

**APPLICATION OF RAMANUJAN'S  
P-Q THETA FUNCTION IDENTITIES OF LEVEL 15 TO COLOR PARTITION IDENTITIES**

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**ABSTRACT**

*M.Somos discovered around 6277 theta-function identities of different levels using computer and offered no proof for them and these identities highly resembles Ramanujan's recordings.*

*The purpose of this paper is to establish colorpartition identities to three Somostheta function identities of level 15.*

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Throughout this paper, we assume  $|q| < 1$ . Let

$$f(-q) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)$$

For  $q = e^{2\pi i \tau}$ ,  $f(-q) = e^{\frac{-\pi i \tau}{12}} \eta(\tau)$ , where  $\eta(\tau)$  denotes the classical Dedekind  $\eta$ -function for  $\text{Im}(\tau) > 0$ . For convenience we set  $f(-q^k) = f_k$ .

Ramanujan recorded several identities which involve  $f(-q)$ ,  $f(-q^n)$ ,  $f(-q^m)$  and  $f(-q^{mn})$  called level  $mn$  in his second notebook [3] and Lost Notebook [4].

For example

$$f_1^4 f_2^4 f_5^2 f_{10}^2 + 5 f_1^2 f_2^2 f_5^4 f_{10}^4 = f_2^6 f_5^6 + f_1^6 f_{10}^6.$$

Michael Somos recently used a computer to discover several new elegant theta-function identities in the spirit of Ramanujan and offered no proof for them. Somos has a large list of  $\eta$ -product identities and he runs PARI/GP scripts to look at each identity in  $P$ - $Q$  forms. Recently B. Yuttanan [5] has proved certain Somostheta-function identities of different levels by employing

Ramanujan's modular equations and K.R.Vasuki and R.G.Veeresha [6] proved  $\eta$ -function identities of level 14 discovered by Somos.

The purpose of this paper, is to establish certain interesting colorpartition of Ramanujan's identities of level 15 conjectured by Somos.

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## 1. Somoside n tities of level 15

In this section we state Ramanujan's identities of level 15. For

$$X = \frac{f_1}{q^{12}f_3}, Y = \frac{f_5}{q^{12}f_{15}}, P = \frac{f_1}{q^6f_5} \text{ and } Q = \frac{f_3}{q^2f_{15}}$$

We have

**Theorem 2.1:** [1,p.221][3,p.325]

$$(XY)^2 + 5 + \frac{9}{(XY)^2} = \left(\frac{Y}{X}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{X}{Y}\right)^3, \quad (2.1)$$

**Theorem 2.2:** [1,p.223][3,p.323]

$$(PQ)^3 + \frac{125}{(PQ)^3} = \left(\frac{Q}{P}\right)^6 - 9\left(\frac{Q}{P}\right)^3 - 9\left(\frac{P}{Q}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{P}{Q}\right)^6, \quad (2.2)$$

**Theorem 2.3:** [1,p.226]

$$(PQ)^3 - \frac{125}{(PQ)^3} = (XY)^4 + (XY)^2 - \frac{9}{(XY)^2} - \frac{81}{(XY)^4}. \quad (2.3)$$

Somos also rediscovered the above three identities, a proof of these identities can be found in [1, pp.221–230].

From these identities, in Section 3 we deduce certain interesting color partition identities.

## 2. COLORPARTITION

The Somos's identities, mentioned in Section 2, have interesting applications to color partition. Sen-Shan Huang introduced color partition in [2]. A positive integer  $n$  has  $k$  colors if there are  $k$  copies of  $n$  and all of them are viewed as distinct objects. Partition of a positive integer into parts with colors are called "colored partitions".

For example, if 1 is allowed to have 2 colors, the all the (colored) partitions of 2 are  $2, 1_r+1_r, 1_g+1_g$  and  $1_r+1_g$  where we use the indices  $r$  (red) and  $g$  (green) to distinguish two copies of 1.

The generating function for the number of partitions of  $n$ , where all the parts are congruent to  $u \pmod{v}$  and have  $k$  color is

$$\frac{1}{(q^u; q^v)_\infty^k},$$

Where

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k).$$

**Definition 3.1:** Let  $P(n, k, l, m)$  denote the number of partition of  $n$  into parts not congruent to  $0 \pmod{15}$ , with parts congruent to  $0 \pmod{3}$  having  $k$  colors and parts congruent to  $0 \pmod{5}$  having  $l$  colors and parts not congruent to  $0 \pmod{3}$  or  $0 \pmod{5}$  having  $m$  colors.

