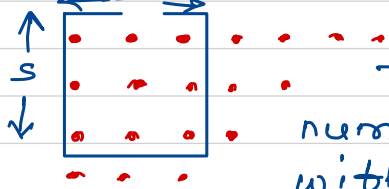


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# MA 633 - Partition Theory - Lec. 12

Thm. 19 (Cauchy)

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^s q^{s^2}}{(q; q)_s (zq; q)_s} = \frac{1}{(zq; q)_{\infty}}$$



The generating function of the number of partitions into  $j$  parts with Durfee square of side  $s$  is

$$\sum_{\substack{N=0 \\ j \geq s}}^{\infty} q^N z^j \sum_{s+m+n=N} P(\{1, 2, 3, \dots, s\}, j-s, m) \times P(\{1, 2, 3, \dots, s\}, n)$$

$$= z^s q^{s^2} \left( \sum_{\substack{m \geq 0 \\ j \geq s}} P(\{1, 2, \dots, s\}, j-s, m) z^{j-s} q^m \right)$$

$$\times \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} P(\{1, 2, \dots, s\}, n) q^n \right)$$

$$= z^s q^{s^2} \left( \sum_{\substack{m \geq 0 \\ j \geq 0}} P(\{1, 2, \dots, s\}, j, m) z^j q^m \right) \times \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} P(\{1, \dots, s\}, n) q^n \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= z^s q^{s^2} \frac{1}{(1-zq)(1-zq^2)\dots(1-zq^s)} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-q)\dots(1-q^s)} \\
&= \frac{z^s q^{s^2}}{(zq; q)_s (q; q)_s}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence summing over all  $s$  (from 0 to  $\infty$ ) gives

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^s q^{s^2}}{(zq; q)_s (q; q)_s} = \frac{1}{(zq; q)_{\infty}}$$

Question: Can one find an identity for  $(-zq; q)_{\infty}$  from Durfee square analysis of partitions into distinct parts?

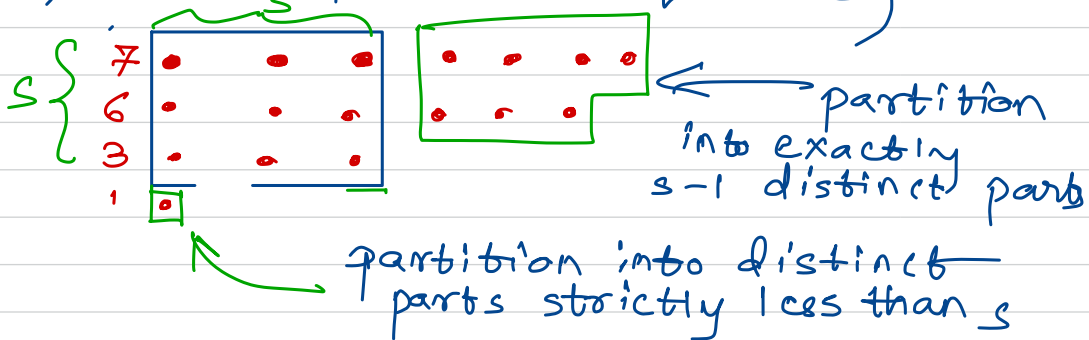
Thm. 20

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} z^s q^{\frac{3s^2+s}{2}} \frac{(-zq; q)_s}{(q; q)_s} (1+zq^{2s+1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (-zq; q)_{\infty} \\
&\quad \downarrow \\
&(1+zq)(1+zq^2)(1+zq^3)\dots
\end{aligned}$$

Proof: Suppose  $\pi$  is a partition into distinct parts and Durfee square of side  $s$ .

