

# ON $q$ -ANALOGUES OF ZETA FUNCTIONS OF ROOT SYSTEMS

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**Abstract.** Komori, Matsumoto and Tsumura introduced a zeta function  $\zeta_r(s, \Delta)$  associated with a root system  $\Delta$ . In this paper, we introduce a  $q$ -analogue of this zeta function, denoted by  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$ , and investigate its properties. We show that a ‘Weyl group symmetric’ linear combination of  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  can be written as a multiple integral over a torus involving functions  $\psi_s$ . For positive integers  $k$ , functions  $\psi_k$  can be regarded as  $q$ -analogues of the periodic Bernoulli polynomials. When  $\Delta$  is of type  $A_2$  or  $A_3$ , the linear combinations can be expressed as the functions  $\psi_k$ , which are  $q$ -analogues of explicit expressions of Witten’s volume formula. We also introduce a two-parameter deformation of the zeta function  $\zeta_r(s, \Delta)$  and study its properties.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a semisimple Lie algebra of rank  $r$  and  $s$  be a complex variable. We define the Witten zeta function by

$$\zeta_W(s, \mathfrak{g}) = \sum_{\varphi} (\dim \varphi)^{-s}, \quad (1.1)$$

where the summation on the right-hand side runs over all finite-dimensional irreducible representations  $\varphi$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . When  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(2)$ , the zeta function  $\zeta_W(s, \mathfrak{sl}(2))$  becomes the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(s)$ :

$$\zeta_W(s, \mathfrak{sl}(2)) = \zeta(s) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}.$$

The Witten zeta function was introduced by Zagier [14]. The reason the zeta function (1.1) was named ‘Witten’ comes from the fact that Witten [13] calculated volumes of certain moduli spaces in quantum gauge theory in terms of special values of (1.1) at positive even integers.

By using Weyl’s dimension formula (for example, see [11, Section 3.8]), the Witten zeta function (1.1) can be written explicitly. Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\Delta_+$  be the set of positive roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . For a root  $\alpha$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we denote the associated coroot of  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha^\vee$ . Then Weyl’s dimension formula states the following:

$$\dim \varphi = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle}{\langle \alpha^\vee, \rho \rangle}, \quad (1.2)$$

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where  $\lambda$  is the dominant integral weight corresponding to an irreducible representation  $\varphi$  and  $\rho$  is the Weyl vector. Let  $P_+$  be the set of all dominant integral weights. Then, by (1.2), the Witten zeta function can be written as follows:

$$\zeta_W(s, \mathfrak{g}) = \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \langle \alpha^\vee, \rho \rangle \right)^s \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle^{-s}. \tag{1.3}$$

Komori, Matsumoto and Tsumura [9, 10] introduced the following zeta function associated with the root system  $\Delta$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , as a multivariable generalization of (1.3). For a complex vector  $s = (s_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}$ , we define the zeta function  $\zeta_r(s, \Delta)$  by

$$\zeta_r(s, \Delta) := \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle^{-s_\alpha}. \tag{1.4}$$

The series on the right-hand side converges absolutely when  $\text{Re } s_\alpha > 1$  ( $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ ). When  $s_\alpha = s$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ , the function  $\zeta_r((s, \dots, s), \Delta)$  essentially coincides with the Witten zeta function (1.1). For details of the function  $\zeta_r(s, \Delta)$ , see [9, 10].

In this paper, we introduce a  $q$ -analogue of the zeta function (1.4) and investigate its basic properties. The  $q$ -analogue of (1.4) is defined by the following:

$$\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) := \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle}}{(1 - q^{\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle})^{s_\alpha}} \quad (\mathbf{a} = (a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}).$$

When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1)$ , the function  $\zeta_1(s, q^{s-1}, \Delta(A_1); q)$  is essentially the same as a  $q$ -analogue of the Riemann zeta function, introduced by Kaneko, Kurokawa and Wakayama [7]. In Section 2, we establish basic properties of the function  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$ , including its analytic continuation. In Section 3, we show that a ‘Weyl group symmetric’ linear combination of functions  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  can be written as a multiple integral over a torus involving functions  $\psi_s$ . In Section 4, we investigate basic properties of functions  $\psi_k$  for positive integers  $k$ . In particular, we show in Proposition 4.2 that the functions  $\psi_k$  can be regarded as  $q$ -analogues of the periodic Bernoulli polynomials. In Section 5, we show that, when  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1), \Delta(A_2), \Delta(A_3)$  and all components of the vector  $s$  are positive integers, the linear combination introduced in Section 4 can be written in terms of the functions  $\psi_k$ . When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_2), \Delta(A_3)$ , these expressions can be considered to be  $q$ -analogues of explicit expressions of Witten’s volume formula, discovered independently by Zagier, Garoufalidis and Weinstein for the  $A_2$  case (see [14]) and by Gunnells and Sczech [5] for the  $A_3$  case. In Section 6, we introduce a  $p$ -deformation  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q)$  of  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  and establish its basic properties. When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1)$ , the function  $\zeta_1(1, qe^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}, 1, \Delta(A_1); p, q)$  is considered to be a generating function of the elliptic zeta values, introduced by Felder and Varchenko [4].

**2.  $q$ -Analogues of zeta functions of root systems**

In this section, we introduce a  $q$ -analogue of the zeta function of a root system (1.4) and investigate its basic properties.

To do this, we prepare some notation of a root system. For details of the theory of root systems, we refer to [1, 6]. Let  $V$  be an  $r$ -dimensional real vector space with an inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . We identify the dual space  $V^*$  with  $V$  via this inner product of  $V$ . Let  $\Delta$  be a root

system of  $V$  and

$$\alpha^\vee := \frac{2\alpha}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}$$

be the coroot of  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r$  be simple roots of  $\Delta$  and put  $\Psi := \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r\}$ . We denote the sets of positive and negative roots of  $\Delta$  by  $\Delta_+$  and  $\Delta_-$ , respectively:

$$\Delta_+ := \{c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_r\alpha_r \in \Delta \mid c_i \geq 0 \ (i = 1, \dots, r)\},$$

$$\Delta_- := \{c_1\alpha_1 + \dots + c_r\alpha_r \in \Delta \mid c_i \leq 0 \ (i = 1, \dots, r)\}.$$

Let  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$  be the fundamental weights of  $\Delta$  and  $P, P_+$  and  $\rho$  be the weight lattice, the set of all dominant integral weights and the Weyl vector, respectively:

$$P := \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}\lambda_i, \quad P_+ := \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\lambda_i, \quad \rho := \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_r.$$

We are now in a position to define a  $q$ -analogue of the zeta function associated with the root system  $\Delta$ . Let  $q$  be a real number satisfying  $0 < q < 1$ . For complex vectors  $s = (s_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}$  and  $\mathbf{a} = (a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}$ , we define the function  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  by

$$\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) := \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle}}{(1 - q^{\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle})^{s_\alpha}}. \tag{2.1}$$

The series on the right-hand side of (2.1) converges absolutely for  $|a_\alpha| < 1$  ( $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ ).

When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1)$ , the function  $\zeta_1(s, q^{s-1}, \Delta(A_1); q)$  is a  $q$ -analogue of the Riemann zeta function introduced in [7], multiplied by  $(1 - q)^s$ . For general root systems  $\Delta$ , the functions  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  can be regarded as  $q$ -analogues of zeta functions (1.4). In fact, when  $a_\alpha = q^{t_\alpha}$  ( $\text{Re } t_\alpha > 0$ ) and  $\text{Re } s_\alpha > 1$  for  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ , we have

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} (1 - q)^{|s|} \zeta_r(s, (q^{t_\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}, \Delta; q) = \zeta_r(s, \Delta),$$

where we put

$$|s| = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} s_\alpha.$$

For  $\Delta = \Delta(A_r), \Delta(B_r), \Delta(C_r), \Delta(D_r)$ , the functions  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  can be expressed explicitly, as follows.

