that [15, Cor. 3.2]

$$(2.13) \quad R(\epsilon, \delta, l, t, \alpha, \beta, m, p, \lambda) = R(\delta, \epsilon, t, l, 1, \alpha\beta, \alpha m, \lambda, p\alpha).$$

Moreover, we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1** ([15, Cor. 3.3]). *Let  $\alpha_1, \beta_1, m_1, p_1$  be another set of parameters such that  $\alpha_1 m_1^2 + \beta_1 = p_1 \lambda$ ,  $\alpha\beta = \alpha_1 \beta_1$ , and  $\lambda \mid (\alpha m - \alpha_1 m_1)$ . Set*

$$a := \frac{\alpha m - \alpha_1 m_1}{\lambda}.$$

Then,

$$(2.14) \quad R(\epsilon, \delta, l, t, \alpha, \beta, m, p, \lambda) = R(\epsilon, \delta + a\epsilon, l, t + al, \alpha_1, \beta_1, m_1, p_1, \lambda).$$

From (2.12) we then conclude that

$$(2.15) \quad (a, b, c) = R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, -D, b, 2c, 2a).$$

### 3. HECKE-TYPE RELATIONS

In this section we present proofs of Theorems 1.1–1.3.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** The proofs of (1.2) and (1.3) are essentially the same, so we will prove only (1.2). For simplicity we set  $Q := q^5$ . We start with the well-known 5-dissection of  $E(q)$  as found in [2, p. 81, Entry 38(iv)]:

$$(3.1) \quad E(q)E(Q) = f^2(-Q^2, -Q^3) - q^2 f^2(-Q, -Q^4) - qE(Q)E(Q^5).$$

Using (2.8), we can write (3.1) in its equivalent form:

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{E(q)}{E(Q)} = G^2(Q) - q^2 H^2(Q) - q \frac{E(Q^5)}{E(Q)}.$$

From (3.2), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E(q^r)E(q^s)}{E(Q^r)E(Q^s)} &= \left( G^2(Q^r) - q^{2r} H^2(Q^r) - q^r \frac{E(Q^{5r})}{E(Q^r)} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( G^2(Q^s) - q^{2s} H^2(Q^s) - q^s \frac{E(Q^{5s})}{E(Q^s)} \right), \end{aligned}$$

from which we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{U_5(E(q^r)E(q^s))}{E(q^r)E(q^s)} &= G^2(q^r)G^2(q^s) + q^{2(r+s)/5} H^2(q^r)H^2(q^s) + q^{(r+s)/5} \frac{E(Q^r)E(Q^s)}{E(q^r)E(q^s)} \\ &= U(r, s)^2 - 2q^{(r+s)/5} G(q^r)G(q^s)H(q^r)H(q^s) + q^{(r+s)/5} \frac{E(Q^r)E(Q^s)}{E(q^r)E(q^s)} \\ &= U(r, s)^2 - q^{(r+s)/5} \frac{E(Q^r)E(Q^s)}{E(q^r)E(q^s)}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we used (2.9). Therefore, we have that

$$(3.3) \quad U_5(E(q^r)E(q^s)) + q^{(r+s)/5} E(Q^r)E(Q^s) = E(q^r)E(q^s)U(r, s)^2.$$

Finally, we multiply both sides of (3.3) by  $q^{(r+s)/120}$  and use the fact that  $\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24}E(q)$  to arrive at

$$U_5(\eta(r\tau)\eta(s\tau)) + \eta(5r\tau)\eta(5s\tau) = \eta(r\tau)\eta(s\tau) \left( q^{-(r+s)/60} U(r, s) \right)^2,$$

which is clearly equivalent to (1.2). □

**Proof of Theorems 1.2 and 1.3.** The proofs of the Theorems 1.2 and 1.3 are identical, so we will prove only Theorem 1.2. For convenience, we again set  $Q := q^5$ . By (2.5), with  $a = b = q$  and  $n = 5$ , and by (2.3), we get

$$(3.4) \quad \varphi(q) = \varphi(Q^5) + 2qf(Q^3, Q^7) + 2q^4f(Q, Q^9).$$

From (2.2), with simple product manipulations we find that

$$(3.5) \quad A(q) := f(q^3, q^7) = E(q^2)H(q)G(q^4) \quad \text{and} \quad B(q) := f(q, q^9) = E(q^2)G(q)H(q^4).$$

We have from (3.4) and (3.5) that

$$(3.6) \quad \varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) = (\varphi(Q^{5r}) + 2qA(Q^r) + 2q^4B(Q^r)) (\varphi(Q^{5s}) + 2qA(Q^s) + 2q^4B(Q^s)).$$

From (3.6), together with the fact that  $r + s \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , we conclude that

$$(3.7) \quad U_5(\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s)) = \varphi(Q^r)\varphi(Q^s) + 4q^{(r+s)/5}A(q^r)A(q^s) + 4q^{4(r+s)/5}B(q^r)B(q^s).$$

