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## บทคัดย่อ

งานวิจัยนี้ได้ศึกษา Theta functions รูปแบบใหม่ใน Ramanujan's quartic theory ผู้วิจัยได้คิดค้นเอกลักษณ์ของฟังก์ชันนี้ในทำนองเดียวกับ Jacobian theta functions และ Cubic theta functions

## Abstract

A new general theta function in Ramanujan's quartic theory is introduced. Some properties analogous to those of classical Jacobian theta functions and cubic theta functions are established here.

## บทนำ

โครงการวิจัยนี้ได้ทำการศึกษาเกี่ยวกับ Theta functions ใน การศึกษาคณิตศาสตร์สาขาทฤษฎีจำนวน พังก์ชันหนึ่ง ที่มีความสำคัญมากคือ Theta functions ซึ่งเป็นพังก์ชันของตัวแปรเชิงซ้อน พังก์ชันนี้ถูกค้นพบครั้งแรกในศตวรรษที่ 18 โดย Leonard Euler และได้ถูกศึกษาอย่างกว้างขวางในศตวรรษที่ 19 โดยนักคณิตศาสตร์หลายท่าน เช่น Carl Friedrich Gauss, Carl Gustav Jacob Jacobi เป็นต้น เนื่องจาก Jacobi ได้ศึกษาพังก์ชันนี้อย่างลึกซึ้ง และเป็นระบบ ต่อมาเราจึงนิยมเรียกพังก์ชันนี้ว่า Jacobi's theta functions (หรือ Classical Theta Functions) ซึ่งมีอยู่ 4 พังก์ชันคือ  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  และ  $\theta_4$  ให้  $\tau$  เป็นจำนวนเชิงซ้อนใด ๆ ซึ่งส่วนใหญ่เป็นจำนวนจริงบวกและเพียง  $q$  ในรูป  $q = e^{\pi i \tau}$  แล้วเรานิยามว่า

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1(z, q) &:= -i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(n+1/2)^2} e^{(2n+1)iz} \\ \theta_2(z, q) &:= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{(n+1/2)^2} e^{(2n+1)iz} \\ \theta_3(z, q) &:= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2} e^{2niz} \\ \theta_4(z, q) &:= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n^2} e^{2niz}\end{aligned}$$

ในช่วงต้นศตวรรษที่ 20 Srinivasa Ramanujan นักคณิตศาสตร์ชาวอินเดียได้ค้นพบรูปแบบทั่วไปของ Theta functions ซึ่งมีนิยามดังนี้

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

เราจะเห็นได้ว่า  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  และ  $\theta_4$  เป็นเพียงกรณีพิเศษของพังก์ชัน  $f$  เท่านั้น จากการค้นพบนี้ทำให้องค์ความรู้เกี่ยวกับพังก์ชันนี้ได้พัฒนามากยิ่งขึ้น ไปอีก พังก์ชันนี้ได้มีการนำไปใช้ในหลายสาขาวิชาของคณิตศาสตร์ เช่น q-Series, Modular Equations, Partition Theory, Elliptic Functions, Algebraic Geometry, Complex Analysis, Quadratic Forms เป็นต้น และยังได้มีการนำพังก์ชันนี้ไปประยุกต์ใช้ในสาขาวิชาอื่น ๆ อีกด้วย เช่น Soliton Theory, Quantum Field Theory, Models of Lattice Gases, Particle Physics เป็นต้น ในปี ก.ศ. 1989 Jonathan M. Borwein และ Peter B. Borwein ได้ค้นพบพังก์ชันที่มีลักษณะคล้ายกับ Jacobi's theta functions แต่มีความซับซ้อนมากขึ้น ต่อมาเรียกว่า Cubic theta functions (หรือ two-dimesional theta functions) มีนิยามดังต่อไปนี้

$$\begin{aligned}a(q) &:= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2 + nm + m^2} \\ b(q) &:= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2 + nm + m^2} \omega^{n-m} \\ c(q) &:= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{\left(\frac{m+1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m+1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right)^2}\end{aligned}$$

เมื่อ  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$  ซึ่งในภายหลังสมบัติต่าง ๆ ของฟังก์ชันนี้ได้ถูกคิดค้นขึ้นมาอย่างโดยนักคณิตศาสตร์หลายท่าน เมื่อเร็ว ๆ นี้ในปี 2009 Daniel Schultz ได้ค้นพบฟังก์ชันใหม่ที่เรียกว่า Quartic theta functions จากการศึกษา Jacobi's theta functions และ Cubic theta functions บน Riemann surfaces ฟังก์ชันดังกล่าวมีนิยามดังนี้

$$\vartheta(q_1, q_2, x_1, x_2, x_3) := \sum_{a,b,c=-\infty}^{\infty} q_1^{\frac{1}{2}(a+c)^2} q_2^{\frac{1}{2}(a+b)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(b+c)^2} x_1^a x_2^b x_3^c$$

โดยที่  $|q_1| < 1, |q_2| < 1$  ฟังก์ชันใหม่ที่เพิ่งค้นพบนี้ยังไม่ได้เป็นที่รู้จักกันกว้างขวางนัก ผู้วิจัยเกิดความสนใจและได้ศึกษาฟังก์ชันนี้ ซึ่งสามารถคิดค้นสมบัติใหม่ ๆ ของฟังก์ชันนี้เพิ่มเติมได้ในทำนองเดียวกับ Jacobi's Theta Functions และ Cubic Theta Functions ซึ่งจะทำให้องค์ความรู้เกี่ยวกับ Quartic Theta Functions นี้ กว้างขวางมากยิ่งขึ้น และคาดหวังว่าในอนาคตอาจจะมีการนำอาความรู้เกี่ยวกับฟังก์ชันนี้ไปประยุกต์ใช้ในสาขาวิชาอื่นอีกด้วย

## วัตถุประสงค์

1. ศึกษาคิดกึ่นเอกลักษณ์และสมบัติต่าง ๆ ของ Quartic theta functions ในทำนองเดียวกับ Jacobi's theta functions และ Cubic theta functions
2. สร้างความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง Quartic theta functions และ Cubic theta functions
3. การประยุกต์ใช้เอกลักษณ์ของ Quartic theta functions
4. สร้างความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง Quartic theta functions กับฟังก์ชันอื่น ๆ ที่ใช้กันอย่างแพร่หลายในคณิตศาสตร์

## ผลการวิจัย

ผู้วิจัยได้ศึกษา Quartic theta function ซึ่งมีนิยามดังนี้

$$\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) := \sum_{a,b,c=-\infty}^{\infty} q_2^{\frac{1}{2}(a+c)^2} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}(a+b)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(b+c)^2} x_1^a x_2^b x_3^c$$

โดยที่

$$q_2 := \exp\left(-\pi \frac{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1-m_2)}{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; m_2)}\right), \quad q_4 := \exp\left(-\pi\sqrt{2} \frac{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; 1-m_4)}{{}_2F_1(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; m_4)}\right)$$

โดยที่  $0 < m_2 < 1, 0 < m_4 < 1$  และ  ${}_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$  คือ Ordinary hypergeometric function

ทฤษฎีบทที่กล่าวถึงต่อไปนี้จะขอใช้การพิสูจน์ไว้ สำหรับการพิสูจน์สามารถถูกได้จากบทความที่ตีพิมพ์แล้ว ในภาคผนวก ทฤษฎีบทแรกจะกล่าวถึงสมบัติพื้นฐานของพังก์ชัน  $\vartheta(q_1, q_2, x_1, x_2, x_3)$

### ทฤษฎีบท 1

1.  $\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_3, x_2, x_1)$
2.  $\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1^{-1}, x_2^{-1}, x_3^{-1})$
- 3.

$$2\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) = f\left(\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} q_2^{\frac{1}{2}}, \left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} q_2^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) f\left(\left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}, \left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) f\left(\left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}, \left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) + f\left(-\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} q_2^{\frac{1}{2}}, -\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} q_2^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) f\left(-\left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}, -\left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) f\left(-\left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}, -\left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} q_4^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

เมื่อ  $f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2}$  คือ Ramanujan's general theta function

4. ถ้า  $p, q, r$  เป็นจำนวนคู่แล้ว  

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ = x_1^{p/2} x_2^{q/2} x_3^{r/2} q_2^{(p+r)^2/8} q_4^{(p+q)^2/8 + (q+r)^2/8} \vartheta(q_2, q_4, q_2^{(p+r)/2} q_4^{(p+q)/2} x_1, q_4^{(p+2q+r)/2} x_2, q_2^{(p+r)/2} q_4^{(q+r)/2} x_3) \end{aligned}$$

5. ถ้า  $m, n, k, p, q, r$  เป็นจำนวนคู่โดยที่  $\frac{1}{2}(mp + nq + kr) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  และ  

$$\vartheta(q_2, q_4, i^m q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(p+q)/4}, i^n q_4^{(p+2q+r)/4}, i^k q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(q+r)/4}) = 0$$

6. ถ้า  $\operatorname{Re} s, \operatorname{Re} t > 0$  และ

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta(e^{-\pi s}, e^{-\pi t}, e^{ia}, e^{ib}, e^{ic}) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{t\sqrt{s}} e^{-(a-b+c)^2/8\pi s - ((a-c)^2+b^2)/4\pi t} \vartheta\left(e^{-\pi/s}, e^{-2\pi/t}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s+b/t}, e^{(a+b-c)/t}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s+(a-c)/t}\right) \end{aligned}$$

7. ให้  $m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  และ  $n$  เป็นจำนวนเต็ม จะได้ว่า

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^m (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}, i^{2m} q_4^n, i^{3m} (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} q_2^{-(n^2-1)/8} q_4^{-(n^2-1)/4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2}, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2}\right), & m = 0 \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ q_2^{-n^2/8} q_4^{-n^2/4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, 1, 1, 1\right), & m = 0 \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ q_2^{-(n^2-4)/8} q_4^{-(n^2-4)/4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, q_2 q_4, q_4^2, q_2 q_4\right), & m = 0 \text{ and } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ i^{n/2} q_2^{-n^2/8} q_4^{-n^2/4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i, i^2, i^3\right), & m = 1, 3 \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ q_2^{-n^2/8} q_4^{-n^2/4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2, i^4, i^6\right), & m = 2 \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ q_2^{-(n^2-4)/8} q_4^{-(n^2-4)/4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2 q_2 q_4, i^4 q_4^2, i^6 q_2 q_4\right), & m = 2 \text{ and } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

