

New q -supercongruences from a quadratic transformation of Rahman

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Abstract. We give three families of q -supercongruences from a quadratic transformation of Rahman. As a conclusion, we obtain the following supercongruence: for $0 < r < d \leq 2r$ and any prime $p \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(rp+r-d)/d} (3dk+r) \frac{\left(\frac{r}{2d}\right)_k \left(\frac{r}{d}\right)_k^2 \left(\frac{d-r}{d}\right)_k}{k!^3 \left(\frac{d+2r}{2d}\right)_k 4^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^3},$$

where $(a)_n = a(a+1)\cdots(a+n-1)$ is the Pochhammer symbol.

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1. Introduction

For any non-negative integer n and complex number a , let $(a)_n = a(a+1)\cdots(a+n-1)$ be the Pochhammer symbol. For any odd prime p and p -adic integer x , let $\Gamma_p(x)$ denote the p -adic Gamma function [11]. Motivated by Van Hamme's work on supercongruences [13], He [7] gave the following supercongruence:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} (6k+1) \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_k^3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)_k}{k!^4 4^k} \\ & \equiv \begin{cases} (-1)^{(p+3)/4} p \Gamma_p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma_p\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \pmod{p^2}, & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ 0 \pmod{p^2}, & \text{if } p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

Liu [8] further proved that the above supercongruence is true modulo p^3 .

Recently, using the method of 'creative microscoping' introduced by Guo and Zudilin [5], together with Rahman's quadratic transformation (see (1.8)), Liu and Wang [10] established the following q -analogue of Liu's refinement of (1.1): for any positive odd

integer n , modulo $[n]\Phi_n(q)^2$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^M [6k+1] \frac{(q; q^4)_k (q; q^2)_k^3}{(q^2; q^2)_k (q^4; q^4)_k^3} q^{k^2+k} \equiv \begin{cases} \frac{(q^2; q^4)_{(n-1)/4}}{(q^4; q^4)_{(n-1)/4}} [n] q^{(1-n)/4}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \\ 0, & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where $M = n - 1$ or $(n - 1)/2$. Here and in what follows, the q -shifted factorial is defined by $(a; q)_0 = 1$ and $(a; q)_n = (1 - a)(1 - aq) \cdots (1 - aq^{n-1})$ for integers $n \geq 1$ or $n = \infty$. For convenience, we also adopt the abbreviated notation $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m; q)_n = (a_1; q)_n (a_2; q)_n \cdots (a_m; q)_n$ for integers $n \geq 0$ or $n = \infty$. The q -integer is defined as $[n] = [n]_q = (1 - q^n)/(1 - q)$. Moreover, the n -th cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_n(q)$ is given by

$$\Phi_n(q) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq k \leq n \\ \gcd(k, n) = 1}} (q - \zeta^k),$$

where ζ is an n -th primitive root of unity. We say that two rational functions $A(q)$ and $B(q)$ in q are congruent modulo a polynomial $P(q)$, denoted by $A(q) \equiv B(q) \pmod{P(q)}$, if the numerator of the reduced form of $A(q) - B(q)$ is divisible by $P(q)$ in the polynomial ring $\mathbb{Z}[q]$. For some other recent work on q -supercongruences, we refer the reader to [1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14].

Very recently, Guo [3] gave some generalizations of (1.2) modulo $\Phi_n(q)^3$. Motivated by Guo's work, in this paper we shall give two new generalizations of the $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ case of (1.2) modulo $\Phi_n(q)^3$.