The following two identities of Ramanujan [4, Entries 2 and 3] will be employed in our proofs:

$$(3.8) \quad G(q)G(q^4) + qH(q)H(q^4) = \frac{\varphi(q)}{E(q^2)}$$

and

$$(3.9) \quad G(q)G(q^4) - qH(q)H(q^4) = \frac{\varphi(q^5)}{E(q^2)}.$$

From (3.5), we have

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & 4q^{(r+s)/5}A(q^r)A(q^s) + 4q^{4(r+s)/5}B(q^r)B(q^s) \\ &= 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s}) \left( q^{(r+s)/5}H(q^r)G(q^{4r})H(q^s)G(q^{4s}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + q^{4(r+s)/5}G(q^r)H(q^{4r})G(q^s)H(q^{4s}) \right) \\ &= 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s}) \left( G(q^r)G(q^s) + q^{(r+s)/5}H(q^r)H(q^s) \right) \\ & \quad \times \left( G(q^{4r})G(q^{4s}) + q^{4(r+s)/5}H(q^{4r})H(q^{4s}) \right) - 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s}) \\ & \quad \times \left( G(q^r)G(q^s)G(q^{4r})G(q^{4s}) + q^{r+s}H(q^r)H(q^s)H(q^{4r})H(q^{4s}) \right) \\ &= 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})U(r, s)U(4r, 4s) - (\varphi(q^r) + \varphi(Q^r))(\varphi(q^s) + \varphi(Q^s)) \\ & \quad - (\varphi(q^r) - \varphi(Q^r))(\varphi(q^s) - \varphi(Q^s)) \\ &= 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})U(r, s)U(4r, 4s) - 2(\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) + \varphi(Q^r)\varphi(Q^s)), \end{aligned}$$

where in the next to last step we use (3.8) and (3.9). We now return to (3.7) and use (3.10) to find that

$$2\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) + U_5(\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s)) + \varphi(Q^r)\varphi(Q^s) = 4E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})U(r, s)U(4r, 4s),$$

which is clearly equivalent to (1.4).

While we can prove (1.5) in exactly the same way we proved (1.4) by simply grouping terms differently in (3.10), we can also give a direct proof by showing that

$$(3.11) \quad \varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) = E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s}) (U(r, s)U(4r, 4s) + q^rU(r, 4s)U(4r, s)).$$

To prove (3.11), we consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} U(r, s) &= G(q^r)G(q^s) + q^{(r+s)/5}H(q^r)H(q^s), \\ U(r, 4s) &= -q^{(4s-r)/5}G(q^r)H(q^{4s}) + H(q^r)G(q^{4s}), \\ \frac{\varphi(q^r)}{E(q^{2r})} &= G(q^r)G(q^{4r}) + q^r H(q^r)H(q^{4r}), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equation is simply (3.8). It follows that

$$\begin{vmatrix} U(r, s) & G(q^s) & q^{(r+s)/5}H(q^s) \\ U(r, 4s) & -q^{(4s-r)/5}H(q^{4s}) & G(q^{4s}) \\ \frac{\varphi(q^r)}{E(q^{2r})} & G(q^{4r}) & q^r H(q^r)H(q^{4r}) \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

By expanding this determinant we discover that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= U(r, s) \left( -q^{(r+s)/5}H(q^{4s})H(q^{4r}) - G(q^{4r})G(q^{4s}) \right) \\ &\quad - U(r, 4s) \left( q^r G(q^s)H(q^{4r}) - q^{(r+s)/5}H(q^s)H(q^{4r}) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\varphi(q^r)}{E(q^{2r})} \left( G(q^s)G(q^{4s}) + q^s H(q^s)H(q^{4s}) \right) \\ &= -U(r, s)U(4r, 4s) - q^r U(r, 4s)U(4r, s) + \frac{\varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s)}{E(q^{2r})E(q^{2s})}, \end{aligned}$$

which is (1.5). □

#### 4. APPLICATIONS

The first set of identities we will prove involves the quadratic forms (1, 1, 10), (2, 1, 5), and (3, 3, 4) of discriminant -39 and also the quadratic forms (1, 0, 39), (3, 0, 13), and (5, 2, 8) of discriminant -156. From (2.14), we observe that

$$R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 39, 1, 4, 10) = R(0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 13, -3, 4, 10).$$

By (2.15), we also have

$$(2, 1, 5) = (5, 1, 2) = R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 39, 1, 4, 10).$$

For simplicity we now set  $Q := q^{13}$ . From (2.11), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 39, 1, 4, 10) &= f(q^2, q^2)f(Q^6, Q^6) + 2q^5 f(q, q^3)f(Q^3, Q^9) \\ &\quad + q^{20} f(1, q^4)f(1, Q^{12}) \\ &= \varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^6) + 2q^5 \psi(q)\psi(Q^3) + 4q^{20} \psi(q^4)\psi(Q^{12}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} R(0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 13, -3, 4, 10) &= f(q^6, q^6)f(Q^2, Q^2) + 2q^2 f(q^3, q^9)f(Q, Q^3) \\ &\quad + q^8 f(1, q^{12})f(1, Q^4) \\ &= \varphi(q^6)\varphi(Q^2) + 2q^2 \psi(q^3)\psi(Q) + 4q^8 \psi(q^{12})\psi(Q^4). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we conclude that

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} (2, 1, 5) &= \varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^6) + 2q^5 \psi(q)\psi(Q^3) + 4q^{20} \psi(q^4)\psi(Q^{12}) \\ &= \varphi(q^6)\varphi(Q^2) + 2q^2 \psi(q^3)\psi(Q) + 4q^8 \psi(q^{12})\psi(Q^4). \end{aligned}$$