เนื่องจากฟังก์ชันมีความซับซ้อนของพารามิเตอร์ ผู้วิจัยจึงทำการศึกษารูปนิเวศทางของฟังก์ชัน  $\vartheta$  ดังต่อไปนี้ กำหนดให้

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(q_2, q_4) &:= \vartheta(q_2, q_4, 1, 1, 1) \\ \vartheta_2(q_2, q_4) &:= \vartheta(q_2, q_4, i, i^2, i^3) \\ \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4) &:= \vartheta(q_2, q_4, i^2, i^4, i^6) \\ \vartheta_4(q_2, q_4) &:= q_2^{1/8} q_4^{1/4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2}, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2}\right) \\ \vartheta_5(q_2, q_4) &:= q_2^{1/2} q_4 \vartheta(q_2, q_4, q_2 q_4, q_4^2, q_2 q_4) \\ \vartheta_6(q_2, q_4) &:= q_2^{1/2} q_4 \vartheta(q_2, q_4, i^2 q_2 q_4, i^4 q_4^2, i^6 q_2 q_4) \end{aligned}$$

จากความสัมพันธ์ระหว่างฟังก์ชัน  $\vartheta$  กับฟังก์ชัน  $f$  ในทฤษฎีบท 1 ข้อ 3 ผู้วิจัยได้ใช้เอกลักษณ์ของฟังก์ชัน  $f$  ซึ่งคิดค้นโดย Srinivasa Ramanujan มาพิสูจน์เอกลักษณ์ในทฤษฎีบทต่อไปนี้

## ທຄມງືບທ 2

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}_1(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{1}{2} (\varphi(q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(q_4^{1/2}) + \varphi(-q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2})) \\ \mathcal{G}_2(q_2, q_4) &= \varphi(-q_2^2)\varphi(q_4^{1/2})\varphi(-q_4^{1/2}) \\ \mathcal{G}_3(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{1}{2} (\varphi(q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) + \varphi(-q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(q_4^{1/2})) \\ \mathcal{G}_4(q_2, q_4) &= 4\psi(q_2)\psi^2(q_4) \\ \mathcal{G}_5(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{1}{2} (\varphi(q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(q_4^{1/2}) - \varphi(-q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2})) \\ \mathcal{G}_6(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{1}{2} (\varphi(q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) - \varphi(-q_2^{1/2})\varphi^2(q_4^{1/2}))\end{aligned}$$

ໂດຍທີ່  $\varphi(q) = f(q, q)$  ແລະ  $\psi(q) = f(q, q^3)$  ເມື່ອ  $f$  ຄືອຳພັກກໍ່ຂັ້ນທີ່ນິຍາມໄວ້ໃນທຄມງືບທ 1 ຂໍອ 3 ຜົ່ງສອງ  
ພັກກໍ່ຂັ້ນນີ້ແມ່ນກຣົມືເຄພາະຂອງພັກກໍ່ຂັ້ນ  $f$  ທີ່ຮູ້ຈັກກັນອ່າງກວ່າງຂວາງ ແລະ ຈາກການປະຢຸກຕໍ່ໃຊ້ຄວາມສົມພັນຫຼື  
ຂອງ  $\varphi$  ແລະ  $\psi$  ທຳໄຫ້ເຮົາໄດ້ນັບທແຮຣກຕ່ອໄປນີ້

## ທຄມງືບທ 3

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}_1(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2 z_4}}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + \sqrt{m_2 m_4} + \sqrt{(1-m_2)(1-m_4)} \right)^{1/2} \\ \mathcal{G}_2(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2 z_4} (1-m_2)^{1/8} (1-m_4)^{1/4} \\ \mathcal{G}_3(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2 z_4}}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 - \sqrt{m_2 m_4} + \sqrt{(1-m_2)(1-m_4)} \right)^{1/2} \\ \mathcal{G}_4(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2 z_4} m_2^{1/8} m_4^{1/4} \\ \mathcal{G}_5(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2 z_4}}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + \sqrt{m_2 m_4} - \sqrt{(1-m_2)(1-m_4)} \right)^{1/2} \\ \mathcal{G}_6(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2 z_4}}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 - \sqrt{m_2 m_4} - \sqrt{(1-m_2)(1-m_4)} \right)^{1/2}\end{aligned}$$

ເມື່ອ  $z_2 := {}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; m_2)$  ແລະ  $z_4 := {}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; m_4)$

## ທຄມງືບທ 4

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}_1^2(q_2, q_4) + \mathcal{G}_6^2(q_2, q_4) &= \mathcal{G}_3^2(q_2, q_4) + \mathcal{G}_5^2(q_2, q_4) \\ \mathcal{G}_1^2(q_2, q_4) - \mathcal{G}_6^2(q_2, q_4) &= \mathcal{G}_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) + 2\mathcal{G}_4^2(q_2^2, q_4) \\ \mathcal{G}_3^2(q_2, q_4) - \mathcal{G}_5^2(q_2, q_4) &= \mathcal{G}_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) - 2\mathcal{G}_4^2(q_2^2, q_4)\end{aligned}$$

**บทแทรก 5** ถ้าให้  $m = m_1 = m_2$  จะได้ว่า

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_1(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2} z_4 & \vartheta_4(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2} z_4 m^{3/8} \\ \vartheta_2(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2} z_4 (1-m)^{3/8} & \vartheta_5(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2} z_4 m^{1/2} \\ \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2} z_4 (1-m)^{1/2} & \vartheta_6(q_2, q_4) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**บทแทรก 6** ถ้าให้  $m = m_1 = m_2$  จะได้ว่า

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_3^2(q_2, q_4) + \vartheta_5^2(q_2, q_4) &= \vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4) \\ \vartheta_2^{8/3}(q_2, q_4) + \vartheta_4^{8/3}(q_2, q_4) &= \vartheta_1^{8/3}(q_2, q_4) \\ \vartheta_2^8(q_2, q_4) &= \vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4) \vartheta_3^6(q_2, q_4) \\ \vartheta_4^8(q_2, q_4) &= \vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4) \vartheta_5^6(q_2, q_4) \\ \vartheta_1(q_2^2, q_4^2) - \vartheta_5(q_2^2, q_4^2) &= \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4) \\ \vartheta_3(q_2^2, q_4^2) + \vartheta_6(q_2^2, q_4^2) &= \vartheta_1^{1/2}(q_2, q_4) \vartheta_3^{1/2}(q_2, q_4) \\ \vartheta_1(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) - \vartheta_3(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) &= 2\sqrt{2}\vartheta_5(q_2, q_4) \\ \vartheta_5(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) - \vartheta_6(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) &= 2\sqrt{2}\vartheta_1^{1/2}(q_2, q_4) \vartheta_5^{1/2}(q_2, q_4)\end{aligned}$$

จากสูตรข้างต้น ผู้วิจัยพบว่าถ้าเราคำนวณค่าของฟังก์ชัน  $\vartheta$  สำหรับบางค่า  $m_2$  และ  $m_4$  ในทฤษฎีบท 2 จะได้ความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง  $\vartheta$  กับ  $\Gamma$  (Gamma function) ดังต่อไปนี้

### ทฤษฎีบท 3

$$1. \text{ ถ้า } m_2 = m_4 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ และ}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_1(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})} \\ \vartheta_2(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})} \\ \vartheta_3(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{1/2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \\ \vartheta_4(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})} \\ \vartheta_5(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{1/2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})} \\ \vartheta_6(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$2. \text{ ถ้า } m_2 = \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4} \text{ และ } m_4 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ จะได้}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_1(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}+1)}{3^{3/8}2\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}} \\ \vartheta_2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}+1)^{1/4}}{2^{1/8}3^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}} \\ \vartheta_3(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}3^{1/8}}{\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}} \\ \vartheta_4(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}-1)^{1/4}}{2^{1/8}3^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}} \\ \vartheta_5(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{3^{3/8}\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}} \\ \vartheta_6(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}-1)}{3^{3/8}2\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}\end{aligned}$$

$$3. \text{ If } m_2 = \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{4} \text{ and } m_4 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_1(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}+1)}{3^{1/8}2\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_2(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}-1)^{1/4}}{2^{1/8}3^{1/8}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_3(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{1/8}3^{1/8}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_4(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}+1)^{1/4}}{2^{1/8}3^{1/8}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_5(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}3^{3/8}}{\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_6(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}-1)}{3^{1/8}2\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}\end{aligned}$$

4. එක්ද  $m_2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}+1}$  වේ සහ  $m_4 = \frac{8}{9}$  වේ

$$\vartheta_1(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2} + 14} + 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8} \Gamma(\frac{3}{4}) \sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8}) \Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}}$$

$$\vartheta_2(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{5/8} \Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4}) \sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8}) \Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}}$$

$$\vartheta_3(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2} + 14} - 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8} \Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4}) \sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8}) \Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}}$$

$$\vartheta_4(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{2} + 1 \right)^{1/8} 2^{1/4}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4}) \sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8}) \Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}}$$

$$\vartheta_5(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2} + 2} + 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8} \Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4}) \sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8}) \Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}}$$

$$\vartheta_6(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2} + 2} - 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8} \Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4}) \sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8}) \Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}}$$

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## ภาคผนวก

### 1. ข้อคิดเห็น/ข้อเสนอแนะในส่วนที่ไม่สามารถดำเนินการวิจัยได้ตามวัตถุประสงค์

งานวิจัยนี้ได้วางแผนการดำเนินงานตลอดโครงการ ไว้ 4 หัวข้อ คือ

1. สร้างเอกลักษณ์ของ Quartic theta functions
2. สร้างความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง Quartic theta functions และ Cubic theta functions
3. ประยุกต์เอกลักษณ์ของ Quartic theta functions เพื่อใช้สร้างเอกลักษณ์ใหม่ใน Partition Theory
4. หาความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง Quartic theta functions กับฟังก์ชันอื่นๆ

ส่วนที่ไม่สามารถดำเนินการวิจัยได้ตามวัตถุประสงค์มีอยู่ 2 หัวข้อ คือ

1. หัวข้อที่ 2 การสร้างความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง Quartic theta functions และ Cubic theta functions นั้น ผู้วิจัยยังไม่สามารถทำงานวิจัยในหัวข้อนี้ได้ตามเป้าหมายที่วางไว้ เพราะฟังก์ชันที่ผู้วิจัยศึกษามีความสัมพันธ์กับ  ${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; m\right)$  และ  ${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; m\right)$  ส่วน Cubic theta functions นั้นมีความสัมพันธ์กับ  ${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; 1; m\right)$  แต่ความสัมพันธ์ของ Ordinary hypergeometric function เหล่านี้ยังมีน้อย จึงทำให้ไม่สามารถสร้างความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง Quartic theta functions และ Cubic theta functions ได้
2. หัวข้อที่ 3 ประยุกต์เอกลักษณ์ของ Quartic theta functions เพื่อใช้สร้างเอกลักษณ์ใหม่ใน Partition Theory ไม่สามารถดำเนินได้เนื่องจากเวลาในการทำวิจัยไม่เพียงพอ

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## Ramanujan's alternative quartic theory of theta functions

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A new general theta function in Ramanujan's quartic theory is introduced. Some properties analogous to those of classical Jacobian theta functions and cubic theta functions are established here.