Theorem 1.1. *Let d and r be positive integers with $r < d \leq 2r$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$. Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(rn+r-d)/d} [3dk+r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^r, q^r, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d}, q^{2d}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)^3}. \quad (1.3)$$

Theorem 1.2. *Let d and r be positive integers with $d \geq 2r$ and $d \equiv r + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv d + 1 \pmod{2d}$. Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(dn+rn-r)/(2d)} [3dk+r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^r, q^r, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d}, q^{2d}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)^3}. \quad (1.4)$$

It is obvious that both (1.3) and (1.4) for $(d, r) = (2, 1)$ reduce to the second case of (1.2) modulo $\Phi_n(q)^3$. Moreover, letting $n = p$ be a prime and $q \rightarrow 1$ in (1.3) and (1.4), we obtain the following two supercongruences: for $0 < r < d \leq 2r$ and any prime $p \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(rp+r-d)/d} (3dk+r) \frac{\binom{r}{2d}_k \binom{r}{d}_k^2 \binom{d-r}{d}_k}{k!^3 \binom{d+2r}{2d}_k 4^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^3}, \quad (1.5)$$

and for $d \geq 2r$ and any prime $p \equiv d + 1 \pmod{2d}$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(dp+rp-r)/(2d)} (3dk + r) \frac{\left(\frac{r}{2d}\right)_k \left(\frac{r}{d}\right)_k^2 \left(\frac{d-r}{d}\right)_k}{k!^3 \left(\frac{d+2r}{2d}\right)_k 4^k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^3}. \quad (1.6)$$

It is clear that both (1.5) and (1.6) are generalizations of (1.1) for $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

We shall also give a new generalization of the $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ case of (1.2) modulo $\Phi_n(q)^2$ as follows.

Theorem 1.3. *Let d and r be positive integers with $d \geq 2r$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2d}$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^r, q^r, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d}, q^{2d}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \\ & \equiv [rn] \frac{(q^d; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}}{(q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}} q^{(r-d)r(n-1)/(2d)} \pmod{\Phi_n(q)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

Likewise, the first case of (1.2) modulo $\Phi_n(q)^2$ follows from (1.7) by taking $(d, r) = (2, 1)$. Moreover, letting $n = p$ be a prime and $q \rightarrow 1$ in (1.7), we arrive at the following supercongruence: for $0 < 2r \leq d$ and any prime $p \equiv 1 \pmod{2d}$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} (3dk + r) \frac{\left(\frac{r}{2d}\right)_k \left(\frac{r}{d}\right)_k^2 \left(\frac{d-r}{d}\right)_k}{k!^3 \left(\frac{d+2r}{2d}\right)_k 4^k} \equiv rp \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)_{r(p-1)/(2d)}}{\left(\frac{d+2r}{2d}\right)_{r(p-1)/(2d)}} \pmod{p^2}.$$

Note that the q -supercongruences in Theorems 1.1–1.3 do not hold modulo $[n]$ in general. When $r = 1$ the supercongruence (1.7) seems to be true modulo $\Phi_n(q)^3$ (which is the $N = n - 1$ and $e \rightarrow 0$ case of [10, Theorem 4], but the proof of the $N = n - 1$ case of [10, Theorem 4] is not correct). However, this is not the case for general r .

Recall that the *basic hypergeometric series* ${}_{r+1}\phi_r$ (see [2]) is defined as

$${}_{r+1}\phi_r \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_r \end{matrix} ; q, z \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r+1}; q)_k z^k}{(q, b_1, \dots, b_r; q)_k}.$$

A quadratic transformation of Rahman [2, (3.8.13)] may be stated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{3k})(a, d, aq/d; q^2)_k (b, c, aq/bc; q)_k}{(1 - a)(aq/d, d, q; q)_k (aq^2/b, aq^2/c, bcq; q^2)_k} q^k \\ & = \frac{(aq^2, bq, cq, aq^2/bc; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q, aq^2/b, aq^2/c, bcq; q^2)_{\infty}} {}_3\phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} b, c, aq/bc \\ dq, aq^2/d \end{matrix} ; q^2, q^2 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

provided that d and aq/d are not of the form q^{-2n} (n is a non-negative integer).

We shall prove Theorems 1.1–1.3 by employing the method of ‘creative microscoping’ and Rahman’s transformation (1.8) again.

2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

We first give a generalization of Theorem 1.1 with an additional parameter a .