By similar considerations one can also obtain

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} (1, 1, 10) &= \varphi(q)\varphi(Q^3) + 4q^{10}\psi(q^2)\psi(Q^6), \\ (3, 3, 4) &= \varphi(q^3)\varphi(Q) + 4q^4\psi(q^6)\psi(Q^2), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (5, 2, 8) &= \varphi(q^{24})\varphi(Q^8) + 2q^8\psi(q^{12})\psi(Q^4) + 4q^{32}\psi(q^{48})\psi(Q^{16}) \\ &\quad + 2q^5f(q^6, q^{42})f(Q^6, Q^{10}) + 2q^{15}f(q^{18}, q^{30})f(Q^2, Q^{14}) \\ &= \varphi(q^8)\varphi(Q^{24}) + 2q^{20}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^{12}) + 4q^{80}\psi(q^{16})\psi(Q^{48}) \\ &\quad + 2q^5f(Q^{18}, Q^{30})f(q^6, q^{10}) + 2q^{45}f(Q^6, Q^{42})f(q^2, q^{14}). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.1.** *The following four facts are true (with  $Q := q^{13}$ ):*

$$(4.4) \quad 2q^2E(q^2)E(Q^6)U(1, 39)U(1, 39, -q) = (1, 1, 10) + (2, 1, 5) - (1, 0, 39) - (5, 2, 8),$$

$$(4.5) \quad 2q^2E(q^6)E(Q^2)U(3, 13)U(3, 13, -q) = (3, 0, 13) + (2, 1, 5) - (3, 3, 4) - (5, 2, 8),$$

$$(4.6) \quad \frac{(3, 0, 13) - (5, 2, 8)}{(1, 0, 39) + (5, 2, 8)} = q^3 \frac{\psi(-q)\psi(-Q^3)}{\psi(-q^3)\psi(-Q)},$$

$$(4.7) \quad \frac{(1, 1, 10) + (2, 1, 5) - (1, 0, 39) - (5, 2, 8)}{(3, 0, 13) + (2, 1, 5) - (3, 3, 4) - (5, 2, 8)} = \frac{\varphi(-q^6)\varphi(-Q^2)}{\varphi(-q^2)\varphi(-Q^6)}.$$

*Proof.* We start by proving (4.4). Using Theorem 1.2, we see that

$$(4.8) \quad 4E(q^2)E(Q^6)U(1, 39)U(1, 39, q^4) = 2(1, 0, 39) + T_5(1, 0, 39) = 2(1, 0, 39) + 2(5, 2, 8).$$

From the odd-even dissections of the functions  $G(q)$  and  $H(q)$ , i.e. (2.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E(q^2)E(Q^6)}{E(q^8)E(Q^{24})}U(1, 39) &= U(1, 39, q^{16}) + q^8U(1, 39, -q^4) \\ &\quad + qU(1, 156, -q^4) + q^{39}U(39, 4, -q^4). \end{aligned}$$

From (2.6) we get

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi(q^r)\varphi(q^s) &= \varphi(q^{4r})\varphi(q^{4s}) + 4q^{r+s}\psi(q^{8r})\psi(q^{8s}) + 2q^s\varphi(q^{4r})\psi(q^{8s}) \\ &\quad + 2q^r\varphi(q^{4s})\psi(q^{8r}). \end{aligned}$$

Examining (4.2) and (4.9), we observe that the even part of  $(1, 0, 39)$  is  $(1, 1, 10, q^4)$ . From (4.1) and (4.3) we immediately see that the even part of  $(5, 2, 8)$  is  $(1, 1, 10, q^4)$ . Therefore, by equating the even parts in both sides of (4.8), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} 2E(q^8)E(Q^{24}) (U(1, 39, q^{16}) + q^8U(1, 39, -q^4)) &U(1, 39, q^4) \\ &= (1, 1, 10, q^4) + (2, 1, 5, q^4). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we replace  $q^4$  by  $q$  and use (4.8) to arrive at (4.4). To prove (4.5), we use Theorem 1.3 and start with the identity

$$(4.10) \quad 4q^3E(q^6)E(Q^2)U(3, 13)U(3, 13, q^4) = 2(3, 0, 13) - T_5(3, 0, 13) = 2(3, 0, 13) - 2(5, 2, 8).$$

By looking at the even parts on both sides of this equation and arguing as before, we arrive at (4.4). Ramanujan observed that [4, Entry 3.19]

$$(4.11) \quad E(q)E(Q^3)U(1, 39) = E(q^3)E(Q)U(3, 13).$$

By (4.4), (4.5), and (4.11), and using some elementary product manipulations, we deduce (4.7). Similarly, (4.6) follows from (4.8), (4.10), and (4.11).  $\square$

*Remark.* It can be easily verified by appealing to theory of modular forms that

$$2E(q^3)E(Q)U(1, 39) = (1, 1, 10) + (2, 1, 5)$$

and

$$2q^2E(q)E(Q^3)U(3, 13) = (2, 1, 5) - (3, 3, 4).$$

It is also easy to prove (see, for example, the proof of (4.23)) that

$$2qE(q)E(Q^3)U(1, 39) = 2qE(q^3)E(Q)U(3, 13) = (1, 1, 10) - (3, 3, 4).$$

From these last three equations we easily observe that

$$\sqrt{\frac{(2, 1, 5) - (3, 3, 4)}{(1, 1, 10) + (2, 1, 5)}} = \frac{(2, 1, 5) - (3, 3, 4)}{(1, 1, 10) - (3, 3, 4)} = \frac{(1, 1, 10) - (3, 3, 4)}{(1, 1, 10) + (2, 1, 5)} = q \frac{E(q)E(Q^3)}{E(q^3)E(Q)}.$$

Next, we treat identities involving the quadratic forms (2, 1, 44), (8, 1, 11), (4, 1, 22), (10, 7, 10), (5, 3, 18), (1, 1, 88), and (9, 3, 10) of discriminant  $-351$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *The following five facts are true (with  $Q := q^{13}$ ):*

$$(4.12) \quad (2, 1, 44) - (8, 1, 11) = 2q^2E(q^9)E(Q^3),$$

$$(4.13) \quad (5, 3, 18) - (8, 1, 11) = 2q^5E(q^3)E(Q^9),$$

$$(4.14) \quad (4, 1, 22) - (10, 7, 10) = 2q^4E(q^9)E(Q^3)U(3, 13, q^3)^2,$$

$$(4.15) \quad (1, 1, 88) - (9, 3, 10) = 2qE(q^3)E(Q^9)U(1, 39, q^3)^2,$$

$$(4.16) \quad \frac{(4, 1, 22) - (10, 7, 10)}{(1, 1, 88) - (9, 3, 10)} = \frac{(5, 3, 18) - (8, 1, 11)}{(2, 1, 44) - (8, 1, 11)} = q^3 \frac{E(q^3)E(Q^9)}{E(q^9)E(Q^3)}.$$