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## 1. Introduction

In the classical notation, Jacobi's theta functions are given by

$$\theta_2(q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{(n+1/2)^2},$$

$$\theta_3(q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2},$$

and

$$\theta_4(q) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n^2}.$$

Jacobi's well-known identity is

$$\theta_3^4(q) = \theta_2^4(q) + \theta_4^4(q). \quad (1)$$

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In 1989, J.M. Borwein and P.B. Borwein introduced three elegant functions analogous to Jacobi's theta functions, namely, for  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a(q) &= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2}, \\ b(q) &= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2} \omega^{n-m}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$c(q) = \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2+n+m+1/3},$$

and in 1991 [5], they showed that

$$a(q)^3 = b(q)^3 + c(q)^3. \quad (2)$$

In 1993, M. Hirschhorn, F. Garvan and J.M. Borwein [6] introduced, for  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a(q, z) &= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2} z^{n-m}, \\ a'(q, z) &= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2} z^n, \\ b(q, z) &= \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2} \omega^{n-m} z^m, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$c(q, z) = \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2} q^{n+m} z^{n-m},$$

which are generalizations of  $a(q)$ ,  $b(q)$  and  $c(q)$ . They also gave proofs of several identities by employing Jacobi's triple product identity. In 1995, S. Bhargava [4] introduced

$$a(q, \zeta, x) = \sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2} \zeta^{n+m} z^{n-m},$$

a generalization of the Hirschhorn–Garvan–Borwein cubic analogues and established some properties of  $a(q, \zeta, x)$ . Recently, another generalization of cubic analogues in the form

$$\sum_{m,n=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{n^2+nm+m^2} z_1^m z_2^n$$

was discovered by Daniel Schultz [10] and was used to extend the previous work of cubic theta functions.

In this paper, we study a function

$$\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) := \sum_{a,b,c=-\infty}^{\infty} q_2^{(a+c)^2/2} q_4^{(a+b)^2/2+(b+c)^2/2} x_1^a x_2^b x_3^c, \quad (3)$$

where, for  $0 < \alpha_2, \alpha_4 < 1$ ,

$$q_2 := \exp \left( -\pi \frac{{}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1 - \alpha_2 \right)}{{}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \alpha_2 \right)} \right)$$

and

$$q_4 := \exp \left( -\pi \sqrt{2} \frac{{}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; 1 - \alpha_4 \right)}{{}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; \alpha_4 \right)} \right),$$

which we call the general theta function in Ramanujan's quartic theory. This function was first studied by Daniel Schultz for the case  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_4$  in his unpublished work. However, not too much work has been done for this function. We now will establish some of its new identities analogous to those of classical Jacobian theta functions and cubic theta functions. In Section 3, we show that  $\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3)$  can be written as a sum of products of Ramanujan's general theta function and we also present its functional equations. In Section 4, we derive several identities and some of them are analogous to (1) and (2). Moreover, in the same section, explicit evaluations of this function are given.

## 2. Preliminaries

In his notebooks and his lost notebook [1–3,7–9], Srinivasa Ramanujan developed numerous mathematical results involving theta functions. We will use those results to study our quartic theta function. We now provide some definitions and preliminary results. As customary and throughout this paper, we assume that  $|q| < 1$ . For  $|ab| < 1$ , Ramanujan's general theta function  $f(a, b)$  is given by

$$f(a, b) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2}. \quad (4)$$

The three most important special cases of  $f(a, b)$  [2, p. 36] are

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

and

$$f(-q) := f(-q, -q^2) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n(3n-1)/2}.$$

Ramanujan recorded several identities for  $f(a, b)$ ,  $\varphi(q)$ , and  $\psi(q)$ . The following lemma provides such identities.

**Lemma 2.1.** (See [2, p. 34].) *We have*

$$f(a, b) = f(b, a), \quad (5)$$

$$f(1, a) = 2f(a, a^3), \quad (6)$$

$$f(-1, a) = 0, \quad (7)$$

and if  $n$  is an integer, then

$$f(a, b) = a^{n(n+1)/2} b^{n(n-1)/2} f(a(ab)^n, b(ab)^{-n}). \quad (8)$$

**Lemma 2.2.** (See [2, pp. 39–40].) We have

$$\varphi(q) + \varphi(-q) = 2\varphi(q^4), \quad (9)$$

$$\varphi(q) - \varphi(-q) = 4q\psi(q^8), \quad (10)$$

$$\varphi^2(q) - \varphi^2(-q) = 8q\psi^2(q^4). \quad (11)$$

The complete elliptic integral of the first kind  $K(k)$  is defined by

$$K := K(k) := \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 - k^2 \sin^2 \theta}} = \frac{\pi}{2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; k^2\right),$$

where  $0 < k < 1$  is called the modulus of  $K$  and where  ${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; x\right)$  denotes an ordinary hypergeometric function with  $|x| < 1$ . The complementary modulus  $k'$  is defined by  $k' := \sqrt{1 - k^2}$ . Let  $K$  and  $K'$  denote complete elliptic integrals of the first kind associated with the moduli  $k$  and  $k'$ , respectively. If  $q = \exp(-\pi K'/K)$ , then one of the fundamental properties of elliptic functions affirms that [2, p. 101]

$$\varphi^2(q) = \frac{2}{\pi} K(k) = {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; k^2\right). \quad (12)$$

Ramanujan also recorded several formulas for  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $f$  at different arguments in terms of  $\alpha := k^2$ ,  $q$ , and  $z := {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \alpha\right)$  by using (12). The following lemmas provide such formulas. First, we give evaluations for  $\varphi$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** (See [2, p. 122].) If  $\alpha$ ,  $q$ , and  $z$  are defined as above, then

$$\varphi(q) = \sqrt{z}, \quad (13)$$

$$\varphi(q^2) = \sqrt{z} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha}}{2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (14)$$

$$\varphi(q^4) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{z} \left( 1 + (1 - \alpha)^{1/4} \right), \quad (15)$$

$$\varphi(q^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z} (1 + \sqrt{\alpha})^{1/2}, \quad (16)$$

$$\varphi(-q) = \sqrt{z} (1 - \alpha)^{1/4}, \quad (17)$$

$$\varphi(-q^2) = \sqrt{z} (1 - \alpha)^{1/8}, \quad (18)$$

$$\varphi(-q^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z} (1 - \sqrt{\alpha})^{1/2}. \quad (19)$$

Next, the following are evaluations for  $\psi$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** (See [2, p. 123].) In the notation above, we have

$$\psi(q) = \sqrt{\frac{z}{2}} (\alpha q^{-1})^{1/8}, \quad (20)$$

$$\psi(q^2) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{z}(\alpha q^{-1})^{1/4}, \quad (21)$$

$$\psi(q^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{\alpha}}{2} \right)^{1/4} (\alpha q^{-1})^{1/16}, \quad (22)$$

$$\psi(-q^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{\alpha}}{2} \right)^{1/4} (\alpha q^{-1})^{1/16}. \quad (23)$$

### 3. Basic properties

Recall that a quartic theta function is given by (3) and Ramanujan's general theta function  $f(a, b)$  is defined in (4).

**Theorem 3.1.** *We have*

(i)

$$\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_3, x_2, x_1),$$

(ii)

$$\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1^{-1}, x_2^{-1}, x_3^{-1}),$$

(iii)

$$2\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f\left(\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, \left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) f\left(\left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \times f\left(\left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad + f\left(-\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, -\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) f\left(-\left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \times f\left(-\left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

(iv) for any integers  $p, q$  and  $r$  such that they are all even,

$$\begin{aligned} &\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ &= x_1^{p/2} x_2^{q/2} x_3^{r/2} q_2^{(p+r)^2/8} q_4^{(p+q)^2/8+(q+r)^2/8} \\ &\quad \times \vartheta(q_2, q_4, q_2^{(p+r)/2} q_4^{(p+q)/2} x_1, q_4^{(p+2q+r)/2} x_2, q_2^{(p+r)/2} q_4^{(q+r)/2} x_3), \end{aligned}$$

(v) if  $m, n, k, p, q$  and  $r$  are even integers such that  $\frac{1}{2}(mp + nq + kr) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then

$$\vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^m q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(p+q)/4}, i^n q_4^{(p+2q+r)/4}, i^k q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(q+r)/4}\right) = 0,$$

and

(vi) if  $\operatorname{Re} s, \operatorname{Re} t > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta(e^{-\pi s}, e^{-\pi t}, e^{ia}, e^{ib}, e^{ic}) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{t\sqrt{s}} e^{-(a-b+c)^2/8\pi s - ((a-c)^2+b^2)/4\pi t} \\ & \quad \times \vartheta\left(e^{-\pi/s}, e^{-2\pi/t}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s+b/t}, e^{(a+b-c)/t}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s+(a-c)/t}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of (i) and (ii).** These are obvious from the definition of  $\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3)$ .  $\square$

