

MA 633 - Tutorial 1

(Glaisher)

② Let $a(n) = \# \text{ of ptns. of } n \text{ in which no part is divisible by } k.$

$b(n) = \# \text{ of ptns. of } n \text{ in which there are strictly } < k \text{ copies of each part.}$

To show: $a(n) = b(n).$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n) q^n &= \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q^{nk+1})(1-q^{nk+2}) \dots (1-q^{nk+k})} \\ &= \frac{1}{(q_r; q_r)_\infty (q_r^2; q_r^k)_\infty \dots (q_r^{k-1}; q_r^k)_\infty} \\ &= \frac{(q_r^k; q_r^k)_\infty}{(q_r; q_r)_\infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum b(n) q^n &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + q_r^n + q_r^{2n} + q_r^{3n} + \dots + q_r^{(k-1)n}) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 - q_r^{nk}}{1 - q_r^n} \right) = \frac{(q_r^k; q_r^k)_\infty}{(q_r; q_r)_\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

□

③ Let $a(n) = \# \text{ ptns. of } n \text{ in which each part appears exactly 2, 3 or 5 times}$

$b(n) = \# \text{ of ptns. of } n \text{ in which parts } \equiv \pm 2, \pm 3 \text{ or } 6 \pmod{12}$

Prove: $a(n) = b(n)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n) q^n &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + q^{2n} + q^{3n} + q^{5n}) \quad (1) \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b(n) q^n &= \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(1 - q^{12n+2})(1 - q^{12n+3})(1 - q^{12n+5})}{(1 - q^{12n+9})(1 - q^{12n+10})} \right\}_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^6; q^6)_\infty (q^9; q^9)_\infty (q^{10}; q^{10})_\infty (q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1), } \sum a(n) q^n &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + q^{2n})(1 + q^{3n}) \\ &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 - q^{4n}}{1 - q^{2n}} \right) \left(\frac{1 - q^{6n}}{1 - q^{3n}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(q^4; q^4)_\infty (q^6; q^6)_\infty}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^3; q^3)_\infty} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(q^4; q^{12})_\infty (q^8; q^{12})_\infty (q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty (q^6; q^{12})_\infty (q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty}{(q^2; q)_\infty (q^6; q)_\infty (q^8; q)_\infty (q^{10}; q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty (q^3; q^6; q^9; q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^3; q^6; q^9; q^{10}; q^{12}; q^{12})_\infty} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

④ $a(n) = \# \text{ ptns. of } n \text{ in which no parts appear exactly once}$
 $b(n) = \# \text{ of ptns. of } n \text{ into parts } \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{6}$

Show $a(n) = b(n)$.

$$\text{Proof: } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n) q^n = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + q^{2n} + q^{3n} + q^{4n} + \dots)$$

$$= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 - q^n} - q^n \right) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 - q^n + q^{2n}}{1 - q^n} \right)$$

$$= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1 + q^{3n}}{1 - q^{2n}} \right) = \frac{(-q^3; q^3)_\infty}{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(q^2; q^4; q^6; q^8)_\infty (q^3; q^6)_\infty} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b(n) q^n. \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (-q; q)_\infty \\ = \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad f(a, b) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}, \quad |ab| < 1$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f(a, b) = f(b, a) \quad \text{trivial}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(1, a) = 2f(a, a^3).$$

Proof: 1st method:

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

$$= \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \text{ even}}}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} + \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty \\ n \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{2n(2n+1)}{2}} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{(2n-1)2n}{2}}$$

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

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

$$f(a, a^3) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2} + \frac{3n(n+1)}{2}} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{n(6n+1)}$$



$$f(a, b) = (-a; ab)_{\infty} (-b; ab)_{\infty} (ab; ab)_{\infty}$$

2nd method (JTP I) :

$$f(1, a) = (-1; a)_{\infty} (-a; a)_{\infty} (a; a)_{\infty} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$2f(a, a^3) = 2(-a; a^4)_{\infty} (-a^3; a^4)_{\infty} (a^4; a^4)_{\infty} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

From \textcircled{1},

$$\begin{aligned} f(1, a) &= 2(-a; a)_{\infty} (-a; a)_{\infty} (a; a)_{\infty} \\ &= 2(-a; a^4)_{\infty} \underbrace{(-a^2; a^2)_{\infty}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ -}} \underbrace{(a^2; a^2)_{\infty}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1}} \\ &= 2(-a; a^4)_{\infty} (-a^3; a^4)_{\infty} (a^4; a^4)_{\infty} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(-1, a) = 0.$$

JTP I implies

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1, a) &= (1; -a)_{\infty} (-a; -a)_{\infty} (-a; -a)_{\infty} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

\textcircled{4} For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

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

Proof:

$$a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} f(a(ab)^n, b(ab)^{-n})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (a(ab)^n)^{\frac{m(m-1)}{2}} (b(ab)^n)^{\frac{m(m+1)}{2}} \\
 &= a^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} b^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{m(m+1)}{2} + \frac{mn(m-1)}{2} - \frac{mn(m+1)}{2}} \times b^{\frac{mn(m-1)}{2} + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} - \frac{mn(m+1)}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now exponent of a

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{n(n+1) + m(m-1) + mn(m-1) - mn(m+1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{n^2 + n + m^2 - m - 2mn}{2} = \frac{(m-n)^2 - (m-n)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{(m-n)(m-n-1)}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, exponent of $b = \frac{(m-n)(m-n+1)}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \text{RHS} &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{(m-n)(m-n-1)}{2}} b^{\frac{(m-n)(m-n+1)}{2}} \\
 &= \sum_{N=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{\frac{N(N-1)}{2}} b^{\frac{N(N+1)}{2}} \quad (N = m-n, \text{ as } m \text{ ranges from } -\infty \text{ to } \infty, \text{ so does } N) \\
 &= f(a, b)
 \end{aligned}$$