*Proof.* Using (2.15) and (2.11), we get

$$(4.17) \quad \begin{aligned} (2, 1, 44) &= (44, 1, 2) = R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 351, 1, 4, 88) \\ &= \varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^{54}) + 2q^{44}\psi(q)\psi(Q^{27}) + 4q^{176}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^{108}) \end{aligned}$$

as well as

$$(4.18) \quad \begin{aligned} (8, 1, 11) &= (11, 1, 8) = R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 351, 1, 16, 22) \\ &= \varphi(q^8)\varphi(Q^{216}) + 2q^{11}f(q^7, q^9)f(Q^{189}, Q^{243}) + 2q^{44}f(q^6, q^{10})f(Q^{162}, Q^{270}) \\ &\quad + 2q^{99}f(q^5, q^{11})f(Q^{135}, Q^{297}) + 2q^{176}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^{108}) \\ &\quad + 2q^{275}f(q^3, q^{13})f(Q^{81}, Q^{351}) \\ &\quad + 2q^{396}f(q^2, q^{14})f(Q^{54}, Q^{378}) \\ &\quad + 2q^{539}f(q, q^{15})f(q^{27}, q^{405}) + 4q^{704}\psi(q^{16})\psi(Q^{432}). \end{aligned}$$

We take (4.17) and expand  $\varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^{54})$  by using (2.6), and we similarly expand  $\psi(q)\psi(Q^{27})$  by using (2.7). After this expansion we subtract (4.18) from the expanded (4.17) and arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.19) \quad (2, 1, 44) - (8, 1, 11) &= 2q^2\psi(q^{16})\varphi(Q^{216}) - 2q^{11}f(q^7, q^9)f(Q^{189}, Q^{243}) \\
 &\quad + 2q^{45}f(q^2, q^{14})f(Q^{162}, Q^{270}) - 2q^{99}f(q^5, q^{11})f(Q^{135}, Q^{297}) \\
 &\quad + 2q^{176}f(q^4, q^{12})f(Q^{108}, Q^{324}) - 2q^{275}f(q^3, q^{13})f(Q^{81}, Q^{351}) \\
 &\quad + 2q^{395}f(q^6, q^{10})f(Q^{54}, Q^{378}) - 2q^{539}f(q, q^{15})f(Q^{27}, Q^{405}) \\
 &\quad + 2q^{702}\varphi(q^8)\psi(Q^{432}).
 \end{aligned}$$

By (2.11), we have

$$R(0, 1, 0, 1, 9, 39, 1, 3, 16) = 2q^2E(q^9)E(Q^3).$$

Next, we employ (2.13) and find that

$$R(0, 1, 0, 1, 9, 39, 1, 3, 16) = R(1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 351, 9, 16, 27).$$

By employing (2.11) one more time, we observe that  $R(1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 351, 9, 16, 27)$  equals exactly the right side of (4.19), which completes the proof of (4.12).

We now observe that

$$2T_5(2, 1, 44) = (9, 3, 10) + (10, 7, 10) \quad \text{and} \quad 2T_5(8, 1, 11) = (4, 1, 22) + (9, 3, 10).$$

Therefore, by (4.12), we find that

$$T_5(2q^2E(q^9)E(Q^3)) = (10, 7, 10) - (4, 1, 22),$$

from which by way of (1.3) we immediately arrive at (4.14).

The proofs of (4.13) and (4.15) go along the same lines as the proofs of (4.12) and (4.14), respectively, so we omit them. In fact one can go from one identity to the other via the map  $\tau \mapsto -351/\tau$ .

Finally, (4.16) follows from (4.11). □

*Remark.* By a straightforward but quite lengthy argument one can eliminate  $q^3$  from either (4.13) or (4.15), resulting in

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.20) \quad (E(q^3)E(Q)U(3, 13))^2 &= (E(q)E(Q^3)U(1, 39))^2 \\
 &= \varphi(-q^2)\varphi(-Q^6)\psi(-Q)\psi(-q^3) \\
 &\quad - q^3\varphi(-Q^2)\varphi(-q^6)\psi(-q)\psi(-Q^3).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (4.20) we may then deduce the following identity, which is similar to those found by Ramanujan:

$$U(1, 39)U(3, 13) = \frac{\chi(q)\chi(Q^3)}{\chi(-q^6)\chi(-Q^2)} - q^3 \frac{\chi(Q)\chi(q^3)}{\chi(-Q^6)\chi(-q^2)}.$$

The next theorem concerns relations for the quadratic forms  $(1, 1, 18)$ ,  $(2, 1, 9)$ ,  $(4, 3, 5)$ , and  $(3, 1, 6)$  of discriminant  $-71$ . Here we now set  $Q := q^{71}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *The following five facts are true (with  $Q := q^{71}$ ):*

$$(4.21) \quad 2q^3E(q)E(Q) = (3, 1, 6) - (4, 3, 5),$$

$$(4.22) \quad 2qE(q)E(Q)U(1, 71)^2 = (3, 1, 6) - (4, 3, 5) - (2, 1, 9) + (1, 1, 18),$$

$$(4.23) \quad 2q^2E(q)E(Q)U(1, 71) = (2, 1, 9) - (3, 1, 6),$$

$$(4.24) \quad 2qU(1, 71, q^2) = -2q^3 + \chi(q)\chi(Q) - \chi(-q)\chi(-Q) - 2q^9 \frac{1}{\chi(-q^2)\chi(-Q^2)},$$

$$(4.25) \quad ((3, 1, 6) - (4, 3, 5) - (2, 1, 9) + (1, 1, 18)) ((3, 1, 6) - (4, 3, 5)) = ((2, 1, 9) - (3, 1, 6))^2.$$

*Proof.* The proof of (4.21) is similar to that of (4.12), so we omit the details.