**Proof of (iii).** We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 2\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) &= \sum_{\substack{a,b,c=-\infty \\ \text{same parity}}}^{\infty} q_2^{(a+c)^2/8} q_4^{(a+b)^2/8+(b+c)^2/8} x_1^{a/2} x_2^{b/2} x_3^{c/2} \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{a,b,c=-\infty \\ \text{same parity}}}^{\infty} (-1)^{a+b+c} q_2^{(a+c)^2/8} q_4^{(a+b)^2/8+(b+c)^2/8} x_1^{a/2} x_2^{b/2} x_3^{c/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

For the first sum on the right hand side of (24), change variables by letting  $a + b = 2p$ ,  $b + c = 2q$  and  $a + c = 2r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{a,b,c=-\infty \\ \text{same parity}}}^{\infty} q_2^{(a+c)^2/8} q_4^{(a+b)^2/8+(b+c)^2/8} x_1^{a/2} x_2^{b/2} x_3^{c/2} \\ &= \sum_{p,q,r=-\infty}^{\infty} q_2^{r^2/2} q_4^{p^2/2+q^2/2} x_1^{(p-q+r)/2} x_2^{(p+q-r)/2} x_3^{(-p+q+r)/2} \\ &= \left( \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} q_2^{r^2/2} x_1^{r/2} x_2^{-r/2} x_3^{r/2} \right) \left( \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} q_4^{p^2/2} x_1^{p/2} x_2^{p/2} x_3^{-p/2} \right) \left( \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} q_4^{q^2/2} x_1^{-q/2} x_2^{q/2} x_3^{q/2} \right) \\ &= f\left(\left(\frac{x_1 x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, \left(\frac{x_1 x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) f\left(\left(\frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(\frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ & \quad \times f\left(\left(\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from the definition of  $f(a, b)$ . Similarly, the second sum on the right hand side of (24) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{a,b,c=-\infty \\ \text{same parity}}}^{\infty} (-1)^{a+b+c} q_2^{(a+c)^2/8} q_4^{(a+b)^2/8+(b+c)^2/8} x_1^{a/2} x_2^{b/2} x_3^{c/2} \\ &= f\left(-\left(\frac{x_1 x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, -\left(\frac{x_1 x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) f\left(-\left(\frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(\frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ & \quad \times f\left(-\left(\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence this finishes the proof of (iii).  $\square$

**Proof of (iv).** Let  $p, q$  and  $r$  be integers with the same parity. We will utilize (8) to each theta function in (iii). For the first theta function of (iii), we see that by (8) with  $n = (p+r)/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, \left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) \\ &= \left(\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right)^{(p+r)(p+r+2)/8} \left(\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right)^{(p+r)(p+r-2)/8} \\ &\quad \times f\left(\left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{(p+r+1)/2}, \left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{(-p-r+1)/2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{(p+r)/4} q_2^{(p+r)^2/8} f\left(\left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, \left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we use (8) with  $n = (p+q)/2, (q+r)/2, (p+r)/2, (p+q)/2$ , and  $(q+r)/2$  to the other five theta functions of (iii), respectively. Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\vartheta(q_2, q_4, x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ &= \left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{(p+r)/4} q_2^{(p+r)^2/8} f\left(\left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, \left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{(p+q)/4} q_4^{(p+q)^2/8} f\left(\left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{(q+r)/4} q_4^{(q+r)^2/8} f\left(\left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{(p+r)^2/4} \left(\frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{(p+r)/4} q_2^{(p+r)^2/8} f\left(-\left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, -\left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \times (-1)^{(p+q)^2/4} \left(\frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{(p+q)/4} q_4^{(p+q)^2/8} f\left(-\left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \times (-1)^{(q+r)^2/4} \left(\frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{(q+r)/4} q_4^{(q+r)^2/8} f\left(-\left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &= x_1^{p/2} x_2^{q/2} x_3^{r/2} q_2^{(p+r)^2/8} q_4^{(p+q)^2/8+(q+r)^2/8} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ f\left(\left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, \left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \times f\left(\left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \times f\left(\left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, \left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(-\left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{1/2} q_2^{1/2}, -\left(q_2^{p+r} \frac{x_1x_3}{x_2}\right)^{-1/2} q_2^{1/2}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times f\left(-\left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(q_4^{p+q} \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right) \\ & \times f\left(-\left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}\right)^{1/2} q_4^{1/2}, -\left(q_4^{q+r} \frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}\right)^{-1/2} q_4^{1/2}\right)\}. \end{aligned}$$

After employing part (iii) with  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  replaced by  $q_2^{(p+r)/2} q_4^{(p+q)/2} x_1$ ,  $q_4^{(p+2q+r)/2} x_2$  and  $q_2^{(p+r)/2} q_4^{(q+r)/2} x_3$ , respectively, we achieve the proposed formula.  $\square$

**Proof of (v).** By (ii) and (iv), respectively, this yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^m q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(p+q)/4}, i^n q_4^{(p+2q+r)/4}, i^k q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(q+r)/4}\right) \\ & = \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^{-m} q_2^{-(p+r)/4} q_4^{-(p+q)/4}, i^{-n} q_4^{-(p+2q+r)/4}, i^{-k} q_2^{-(p+r)/4} q_4^{-(q+r)/4}\right) \\ & = i^{-(mp+nq+kr)/2} q_2^{-p(p+r)/8} q_4^{-p(p+q)/8} q_4^{-q(p+2q+r)/8} q_2^{-r(p+r)/8} q_4^{-r(q+r)/8} q_2^{(p+r)^2/8} \\ & \quad \times q_4^{(p+q)^2/8+(q+r)^2/8} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^m q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(p+q)/4}, i^n q_4^{(p+2q+r)/4}, i^k q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(q+r)/4}\right) \\ & = i^{-(mp+nq+kr)/2} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^m q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(p+q)/4}, i^n q_4^{(p+2q+r)/4}, i^k q_2^{(p+r)/4} q_4^{(q+r)/4}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{2}(mp+nq+kr) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , the desired result follows immediately.  $\square$

**Proof of (vi).** From (iii) with  $q_2 = e^{-\pi s}$ ,  $q_4 = e^{-\pi t}$ ,  $x_1 = e^{ia}$ ,  $x_2 = e^{ib}$ , and  $x_3 = e^{ic}$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\vartheta(e^{-\pi s}, e^{-\pi t}, e^{ia}, e^{ib}, e^{ic}) \\ & = f\left(e^{i(a-b+c)/2-\pi s/2}, e^{-i(a-b+c)/2-\pi s/2}\right) f\left(e^{i(a+b-c)/2-\pi t/2}, e^{-i(a+b-c)/2-\pi t/2}\right) \\ & \quad \times f\left(e^{i(-a+b+c)/2-\pi t/2}, e^{-i(-a+b+c)/2-\pi t/2}\right) \\ & \quad + f\left(-e^{i(a-b+c)/2-\pi s/2}, -e^{-i(a-b+c)/2-\pi s/2}\right) f\left(-e^{i(a+b-c)/2-\pi t/2}, -e^{-i(a+b-c)/2-\pi t/2}\right) \\ & \quad \times f\left(-e^{i(-a+b+c)/2-\pi t/2}, -e^{-i(-a+b+c)/2-\pi t/2}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Before proceeding further, we will establish the following identity. By the definition of  $f(a, b)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & f(a, b)f(c, d)f(e, g) + f(-a, -b)f(-c, -d)f(-e, -g) \\ & = \sum_{m,n,k=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{m(m+1)/2} b^{m(m-1)/2} c^{n(n+1)/2} d^{n(n-1)/2} e^{k(k+1)/2} g^{k(k-1)/2} \\ & \quad + \sum_{m,n,k=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{m(m+1)/2} b^{m(m-1)/2} c^{n(n+1)/2} d^{n(n-1)/2} e^{k(k+1)/2} g^{k(k-1)/2} (-1)^{m^2+n^2+k^2} \\ & = 2 \sum_{m \text{ even}} \sum_{n \text{ even}} \sum_{k \text{ even}} a^{m(m+1)/2} b^{m(m-1)/2} c^{n(n+1)/2} d^{n(n-1)/2} e^{k(k+1)/2} g^{k(k-1)/2} \\ & \quad + 2 \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \sum_{k \text{ even}} a^{m(m+1)/2} b^{m(m-1)/2} c^{n(n+1)/2} d^{n(n-1)/2} e^{k(k+1)/2} g^{k(k-1)/2} \\ & \quad + 2 \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \sum_{n \text{ even}} \sum_{k \text{ odd}} a^{m(m+1)/2} b^{m(m-1)/2} c^{n(n+1)/2} d^{n(n-1)/2} e^{k(k+1)/2} g^{k(k-1)/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 2 \sum_{m \text{ even}} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \sum_{k \text{ odd}} a^{m(m+1)/2} b^{m(m-1)/2} c^{n(n+1)/2} d^{n(n-1)/2} e^{k(k+1)/2} g^{k(k-1)/2} \\
& = 2f(a^3b, ab^3)f(c^3d, cd^3)f(e^3g, eg^3) + 2acf(a^5b^3, \frac{b}{a})f(c^5d^3, \frac{d}{c})f(e^3g, eg^3) \\
& \quad + 2ae f(a^5b^3, \frac{b}{a})f(c^3d, cd^3)f(e^5g^3, \frac{g}{e}) + 2cef(a^3b, ab^3)f(c^5d^3, \frac{d}{c})f(e^5g^3, \frac{g}{e}). \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

Utilize (26) to (25) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \vartheta(e^{-\pi s}, e^{-\pi t}, e^{ia}, e^{ib}, e^{ic}) \\
& = f\left(e^{i(a-b+c)-2\pi s}, e^{-i(a-b+c)-2\pi s}\right) \\
& \quad \times \left\{ f\left(e^{i(a+b-c)-2\pi t}, e^{-i(a+b-c)-2\pi t}\right) f\left(e^{i(-a+b+c)-2\pi t}, e^{-i(-a+b+c)-2\pi t}\right) \right. \\
& \quad + e^{ib-\pi t} f\left(e^{i(a+b-c)-4\pi t}, e^{-i(a+b-c)}\right) f\left(e^{i(-a+b+c)-4\pi t}, e^{-i(-a+b+c)}\right) \Big\} \\
& \quad + f\left(e^{i(a-b+c)-4\pi s}, e^{-i(a-b+c)}\right) \\
& \quad \times \left\{ e^{ic-(\pi s+\pi t)/2} f\left(e^{i(a+b-c)-2\pi t}, e^{-i(a+b-c)-2\pi t}\right) f\left(e^{i(-a+b+c)-4\pi t}, e^{-i(-a+b+c)}\right) \right. \\
& \quad + e^{ia-(\pi s+\pi t)/2} f\left(e^{i(a+b-c)-4\pi t}, e^{-i(a+b-c)}\right) f\left(e^{i(-a+b+c)-2\pi t}, e^{-i(-a+b+c)-2\pi t}\right) \Big\}. \tag{27}
\end{aligned}$$