*Example 2.1.* Let  $\Delta = \Delta(A_r)$ . Let  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{r+1}\}$  be the standard basis of  $(r + 1)$ -dimensional real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^{r+1}$ . Then we have the following:

$$V = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} x_i \mathbf{e}_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} x_i = 0 \right\},$$

$$\Delta(A_r) = \{\mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq r + 1, i \neq j\},$$

$$\Delta_+(A_r) = \{\mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r + 1\},$$

$$\Psi(A_r) = \{\mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_2 - \mathbf{e}_3, \dots, \mathbf{e}_r - \mathbf{e}_{r+1}\}.$$

By putting  $\alpha_k = \mathbf{e}_k - \mathbf{e}_{k+1}$ , the positive coroots can be written as

$$(\mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_j)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_r); q) &= \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{m_r=1}^{\infty} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r+1} \frac{a_{ij}^{\langle \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee, m_1 \lambda_1 + \cdots + m_r \lambda_r \rangle}}{(1 - q^{\langle \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee, m_1 \lambda_1 + \cdots + m_r \lambda_r \rangle})^{s_{ij}}} \\ &= \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{m_r=1}^{\infty} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r+1} \frac{a_{ij}^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}})^{s_{ij}}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we put  $a_\alpha = a_{ij}$  and  $s_\alpha = s_{ij}$  for  $\alpha = \mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_j$ . In particular, by putting

$$\begin{aligned} s_{ij} &= 0 \quad ((i, j) \neq (1, 2), (1, 3), \dots, (1, r + 1)), \\ a_{ij} &= \begin{cases} q^{s_{ij}-1} & (i, j) = (1, 2), (1, 3), \dots, (1, r + 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

we obtain a  $q$ -analogue of the multiple zeta function (see [15])

$$\zeta_q(s_{12}, \dots, s_{1,r+1}) := (1 - q)^{s_{12} + \cdots + s_{1,r+1}} \sum_{k_1 > \cdots > k_r > 0} \frac{q^{k_1(s_{12}-1) + \cdots + k_r(s_{1,r+1}-1)}}{(1 - q^{k_1})^{s_{12}} \cdots (1 - q^{k_r})^{s_{1,r+1}}}, \tag{2.2}$$

multiplied by  $(1 - q)^{-s_{12} - \cdots - s_{1,r+1}}$ .

*Example 2.2.* When  $\Delta = \Delta(B_r)$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \mathbb{R}^r, \\ \Delta(B_r) &= \{\pm \mathbf{e}_i \pm \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r, \} \cup \{\pm \mathbf{e}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\}, \\ \Delta_+(B_r) &= \{\mathbf{e}_i \pm \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r\} \cup \{\mathbf{e}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\}, \\ \Psi(B_r) &= \{\alpha_j = \mathbf{e}_j - \mathbf{e}_{j+1} \mid 1 \leq j \leq r - 1\} \cup \{\alpha_r = \mathbf{e}_r\}. \end{aligned}$$

The simple coroots are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j^\vee &= \mathbf{e}_j - \mathbf{e}_{j+1} \quad (1 \leq j \leq r - 1), \\ \alpha_r^\vee &= 2\mathbf{e}_r, \end{aligned}$$

and the positive coroots can be written as

$$\begin{cases} (\mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_j)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee + 2 \sum_{j \leq k < r} \alpha_k^\vee + \alpha_r^\vee & (1 \leq i < j \leq r), \\ (\mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_j)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee & (1 \leq i < j \leq r), \\ (\mathbf{e}_i)^\vee = 2 \sum_{i \leq k < r} \alpha_k^\vee + \alpha_r^\vee & (1 \leq i \leq r). \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(B_r); q) &= \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{m_r=1}^{\infty} \prod_{1 \leq i \leq r} \frac{a_i^{2(m_i + \cdots + m_{r-1}) + m_r}}{(1 - q^{2(m_i + \cdots + m_{r-1}) + m_r})^{s_i}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{a_{ij,-}^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}})^{s_{ij,-}}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{a_{ij,+}^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1} + 2(m_j + \cdots + m_{r-1}) + m_r}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1} + 2(m_j + \cdots + m_{r-1}) + m_r})^{s_{ij,+}}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Example 2.3.* When  $\Delta = \Delta(C_r)$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \mathbb{R}^r, \\ \Delta(C_r) &= \{\pm \mathbf{e}_i \pm \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r, \} \cup \{\pm 2\mathbf{e}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\}, \\ \Delta_+(C_r) &= \{\mathbf{e}_i \pm \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r\} \cup \{2\mathbf{e}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq r\}, \\ \Psi(C_r) &= \{\alpha_j = \mathbf{e}_j - \mathbf{e}_{j+1} \mid 1 \leq j \leq r - 1\} \cup \{\alpha_r = 2\mathbf{e}_r\}. \end{aligned}$$

The simple coroots are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j^\vee &= \mathbf{e}_j - \mathbf{e}_{j+1} \quad (1 \leq j \leq r - 1), \\ \alpha_r^\vee &= \mathbf{e}_r, \end{aligned}$$

and the positive coroots can be written as

$$\begin{cases} (\mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_j)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee + 2 \sum_{j \leq k \leq r} \alpha_k^\vee & (1 \leq i < j \leq r), \\ (\mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_j)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee & (1 \leq i < j \leq r), \\ (\mathbf{e}_i)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < r} \alpha_k^\vee & (1 \leq i \leq r). \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_r(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(C_r); q) &= \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{m_r=1}^{\infty} \prod_{1 \leq i \leq r} \frac{a_i^{m_i + \cdots + m_r}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_r})^{s_i}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{a_{i,j,-}^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}})^{s_{i,j,-}}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{a_{i,j,+}^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1} + 2(m_j + \cdots + m_{r-1}) + m_r}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1} + 2(m_j + \cdots + m_r)})^{s_{i,j,+}}}. \end{aligned}$$

*Example 2.4.* When  $\Delta = \Delta(D_r)$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \mathbb{R}^r, \\ \Delta(D_r) &= \{\pm \mathbf{e}_i \pm \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r\}, \\ \Delta_+(D_r) &= \{\mathbf{e}_i \pm \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq r\}, \\ \Psi(D_r) &= \{\alpha_j = \mathbf{e}_j - \mathbf{e}_{j+1} \mid 1 \leq j \leq r - 1\} \cup \{\alpha_r = \mathbf{e}_{r-1} + \mathbf{e}_r\}. \end{aligned}$$

The simple coroots are give by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j^\vee &= \mathbf{e}_j - \mathbf{e}_{j+1} \quad (1 \leq j \leq r - 1), \\ \alpha_r^\vee &= \mathbf{e}_{r-1} + \mathbf{e}_r, \end{aligned}$$

and the positive coroots can be written as

$$\begin{cases} (\mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_r)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k \leq r-2} \alpha_k^\vee + \alpha_r^\vee & (1 \leq i < r), \\ (\mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_j)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee & (1 \leq i < j \leq r), \\ (\mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_j)^\vee = \sum_{i \leq k < j} \alpha_k^\vee + 2 \sum_{j \leq k \leq r-2} \alpha_k^\vee + \alpha_{r-1}^\vee + \alpha_r^\vee & (1 \leq i < j < r). \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(D_r); q) &= \sum_{m_1=1}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{m_r=1}^{\infty} \prod_{1 \leq i < r} \frac{a_i^{m_i + \cdots + m_{r-2} + m_r}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{r-2} + m_r})^{s_{ir}^+}} \\ &\times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} \frac{a_{ij,-}^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1}})^{s_{ij,-}}} \\ &\times \prod_{1 \leq i < j < r} \frac{a_{ij,+}^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1} + 2(m_j + \cdots + m_{r-2}) + m_{r-1} + m_r}}{(1 - q^{m_i + \cdots + m_{j-1} + 2(m_j + \cdots + m_{r-2}) + m_{r-1} + m_r})^{s_{ij,+}}}. \end{aligned}$$

The following proposition implies that the function  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  is meromorphically continued to the whole space as a function of  $s$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** *We have the following expression:*

$$\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) = \sum_{\substack{r_\alpha=0 \\ \mathbf{a} \in \Delta_+}}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \binom{s_\alpha + r_\alpha - 1}{r_\alpha} \right) \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (aq^{r_\alpha})^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}}{1 - \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (aq^{r_\alpha})^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}}.$$