The identity (4.22) follows from (1.3) once we observe that

$$T_5(3, 1, 6) = (4, 3, 5) + (2, 1, 9) \quad \text{and} \quad T_5(4, 3, 5) = (3, 1, 6) + (1, 1, 18).$$

Using (2.11) and (2.8), we get

$$(4.26) \quad \begin{aligned} R(0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 71, 3, 5, 16) &= 2q^2f(-q, -q^4)f(-Q^2, -Q^3) \\ &\quad - 2q^{16}f(-q^2, -q^3)f(-Q, -Q^4) \\ &= 2q^2E(q)E(Q)U(1, 71). \end{aligned}$$

From (2.13) and (2.11), we also find that

$$(4.27) \quad \begin{aligned} R(0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 71, 3, 5, 16) &= R(1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 71, 3, 16, 5) \\ &= 2q^2\psi(q^{16})\varphi(Q^8) - 2q^3f(q^3, q^{13})f(Q^7, Q^9) + 2q^9f(q^6, q^{10})f(Q^6, Q^{10}) \\ &\quad - 2q^{20}f(q^7, q^9)f(Q^5, Q^{11}) + 2q^{36}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^4) - 2q^{57}f(q, q^{15})f(Q^3, Q^{13}) \\ &\quad + 2q^{81}f(q^2, q^{14})f(Q^2, Q^{14}) - 2q^{109}f(q^5, q^{11})f(Q, Q^{15}) + 2q^{142}\varphi(q^8)\psi(Q^{16}). \end{aligned}$$

By (2.15) and (2.11), we have

$$(4.28) \quad \begin{aligned} (2, 1, 9) = (9, 2, 1) &= R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 71, 1, 4, 18) \\ &= \varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^2) + 2q^9\psi(q)\psi(Q) + 4q^{36}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^4). \end{aligned}$$

From (2.15), (2.13), and (2.11), we deduce that

$$(4.29) \quad \begin{aligned} (3, 1, 6) &= R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 71, 1, 12, 6) \\ &= R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 71, -5, 16, 6) \\ &= \varphi(q^8)\varphi(Q^8) + 2q^3f(q^3, q^{13})f(Q^7, Q^9) + 2q^{10}f(q^2, q^{14})f(Q^6, Q^{10}) \\ &\quad + 2q^{20}f(q^7, q^9)f(Q^5, Q^{11}) + 2q^{36}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^4) + 2q^{57}f(q, q^{15})f(Q^3, Q^{13}) \\ &\quad + 2q^{80}f(q^6, q^{10})f(Q^2, Q^{14}) + 2q^{109}f(q^5, q^{11})f(Q, Q^{15}) \\ &\quad + 4q^{144}\psi(q^{16})\psi(Q^{16}). \end{aligned}$$

We then take (4.28), expand  $\varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^{54})$  as per (2.6) and expand  $\psi(q)\psi(Q^{27})$  as per (2.7), and then subtract (4.29) to obtain the right-hand side of (4.27). Then by (4.27) and (4.26), the proof of (4.23) is complete.

Next observe that by (2.15) and (2.11) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4, 3, 5) &= (5, 4, 3) \\
 &= R(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 71, 3, 8, 10) \\
 &= \varphi(q^4)\varphi(Q^4) + 2q^5 f(q, q^7)f(Q^3, Q^5) + 2q^{18}\psi(q^2)\psi(Q^2) \\
 &\quad + 2q^{40}f(q^3, q^5)f(Q, Q^7) + 4q^{72}\psi(q^8)\psi(Q^8) \\
 &= (\varphi(q)\varphi(Q) + \varphi(-q)\varphi(-Q)) / 2 + 2q^{18}\psi(q^2)\psi(Q^2) \\
 &\quad + 2q^5 f(q, q^7)f(Q^3, Q^5) + 2q^{40}f(q^3, q^5)f(Q, Q^7),
 \end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we used (4.9). We then replace  $q$  by  $q^2$  and use (2.7) to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.30) \quad 2(4, 3, 5, q^2) &= \varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^2) + \varphi(-q^2)\varphi(-Q^2) + 4q^{36}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^4) \\
 &\quad + 2q^9\psi(q)\psi(Q) - 2q^9\psi(-q)\psi(-Q).
 \end{aligned}$$

In (4.28), we use (4.9); then we replace  $q$  by  $q^2$  and subtract (4.30) from the resulting identity to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 2(2, 1, 9, q^2) - 2(4, 3, 5, q^2) &= \varphi(q)\varphi(Q) + \varphi(-q)\varphi(-Q) + 4q^{18}\psi(q^2)\psi(Q^2) \\
 &\quad - \varphi(q^2)\varphi(Q^2) - \varphi(-q)\varphi(-Q) - 4q^{36}\psi(q^4)\psi(Q^4) \\
 &\quad - 2q^9\psi(q)\psi(Q) + 2q^9\psi(-q)\psi(-Q).
 \end{aligned}$$

From the identities established in [2, pp. 448–9] it now follows that

$$(4.31) \quad (2, 1, 9, q^2) - (4, 3, 5, q^2) = q^3 E(-q)E(-Q) - q^3 E(q)E(Q) - 2q^{12}E(q^4)E(Q^4).$$

By (4.21) and (4.23), with  $q$  replaced by  $q^2$  in each, and by (4.31), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
 2q^4 E(q^2)E(Q^2)U(1, 71, q^2) &= q^3 E(-q)E(-Q) - q^3 E(q)E(Q) - 2q^{12}E(q^4)E(Q^4) \\
 &\quad - 2q^6 E(q^2)E(Q^2),
 \end{aligned}$$

which is clearly equivalent to (4.24).