Recall that from Entry 20 in [2, p. 36], if  $\alpha\beta = \pi$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(\alpha^2) > 0$ , and  $n$  is any complex number, then

$$\sqrt{\alpha}f\left(e^{-\alpha^2+n\alpha}, e^{-\alpha^2-n\alpha}\right) = e^{n^2/4}\sqrt{\beta}f\left(e^{-\beta^2+in\beta}, e^{-\beta^2-in\beta}\right). \tag{28}$$

Take  $\alpha = \sqrt{2\pi t}$ ,  $\beta = \sqrt{\pi/2t}$  and  $n = i\theta/\sqrt{2\pi t}$  in (28) to obtain

$$f\left(e^{i\theta-2\pi t}, e^{-i\theta-2\pi t}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}}e^{-\theta^2/8\pi t}f\left(e^{-\theta/2t-\pi/2t}, e^{\theta/2t-\pi/2t}\right) \tag{29}$$

and take  $\alpha = \sqrt{2\pi t}$ ,  $\beta = \sqrt{\pi/2t}$  and  $n = -\sqrt{2\pi t} + i\theta/\sqrt{2\pi t}$  in (28) to obtain

$$f\left(e^{i\theta-4\pi t}, e^{-i\theta}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}}e^{\pi t/2-i\theta/2-\theta^2/8\pi t}f\left(-e^{-\theta/2t-\pi/2t}, -e^{\theta/2t-\pi/2t}\right). \tag{30}$$

Applying (29) and (30) to (27) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \vartheta(e^{-\pi s}, e^{-\pi t}, e^{ia}, e^{ib}, e^{ic}) \\
& = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2s}}e^{-(a-b+c)^2/8\pi s}f\left(e^{-(a-b+c)/2s-\pi/2s}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s-\pi/2s}\right) \\
& \quad \times \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}}e^{-(a+b-c)^2/8\pi t}f\left(e^{-(a+b-c)/2t-\pi/2t}, e^{(a+b-c)/2t-\pi/2t}\right) \right. \\
& \quad \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}}e^{(-a+b+c)^2/8\pi t}f\left(e^{(-a+b+c)/2t-\pi/2t}, e^{(-a+b+c)/2t-\pi/2t}\right) \\
& \quad + e^{ib-\pi t}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}}e^{\pi t/2-i(a+b-c)/2-(a+b-c)^2/8\pi t}f\left(-e^{-(a+b-c)/2t-\pi/2t}, -e^{(a+b-c)/2t-\pi/2t}\right) \\
& \quad \times \left. \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}}e^{\pi t/2-i(-a+b+c)/2-(-a+b+c)^2/8\pi t}f\left(-e^{(-a+b+c)/2t-\pi/2t}, -e^{(-a+b+c)/2t-\pi/2t}\right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2s}} e^{\pi s/2 - i(a-b+c)/2 - (a-b+c)^2/8\pi s} f\left(-e^{-(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}, -e^{(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}\right) \\
& \times \left\{ e^{ic - (\pi s + \pi t)/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} e^{-(a+b-c)^2/8\pi t} f\left(e^{-(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}, e^{(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \right\} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} e^{\pi t/2 - i(-a+b+c)/2 - (-a+b+c)^2/8\pi t} f\left(-e^{-(a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}, -e^{(-a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \\
& + e^{ia - (\pi s + \pi t)/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} e^{\pi t/2 - i(a+b-c)/2 - (a+b-c)^2/8\pi t} f\left(-e^{-(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}, -e^{(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \\
& \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} e^{-(-a+b+c)^2/8\pi t} f\left(e^{-(a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}, e^{(-a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \Big\} \\
= & \frac{1}{2t\sqrt{2s}} e^{-(a-b+c)^2/8\pi s - ((a-c)^2 + b^2)/4\pi t} \left\{ f\left(e^{-(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}\right) \right. \\
& \times \left\{ f\left(e^{-(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}, e^{(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) f\left(e^{-(a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}, e^{(-a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \right. \\
& + f\left(-e^{-(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}, -e^{(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) f\left(-e^{-(a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}, -e^{(-a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \Big\} \\
& + f\left(-e^{-(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}, -e^{(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}\right) \\
& \times \left\{ f\left(e^{-(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}, e^{(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) f\left(-e^{-(a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}, -e^{(-a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \right. \\
& \left. \left. + f\left(-e^{-(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}, -e^{(a+b-c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) f\left(e^{-(a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}, e^{(-a+b+c)/2t - \pi/2t}\right) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now by Entry 29 in [2, p. 45], if  $ab = cd$ , then

$$f(a, b)f(c, d) + f(-a, -b)f(-c, -d) = 2f(ac, bd)f(ad, bc). \quad (31)$$

By (31), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \vartheta(e^{-\pi s}, e^{-\pi t}, e^{ia}, e^{ib}, e^{ic}) \\
& = \frac{1}{t\sqrt{2s}} e^{-(a-b+c)^2/8\pi s - ((a-c)^2 + b^2)/4\pi t} \left\{ f\left(e^{(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}, e^{-(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}\right) \right. \\
& \times f\left(e^{b/t - \pi/t}, e^{-b/t - \pi/t}\right) f\left(e^{(a-c)/t - \pi/t}, e^{-(a-c)/t - \pi/t}\right) \\
& + f\left(-e^{(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}, -e^{-(a-b+c)/2s - \pi/2s}\right) \\
& \times f\left(-e^{b/t - \pi/t}, -e^{-b/t - \pi/t}\right) f\left(-e^{(a-c)/t - \pi/t}, -e^{-(a-c)/t - \pi/t}\right) \Big\} \\
& = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{t\sqrt{s}} e^{-(a-b+c)^2/8\pi s - ((a-c)^2 + b^2)/4\pi t} \\
& \times \vartheta\left(e^{-\pi/s}, e^{-2\pi/t}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s + b/t}, e^{(a+b-c)/t}, e^{(a-b+c)/2s + (a-c)/t}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

#### 4. Evaluations of quartic theta functions

In this section, we shall evaluate some values of quartic theta functions by using hypergeometric functions. Now, we will give explicit values for the function  $\vartheta$  at arguments  $x_1 = i^m (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}$ ,  $x_2 = i^{2m} q_4^n$  and  $x_3 = i^{3m} (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}$ , where  $m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $n$  is an integer.

**Theorem 4.1.** For  $m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and an integer  $n$ , we have

$$\vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^m (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}, i^{2m} q_4^n, i^{3m} (q_2 q_4)^{n/2} \right) = \begin{cases} q_2^{-(n^2-1)/8} q_4^{-(n^2-1)/4} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2}, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2} \right), & \text{if } m = 0 \text{ and } n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \\ q_2^{-n^2/8} q_4^{-n^2/4} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, 1, 1, 1 \right), & \text{if } m = 0 \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ q_2^{-(n^2-4)/8} q_4^{-(n^2-4)/4} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, q_2 q_4, q_4^2, q_2 q_4 \right), & \text{if } m = 0 \text{ and } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ i^{n/2} q_2^{-n^2/8} q_4^{-n^2/4} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i, i^2, i^3 \right), & \text{if } m = 1, 3 \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ q_2^{-n^2/8} q_4^{-n^2/4} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2, i^4, i^6 \right), & \text{if } m = 2 \text{ and } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, \\ q_2^{-(n^2-4)/8} q_4^{-(n^2-4)/4} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2 q_2 q_4, i^4 q_4^2, i^6 q_2 q_4 \right), & \text{if } m = 2 \text{ and } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.1(iii), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^m (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}, i^{2m} q_4^n, i^{3m} (q_2 q_4)^{n/2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f \left( i^m q_2^{(n+1)/2}, (-i)^m q_2^{(-n+1)/2} \right) f \left( q_4^{(n+1)/2}, q_4^{(-n+1)/2} \right) f \left( i^{2m} q_4^{(n+1)/2}, i^{2m} q_4^{(-n+1)/2} \right) \right. \\ & \quad + f \left( -i^m q_2^{(n+1)/2}, -(-i)^m q_2^{(-n+1)/2} \right) f \left( -q_4^{(n+1)/2}, -q_4^{(-n+1)/2} \right) \\ & \quad \times \left. f \left( -i^{2m} q_4^{(n+1)/2}, -i^{2m} q_4^{(-n+1)/2} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

We divide the proof into many cases as follows.

*Case 1.*  $m = 0$ .

*Case 1.1.*  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Eq. (32) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}, q_4^{2n+1}, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f \left( q_2^{n+1}, q_2^{-n} \right) f^2 \left( q_4^{n+1}, q_4^{-n} \right) + f \left( -q_2^{n+1}, -q_2^{-n} \right) f^2 \left( -q_4^{n+1}, -q_4^{-n} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Note that by (8) and (7), respectively,

$$f(-q^{n+1}, -q^n) = (-q^{n+1})^{n(n-1)/2} (-q^n)^{n(n+1)/2} f(-q, -1) = 0. \tag{34}$$

Also, by (8) again, we have

$$f(q^{n+1}, q^{-n}) = q^{-n} f(q^n, q^{-(n-1)}).$$

Hence we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}, q_4^{2n+1}, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} q_2^{-n} q_4^{-2n} f \left( q_2^n, q_2^{-(n-1)} \right) f^2 \left( q_4^n, q_4^{-(n-1)} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Then by (33) with  $n$  replaced by  $n - 1$  and (34), it follows that

$$\vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n-1)/2}, q_4^{2n-1}, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n-1)/2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} f \left( q_2^n, q_2^{-(n-1)} \right) f^2 \left( q_4^n, q_4^{-(n-1)} \right). \tag{36}$$

Substituting (36) into (35), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}, q_4^{2n+1}, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}\right) \\ &= q_2^{-n} q_4^{-2n} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n-1)/2}, q_4^{2n-1}, (q_2 q_4)^{(2n-1)/2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Iterate this  $n$  times to deduce the desired result. This case is proved.