*Proof.* By the binomial expansion, we obtain

$$(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)})^{-s_\alpha} = \sum_{r_\alpha=0}^{\infty} \binom{s_\alpha + r_\alpha - 1}{r_\alpha} q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)r_\alpha}.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) &= \sum_{\substack{\lambda \in P_+ \\ \mathbf{a} \in \Delta_+}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} a^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)} \left( \sum_{r_\alpha=0}^{\infty} \binom{s_\alpha + r_\alpha - 1}{r_\alpha} q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)r_\alpha} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{r_\alpha=0 \\ \mathbf{a} \in \Delta_+}}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \binom{s_\alpha + r_\alpha - 1}{r_\alpha} \right) \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (aq^{r_\alpha})^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{r_\alpha=0 \\ \mathbf{a} \in \Delta_+}}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \binom{s_\alpha + r_\alpha - 1}{r_\alpha} \right) \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_r=1}^{\infty} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (aq^{r_\alpha})^{(\alpha^\vee, m_1 \lambda_1 + \cdots + m_r \lambda_r)} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{r_\alpha=0 \\ \mathbf{a} \in \Delta_+}}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \binom{s_\alpha + r_\alpha - 1}{r_\alpha} \right) \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (aq^{r_\alpha})^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}}{1 - \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (aq^{r_\alpha})^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.6.** It is obscure that it holds for a generic complex vector  $s$  that

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} (1 - q)^{|s|} \zeta_r(s, (q^{t_\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}, \Delta; q) = \zeta_r(s, \Delta).$$

We note that, when  $r = 1$ , Kaneko, Kurokawa and Wakayama [7] showed that

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} (1 - q)^s \zeta_1(s, q^{s-1}, \Delta; q) = \zeta(s)$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $s \neq 1$ . This Kaneko–Kurokawa–Wakayama result was generalized to the  $q$ -multiple zeta function (2.2) by Zhao [15].

### 3. Weyl group symmetry

Let  $W$  be the Weyl group of a root system  $\Delta$ . That is,  $W$  is a group generated by reflections  $\sigma_\alpha$  with respect to the hyperplane orthogonal to  $\alpha \in \Delta$ :  $W = \langle \sigma_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta \rangle$ . Let  $B_k(\cdot)$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) be Bernoulli polynomials defined by

$$\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k(x) \frac{t^k}{k!},$$

and for  $\mathbf{k} := (k_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  with  $k_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , we put

$$B_{\mathbf{k}}(\Delta) := \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} B_{k_\alpha}(\{x_\alpha\}) \right) \prod_{j=1}^r B_{k_{\alpha_j}} \left( \left\{ - \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} x_\alpha \langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda_j \rangle \right\} \right) \\ \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} dx_\alpha,$$

where, for a real number  $x$ ,  $\{x\}$  denotes the fractional part of  $x$ . Komori, Matsumoto and Tsumura [9] obtained the following result.

**THEOREM 3.1.** [9, III, Theorem 8] *Assume that  $\Delta$  is an irreducible root system. For  $v \in V$ , we denote the norm of  $v$  by  $\|v\| := \langle v, v \rangle^{1/2}$  and put  $\mathbf{k} = (k_{\|\alpha\|})_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^{|\Delta_+|}$ . Then we have*

$$\zeta_r(2\mathbf{k}, \Delta) = \frac{(-1)^{|\Delta_+|}}{|W|} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{(2\pi \sqrt{-1})^{2k_\alpha}}{(2k_\alpha)!} \right) B_{2\mathbf{k}}(\Delta).$$

Theorem 3.1 implies that

$$\zeta_r((2k, \dots, 2k), \Delta) \in \mathbb{Q}\pi^{2k|\Delta_+|} \tag{3.1}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . This result is called Witten's volume formula.

Komori, Matsumoto and Tsumura [9] deduced Theorem 3.1 from an integral representation of a sum of zeta functions (1.4) which has the Weyl group symmetry. We define the action of the Weyl group  $W$  to the complex vector  $s = (s_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}$  by

$$ws = (s_{w^{-1}\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Delta}$$

for  $w \in W$ , where we put  $s_\alpha = s_{-\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \Delta_-$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** [9, III, Theorem 6] *We put*

$$S(s, \Delta) := \sum_{w \in W} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w\Delta_-} (-1)^{-s_\alpha} \right) \zeta_r(w^{-1}s),$$

and assume that  $\text{Re } s_\alpha > 1$  for  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ . Then we have

$$S(s, \Delta) = (-1)^{|\Delta_+|} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{(2\pi \sqrt{-1})^{s_\alpha}}{\Gamma(s_\alpha + 1)} \right) \int_0^1 \cdots \int_0^1 \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} L(s_\alpha, x_\alpha) \right) \\ \times \prod_{j=1}^r L \left( s_{\alpha_j}, - \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} x_\alpha \langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda_j \rangle \right) \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} dx_\alpha,$$

where  $\Gamma(s)$  denotes the gamma function and we put

$$L(s, x) := -\frac{\Gamma(s+1)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^s} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}nx}}{n^s}.$$

In this section, we consider a  $q$ -analogue of Theorem 3.2. We define the action of the Weyl group  $W$  to the complex vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}$  by

$$w^{-1}\mathbf{a} = (a_{w\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \quad (w \in W),$$

where we put  $a_\alpha = q^{s-\alpha} a_{-\alpha}^{-1}$  for  $\alpha \in \Delta_-$ . We introduce the Weyl group symmetric sum  $S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  defined by

$$S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) := \sum_{w \in W} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w\Delta_-} (-1)^{-s_\alpha} \right) \zeta_r(w^{-1}s, w^{-1}\mathbf{a}, \Delta; q).$$

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Assume that  $\Re s_\alpha > 0, q^{\Re s_\alpha} < |a_\alpha| < 1$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ . Then we have the following:*

$$\begin{aligned} S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{|\Delta_+ \setminus \Psi|}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{|\Delta_+ \setminus \Psi|}} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \psi_{s_\alpha}(a_\alpha z_\alpha; q) \right) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{j=1}^r \psi_{s_{\alpha_j}} \left( a_{\alpha_j} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} z_\alpha^{-\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda_j \rangle} \right) \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{T}$  is the unit circle  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$  and we put

$$\psi_s(a; q) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a^n}{(1 - q^n)^s}.$$

*Proof.* By definition, we have

$$S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) = \sum_{w \in W} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w\Delta_-} (-1)^{-s_\alpha} \right) \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_{w\alpha}^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)})^{s_{w\alpha}}}.$$

The product  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}$  can be decomposed as follows:

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w^{-1}\Delta_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w^{-1}\Delta_-}.$$

Furthermore it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w^{-1}\Delta_-} \frac{a_{w\alpha}^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)})^{s_{w\alpha}}} &= \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w^{-1}\Delta_-} \frac{(q^{s-w\alpha} a_{-w\alpha}^{-1})^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)})^{s-w\alpha}} \\ &= \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w\Delta_-} (-1)^{s_\alpha} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_- \cap w^{-1}\Delta_+} \frac{a_{w\alpha}^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)})^{s_{w\alpha}}}. \end{aligned}$$



Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) &= \sum_{w \in W} \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+} \frac{a_{w\alpha}^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)})^{s_{w\alpha}}} \\ &= \sum_{w \in W} \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{(w^{-1}\alpha, \lambda + \rho)}}{(1 - q^{(w^{-1}\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)})^{s_\alpha}} \\ &= \sum_{w \in W} \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha, w(\lambda + \rho))}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, w(\lambda + \rho))})^{s_\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $H_\Delta$  be the union of boundaries of all Weyl chambers. Then, for  $\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta$ , there exist unique  $w \in W$  and  $\lambda' \in P_+$  satisfying  $\lambda = w(\lambda' + \rho)$ . Thus we have

$$S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) = \sum_{\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)})^{s_\alpha}}.$$