Theorem 2.1. *Let d and r be positive integers with $r < d \leq 2r$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$ and a an indeterminate. Then, modulo $\Phi_n(q)(1 - aq^{(d-r)n})(a - q^{(d-r)n})$,*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(rn+r-d)/d} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (aq^r, q^r/a, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (aq^{2d}, q^{2d}/a, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Proof. Letting $d \rightarrow 0$ in (1.8), we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - aq^{3k})(a; q^2)_k (b, c, aq/bc; q)_k}{(1 - a)(q; q)_k (aq^2/b, aq^2/c, bcq; q^2)_k} q^{(k^2+k)/2} = \frac{(aq^2, bq, cq, aq^2/bc; q^2)_{\infty}}{(q, aq^2/b, aq^2/c, bcq; q^2)_{\infty}}. \quad (2.2)$$

We then take $q \mapsto q^d$, $a = q^r$, $b = q^{r+(d-r)n}$, $c = q^{r-(d-r)n}$ in the above formula to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(dn-rn-r)/d} \frac{(1 - q^{3dk+r})(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^{r+(d-r)n}, q^{r-(d-r)n}, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(1 - q^r)(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d-(d-r)n}, q^{2d+(d-r)n}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \\ &= \frac{(q^{2d+r}, q^{d+r+(d-r)n}, q^{d+r-(d-r)n}, q^{2d-r}; q^{2d})_{\infty}}{(q^d, q^{2d-(d-r)n}, q^{2d+(d-r)n}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_{\infty}} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where we have used the fact that $(q^{r-(d-r)n}; q^d)_k = 0$ for $k > (dn - rn - r)/d$, and $(q^{d+r-(d-r)n}; q^{2d})_{\infty} = 0$. Since $(rn + r - d)/d \geq (dn - rn - r)/d$, we see that the left-hand side of (2.1) is equal to 0 for $a = q^{-(d-r)n}$ or $a = q^{(d-r)n}$. Namely, the q -congruence (2.1) is true modulo $1 - aq^{(d-r)n}$ and $a - q^{(d-r)n}$.

On the other hand, letting $q \mapsto q^d$, $a = q^{r-rn}$, $b = aq^r$, $c = q^r/a$ in (1.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(rn+r-d)/d} \frac{(1 - q^{3dk+r-rn})(q^{r-rn}; q^{2d})_k (aq^r, q^r/a, q^{d-r-rn}; q^d)_k}{(1 - q^{r-rn})(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d-rn}/a, aq^{2d-rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \\ &= \frac{(q^{2d+r-rn}, aq^{d+r}, q^{d+r}/a, q^{2d-r-rn}; q^{2d})_{\infty}}{(q^d, q^{2d-rn}/a, aq^{2d-rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_{\infty}} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

where we have utilized $(q^{2d-r-rn}; q^{2d})_{\infty} = 0$ and $(q^{d-r-rn}; q^d)_k = 0$ for $k > (rn + r - d)/d$. Since $n \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$, we have $\gcd(2d, n) = 1$. Thus, the minimal positive integer k such that $(q^m; q^{2d})_k \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}$ is $(2d - m)(n + 1)/(2d)$ for m in the range $0 < m < 2d$. This means that the polynomial $(q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k$ is always relatively prime to

$\Phi_n(q)$ for $0 \leq k \leq (rn + r - d)/d$ (since $0 \leq (d + 2r) - 2d < 2d - r$ according to the condition in the theorem). In view of $q^n \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}$, we conclude from (2.4) that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(rn+r-d)/d} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (aq^r, q^r/a, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (aq^{2d}, q^{2d}/a, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}.$$

Since $1 - aq^n$, $a - q^n$ and $\Phi_n(q)$ are pairwise relatively prime polynomials in q , we complete the proof of the theorem. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Note that the polynomial $(q^{2d}; q^{2d})_k$ is relatively prime to $\Phi_n(q)$ for any $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$. Moreover, the polynomial $(1 - q^n)^2$ has the factor $\Phi_n(q)^2$. The proof of (1.3) then follows from (2.1) by specializing $a = 1$. \square

3. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Similarly as before, we first establish the following parametric generalization of Theorem 1.2.