*Case 1.2.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

Eq. (32) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n}, q_4^{4n}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(q_2^{2n+1/2}, q_2^{-2n+1/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n+1/2}, q_4^{-2n+1/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-q_2^{2n+1/2}, -q_2^{-2n+1/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n+1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+1/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

By (8),

$$f\left(\pm q^{2n+1/2}, \pm q^{-2n+1/2}\right) = q^{-4n+2} f\left(\pm q^{2n-3/2}, \pm q^{-2n+5/2}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n}, q_4^{4n}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} q_2^{-4n+2} q_4^{-8n+4} \left\{ f\left(q_2^{2n-3/2}, q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-q_2^{2n-3/2}, -q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

By (37) with  $n$  replaced by  $n-1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}, q_4^{4n-4}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(q_2^{2n-3/2}, q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-q_2^{2n-3/2}, -q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Substituting (39) into (38), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n}, q_4^{4n}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= q_2^{-4n+2} q_4^{-8n+4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}, q_4^{4n-4}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Iterate this  $n$  times to obtain the desired result. We finish the proof.

*Case 1.3.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .*

From (32), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, q_4^{4n+2}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(q_2^{2n+3/2}, q_2^{-2n-1/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n+3/2}, q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-q_2^{2n+3/2}, -q_2^{-2n-1/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n+3/2}, -q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

By (8),

$$f\left(\pm q^{2n+3/2}, \pm q^{-2n-1/2}\right) = q^{-4n} f\left(\pm q^{2n-1/2}, \pm q^{-2n+3/2}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, q_4^{4n+2}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} q_2^{-4n} q_4^{-8n} \left\{ f\left(q_2^{2n-1/2}, q_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-q_2^{2n-1/2}, -q_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

By (40) with  $n$  replaced by  $n-1$ , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}, q_4^{4n-2}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(q_2^{2n-1/2}, q_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-q_2^{2n-1/2}, -q_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Substituting (42) into (41), we conclude that

$$\vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, q_4^{4n+2}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}\right) = q_2^{-4n} q_4^{-8n} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}, q_4^{4n-2}, (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}\right).$$

Iterate this identity  $n$  times to complete the proof.

*Case 2.  $m = 1$ .*

*Case 2.1.  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .*

Eq. (32) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}, i^2 q_4^{2n+1}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(i q_2^{n+1}, -i q_2^{-n}\right) f\left(q_4^{n+1}, q_4^{-n}\right) f\left(-q_4^{n+1}, -q_4^{-n}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-i q_2^{n+1}, -q_2^{-n}\right) f\left(-q_4^{n+1}, -q_4^{-n}\right) f\left(q_4^{n+1}, q_4^{-n}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By (34), it follows immediately that

$$\vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}, i^2 q_4^{2n+1}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}\right) = 0.$$

The proof is complete.

*Case 2.2.  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{2n}, i^2 q_4^{4n}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(i q_2^{2n+1/2}, -i q_2^{-2n+1/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n+1/2}, q_4^{-2n+1/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n+1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+1/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-i q_2^{2n+1/2}, i q_2^{-2n+1/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n+1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+1/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n+1/2}, q_4^{-2n+1/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Note that if  $ab = 1$ , then by (8),

$$f\left(aq^{2n+1/2}, bq^{-2n+1/2}\right) = b^2 q^{-4n+2} f\left(aq^{2n-3/2}, bq^{-2n+5/2}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i(q_2 q_4)^{2n}, i^2 q_4^{4n}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} i^2 q_2^{-4n+2} q_4^{-8n+4} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ f\left(iq_2^{2n-3/2}, -iq_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-iq_2^{2n-3/2}, iq_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

By (43) with  $n$  replaced by  $n - 1$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i(q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}, i^2 q_4^{4n-4}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(iq_2^{2n-3/2}, -iq_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-iq_2^{2n-3/2}, iq_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Substitute (45) into (44) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i(q_2 q_4)^{2n}, i^2 q_4^{4n}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= i^2 q_2^{-4n+2} q_4^{-8n+4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i(q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}, i^2 q_4^{4n-4}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

After iterating this identity  $n$  times, we complete the proof.

*Case 2.3.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .*

We see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i(q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, i^2 q_4^{4n+2}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(iq_2^{2n+3/2}, -iq_2^{-2n-1/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n+3/2}, q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n+3/2}, -q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-iq_2^{2n+3/2}, iq_2^{-2n-1/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n+3/2}, -q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n+3/2}, q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

By (8), if  $ab = 1$ , then

$$f\left(aq^{2n+3/2}, bq^{-2n-1/2}\right) = b^2 q^{-4n} f\left(aq^{2n-1/2}, bq^{-2n+3/2}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i(q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, i^2 q_4^{4n+2}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} q_2^{-4n} q_4^{-8n} \left\{ f\left(iq_2^{2n-1/2}, -iq_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f\left(-iq_2^{2n-1/2}, iq_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f\left(-q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) f\left(q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

By (46) with  $n$  replaced by  $n - 1$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}, i^2 q_4^{4n-2}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f \left( iq_2^{2n-1/2}, -iq_2^{-2n+3/2} \right) f \left( q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2} \right) f \left( -q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f \left( -iq_2^{2n-1/2}, iq_2^{-2n+3/2} \right) f \left( -q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2} \right) f \left( q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Substitute (48) into (47) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, i^2 q_4^{4n+2}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1} \right) \\ &= q_2^{-4n} q_4^{-8n} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}, i^2 q_4^{4n-2}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Iterate this identity  $n$  times to obtain

$$\vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, i^2 q_4^{4n+2}, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1} \right) = q_2^{-2n^2} q_4^{-4n^2} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, iq_2 q_4, i^2 q_4^2, i^3 q_2 q_4 \right).$$

By Theorem 3.1(ii), (iv) and (i), respectively, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, iq_2 q_4, i^2 q_4^2, i^3 q_2 q_4 \right) &= \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, (iq_2 q_4)^{-1}, (i^2 q_4^2)^{-1}, (i^3 q_2 q_4)^{-1} \right) \\ &= i^{-6} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^3 q_2 q_4, i^2 q_4^2, iq_2 q_4 \right) \\ &= -\vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, iq_2 q_4, i^2 q_4^2, i^3 q_2 q_4 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, iq_2 q_4, i^2 q_4^2, i^3 q_2 q_4 \right) = 0$  which completes the proof.

*Case 3.*  $m = 2$ .

*Case 3.1.*  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Eq. (32) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}, i^4 q_4^{2n+1}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f \left( -q_2^{n+1}, -q_2^{-n} \right) f^2 \left( q_4^{n+1}, q_4^{-n} \right) + f \left( q_2^{n+1}, q_2^{-n} \right) f^2 \left( -q_4^{n+1}, -q_4^{-n} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By (34), it follows immediately that

$$\vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2}, i^4 q_4^{2n+1}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{(2n+1)/2} \right) = 0.$$

The proof is complete.

*Case 3.2.*  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Eq. (32) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}, i^4 q_4^{4n}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f \left( -q_2^{2n+1/2}, -q_2^{-2n+1/2} \right) f^2 \left( q_4^{2n+1/2}, q_4^{-2n+1/2} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + f \left( q_2^{2n+1/2}, q_2^{-2n+1/2} \right) f^2 \left( -q_4^{2n+1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+1/2} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Note that by (8),

$$f\left(\pm q^{2n+1/2}, \pm q^{-2n+1/2}\right) = q^{-4n+2} f\left(\pm q^{2n-3/2}, \pm q^{-2n+5/2}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}, i^4 q_4^{4n}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} q_2^{-4n+2} q_4^{-8n+4} \left\{ f\left(-q_2^{2n-3/2}, -q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(q_2^{2n-3/2}, q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

By (49) with  $n$  replaced by  $n+1$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}, i^4 q_4^{4n-4}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(-q_2^{2n-3/2}, -q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n-3/2}, q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(q_2^{2n-3/2}, q_2^{-2n+5/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n-3/2}, -q_4^{-2n+5/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Substituting (51) into (50), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}, i^4 q_4^{4n}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n}\right) \\ &= q_2^{-4n+2} q_4^{-8n+4} \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}, i^4 q_4^{4n-4}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

After iterating above identity  $n$  times, this yields the desired result.

*Case 3.3.  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .*

From (32), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, i^4 q_4^{4n+2}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f\left(-q_2^{2n+3/2}, -q_2^{-2n-1/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n+3/2}, q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(q_2^{2n+3/2}, q_2^{-2n-1/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n+3/2}, -q_4^{-2n-1/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

By (8),

$$f\left(\pm q^{2n+3/2}, \pm q^{-2n-1/2}\right) = q^{-4n} f\left(\pm q^{2n-1/2}, \pm q^{-2n+3/2}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta\left(q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, i^4 q_4^{4n+2}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} q_2^{-4n} q_4^{-8n} \left\{ f\left(-q_2^{2n-1/2}, -q_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f^2\left(q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(q_2^{2n-1/2}, q_2^{-2n+3/2}\right) f^2\left(-q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

By (52) with  $n$  replaced by  $n + 1$ , we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}, i^4 q_4^{4n-2}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f \left( -q_2^{2n-1/2}, -q_2^{-2n+3/2} \right) f^2 \left( q_4^{2n-1/2}, q_4^{-2n+3/2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f \left( q_2^{2n-1/2}, q_2^{-2n+3/2} \right) f^2 \left( -q_4^{2n-1/2}, -q_4^{-2n+3/2} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

Substitute (54) into (53) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1}, i^4 q_4^{4n+2}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n+1} \right) \\ &= q_2^{-4n} q_4^{-8n} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^2 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1}, i^4 q_4^{4n-2}, i^6 (q_2 q_4)^{2n-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Iterate above formula  $n$  times to finish the proof.