Here, by observing

$$\frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)})^{s_\alpha}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} z_\alpha^{-(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)} \psi_{s_\alpha}(a_\alpha z_\alpha; q) \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha},$$

we find that

$$\begin{aligned} S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) &= \sum_{\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta} \prod_{\alpha \in \Psi} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)})^{s_\alpha}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)})^{s_\alpha}} \\ &= \sum_{\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta} \prod_{\alpha \in \Psi} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)})^{s_\alpha}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} z_\alpha^{-(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)} \psi_{s_\alpha}(a_\alpha z_\alpha; q) \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{|\Delta_+ \setminus \Psi|}} \sum_{\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta} \prod_{\alpha \in \Psi} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)})^{s_\alpha}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} z_\alpha^{-(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)} \psi_{s_\alpha}(a_\alpha z_\alpha; q) \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

We now write  $\lambda = \sum_{j=1}^r n_j \lambda_j$ . Since

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \psi_{s_\alpha}(a_\alpha z_\alpha; q) \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha} = 0,$$

we can extend the summation range  $P \setminus H_\Delta$  to the set of all  $\lambda$  satisfying  $n_j \neq 0$  ( $1 \leq j \leq r$ ). Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{|\Delta_+ \setminus \Psi|}} \sum_{\substack{n_i \neq 0 \\ 1 \leq i \leq r}} \prod_{j=1}^r \frac{a_{\alpha_j}^{n_j}}{(1 - q^{n_j})^{s_{\alpha_j}}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} z_\alpha^{-\langle \alpha^\vee, n_1 \lambda_1 + \dots + n_r \lambda_r \rangle} \psi_{s_\alpha}(a_\alpha z_\alpha; q) \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{|\Delta_+ \setminus \Psi|}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{|\Delta_+ \setminus \Psi|}} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \psi_{s_\alpha}(a_\alpha z_\alpha; q) \right) \\ &\quad \times \prod_{j=1}^r \psi_{s_{\alpha_j}} \left( a_{\alpha_j} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} z_\alpha^{-\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda_j \rangle} \right) \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \setminus \Psi} \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of the theorem. □

#### 4. Properties of functions $\psi_k(a; q)$

In this section, we investigate basic properties of functions  $\psi_k(a; q)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . The results established in this section will be used in the next section.

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . Then we have the following.*

- (1) *The function  $\psi_k(a; q)$  satisfies the following  $q$ -difference relation:*

$$\psi_k(qa; q) = \psi_k(a; q) - \psi_{k-1}(a; q),$$

where we put  $\psi_0(a; q) = -1$ .

- (2) *The function  $\psi_k(a; q)$  has the following symmetry:*

$$\psi_k(q^k a^{-1}; q) = (-1)^k \psi_k(a; q).$$

- (3) *The function  $\psi_k(a; q)$  can be written as follows:*

$$\psi_k(a; q) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+r-1}{r} \left( \frac{q^r a}{1 - q^r a} + (-1)^k \frac{q^{r+k} a^{-1}}{1 - q^{r+k} a^{-1}} \right). \tag{4.1}$$

*This expression gives the meromorphic continuation of  $\psi_k(a; q)$  to the whole complex plane. The function  $\psi_k(a; q)$  is holomorphic except at simple poles  $a = q^{\mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}}$ ,  $q^{k+\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ .*

*Proof.* The claims (1) and (2) are clear from the definitions. The claim (3) follows from the binomial expansion given by

$$\frac{1}{(1 - q^n)^k} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+r-1}{r} q^{nr} \quad (n > 0). \tag{4.2}$$

By using Proposition 4.1(3) repeatedly, we have

$$\psi_k(q^n a; q) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i \psi_{k-i}(a; q) \tag{4.2}$$

for  $n \geq 1$ , where we put  $\psi_k(a; q) = 0$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq -1}$ .

The following proposition implies that the function  $\psi_k(a; q)$  can be considered to be a  $q$ -analogue of the periodic Bernoulli polynomial  $B_k(\{x\})$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.2.** *Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . Then, for  $t, x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(t, x) \notin (\mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} \cup (k + \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})) \times \mathbb{Z}$ , we have*

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} (1 - q)^k \psi_k(q^t e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}; q) = -\frac{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^k}{k!} B_k(\{x\}).$$

*Proof.* By (4.2) and Proposition 4.1(2), it enough to show the proposition for  $0 \leq t < k$ . When  $0 < t < k$ , the proposition follows immediately from the following well-known Fourier series expansion of the periodic Bernoulli polynomial:

$$B_k(\{x\}) = -k! \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}} \frac{e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1}n)^k}.$$

We now show the proposition for  $t = 0$  and  $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$  by induction on  $k$ . By Proposition 4.1(3), we have

$$\psi_1(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}; q) = 2\sqrt{-1} \sin(2\pi x) \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^r}{q^{2r} - 2 \cos(2\pi x)q^r + 1} + \frac{e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}}{1 - e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} (1 - q)\psi_1(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}; q) &= 2\sqrt{-1} \sin(2\pi x) \int_0^1 \frac{du}{u^2 - 2 \cos(2\pi x)u + 1} \\ &= 2\pi\sqrt{-1} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi x)}{\cosh(2\pi t) - \cos(2\pi x)} dt \\ &= -2\pi\sqrt{-1} B_1(\{x\}), \end{aligned}$$

where we put  $u = e^{-2\pi t}$  in the second equality. In the last equality, we used the integral representation of the Bernoulli polynomial (see [3, (21), p. 38]). Thus we find that the proposition holds for  $k = 1$ .

We next assume that the proposition is true for  $k \geq 1$ . By Proposition 4.1(1) and (2), we have

$$\psi_{k+1}(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}; q) = (-1)^{k+1} \psi_{k+1}(q^k e^{-2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}; q) + \psi_k(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}; q).$$

Thus the induction hypothesis implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} (1 - q)^{k+1} \psi_{k+1}(e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}; q) &= (-1)^{k+1} \left( -\frac{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} B_{k+1}(\{-x\}) \right) \\ &= -\frac{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} B_{k+1}(\{x\}), \end{aligned}$$

which proves the proposition for  $k + 1$ . We thus finish the proof of the proposition. □

By definition, the generating function of the Bernoulli polynomials  $B_k(x)$  is given by

$$\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t - 1}.$$

Meanwhile the generating function of the functions  $\psi_k(a; q)$  becomes the Kronecker function.

PROPOSITION 4.3. We define the theta function  $\theta(a; q)$  by

$$\theta(a; q) := \prod_{m=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^m)(1 - a^{-1}q^{m+1})$$

and the Kronecker function  $F(\alpha, a; q)$  by

$$F(\alpha, a; q) := \frac{\theta'(1; q)\theta(a\alpha; q)}{\theta(a; q)\theta(\alpha; q)}$$

for  $a, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then, for  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  satisfying  $q < |a| < 1$ , the Kronecker function  $F(\alpha, a; q)$  is expanded into a Laurent series around  $\alpha = 1$ , as follows:

$$F(\alpha, a; q) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \psi_k(q^k a; q)(\alpha - 1)^k.$$

*Proof.* See [8, Proposition 2.2]. □

The following proposition will play an important role in the next section.