Lastly, the identity (4.25) follows trivially from (4.21)–(4.23). □

*Remark.* Ramanujan almost always expressed the function  $U(r, s)$  in terms of the function  $\chi(q)$  in related arguments, but he did not have an identity for the modulus 71.

The following identity is for the quadratic forms of discriminant  $-56$ . This identity was stated in [1, p. 25] without a proof. Note that we now set  $Q := q^7$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $Q := q^7$ . Then,*

$$(4.32) \quad \frac{(1, 0, 14) - (3, 2, 5)}{(2, 0, 7) + (3, 2, 5)} = q \frac{E^2(Q^4)E^2(q^2)}{E^2(Q^2)E^2(q^4)}.$$

*Proof.* From (1.2) we have

$$(4.33) \quad 4qE(q^2)E(Q^4)U(1, 56)U(4, 14) = 2(1, 0, 14) - T_5(1, 0, 14) = 2(1, 0, 14) - 2(3, 2, 5).$$

Employing (1.3), we also find that

$$(4.34) \quad 4E(q^4)E(Q^2)U(2, 28)U(7, 8) = 2(2, 0, 7) + T_5(2, 0, 7) = 2(2, 0, 7) + 2(3, 2, 5).$$

Ramanujan observed that [12]

$$(4.35) \quad \frac{U(1, 14)}{U(2, 7)} = \frac{E^2(q^2)E^2(Q)}{E^2(q)E^2(Q^2)}.$$

From [3, Th. 1.2] we get

$$(4.36) \quad \frac{U(1, 56)}{U(7, 8)} = \frac{E(q^4)E(Q^2)}{E(q^2)E(Q^4)}.$$

The identity (4.32) now follows from (4.33)–(4.36), where (4.35) is used with  $q$  replaced by  $q^2$ . □

The next identity concerns quadratic forms of discriminant  $-224$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $Q := q^7$ . Then,*

$$(4.37) \quad \frac{(1, 0, 56) - (5, 4, 12)}{(7, 0, 8) + (3, 2, 19)} = q \frac{E(q^4)E(Q^8)}{E(q^8)E(Q^4)}.$$

*Proof.* The proof of (4.37) is very similar to that of (4.32), so we omit the details. Identities similar to (4.33) and (4.34) are established for  $U(1, 56)U(1, 56, q^4)$  and  $U(7, 8)U(7, 8, q^4)$  by using (1.3) and (1.2), and then the identity (4.35) is used twice with  $q$  replaced by  $q^4$  in its second application. □

By using Ramanujan’s identities [6]

$$(4.38) \quad \frac{U(1, 54)}{U(2, 27)} = \frac{E(q^{27})E(q^{18})E(q^3)E(q^2)}{E(q^{54})E(q^9)E(q^6)E(q)}, \quad \frac{U(1, 34)}{U(2, 17)} = \frac{\chi(-q^{17})}{\chi(-q)},$$

and  $U(2, 13) = U(1, 26)$ ,

and his other identities [5]

$$(4.39) \quad \frac{U(1, 66)}{U(2, 33)} = \frac{E(q^{11})E(q^6)}{E(q^{22})E(q^3)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{U(3, 22)}{U(6, 11)} = \frac{E(q^2)E(q^{33})}{E(q)E(q^{66})},$$

and by following exactly the same arguments as in the previous proof, we can easily establish the following identities, in corresponding order to the identities in (4.38) and (4.39), involving quadratic forms of discriminants  $-216$ ,  $-136$ ,  $-104$ , and  $-264$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** *The following five facts are true:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(2, 0, 27) - (7, 6, 9)}{(1, 0, 54) + (5, 2, 11)} &= q^2 \frac{\psi(-q)\psi(-q^6)\psi(-q^9)\psi(-q^{54})}{E(q^3)E(q^{72})\psi(-q^2)\psi(-q^{27})}, \\ \frac{(2, 0, 17) - (5, 2, 7)}{(1, 0, 34) + (5, 2, 7)} &= q^2 \frac{\varphi(-q^4)\psi(q^{17})}{\varphi(-q^{68})\psi(q)}, \\ \frac{(1, 0, 26) - (5, 4, 6)}{(2, 0, 13) + (3, 2, 9)} &= q \frac{E(q^2)E(q^{52})}{E(q^4)E(q^{26})}, \\ \frac{(6, 0, 11) - (7, 4, 10)}{(3, 0, 22) + (5, 4, 14)} &= q^6 \frac{E(q^{12})E(q^{22})\psi(-q)\psi(-q^{66})}{E(q^6)E(q^8)E(q^{33})E(q^{44})}, \\ \frac{(1, 0, 66) - (5, 4, 14)}{(2, 0, 33) + (7, 4, 10)} &= q \frac{E(q^{132})E(q^{44})E(q^{24})E(q^{11})E(q^6)E(q^2)}{E(q^{88})E(q^{66})E(q^{22})E(q^{12})E(q^4)E(q^3)}. \end{aligned}$$