*Case 4.  $m = 3$ .*

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}, i^6 q_4^n, i^9 (q_2 q_4)^{n/2} \right) &= \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}, i^2 q_4^n, i (q_2 q_4)^{n/2} \right) \\ &= \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, i (q_2 q_4)^{n/2}, i^2 q_4^n, i^3 (q_2 q_4)^{n/2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality is deduced by [Theorem 3.1\(i\)](#). Hence this case is the same as the case  $m = 1$ .  $\square$

Like Ramanujan's general theta function  $f(a, b)$  mentioned in Section 2, we now consider some special cases of the function  $\vartheta$  as follows. For our convenience, write

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(q_2, q_4) &:= \vartheta(q_2, q_4, 1, 1, 1), \\ \vartheta_2(q_2, q_4) &:= \vartheta(q_2, q_4, i, i^2, i^3), \\ \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4) &:= \vartheta(q_2, q_4, i^2, i^4, i^6), \\ \vartheta_4(q_2, q_4) &:= q_2^{1/8} q_4^{1/4} \vartheta \left( q_2, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2}, q_4, (q_2 q_4)^{1/2} \right), \\ \vartheta_5(q_2, q_4) &:= q_2^{1/2} q_4 \vartheta(q_2, q_4, q_2 q_4, q_4^2, q_2 q_4), \\ \vartheta_6(q_2, q_4) &:= q_2^{1/2} q_4 \vartheta(q_2, q_4, i^2 q_2 q_4, i^4 q_4^2, i^6 q_2 q_4). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we will express the functions  $\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5$  and  $\vartheta_6$  in terms of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *We have*

$$\vartheta_1(q_2, q_4) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi(q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(q_4^{1/2}) + \varphi(-q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) \right), \quad (55)$$

$$\vartheta_2(q_2, q_4) = \varphi(-q_2^2) \varphi(q_4^{1/2}) \varphi(-q_4^{1/2}), \quad (56)$$

$$\vartheta_3(q_2, q_4) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi(q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) + \varphi(-q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(q_4^{1/2}) \right), \quad (57)$$

$$\vartheta_4(q_2, q_4) = 4q_2^{1/8} q_4^{1/4} \psi(q_2) \psi^2(q_4), \quad (58)$$

$$\vartheta_5(q_2, q_4) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi(q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(q_4^{1/2}) - \varphi(-q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) \right), \quad (59)$$

$$\vartheta_6(q_2, q_4) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi(q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) - \varphi(-q_2^{1/2}) \varphi^2(q_4^{1/2}) \right). \quad (60)$$

**Proof.** We employ [Theorem 3.1](#)(iii) and use the notation in [Section 2](#). The first and third equalities come straightforwardly. For the second and forth identities, we also utilize [Eqs. \(6\)](#) and [\(7\)](#). For the last two formulas, we use [\(8\)](#) with  $n = -1$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

Before proceeding further, we will establish some formulas for  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  in terms of  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_4$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_4$ ,  $z_2 := {}_2F_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \alpha_2)$  and  $z_4 := {}_2F_1(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; \alpha_4)$ . We can rewrite [\(13\)–\(23\)](#) in terms of  $\alpha_2$ ,  $q_2$  and  $z_2$  as

$$\varphi(q_2) = \sqrt{z_2}, \quad (61)$$

$$\varphi(q_2^2) = \sqrt{z_2} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_2}}{2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (62)$$

$$\varphi(q_2^4) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{z_2} \left( 1 + (1 - \alpha_2)^{1/4} \right), \quad (63)$$

$$\varphi(q_2^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z_2} (1 + \sqrt{\alpha_2})^{1/2}, \quad (64)$$

$$\varphi(-q_2) = \sqrt{z_2} (1 - \alpha_2)^{1/4}, \quad (65)$$

$$\varphi(-q_2^2) = \sqrt{z_2} (1 - \alpha_2)^{1/8}, \quad (66)$$

$$\varphi(-q_2^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z_2} (1 - \sqrt{\alpha_2})^{1/2}, \quad (67)$$

$$\psi(q_2) = \sqrt{\frac{z_2}{2}} \alpha_2^{1/8} q_2^{-1/8}, \quad (68)$$

$$\psi(q_2^2) = \frac{\sqrt{z_2}}{2} \alpha_2^{1/4} q_2^{-1/4}, \quad (69)$$

$$\psi(q_2^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z_2} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{\alpha_2}}{2} \right)^{1/4} (\alpha_2 q_2^{-1})^{1/16}, \quad (70)$$

$$\psi(-q_2^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z_2} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{\alpha_2}}{2} \right)^{1/4} (\alpha_2 q_2^{-1})^{1/16}, \quad (71)$$

respectively. In [\[3, p. 146\]](#), there is a procedure for producing formulas in the theory of signature 4 from formulas in the classical theory. Suppose that we have a formula

$$\Omega(\alpha_2, q_2, z_2) = 0.$$

Then we deduce the formula

$$\Omega\left(\frac{2\sqrt{\alpha_4}}{1 + \sqrt{\alpha_4}}, q_4^{1/2}, z_4 (1 + \sqrt{\alpha_4})^{1/2}\right) = 0.$$

By [\(61\)](#), [\(62\)](#), [\(65\)](#), [\(66\)](#) and [\(69\)](#) together with the above procedure, this yields

$$\varphi(q_4^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z_4} (1 + \sqrt{\alpha_4})^{1/4}, \quad (72)$$

$$\varphi(q_4) = \sqrt{z_4} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_4}}{2} \right)^{1/4}, \quad (73)$$

$$\varphi(-q_4^{1/2}) = \sqrt{z_4} (1 - \sqrt{\alpha_4})^{1/4}, \quad (74)$$

$$\varphi(-q_4) = \sqrt{z_4} (1 - \alpha_4)^{1/8}, \quad (75)$$

and

$$\psi(q_4) = \frac{\sqrt{z_4}}{2} (2\sqrt{\alpha_4})^{1/4} q_4^{-1/8}, \quad (76)$$

respectively.

With above formulas, we can write  $\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2, \vartheta_3, \vartheta_4, \vartheta_5$  and  $\vartheta_6$  in terms of  $\alpha_2, \alpha_4, z_2$  and  $z_4$  as analogues of [Lemma 2.3](#) and [Lemma 2.4](#).

**Corollary 4.3.** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_1(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2} z_4}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\alpha_2 \alpha_4} + \sqrt{(1 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_4)} \right)^{1/2}, \\ \vartheta_2(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2} z_4 (1 - \alpha_2)^{1/8} (1 - \alpha_4)^{1/4}, \\ \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2} z_4}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\alpha_2 \alpha_4} + \sqrt{(1 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_4)} \right)^{1/2}, \\ \vartheta_4(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2} z_4 \alpha_2^{1/8} \alpha_4^{1/4}, \\ \vartheta_5(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2} z_4}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + \sqrt{\alpha_2 \alpha_4} - \sqrt{(1 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_4)} \right)^{1/2}, \\ \vartheta_6(q_2, q_4) &= \frac{\sqrt{z_2} z_4}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\alpha_2 \alpha_4} - \sqrt{(1 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_4)} \right)^{1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** We will utilize Eqs. (64), (66)–(68) and (72)–(76) to [Theorem 4.2](#) together with the identity

$$\sqrt{1 + \sqrt{a}} \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{b}} \pm \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{a}} \sqrt{1 - \sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{ab} \pm \sqrt{(1-a)(1-b)} \right)^{1/2},$$

where  $a, b$  are any numbers in  $[0, 1]$ .  $\square$

The next corollary is an analogue of (1) and (2).

**Corollary 4.4.** *We have*

(i)

$$\vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4) + \vartheta_6^2(q_2, q_4) = \vartheta_3^2(q_2, q_4) + \vartheta_5^2(q_2, q_4),$$

(ii)

$$\vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4) - \vartheta_6^2(q_2, q_4) = \vartheta_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) + 2\vartheta_4^2(q_2^2, q_4),$$

(iii)

$$\vartheta_3^2(q_2, q_4) - \vartheta_5^2(q_2, q_4) = \vartheta_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) - 2\vartheta_4^2(q_2^2, q_4).$$

**Proof of (i).** The identity follows straightforwardly from [Corollary 4.3](#).  $\square$

**Proof of (ii).** By [Corollary 4.3](#), it follows that

$$\vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4) - \vartheta_6^2(q_2, q_4) = z_2 z_4^2 \left( \sqrt{\alpha_2 \alpha_4} + \sqrt{(1 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_4)} \right).$$

On the other hand, by (56) and (58), we find that

$$\vartheta_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) + 2\vartheta_4^2(q_2^2, q_4) = \varphi^2(-q_2)\varphi^2(q_4^{1/2})\varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) + 32q_2^{1/2}q_4^{1/2}\psi^2(q_2^2)\psi^4(q_4).$$

We utilize (65), (69)–(74), and (76) to obtain

$$\vartheta_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) + 2\vartheta_4^2(q_2^2, q_4) = z_2z_4^2\sqrt{(1-\alpha_2)(1-\alpha_4)} + z_2z_4^2\sqrt{\alpha_2\alpha_4}.$$

This finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Proof of (iii).** By Corollary 4.3, we deduce that

$$\vartheta_3^2(q_2, q_4) - \vartheta_5^2(q_2, q_4) = z_2z_4^2\left(\sqrt{(1-\alpha_2)(1-\alpha_4)} - \sqrt{\alpha_2\alpha_4}\right).$$

On the other hand, by (56) and (58), we see that

$$\vartheta_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) - 2\vartheta_4^2(q_2^2, q_4) = \varphi^2(-q_2)\varphi^2(q_4^{1/2})\varphi^2(-q_4^{1/2}) - 32q_2^{1/2}q_4^{1/2}\psi^2(q_2^2)\psi^4(q_4).$$

Employing (65), (69)–(74), and (76), we conclude that

$$\vartheta_2^2(q_2^{1/2}, q_4) + 2\vartheta_4^2(q_2^2, q_4) = z_2z_4^2\sqrt{(1-\alpha_2)(1-\alpha_4)} - z_2z_4^2\sqrt{\alpha_2\alpha_4}.$$