PROPOSITION 4.4. For  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_{k_1}(a_1; q)\psi_{k_2}(a_2; q) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{k_1} \binom{k_1 + k_2 - k - 1}{k_2 - 1} (-1)^{k_1 - k} \psi_k(a_1 a_2; q) \psi_{k_1 + k_2 - k}(q^{k_1 - k} a_2; q) \\ & \quad + \sum_{l=0}^{k_2} \binom{k_1 + k_2 - l - 1}{k_1 - 1} (-1)^{k_2 - l} \psi_l(a_1 a_2; q) \psi_{k_1 + k_2 - l}(q^{k_2 - l} a_1; q) + \psi_{k_1 + k_2}(a_1 a_2; q). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* It is known that the Kronecker function satisfies the following Fay’s identity (see [2] or [8, Theorem 2.3]):

$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha_1, a_1; q)F(\alpha_2, a_2; q) &= F(\alpha_1, a_1 a_2; q)F(\alpha_1^{-1} \alpha_2, a_2; q) \\ & \quad + F(\alpha_2, a_1 a_2; q)F(\alpha_1 \alpha_2^{-1}, a_1; q). \end{aligned}$$

We now expand both sides into Laurent series of  $\alpha_1 - 1$  and  $\alpha_2 - 1$ , and then compare the coefficients of  $(\alpha_1 - 1)^{k_1 - 1}$  and  $(\alpha_2 - 1)^{k_2 - 1}$ . Then, by Proposition 4.3, we obtain the proposition. □

### 5. The cases of $\Delta = \Delta(A_1), \Delta(A_2), \Delta(A_3)$

In this section, we show that, when  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1), \Delta(A_2), \Delta(A_3)$  and all components of the vector  $s$  are positive integers, the ‘Weyl group symmetric’ linear combination of the functions  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  introduced in Section 3 can be written in terms of the functions  $\psi_k$ . By letting  $q \rightarrow 1$  in this result, we obtain explicit expressions for Witten’s volume formulas (3.1) of  $A_1, A_2$  and  $A_3$  types.

*Example 5.1.* Let  $r = 1$ . By putting  $s = k(k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1})$  in Theorem 3.3, we have

$$S(k, a, \Delta(A_1); q) = \psi_k(a; q).$$

By definition, it holds that

$$S(s, a, \Delta(A_1); q) = \zeta_1(s, a, \Delta(A_1); q) + (-1)^{-s} \zeta_1(s, q^s a^{-1}, \Delta(A_1); q).$$

Thus we obtain

$$\zeta_1(k, a, \Delta(A_1); q) + (-1)^{-k} \zeta_1(k, q^k a^{-1}, \Delta(A_1); q) = \psi_k(a; q). \tag{5.1}$$

In particular, when  $k = 2m$  ( $m \geq 1$ ) and  $a = q^m$ , we have

$$\zeta_1(2m, q^m, \Delta(A_1); q) = \frac{1}{2} \psi_{2m}(q^m; q).$$

We now put  $k = 2m$  ( $m \geq 1$ ),  $a = q^t$  ( $0 < t < 2m$ ), multiply both sides by  $(1 - q)^{2m}$  and take the limit as  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (5.1). Then, by Proposition 4.2, we obtain the well-known formula

$$\zeta(2m) = (-1)^{m+1} \frac{B_{2m}(2\pi)^{2m}}{2(2m)!},$$

which is due to Euler. Here  $B_n := B_n(0)$  denotes the  $n$ th Bernoulli number.

We next consider the case where  $\Delta = \Delta(A_2)$ . Then for  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^3$ , the linear combination  $S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_2); q)$  can be written in terms of the functions  $\psi_k$ , as follows.

**THEOREM 5.2.** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} & S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_2); q) \\ &= (-1)^{k_{12}} \sum_{k=0}^{k_{13}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - k - 1}{k_{12} - 1} \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12} + k_{13} + k_{23} - k}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}q^{k_{12}}; q) \\ & \quad + \sum_{l=0}^{k_{12}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - l - 1}{k_{13} - 1} (-1)^{k_{12} - l} \psi_l(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12} + k_{13} + k_{23} - l}(a_{13}a_{23}q^{k_{12} - l}; q). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_2); q) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \psi_{k_{13}}(a_{13}z_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12}}(a_{12}z_{13}^{-1}; q) \\ & \quad \times \psi_{k_{23}}(a_{23}z_{13}^{-1}; q) \frac{dz_{13}}{z_{13}}. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 4.4 gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_{k_{13}}(a_{13}z_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12}}(a_{12}z_{13}^{-1}; q) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{k_{13}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - k - 1}{k_{12} - 1} (-1)^{k_{13} - k} \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12} + k_{13} - k}(q^{k_{13} - k} a_{12}z_{13}^{-1}; q) \\ & \quad + \sum_{l=0}^{k_{12}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - l - 1}{k_{13} - 1} (-1)^{k_{12} - l} \psi_l(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12} + k_{13} - l}(q^{k_{12} - l} a_{13}z_{13}; q) \\ & \quad + \psi_{k_{12} + k_{13}}(a_{12}a_{13}; q). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_2); q) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{k_{13}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - k - 1}{k_{12} - 1} (-1)^{k_{13}-k} \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \\
 &\quad \times \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \psi_{k_{23}}(a_{23}z_{13}^{-1}; q) \psi_{k_{12}+k_{13}-k}(q^{k_{13}-k}a_{12}z_{13}^{-1}; q) \frac{dz_{13}}{z_{13}} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{l=0}^{k_{12}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - l - 1}{k_{13} - 1} (-1)^{k_{12}-l} \psi_l(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \\
 &\quad \times \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \psi_{k_{23}}(a_{23}z_{13}^{-1}; q) \psi_{k_{12}+k_{13}-l}(q^{k_{12}-l}a_{13}z_{13}; q) \frac{dz_{13}}{z_{13}} \\
 &= (-1)^{k_{12}} \sum_{k=0}^{k_{13}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - k - 1}{k_{12} - 1} \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12}+k_{13}+k_{23}-k}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}q^{k_{12}}; q) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{l=0}^{k_{12}} \binom{k_{12} + k_{13} - l - 1}{k_{13} - 1} (-1)^{k_{12}-l} \psi_l(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \psi_{k_{12}+k_{13}+k_{23}-l}(a_{13}a_{23}q^{k_{12}-l}; q),
 \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of the theorem. □

When  $k_{12} = k_{13} = k_{23} = 2m$ , Theorem 5.2 becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 S((2m), \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_2); q) &= \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m - i - 1}{2m - 1} \psi_i(a_{12}a_{13}; q) \\
 &\quad \times (\psi_{6m-i}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}q^{2m}; q) + \psi_{6m-i}(a_{13}^{-1}a_{23}^{-1}q^{4m}; q)). \quad (5.2)
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, by letting  $a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23} \rightarrow q^m$  in (5.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\zeta_2((2m), (q^m), \Delta(A_2); q) &= \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m - i - 1}{2m - 1} \left( 2\psi_{i,2m}(q^{2m}; q) \psi_{6m-i}(q^{2m}; q) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \binom{2m - 1}{i - 1} q^m \psi'_{6m-i}(q^{5m-i}; q) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we put

$$\psi_{k,l}(a; q) := \psi_k(a; q) + (-1)^{k+1} \binom{l-1}{k-1} \frac{q^l a^{-1}}{1 - q^l a^{-1}}$$

for  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ .

Let us consider what is obtained by letting  $q \rightarrow 1$  in (5.2). We put

$$a_{12} = q^t e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x_{12}}, \quad a_{13} = q^t e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x_{13}}, \quad a_{23} = q^t e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x_{23}},$$

where  $t, x_{12}, x_{13}$  and  $x_{23}$  satisfy the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 0 < t < 2m, \quad x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{23} \in \mathbb{R}, \\
 & x_{12} + x_{13}, x_{12} - x_{23}, x_{13} + x_{23} \notin \mathbb{Z}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We now multiply both sides of (5.2) by  $(1 - q)^{6m}$  and take the limit as  $q \rightarrow 1$ . Then, by Proposition 4.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{w \in W} \zeta_2((2m), (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}, \Delta(A_2)) \\ &= (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{6m} \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m-i-1}{2m-1} \frac{B_i(\{x_{12} + x_{13}\})}{i!} \\ & \quad \times \left( \frac{B_{6m-i}(\{x_{23} - x_{12}\})}{(6m-i)!} + \frac{B_{6m-i}(\{-x_{13} - x_{23}\})}{(6m-i)!} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

where we put

$$\zeta_r(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta) := \sum_{\lambda \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho)}}{\langle \alpha^\vee, \lambda + \rho \rangle^{s_\alpha}}.$$

When  $a_\alpha = 1$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ ,  $\zeta_r(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}, \Delta)$  is equal to the zeta function of the root system  $\zeta_r(\mathbf{s}, \Delta)$ . By letting  $x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{23} \rightarrow 0$  in (5.3), we obtain the following result discovered independently by Zagier, Garoufalidis and Weinstein (see [14]):

$$6\zeta_2((2m), \Delta(A_2)) = 8 \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ i:\text{even}}}^{2m} \binom{4m-i-1}{2m-1} \zeta(i)\zeta(6m-i).$$

This result is an explicit expression for Witten’s volume formula (3.1) of  $A_2$  type.