The following relations are for quadratic forms of discriminant  $-1664$ . Here we set  $Q := q^{13}$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** *The following facts are true (with  $Q := q^{13}$ ):*

$$(4.40) \quad 2q^3 E(q^{16})E(Q^8)U(2, 13, q^8) = (3, 2, 139) - (12, 4, 35),$$

$$(4.41) \quad 2q^7 E(q^8)E(Q^{16})U(1, 26, q^8) = (7, 4, 60) - (15, 4, 28),$$

$$(4.42) \quad 2q^9 E(q^8)E(Q^{16}) = (9, 8, 48) - (17, 6, 25),$$

$$(4.43) \quad 2q^5 E(q^{16})E(Q^8) = (5, 4, 84) - (20, 4, 21),$$

$$(4.44a)$$

$$(4.44b) \quad \begin{aligned} 2q^5 E(q^8)E(Q^{16})U(1, 26q^8)^2 &= (5, 4, 84) + (21, 10, 21) - (13, 0, 32) - (20, 4, 21) \\ &= 2q^5 E(q^{16})E(Q^8) - 2q^{13}\psi(Q^8)\varphi(-q^8), \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.45a)$$

$$(4.45b) \quad \begin{aligned} 2qE(q^{16})E(Q^8)U(2, 13, q^8)^2 &= (1, 0, 416) + (17, 6, 25) - (4, 4, 105) - (9, 8, 48) \\ &= 2q\psi(q^8)\varphi(-Q^8) - 2q^9 E(q^8)E(Q^{16}), \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.46) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{(5, 4, 84) + (21, 10, 21) - (13, 0, 32) - (20, 4, 21)}{(1, 0, 416) + (17, 6, 25) - (4, 4, 105) - (9, 8, 48)} &= \frac{(9, 8, 48) - (17, 6, 25)}{(5, 4, 84) - (20, 4, 21)} \\ &= \frac{(7, 4, 60) - (15, 4, 28)}{(3, 2, 139) - (12, 4, 35)} \\ &= q^4 \frac{E(q^8)E(Q^{16})}{E(q^{16})E(Q^8)}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The derivations of (4.40), (4.41), (4.42), and (4.43) are similar to that of (4.12). The identity (4.44a) is obtained from (4.42) by arguing as in the proof of (4.22). This reasoning also applies to obtaining (4.45a) from (4.43). The last identity, (4.46), follows from (4.42), (4.43), (4.44a), and (4.45a), together with the rightmost identity in (4.38) with  $q$  replaced by  $q^8$ . By (4.42), the identity (4.45b) reduces to  $(1, 0, 416) - (4, 4, 105) = 2q\psi(q^8)\varphi(-Q^8)$ . From (2.15), (2.14), and (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (4, 4, 105) &= (105, 4, 4) \\ &= R(0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 832, 2, 4, 210) \\ &= R(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 416, 1, 2, 210) \\ &= \varphi(q^4)\varphi(Q^{32}) + 4q^{105}\psi(q^8)\psi(Q^{64}). \end{aligned}$$

If we apply (2.6) twice, with  $q$  replaced by  $-Q^8$  in the second application, we can conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} (1, 0, 416) - (4, 4, 105) &= \varphi(q)\varphi(Q^{32}) - \varphi(q^4)\varphi(Q^{32}) - 4q^{105}\psi(q^8)\psi(Q^{64}) \\ &= \varphi(Q^{32}) (\varphi(q) - \varphi(q^4)) - 4q^{105}\psi(q^8)\psi(Q^{64}) \\ &= 2q\varphi(Q^{32})\psi(q^8) - 4q^{105}\psi(q^8)\psi(Q^{64}) \\ &= 2q\psi(q^8) (\varphi(Q^{32}) - 2q^{104}\psi(Q^{64})) \\ &= 2q\psi(q^8)\varphi(-Q^8), \end{aligned}$$

thus proving (4.45b). The proof of (4.44b) is similar and so we skip its details.  $\square$

*Remark.* Replacing  $q^8$  with  $q$  in (4.44b) and (4.45b) yields Ramanujan’s identity [5]:

$$U(1, 26) = U(2, 13) = \sqrt{\frac{\chi(-Q)}{\chi(-q)} - q \frac{\chi(-q)}{\chi(-Q)}}.$$

Next, we obtain relations for the quadratic forms  $(3, 0, 7)$ ,  $(1, 0, 21)$ ,  $(5, 4, 5)$ , and  $(2, 2, 11)$  of discriminant  $-84$ . Here we set  $Q := q^7$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** *The following two facts are true (with  $Q := q^7$ ):*

$$(4.47) \quad \frac{(1, 0, 21) - (5, 4, 5)}{(3, 0, 7) + (2, 2, 11)} = q \frac{E(q^2)E(Q^6)}{E(q^6)E(Q^2)},$$

$$(4.48) \quad \frac{(3, 0, 7) - (2, 2, 11)}{(1, 0, 21) + (5, 4, 5)} = -q^2 \frac{E(q^6)E(Q^2)\psi^2(-q)\psi^2(-Q^3)}{E(q^2)E(Q^6)\psi^2(-q^3)\psi^2(-Q)}.$$

*Proof.* In [3], we obtained identities relating the functions  $U(7, 12)$ ,  $U(4, 21)$ ,  $U(3, 28)$ , and  $U(1, 84)$ . While it was not stated there, it trivially follows from [3, eqs. 4.2, 1.8, 4.28, 4.50] that

$$\frac{U(7, 12)}{U(4, 21)} = \frac{\psi(-q)\psi(-Q^3)}{\psi(-q^3)\psi(-Q)}.$$

Also from [3, eqs. 1.5, 1.6, 1.9, 4.39, 4.40, 4.42, 4.51] we find that

$$\frac{U(3, 28)}{U(1, 84)} = \frac{\psi(-q)\psi(-Q^3)}{\psi(-q^3)\psi(-Q)}.$$

Together these give

$$(4.49) \quad \frac{U(7, 12)}{U(4, 21)} = \frac{U(3, 28)}{U(1, 84)} = \frac{\psi(-q)\psi(-Q^3)}{\psi(-q^3)\psi(-Q)}.$$