We complete the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.5.** If  $\alpha := \alpha_2 = \alpha_4$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2}z_4, \\ \vartheta_2(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2}z_4(1-\alpha)^{3/8}, \\ \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2}z_4(1-\alpha)^{1/2}, \\ \vartheta_4(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2}z_4\alpha^{3/8}, \\ \vartheta_5(q_2, q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2}z_4\alpha^{1/2}, \\ \vartheta_6(q_2, q_4) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** The proposed formulas follow readily from Corollary 4.3.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** If  $\alpha := \alpha_2 = \alpha_4$ , then

(i)

$$\vartheta_3^2(q_2, q_4) + \vartheta_5^2(q_2, q_4) = \vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4),$$

(ii)

$$\vartheta_2^{8/3}(q_2, q_4) + \vartheta_4^{8/3}(q_2, q_4) = \vartheta_1^{8/3}(q_2, q_4),$$

(iii)

$$\vartheta_2^8(q_2, q_4) = \vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4)\vartheta_3^6(q_2, q_4),$$

(iv)

$$\vartheta_4^8(q_2, q_4) = \vartheta_1^2(q_2, q_4)\vartheta_5^6(q_2, q_4),$$

(v)

$$\vartheta_1(q_2^2, q_4^2) - \vartheta_5(q_2^2, q_4^2) = \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4),$$

(vi)

$$\vartheta_3(q_2^2, q_4^2) + \vartheta_6(q_2^2, q_4^2) = \vartheta_1^{1/2}(q_2, q_4)\vartheta_3^{1/2}(q_2, q_4),$$

(vii)

$$\vartheta_1(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) - \vartheta_3(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) = 2\sqrt{2}\vartheta_5(q_2, q_4),$$

(viii)

$$\vartheta_5(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) - \vartheta_6(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) = 2\sqrt{2}\vartheta_1^{1/2}(q_2, q_4)\vartheta_5^{1/2}(q_2, q_4).$$

**Proof of (i)–(iv).** The identities (i)–(iv) come straightforwardly from [Corollary 4.5](#).  $\square$

**Proof of (v).** By [\(55\)](#) and [\(59\)](#), we have

$$\vartheta_1(q_2^2, q_4^2) - \vartheta_5(q_2^2, q_4^2) = \varphi(-q_2)\varphi^2(-q_4).$$

Employing [\(65\)](#) and [\(75\)](#) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(-q_2)\varphi^2(-q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2}z_4(1-\alpha)^{1/2} \\ &= \vartheta_3(q_2, q_4). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality follows from [\(57\)](#). We complete the proof.  $\square$

**Proof of (vi).** By [\(57\)](#) and [\(60\)](#), we find that

$$\vartheta_3(q_2^2, q_4^2) + \vartheta_6(q_2^2, q_4^2) = \varphi(q_2)\varphi^2(-q_4).$$

Utilizing [\(61\)](#) and [\(75\)](#), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(q_2)\varphi^2(-q_4) &= \sqrt{z_2}z_4(1-\alpha)^{1/4} \\ &= \vartheta_1^{1/2}(q_2, q_4)\vartheta_3^{1/2}(q_2, q_4). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proof of (vii).** Using [\(55\)](#) and [\(57\)](#) along with [\(10\)](#) and [\(11\)](#), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) - \vartheta_3(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi(q_2^{1/4}) - \varphi(-q_2^{1/4}) \right) \left( \varphi^2(q_4^{1/4}) - \varphi^2(-q_4^{1/4}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 4q_2^{1/4}\psi(q_2^2) \right) \left( 8q_4^{1/4}\psi^2(q_4) \right). \end{aligned}$$

By (69) and (76), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left( 4q_2^{1/4} \psi(q_2^2) \right) \left( 8q_4^{1/4} \psi^2(q_4) \right) &= 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{z_2} z_4 \alpha^{1/2} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} \vartheta_5(q_2, q_4). \end{aligned}$$

We finish the proof.  $\square$

**Proof of (viii).** Employing (55) and (57) together with (9) and (11), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_5(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) - \vartheta_6(q_2^{1/2}, q_4^{1/2}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi(q_2^{1/4}) + \varphi(-q_2^{1/4}) \right) \left( \varphi^2(q_4^{1/4}) - \varphi^2(-q_4^{1/4}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2\varphi(q_2)) \left( 8q_4^{1/4} \psi^2(q_4) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using (69) and (76) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} (2\varphi(q_2)) \left( 8q_4^{1/4} \psi^2(q_4) \right) &= 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{z_2} z_4 \alpha^{1/4} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} \vartheta_1^{1/2}(q_2, q_4) \vartheta_5^{1/2}(q_2, q_4). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

Next, we will give explicit evaluations of quartic theta functions for some values of  $\alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_4$ . Before proceeding further, we will establish some values of hypergeometric functions.

**Lemma 4.7.** *We have*

(i)

$${}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})},$$

(ii)

$${}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; 1; \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})},$$

(iii)

$${}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})},$$

(iv)

$${}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) = \frac{2 \cdot 3^{1/4} \sqrt{\pi}}{3\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})},$$

(v)

$${}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) = \frac{2 \cdot 3^{3/4} \sqrt{\pi}}{3\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})},$$

(vi)

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}+1}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}}},$$

(vii)

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}+1}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2\sqrt{2}}},$$

(viii)

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; \frac{8}{9}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}},$$

(ix)

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; \frac{1}{9}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}}.$$

**Proof.** It is well known that Gauss's second summation formula is

$${}_2F_1\left(a, b; \frac{1+a+b}{2}; \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1+a+b}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1+a}{2})\Gamma(\frac{1+b}{2})}. \quad (77)$$

Parts (i), (ii) and (iii) follow from (77) with  $(a, b) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $(a, b) = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$  and  $(a, b) = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$  in (77), respectively.

Part (iv) arises from Theorem 5.6 in [3, p. 112],

$$(1+x+x^2) {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{x^3(2+x)}{1+2x}\right) = \sqrt{1+2x} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; 1; \frac{27x^2(1+x)^2}{4(1+x+x^2)^3}\right)$$

with  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}$  and part (ii).

To establish part (v), use Corollary 5.7 in [3, p. 113],

$$(1+x+x^2) {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; 1 - \frac{x^3(2+x)}{1+2x}\right) = \sqrt{3+6x} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}; 1; 1 - \frac{27x^2(1+x)^2}{4(1+x+x^2)^3}\right)$$

with  $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}$  and part (ii).

Setting  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  in Theorem 9.1 from [3, p. 145],

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{2x}{1+x}\right) = \sqrt{1+x} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; x^2\right),$$

we easily deduce part (vi) with the help of part (iii).

Part (vii) is an immediate consequence of Theorem 9.2 in [3, p. 145],

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; \frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{2}} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; 1-x^2\right),$$

with  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and part (iii).

To prove part (viii), we employ Entry 33(iv) of Chapter 11 in [1, p. 95],

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; \frac{4x}{(1+x)^2}\right) = \sqrt{1+x} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; x\right)$$

with  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and part (i).

Part (ix) follows on using Theorem 9.4 in [3, p. 146],

$${}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; x^2\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+3x}} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}; 1; 1 - \left(\frac{1-x}{1+3x}\right)^2\right)$$

with  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  and part (viii).  $\square$

Some values of the function  $\vartheta$  are given in the next theorem analogously to that of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  in [3, Chapter 35]. We record three cases here; further evaluations involving a hypergeometric function can be obtained by similar reasoning.

**Theorem 4.8.** *We have*

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \\ \vartheta_2(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \\ \vartheta_3(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{1/2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \\ \vartheta_4(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \\ \vartheta_5(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{1/2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \\ \vartheta_6(e^{-\pi}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_1(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}+1)}{3^{3/8}2\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_2(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}+1)^{1/4}}{2^{1/8}3^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_3(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}3^{1/8}}{\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \\ \vartheta_4(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) &= \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}-1)^{1/4}}{2^{1/8}3^{3/8}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\vartheta_5(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{3^{3/8}\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}},$$

$$\vartheta_6(e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}}, e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4}(\sqrt{3}-1)}{3^{3/8}2\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}},$$

(iii)

$$\vartheta_1(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2}+14} + 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}},$$

$$\vartheta_2(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4}}{2^{5/8}\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}},$$

$$\vartheta_3(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2}+14} - 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8}\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}},$$

$$\vartheta_4(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} (\sqrt{2}+1)^{1/8} 2^{1/4}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}},$$

$$\vartheta_5(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2}+2} + 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8}\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}},$$

$$\vartheta_6(e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}}, e^{-\pi}) = \frac{\pi^{3/4} \left( \sqrt{10\sqrt{2}+2} - 4 \right)^{1/2}}{2^{9/8}\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})\sqrt{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}}.$$

**Proof of (i).** Putting  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = \frac{1}{2}$  in the definitions of  $z_2$ ,  $z_4$ ,  $q_2$  and  $q_4$  together with parts (i) and (iii) of Lemma 4.7, it follows that

$$z_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})}, \quad z_4 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \quad q_2 = e^{-\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad q_4 = e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}.$$

Taking  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  in Corollary 4.5, the results follow immediately.  $\square$

**Proof of (ii).** Letting  $\alpha_2 = \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{4}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \frac{1}{2}$  in the definitions of  $z_2$ ,  $z_4$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_4$  and utilizing parts (iii), (iv) and (v) of Lemma 4.7, we find that

$$z_2 = \frac{2 \cdot 3^{1/4} \sqrt{\pi}}{3\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}, \quad z_4 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})}, \quad q_2 = e^{-\pi\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{and} \quad q_4 = e^{-\pi\sqrt{2}}.$$

The proposed results follow readily from Corollary 4.3.  $\square$

**Proof of (iii).** Taking  $\alpha_2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}+1}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \frac{8}{9}$  in the definitions of  $z_2$ ,  $z_4$ ,  $q_2$ ,  $q_4$  together with parts (vi), (vii), (viii) and (ix) of Lemma 4.7, we deduce that

$$z_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{8})\Gamma(\frac{7}{8})} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}}}, \quad z_4 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma^2(\frac{3}{4})} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad q_2 = e^{-\pi/\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad q_4 = e^{-\pi}.$$

Employing Corollary 4.3 and simplifying, we arrive at the desired results.  $\square$

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