Finally, we consider the case where  $\Delta = \Delta(A_3)$ . Proposition 4.4 yields the following theorem.

**THEOREM 5.3.** *We have*

$$S((2m), \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_3); q) = \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m-i-1}{2m-1} (A(\mathbf{a}; q) + B(\mathbf{a}; q) + C(\mathbf{a}; q) + D(\mathbf{a}; q)),$$

where  $A(\mathbf{a}; q)$ ,  $B(\mathbf{a}; q)$ ,  $C(\mathbf{a}; q)$  and  $D(\mathbf{a}; q)$  are given by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} A(\mathbf{a}; q) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq t \leq 4m+i-j}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-t-1}{2m-1} \\ & \quad \times \psi_j(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q) \psi_t(a_{12}^{-1}a_{13}^{-1}a_{24}a_{34}q^i; q) \\ & \quad \times (\psi_{12m-j-t}(a_{12}a_{23}^{-1}a_{24}^{-1}q^{6m-i}; q) + \psi_{12m-j-t}(a_{13}a_{23}a_{34}^{-1}q^{4m-i}; q)), \\ B(\mathbf{a}; q) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq u \leq 2m}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-u-1}{4m+i-j-1} \\ & \quad \times \psi_j(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q) \psi_u(a_{12}a_{13}a_{24}^{-1}a_{34}^{-1}q^{u-i}; q) \\ & \quad \times (\psi_{12m-j-u}(a_{13}^{-1}a_{23}^{-1}a_{34}q^{6m-u}; q) + \psi_{12m-j-u}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}a_{24}q^{4m-u}; q)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(\mathbf{a}; q) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq v \leq 4m+i-k}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-v-1}{2m-1} \\
 &\quad \times \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q) \psi_v(a_{14}^{-1}a_{24}^{-1}a_{34}^{-1}q^{k+v-i}; q) \\
 &\quad \times (\psi_{12m-k-v}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}a_{24}q^{6m+i-k-v}; q) + \psi_{12m-k-v}(a_{13}^{-1}a_{23}^{-1}a_{34}q^{8m+i-k-v}; q)), \\
 D(\mathbf{a}; q) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq w \leq 2m}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-w-1}{4m+i-k-1} \\
 &\quad \times \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q) \psi_w(q^{i-k}a_{14}a_{24}a_{34}; q) \\
 &\quad \times (\psi_{12m-k-w}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{14}^{-1}a_{23}a_{34}^{-1}q^{6m}; q) + \psi_{12m-k-w}(a_{13}a_{14}a_{23}a_{24}q^{4m-k-w}; q)).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Theorem 3.3 implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 S((2m), \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_3); q) &= \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} S((2m), (a_{12}z_{14}^{-1}, a_{13}, a_{23}z_{14}^{-1}z_{24}^{-1}), \Delta(A_2); q) \\
 &\quad \times \psi_{2m}(a_{14}z_{14}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{34}z_{14}^{-1}z_{24}^{-1}; q) \frac{dz_{14} dz_{24}}{z_{14}z_{24}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 5.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &S((2m), \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_3); q) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m-i-1}{2m-1} \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \psi_i(a_{12}a_{13}z_{14}^{-1}; q) \\
 &\quad \times (\psi_{6m-i}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}z_{24}^{-1}q^{2m}; q) + (-1)^i \psi_{6m-i}(a_{13}a_{23}z_{14}^{-1}z_{24}^{-1}q^{2m-i}; q)) \\
 &\quad \times \psi_{2m}(a_{14}z_{14}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{34}z_{14}^{-1}z_{24}^{-1}; q) \frac{dz_{14} dz_{24}}{z_{14}z_{24}} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m-i-1}{2m-1} (I_1 + (-1)^i I_2),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we put

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &:= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \psi_i(a_{12}a_{13}z_{14}^{-1}; q) \psi_{6m-i}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}z_{24}^{-1}q^{2m}; q) \\
 &\quad \times \psi_{2m}(a_{14}z_{14}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{34}z_{14}^{-1}z_{24}^{-1}; q) \frac{dz_{14} dz_{24}}{z_{14}z_{24}}, \\
 I_2 &:= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^2} \int_{\mathbb{T}^2} \psi_i(a_{12}a_{13}z_{14}^{-1}; q) \psi_{6m-i}(a_{13}a_{23}z_{14}^{-1}z_{24}^{-1}; q) \\
 &\quad \times \psi_{2m}(a_{14}z_{14}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \psi_{2m}(a_{34}z_{14}^{-1}z_{24}^{-1}; q) \frac{dz_{14} dz_{24}}{z_{14}z_{24}}.
 \end{aligned}$$



Let us calculate the integral  $I_1$  by using Proposition 4.4 repeatedly. Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_i(a_{12}a_{13}z_{14}^{-1}; q)\psi_{2m}(a_{14}z_{14}; q) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^i \binom{i+2m-k-1}{2m-1} (-1)^{i-k} \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q)\psi_{i+2m-k}(q^{i-k}a_{14}z_{14}; q) \\ & \quad + \sum_{l=0}^{2m} \binom{i+2m-l-1}{i-1} (-1)^l \psi_l(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q)\psi_{i+2m-l}(q^{2m-l}a_{12}a_{13}z_{14}^{-1}; q), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{k=0}^i \binom{i+2m-k-1}{2m-1} (-1)^{i-k} \psi_k(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q) \\ & \quad \times \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \psi_{i+4m-k}(a_{14}a_{34}z_{24}^{-1}q^{i-k}; q) \\ & \quad \times \psi_{6m-i}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}z_{24}^{-1}q^{2m}; q)\psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \frac{dz_{24}}{z_{24}} \\ & \quad + \sum_{l=0}^{2m} \binom{i+2m-l-1}{i-1} (-1)^l \psi_l(a_{12}a_{13}a_{14}; q) \\ & \quad \times \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \psi_{i+4m-l}(a_{12}a_{13}a_{34}^{-1}z_{24}q^{4m-l}; q) \\ & \quad \times \psi_{6m-i}(a_{12}^{-1}a_{23}z_{24}^{-1}q^{2m}; q)\psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \frac{dz_{24}}{z_{24}}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_{i+4m-k}(a_{14}a_{34}z_{24}^{-1}q^{i-k}; q)\psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \\ &= \sum_{t=0}^{i+4m-k} \binom{6m+i-k-u-1}{2m-1} (-1)^{i+4m-k-t} \psi_t(a_{14}a_{24}a_{34}q^{i-k}; q) \\ & \quad \times \psi_{6m+i-k-t}(a_{24}z_{24}q^{i+4m-k-t}; q) \\ & \quad + \sum_{u=0}^{2m} \binom{6m+i-k-u-1}{4m+i-k-1} (-1)^{2m-u} \psi_u(a_{14}a_{24}a_{34}q^{i-k}; q) \\ & \quad \times \psi_{6m+i-k-u}(a_{14}a_{34}q^{i+2m-k-u}; q), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_{i+4m-l}(a_{12}a_{13}a_{34}^{-1}z_{24}q^{4m-l}; q)\psi_{2m}(a_{24}z_{24}; q) \\ &= \sum_{v=0}^{4m-l+i} \binom{6m+i-l-v-1}{2m-1} (-1)^v \psi_v(a_{12}^{-1}a_{13}^{-1}a_{24}a_{34}q^i; q) \\ & \quad \times \psi_{6m-l+i-v}(a_{24}z_{24}q^{4m-l+i-v}; q) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{w=0}^{2m} \binom{6m+i-l-w-1}{4m+i-l-1} (-1)^{w+i-l} \psi_w(a_{12}^{-1} a_{13}^{-1} a_{24} a_{34} q^i; q) \\
 & \times \psi_{6m+i-l-w}(a_{12}^{-1} a_{13}^{-1} a_{34} z_{24}^{-1} q^{2m-w+i}; q).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we find that