Next, we have the following from (1.2) and (1.3):

$$(4.50) \quad 4E(q^6)E(Q^2)U(3, 7)U(3, 7, q^4) = 2(3, 0, 7) + T_5(3, 0, 7) = 2(3, 0, 7) + 2(2, 2, 11),$$

$$(4.51) \quad \begin{aligned} 4q^3E(q^6)E(Q^2)U(12, 7)U(3, 28) &= -4q^2E(q^6)E(Q^2)U(7, 12)U(3, 28) \\ &= 2(3, 0, 7) - T_5(3, 0, 7) = 2(3, 0, 7) - 2(2, 2, 11), \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.52) \quad 4qE(q^2)E(Q^6)U(1, 21)U(1, 21, q^4) = 2(1, 0, 21) - T_5(1, 0, 21) = 2(1, 0, 21) - 2(5, 4, 5),$$

$$(4.53) \quad 4E(q^2)E(Q^6)U(4, 21)U(1, 84) = 2(1, 0, 21) + T_5(1, 0, 21) = 2(1, 0, 21) + 2(5, 4, 5).$$

Finally, (4.47) and (4.48) follow from (4.49), (4.50)–(4.53), and Ramanujan’s identity [5]:

$$U(3, 7) = U(1, 21).$$

□

For our last application, we treat discriminant  $-76$ . Here we set  $Q := q^{19}$  and provide identities similar to those that Ramanujan gave for his functions.

**Theorem 4.9.** *The following two facts are true (with  $Q := q^{19}$ ):*

(4.54)

$$4U(1, 19, q)U(1, 19, q^4) = 3\chi(q)^2\chi(Q)^2 + \chi(-q)^2\chi(-Q)^2 + 4q^5 \frac{1}{\chi(-q^2)^2\chi(-Q^2)^2},$$

(4.55)

$$4qU(1, 19)U(1, 19, -q) = \chi(q)^2\chi(Q)^2 - \chi(-q)^2\chi(-Q)^2 + 12q^5 \frac{1}{\chi(-q^2)^2\chi(-Q^2)^2}.$$

*Proof.* Using (1.2), we find that

(4.56)

$$4E(q^2)E(Q^2)U(1, 19)U(1, 19, q^4) = 2(1, 0, 19) + T_5(1, 0, 19) = 2(1, 0, 19) + 2(4, 2, 5),$$

and

(4.57)

$$4qE(q^2)E(Q^2)U(4, 19)U(1, 76) = 2(1, 0, 19) - T_5(1, 0, 19) = 2(1, 0, 19) - 2(4, 2, 5).$$

From [3] we know that

(4.58)

$$U(4, 19)U(1, 76) = U(1, 19, q^2).$$

Ramanujan observed that [6]

(4.59)

$$4qU(1, 19, q^2) = \frac{\varphi(q)\varphi(Q) - \varphi(-q)\varphi(-Q) - 4q^5\psi(q^2)\psi(Q^2)}{E(q^2)E(Q^2)}$$

(4.60)

$$= \chi(q)^2\chi(Q)^2 - \chi(-q)^2\chi(-Q)^2 - 4q^5 \frac{1}{\chi(-q^2)^2\chi(-Q^2)^2}.$$

By adding the identities in (4.56) and (4.57) and by using (4.58) and (4.60), we arrive at (4.54). From (4.59), (4.58), and (4.55), we conclude that

(4.61)

$$2(4, 2, 5) = \varphi(q)\varphi(Q) + \varphi(-q)\varphi(-Q) + 4q^5\psi(q^2)\psi(Q^2).$$

If we use (4.61) and equate the even parts in both sides of (4.56), then by arguing as in the proof of (4.4), we will arrive at (4.55). □

### 5. CONCLUSION

There are similar identities for many other discriminants that can be proved by establishing identities for the relevant Rogers–Ramanujan functions. For example, for quadratic forms of discriminant  $-111$ , we find that

(5.1)

$$\frac{(4, 1, 7) - (5, 3, 6)}{(1, 1, 28) - (4, 1, 7)} = \frac{(3, 3, 10) - (4, 1, 7)}{(2, 1, 14) + (4, 1, 7)} = q^3 \frac{E(q)E(q^{111})}{E(q^3)E(q^{37})}.$$

Another set of examples is for quadratic forms of discriminant  $-119$ :

(5.2)

$$\frac{(4, 3, 8) - (6, 5, 6)}{(1, 1, 30) + (5, 1, 6)} = q^4 \frac{E(q)E(q^{119})}{E(q^7)E(q^{17})},$$

(5.3)

$$((4, 3, 8) - (2, 1, 15))((3, 1, 10) - (5, 1, 6)) = ((1, 1, 30) + (5, 1, 6))((6, 5, 6) - (5, 1, 6)).$$

There are further identities for quadratic forms not related to Rogers–Ramanujan functions. As an example, for quadratic forms of discriminant  $-80$  we have

(5.4)

$$\frac{(1, 0, 20) - (3, 2, 7)}{(3, 2, 7) + (4, 0, 5)} = q \frac{E(q^{40})E(q^2)}{E(q^{10})E(q^8)}.$$

The identities (5.1)–(5.4), along with similar types of identities, will be discussed elsewhere.

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