Theorem 3.1. *Let d and r be positive integers with $d \geq 2r$ and $d \equiv r + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv d + 1 \pmod{2d}$ and a an indeterminate. Then, modulo $\Phi_n(q)(1 - aq^{rn})(a - q^{rn})$,*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(dn+rn-r)/(2d)} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (aq^r, q^r/a, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (aq^{2d}, q^{2d}/a, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0. \quad (3.1)$$

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1. This time we take $q \mapsto q^d$, $a = q^r$, $b = q^{r+rn}$, $c = q^{r-rn}$ in (2.2) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{r(n-1)/d} \frac{(1 - q^{3dk+r})(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^{r+rn}, q^{r-rn}, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(1 - q^r)(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d-rn}, q^{2d+rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \\ &= \frac{(q^{2d+r}, q^{d+r+rn}, q^{d+r-rn}, q^{2d-r}; q^{2d})_\infty}{(q^d, q^{2d-rn}, q^{2d+rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_\infty} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where we have used the fact that $(q^{r-rn}; q^d)_k = 0$ for $k > r(n-1)/d$, and $(q^{d+r-rn}; q^{2d})_\infty = 0$. This proves that the left-hand side of (3.1) is equal to 0 for $a = q^{-rn}$ or $a = q^{rn}$ (since $r(n-1)/d < (dn + rn - r)/(2d)$). Namely, the q -congruence (3.1) is true modulo $1 - aq^{rn}$ and $a - q^{rn}$.

On the other hand, letting $q \mapsto q^d$, $a = q^{r-(d+r)n}$, $b = aq^r$, $c = q^r/a$ in (1.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{(dn+rn-r)/(2d)} \frac{(1 - q^{3dk+r-dn-rn})(q^{r-dn-rn}; q^{2d})_k (aq^r, q^r/a, q^{d-r-dn-rn}; q^d)_k}{(1 - q^{r-dn-rn})(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d-dn-rn}/a, aq^{2d-dn-rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \\ &= \frac{(q^{2d+r-dn-rn}, aq^{d+r}, q^{d+r}/a, q^{2d-r-dn-rn}; q^{2d})_\infty}{(q^d, q^{2d-dn-rn}/a, aq^{2d-dn-rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_\infty} \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

where we have utilized $(q^{2d+r-dn-rn}; q^{2d})_\infty = 0$ and $(q^{r-dn-rn}; q^{2d})_k = 0$ for $k > (dn + rn - r)/(2d)$. It is easy to see that $\gcd(2d, n) = 1$, and the minimal positive integer k such that $(q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}$ is $(d + 2r)(n - 1)/(2d)$, which is greater than $(dn + rn - r)/(2d)$. Thus, the polynomial $(q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k$ is always relatively prime to $\Phi_n(q)$ for $0 \leq k \leq (dn + rn - r)/(2d)$. In view of $q^n \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}$, we conclude from (3.3) that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(dn+rn-r)/(2d)} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (aq^r, q^r/a, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (aq^{2d}, q^{2d}/a, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}.$$

This proves (3.1). □

Proof of Theorem 1.3. Since $\gcd(2d, n) = 1$ and $q^n \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}$, the proof of (1.4) immediately follows from the $a = 1$ case of (3.1). □

4. Proof of Theorem 1.3

Likewise, we have a parametric generalization of Theorem 1.3 as follows.