$$I_1 = \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m-i-1}{2m-1} (A_0(\mathbf{a}; q) + B_0(\mathbf{a}; q) + C_0(\mathbf{a}; q) + D_0(\mathbf{a}; q)),$$

where we put

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_0(\mathbf{a}; q) & := \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq t \leq 4m+i-j}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-t-1}{2m-1} \\
 & \quad \times \psi_j(a_{12} a_{13} a_{14}; q) \psi_t(a_{12}^{-1} a_{13}^{-1} a_{24} a_{34} q^i; q) \psi_{12m-j-t}(a_{12} a_{23}^{-1} a_{24}^{-1} q^{6m-i}; q), \\
 B_0(\mathbf{a}; q) & := \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq u \leq 2m}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-u-1}{4m+i-j-1} \\
 & \quad \times \psi_j(a_{12} a_{13} a_{14}; q) \psi_u(a_{12} a_{13} a_{24}^{-1} a_{34}^{-1} q^{u-i}; q) \\
 & \quad \times \psi_{12m-j-u}(a_{13}^{-1} a_{23}^{-1} a_{34} q^{6m-u}; q), \\
 C_0(\mathbf{a}; q) & := \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq v \leq 4m+i-k}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-v-1}{2m-1} \\
 & \quad \times \psi_k(a_{12} a_{13} a_{14}; q) \psi_v(a_{14}^{-1} a_{24}^{-1} a_{34}^{-1} q^{k+v-i}; q) \\
 & \quad \times \psi_{12m-k-v}(a_{12}^{-1} a_{23} a_{24} q^{6m+i-k-v}; q), \\
 D_0(\mathbf{a}; q) & := \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq w \leq 2m}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-w-1}{4m+i-k-1} \\
 & \quad \times \psi_k(a_{12} a_{13} a_{14}; q) \psi_w(a_{14} a_{24} a_{34} q^{i-k}; q) \psi_{12m-k-w}(a_{12}^{-1} a_{14}^{-1} a_{23} a_{34}^{-1} q^{6m}; q).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the integral  $I_2$  can be calculated similarly, we finish the proof the theorem. □

We now put  $a_{ij} = q^t e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x_{ij}}$  ( $0 < t < 2m, x_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ ) in Theorem 5.3. By setting  $x_{ij}$  appropriately, multiplying both sides by  $(1-q)^{12m}$  and letting  $q \rightarrow 1$ , we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{w \in W} \zeta_3((2m), (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}, \Delta(A_2)) \\
 & = -(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{12m} (A((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}) + B((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}) + C((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}) + D((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+})), \tag{5.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

where we put

$$\begin{aligned}
 A((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq t \leq 4m+i-j}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-t-1}{2m-1} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_j(\{x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14}\})}{j!} \frac{B_t(\{-x_{12} - x_{13} + x_{24} + x_{34}\})}{t!} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_{12m-j-t}(\{x_{12} - x_{23} - x_{24}\})}{(12mj-t)!}, \\
 B_0((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq u \leq 2m}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-u-1}{4m+i-j-1} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_j(\{x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14}\})}{j!} \frac{B_u(\{x_{12} + x_{13} - x_{24} - x_{34}\})}{u!} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_{12m-j-u}(\{-x_{13} - x_{23} + x_{34}\})}{(12m-j-u)!}, \\
 C_0((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq v \leq 4m+i-k}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-v-1}{2m-1}, \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_k(\{x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14}\})}{k!} \frac{B_v(\{-x_{14} - x_{24} - x_{34}\})}{v!} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_{12m-k-v}(\{-x_{12} + x_{23} + x_{24}\})}{(12m-k-v)!}, \\
 D_0((x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Delta_+}) &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq w \leq 2m}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-w-1}{4m+i-k-1} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_k(\{x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14}\})}{k!} \frac{B_w(\{x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14}\})}{w!} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{B_{12m-k-w}(\{-x_{12} - x_{14} + x_{23} - x_{34}\})}{(12m-k-w)!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By letting  $x_{ij} \rightarrow 0$  in (5.4), we obtain the following result due to Gunnells and Sczech [5, Proposition 8.5], which can be regarded as an explicit expression for Witten’s volume formula (3.1) of  $A_3$  type:

$$24\zeta_3((2m), \Delta(A_3)) = 16 \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \binom{4m-i-1}{2m-1} (A + B + C + D),$$

where we put

$$A := \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq t \leq 4m+i-j \\ j, t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-t-1}{2m-1} \zeta(j)\zeta(t)\zeta(12m-j-t),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2m \\ 0 \leq u \leq 2m \\ j, u \equiv 0 \pmod 2}} \binom{2m+i-j-1}{i-1} \binom{6m+i-j-u-1}{4m+i-j-1} \zeta(j) \zeta(u) \zeta(12m-j-u), \\
 C &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq v \leq 4m+i-k \\ k, v \equiv 0 \pmod 2}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-v-1}{2m-1} \zeta(k) \zeta(v) \zeta(12m-k-v), \\
 D &:= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq k \leq i \\ 0 \leq w \leq 2m \\ k, w \equiv 0 \pmod 2}} \binom{2m+i-k-1}{i-k} \binom{6m+i-k-w-1}{4m+i-k-1} \zeta(k) \zeta(w) \zeta(12m-k-w).
 \end{aligned}$$

**6. Two-parameter deformations of zeta functions of root systems**

In this section, we establish a  $p$ -deformation of the  $q$ -analogue of the zeta function of a root system (thus considered to be a two-parameter deformation of the zeta function of a root system) and investigate its basic properties. We start with the following integral representation of the zeta function (2.1).

PROPOSITION 6.1. *Put  $c(a) := a/(1 - a)$ . Then, when  $\text{Re } s_\alpha > 0$ ,  $|a_\alpha| < 1$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{|\Delta_+|}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{|\Delta_+|}} \prod_{i=1}^r c\left(\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (a_\alpha t_\alpha z_\alpha)^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}\right) \\
 &\quad \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \psi_{s_\alpha}(t_\alpha^{-1} z_\alpha^{-1}; q) \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha}, \tag{6.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_\alpha (\alpha \in \Delta_+)$  are complex numbers satisfying  $1 < |t_\alpha| < |a_\alpha^{-1}|$ .

This proposition follows immediately from the series expression of  $c(a)$ , given by

$$c(a) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n \quad (|a| < 1).$$

By substituting the Kronecker function  $F(\alpha, a; p)$  for the rational function  $c(a)$  in (6.1), we define the two-parameter deformation of the zeta function of the root system  $\Delta$ , as follows.

Definition 6.2. Let  $p$  be a complex number satisfying  $0 < |p| < 1$  and assume that  $\text{Re } s_\alpha > 0$ ,  $|q^{s_\alpha}| < |a_\alpha| < 1$  for all  $\alpha \in \Delta_+$ . We put  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_r)$ . We define the two-parameter deformation of the zeta function of  $\Delta$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q) &:= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{|\Delta_+|}} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{|\Delta_+|}} \prod_{i=1}^r F\left(\beta_i, \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} (a_\alpha t_\alpha z_\alpha)^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}; p\right) \\
 &\quad \times \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \psi_{s_\alpha}(t_\alpha^{-1} z_\alpha^{-1}; q) \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{dz_\alpha}{z_\alpha},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_\alpha$  are complex numbers satisfying the following:

$$\max\{|p|^{1/|\Delta_+|} |a_\alpha^{-1}|, 1\} < |t_\alpha| < |a_\alpha^{-1}|.$$

PROPOSITION 6.3. *We have*

- (1)  $\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q) = (-1)^r \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$ .
- (2) *The function  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q)$  has the following series representation:*

$$\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q) = \sum_{\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta} \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{p^{(\alpha_i^\vee, \lambda)} \beta_i - 1} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda)})^{s_\alpha}}.$$