Case 1: The lower edge of the Durfee square constitutes a complete part of  $\pi$ . (i.e.; the  $s^{\text{th}}$  part of  $\pi$  equals  $s$ )



$$\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \sum_{M=0}^{\infty} z^M q^N \sum_{\substack{s+n+m=N \\ s \geq 1}} \sum_{s+w=M} P_d(\{1, 2, \dots, s-1\}, w, n) \times d_{s-1}(m)$$

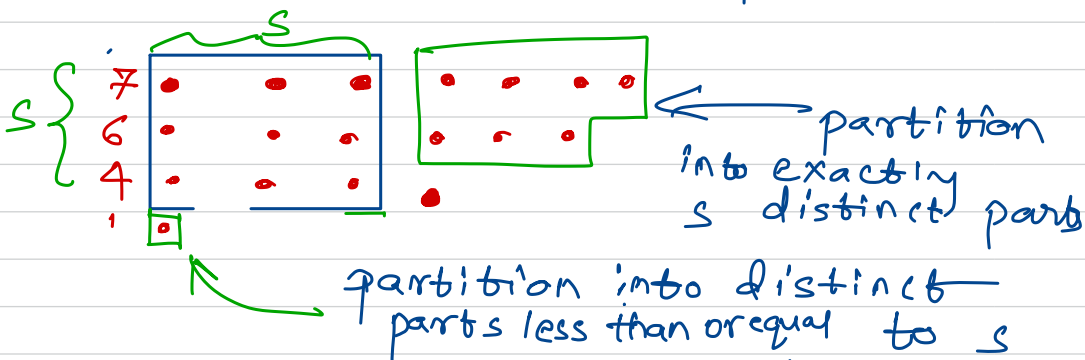
$$= z^s q^{s^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_d(\{1, 2, \dots, s-1\}, w, n) z^w q^n \right)$$

$$\times \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} d_{s-1}(m) q^m \right)$$

$$= z^s q^{s^2} (1+zq)(1+zq^2) \dots (1+zq^{s-1}) \times \frac{q^{\frac{s(s-1)}{2}}}{(q; q)_{s-1}}$$

$$= z^s q^{s^2} (-zq; q)_{s-1} \frac{q^{\frac{s(s-1)}{2}}}{(q; q)_{s-1}}$$

Case 2 Lower edge of the D.S. doesn't constitute a complete part of  $\pi$ .



So the corresponding g.f. here is

$$z^s q^{s^2} (-zq; q)_s \frac{q^{\frac{s(s+1)}{2}}}{(q; q)_s}$$

Hence we finally have

$$1 + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} z^s q^{s^2} (-zq; q)_{s-1} \frac{q^{\frac{s(s-1)}{2}}}{(q; q)_{s-1}}$$

$$+ \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} z^s q^{s^2} (-zq; q)_s \frac{q^{\frac{s(s+1)}{2}}}{(q; q)_s} = (-zq; q)_{\infty}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow (-zq; q)_\infty \\
&= 1 + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} z^{s+1} q^{\frac{s^2+2s+1}{2}} \frac{(-zq; q)_s}{(q; q)_s} \\
&\quad + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} z^s q^{\frac{s^2}{2}} \frac{(-zq; q)_s}{(q; q)_s} q^{\frac{s^2+s}{2}} \\
&= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} z^{s+1} q^{\frac{3s^2+5s+2}{2}} \frac{(-zq; q)_s}{(q; q)_s} \\
&\quad + \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} z^s q^{\frac{3s^2+s}{2}} \frac{(-zq; q)_s}{(q; q)_s}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} z^s q^{\frac{3s^2+s}{2}} \frac{(-zq; q)_s}{(q; q)_s} (1 + zq^{2s+1})$$

$= (-zq; q)_\infty$  ←  $q, f$  - for ptnc. into distinct parts with  $z$  keeping track of the number of parts.

Cor. (Euler's PNT)

Proof. Let  $z = -1$  in the above theorem. Then

$$(q; q)_\infty = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (-1)^s q^{\frac{s(3s+1)}{2}} (1 - q^{2s+1})$$

$$= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (-1)^s q \frac{s(3s+1)}{2} - \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (-1)^s q \frac{3s^2+5s+2}{2}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ s \rightarrow -j-1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{-1} (-1)^{-j-1} q \frac{3(-j-1)^2+5(-j-1)+2}{2}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 11 \\ 3(j^2+2j+1)-5j-5+2 \\ 3j^2+j \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\equiv \sum_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^s q \frac{s(3s+1)}{2}$$