**Definition 3.2:** We define

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k; q)_\infty$$

And

$$(q^{r_1 \pm}, q^{r_2 \pm}, q^{r_3 \pm}, \dots, q^{r_n \pm}; q^s)_\infty := (q^{r_1}, q^{r_2}, \dots, q^{r_n}, q^{s-r_1}, q^{s-r_2}, \dots, q^{s-r_n}; q^s)_\infty$$

where  $r_i < s$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

For example,

$$(q^{1 \pm}, q^{2 \pm}, q^{3 \pm}, q^{4 \pm}, q^{5 \pm}, q^{6 \pm}, q^{7 \pm}; q^{15})_\infty := (q^1, q^2, q^3, q^4, q^5, q^6, q^7; q^{15})_\infty$$

**Theorem 3.3:** We have, for  $n \geq 2$

$$P(n+2, 6, 2, 7) + 5P(n, 6, 6, 9) + 9(n-2, 6, 10, 11) = P(n+1, 6, 12, 12) + P(n-1, 6, 6, 6),$$

Where  $P(0, k, l, m) = 1$ .

**Proof:** Dividing (2.1) by  $f_1^{12}$ , we find that

$$\frac{1}{q^2} \left( \frac{f_3}{f_1} \right) \left( \frac{f_5}{f_1} \right)^5 \left( \frac{f_{15}}{f_1} \right) + 5 \left( \frac{f_3}{f_1} \right)^3 \left( \frac{f_5}{f_1} \right)^3 \left( \frac{f_{15}}{f_1} \right)^3 + 9q^2 \left( \frac{f_3}{f_1} \right)^5 \left( \frac{f_5}{f_1} \right) \left( \frac{f_{15}}{f_1} \right)^5 - \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{f_3}{f_1} \right)^6 \left( \frac{f_{15}}{f_1} \right)^6 - q \left( \frac{f_{15}}{f_1} \right)^6 = 0.$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{q^2 (q_7^{1\pm}, q_7^{2\pm}, q_6^{3\pm}, q_7^{4\pm}, q_2^{5\pm}, q_6^{6\pm}, q_7^{7\pm}; q^{15})_\infty} + \frac{5}{(q_9^{1\pm}, q_9^{2\pm}, q_6^{3\pm}, q_9^{4\pm}, q_6^{5\pm}, q_6^{6\pm}, q_9^{7\pm}; q^{15})_\infty} \\ & + \frac{1}{9q^2 (q_{11}^{1\pm}, q_{11}^{2\pm}, q_6^{3\pm}, q_{11}^{4\pm}, q_{10}^{5\pm}, q_6^{6\pm}, q_{11}^{7\pm}; q^{15})_\infty} \\ & - \frac{1}{q (q_{12}^{1\pm}, q_{12}^{2\pm}, q_6^{3\pm}, q_{12}^{4\pm}, q_{12}^{5\pm}, q_6^{6\pm}, q_{12}^{7\pm}; q^{15})_\infty} \\ & + \frac{1}{(q_6^{1\pm}, q_6^{2\pm}, q_6^{3\pm}, q_6^{4\pm}, q_6^{5\pm}, q_6^{6\pm}, q_6^{7\pm}; q^{15})_\infty} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Employing the definition of  $P(n, k, l, m)$  in the above, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(n+2, 6, 2, 7) q^n + 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(n, 6, 6, 9) q^n + 9 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(n-2, 6, 10, 11) q^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(n+1, 6, 12, 12) q^n \\ & - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(n-2, 6, 10, 11) q^n = 0. \end{aligned}$$

On comparing the coefficient of  $q^n$ , we obtain the required result.

Similarly as above we can deduce from (2.2) and (2.3) the following color partition identities respectively.

**Theorem 3.4:** we, have, for  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(n+2, 6, 12, 15) + 125 P(n-2, 19, 12, 21) \\ & = P(n+2, 12, 12, 24) - 9P(n+1, 12, 12, 21) - 9P(n-1, 12, 12, 15) - P(n-2, 12, 12, 12). \end{aligned}$$

We have, for  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(n+2, 2, 8, 9) - 125P(n-2, 14, 8, 15) \\ & = P(n+2, 8, 0, 8) + P(n+1, 8, 4, 10) - 9P(n-1, 12, 12, 14) - 81P(n-2, 6, 16, 16). \end{aligned}$$

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