- (3) *Let  $|p| < |\beta_i| < 1$  ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ). We also denote  $\beta_i$  by  $\beta_\alpha$  ( $\alpha = \alpha_i$ ). Then, by the following expression, the function  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q)$  becomes a meromorphic function of  $s$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} & \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q) \\ &= \sum_{w \in W} (-1)^{|w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_+|} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+ \cap \Delta_-} (-1)^{-s_{w\alpha}} \right) \\ & \times \sum_{r_\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{t_\alpha=1}^{\infty} \sum_{t_\alpha=0}^{\infty} \sum_{t_\alpha=0}^{\infty} \\ & \quad \alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_+ \quad \alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_- \quad \alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+ \cap \Delta_+ \quad \alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+ \cap \Delta_- \\ & \times \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+} \binom{s_{w\alpha} + t_\alpha - 1}{t_\alpha} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_+} \beta_{w\alpha}^{r_\alpha} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_-} \beta_{w\alpha}^{-r_\alpha} \\ & \times \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{\prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_\pm} p^{(\pm r_\alpha \alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+ \cap \Delta_\pm} q^{(\pm t_\alpha \alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}}{1 - \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_\pm} p^{(\pm r_\alpha \alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+ \cap \Delta_\pm} q^{(\pm t_\alpha \alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we put

$$\prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_\pm} p^{(\pm r_\alpha \alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)} := \left( \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_+} p^{(r_\alpha \alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)} \right) \left( \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_-} p^{(-r_\alpha \alpha^\vee, \lambda_i)} \right).$$

*Proof.* The claim (1) follows from the fact that  $F(\alpha, a; p) \rightarrow -c(a) + 1/(\alpha - 1)$  as  $p \rightarrow 0$ . The claim (2) is an immediate consequence of the following Laurent series expansion of the Kronecker function  $F(\alpha, a; p)$  (see [12]):

$$F(\alpha, a; p) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{a^n}{1 - p^n} \quad (|p| < |a| < 1).$$

Let us prove the claim (3). Since there exist unique  $w \in W$  and  $\lambda' \in P_+$  satisfying  $\lambda = w(\lambda' + \rho)$  for all  $\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta$ , claim (2) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q) &= \sum_{w \in W} \sum_{\lambda' \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in \Psi} \frac{1}{p^{(\alpha^\vee, w(\lambda+\rho))} \beta_\alpha - 1} \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_\alpha^{(\alpha^\vee, w(\lambda+\rho))}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, w(\lambda'+\rho))})^{s_\alpha}} \\ &= \sum_{w \in W} \sum_{\lambda' \in P_+} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi} \frac{1}{p^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda+\rho)} \beta_{w\alpha} - 1} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+} \frac{a_{w\alpha}^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda'+\rho)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^\vee, \lambda'+\rho)})^{s_{w\alpha}}}. \end{aligned}$$

By decomposing the products  $\prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi}$  and  $\prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+}$  into

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi} &= \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_+} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Psi \cap \Delta_-} , \\ \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+} &= \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+ \cap \Delta_+} \prod_{\alpha \in w^{-1}\Delta_+ \cap \Delta_-} \end{aligned}$$

and using the binomial expansion, we obtain the claim. □

*Example 6.4.* When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1)$ , by Proposition 6.3(2),  $\zeta_1(s, a, 1, \Delta(A_1); p, q)$  can be expressed as follows:

$$\zeta_1(1, a, 1, \Delta(A_1); p, q) = - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{a^n}{(1 - p^n)(1 - q^n)}.$$

Thus the function  $\zeta_1(1, qe^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}, 1, \Delta(A_1); p, q)$  has the following Taylor series expansion around  $x = 0$ :

$$\zeta_1(1, qe^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}x}, 1, \Delta(A_1); p, q) = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} Z_k(p, q)x^{k-1},$$

where we put

$$Z_k(p, q) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{k-1} \frac{q^n - (-1)^k p^n}{(1 - p^n)(1 - q^n)}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . The numbers  $Z_k(p, q)$  are essentially the same as the elliptic zeta values, introduced by Felder and Varchenko [4].

Let us consider an analogy of Theorem 3.3 for  $\zeta_r(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q)$ . We define the  $p$ -deformation of  $S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta; q)$  by

$$S(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q) := \sum_{w \in W} \left( \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+ \cap w\Delta_-} (-1)^{-s_{\alpha}} \right) \zeta_r(w^{-1}s, w^{-1}\mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q).$$

By a similar argument used to prove Theorem 3.3, we obtain

$$S(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta; p, q) = \sum_{\lambda \in P \setminus H_{\Delta}} s(\lambda, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta) \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{a_{\alpha}^{(\alpha^{\vee}, \lambda)}}{(1 - q^{(\alpha^{\vee}, \lambda)s_{\alpha}})},$$

where we put

$$s(\lambda, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta) := \sum_{w \in W} \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{p^{(\alpha_i^{\vee}, w\lambda)} \beta_i - 1}.$$

When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1), \Delta(A_2), \Delta(A_3), s(\lambda, (1, \dots, 1), \Delta)$  can be calculated, as follows.

**THEOREM 6.5.** *We have*

(1) *When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1)$ , for  $\lambda \in P \setminus H_{\Delta}$ , we have*

$$s(\lambda, 1, \Delta(A_1)) = -1.$$

*Thus it holds that*

$$\lim_{\beta_1 \rightarrow 1} S(s, a_{12}, \beta_1, \Delta(A_1); p, q) = -S(s, a_{12}, \Delta(A_1); q).$$

(2) When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_2)$ , for  $\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta$ , we have

$$s(\lambda, (1, 1), \Delta(A_2)) = 1.$$

Thus it holds that

$$\lim_{\beta_1, \beta_2 \rightarrow 1} S(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta(A_2); p, q) = S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_2); q).$$

(3) When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_3)$ , for  $\lambda \in P \setminus H_\Delta$ , we have

$$s(\lambda, (1, 1, 1), \Delta(A_3)) = -1.$$

Thus it holds that

$$\lim_{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3 \rightarrow 1} S(s, \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Delta(A_3); p, q) = -S(s, \mathbf{a}, \Delta(A_2); q).$$

*Proof.* When  $\Delta = \Delta(A_r)$ , the Weyl group  $W$  becomes the symmetric group  $S_{r+1}$  of degree  $r + 1$ . The group  $W = S_{r+1}$  acts on the space

$$V = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} x_i \mathbf{e}_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} x_i = 0 \right\}$$

by permutations of indices of the vectors  $\mathbf{e}_i$ . Thus, when  $\Delta = \Delta(A_1)$ , we have

$$s(\lambda, 1, \Delta(A_1)) = \frac{1}{p^{n_1} - 1} + \frac{1}{p^{-n_1} - 1} = -1$$

for  $\lambda = n_1 \lambda_1$ . Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} s(\lambda, (1, 1), \Delta(A_2)) &= \frac{1}{(p^{n_1} - 1)(p^{n_2} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_1} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_1} - 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_2} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)(p^{n_1} - 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(p^{n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda = n_1 \lambda_1 + n_2 \lambda_2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} &s(\lambda, (1, 1, 1), \Delta(A_3)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(p^{n_1} - 1)(p^{n_2} - 1)(p^{n_3} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_1} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)(p^{n_3} - 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_1} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2+n_3} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_2} - 1)(p^{n_2+n_3} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{n_1+n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_2} - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{(p^{n_1} - 1)(p^{n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_3} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2+n_3} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)(p^{n_1} - 1)(p^{n_2+n_3} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_1-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_2} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_2} - 1)(p^{n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2-n_3} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)(p^{n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_2-n_3} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{n_1+n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{n_2} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{n_2} - 1)(p^{n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2-n_3} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_2-n_3} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2} - 1)(p^{n_1} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_1-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{n_1} - 1)(p^{n_2} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{-l} - 1)(p^{n_1+n_2+n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_3} - 1)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(p^{n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_1-n_2-n_3} - 1)(p^{n_1} - 1)} + \frac{1}{(p^{-n_3} - 1)(p^{-n_2} - 1)(p^{-n_1} - 1)} \\
& = -1
\end{aligned}$$

for  $\lambda = n_1\lambda_1 + n_2\lambda_2 + n_3\lambda_3$ . Thus we finish the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

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