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$$\bullet \frac{(q^{-N})_r}{(q)_N} = \frac{1}{(q)_{N-r}} \frac{1}{(-q^{1+N-r})^r q^{r(r-1)/2}}$$

$$\frac{(x)_N}{(q^{1-N}/x)_r} = (x)_{N-r} (-x q^{N-r})^r q^{r(r-1)/2}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=0}^N \frac{\alpha_r'}{(q)_{N-r} (aq)_{N+r}} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^N \frac{(p_1)_r (p_2)_r}{(q)_{N-r}} \frac{(aq/p_1 p_2)_{N-r}}{(aq/p_1)_N (aq/p_2)_N} \left(\frac{aq}{p_1 p_2}\right)^r \beta_r \\ &= \beta_N'. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem If (α_n, β_n) is a Bailey pair then

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} a^j q^{j^2} \beta_j = \frac{1}{(aq)_\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a^r q^{r^2} \alpha_r.$$

Proof Let $(p_1)_r \frac{1}{p_1^r} = (1-p_1)(1-p_1^2) \cdots (1-p_1^{r-1}) \frac{1}{p_1^r}$
 $= (p_1^{-1}) \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - q\right) \cdots \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - q^{r-1}\right)$

$$\lim_{p_1 \rightarrow \infty} (p_1)_r p_1^{-r} = (-1)^r q^{r(r-1)/2}$$

$$\lim_{p_1, p_2 \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_r' = a^r q^{r^2} \alpha_r$$