Theorem 4.1. *Let d and r be positive integers with $d > r$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2d}$ and a an indeterminate. Then, modulo $(1 - aq^{rn})(a - q^{rn})$,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (aq^r, q^r/a, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (aq^{2d}, q^{2d}/a, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \\ & \equiv [rn] \frac{(q^d; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}}{(q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}} q^{(r-d)r(n-1)/(2d)}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

Proof. We again take $q \mapsto q^d$, $a = q^r$, $b = q^{r+rn}$, $c = q^{r-rn}$ in (2.2) as in the proof of

Theorem 3.1. But this time

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(1 - q^{3dk+r})(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^{r+rn}, q^{r-rn}, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(1 - q^r)(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d-rn}, q^{2d+rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \\
 &= \frac{(q^{2d+r}, q^{d+r+rn}, q^{d+r-rn}, q^{2d-r}; q^{2d})_\infty}{(q^d, q^{2d-rn}, q^{2d+rn}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_\infty} \\
 &= \frac{(q^{2d+r}, q^{d+r-rn}; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}}{(q^{d+2r}, q^{2d-rn}; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - q^{rn})(q^d; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}}{(1 - q^r)(q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_{r(n-1)/(2d)}} q^{(r-d)r(n-1)/(2d)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that $(q^{r-rn}; q^d)_k = 0$ for $k > r(n-1)/d$. This proves that both sides of (4.1) are equal for $a = q^{-rn}$ or $a = q^{rn}$. Namely, the q -congruence (4.1) is true modulo $1 - aq^{rn}$ and $a - q^{rn}$. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.3. In view of $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2d}$, we have $\gcd(2d, n) = 1$. Thus, the minimal positive integer k such that $(q^m; q^{2d})_k \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)}$ is $m(n-1)/(2d) + 1$ for m in the range $0 < m \leq 2d$. This indicates that the denominator of the reduced form of $(q^r; q^{2d})_k / (q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k$ is always relatively prime to $\Phi_n(q)$ for $0 \leq k \leq n-1$ (since $0 < r < d + 2r \leq 2d$). The proof of (1.7) then follows from the $a = 1$ case of (4.1). \square

5. Some open problems

Numerical calculation implies that the following stronger versions of Theorems 1.1–1.3 should be true.

Conjecture 5.1. *Let d and r be positive integers with $d > r$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$. Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^r, q^r, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d}, q^{2d}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)^3}. \quad (5.1)$$

Conjecture 5.2. *Let d and r be positive integers with $d > r$ and $d \equiv r + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv d + 1 \pmod{2d}$. Then (5.1) holds.*

Conjecture 5.3. *Let d be a positive odd integer, $r = (d + 1)/2$, and n a positive integer satisfying $n \equiv -1 \pmod{2d}$. Then*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(2n+2-d)(d-1)/(2d)} [3dk + r] \frac{(q^r; q^{2d})_k (q^r, q^r, q^{d-r}; q^d)_k}{(q^d; q^d)_k (q^{2d}, q^{2d}, q^{d+2r}; q^{2d})_k} q^{d(k^2+k)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)^4}. \quad (5.2)$$

Conjecture 5.4. *Let d and r be positive integers with $d > r$. Let n be a positive integer with $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2d}$. Then (1.7) holds.*

Conjecture 5.5. *Let $d > 1$ be an odd integer, $r = (d - 1)/2$, and n a positive integer satisfying $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2d}$. Then (1.7) holds modulo $\Phi_n(q)^3$.*

Note that Conjecture 5.3 was provided by one of the referees, and it is a generalization of [3, Conjecture 5.2]. This referee also asked us to find a similar conjecture related to Theorem 1.3. After a simple try, we found the above Conjecture 5.5. However, we are unable to confirm these two conjectures, since it is difficult to find the corresponding parametric versions of the q -supercongruences (5.2) and the modulus $\Phi_n(q)^3$ case of (1.7). Finally, we point out that Conjectures 5.3 and 5.5 are not yet true modulo $[n]$ in general. For example, the q -congruence (5.2) does not hold modulo $[n]$ for $(d, r, n) = (3, 2, 35)$, and the q -congruence (1.7) does not hold modulo $[n]$ for $(d, r, n) = (5, 2, 51)$ either.

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