## A BIJECTIVE PROOF OF AN IDENTITY OF BERKOVICH AND UNCU

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A partition  $\pi$  of a positive integer n is a non-increasing finite sequence of non-negative integers  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq$  $\ldots \geq \lambda_k$  such that

$$n = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \ldots + \lambda_k.$$

The integers  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_k$  are called the *parts* of the partition  $\pi$ . We call p(n) to be the number of partitions of n.

For example, p(5) = 7 where the seven partitions of 5 are 5, (4, 1), (3, 2), (3, 1, 1), (2, 2, 1), (2, 1, 1, 1), and (1, 1, 1, 1, 1).

We denote the number of parts of  $\pi$  by  $\#(\pi)$  and the largest part of  $\pi$  by  $l(\pi)$ .  $\lambda_{2i-1}$  (resp.  $\lambda_{2i}$ ) are called odd-indexed (resp. even-indexed) parts of  $\pi$ .

We call a partition into distinct parts a *strict* partition and denote it by  $\pi_d$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the set of all strict partitions and  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of all triangular numbers, i.e.,  $\mathcal{T} := \left\{ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} : n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .

## Representation of strict partitions



Figure: Young's diagram and shifted Young's diagram representing the strict partition  $\pi_d = (7, 5, 2, 1)$ 

#### BG-rank of a partition (Berkovich-Garvan, 2006)

For any partition  $\pi$ , the BG-rank, denoted by  $BG(\pi)$ , is defined as

 $BG(\pi) := i - j$ 

where *i* is the number of odd-indexed odd parts and *j* is the number of even-indexed odd parts of  $\pi$ .

For example, for the partition  $\pi = (7, 5, 2, 1)$ ,  $BG(\pi) = i - j = 1 - 2 = -1$ .

### Notations and Conventions

For non-negative integers L, m, and n, we define the conventional q-Pochhammer symbol as

$$(a)_{L} = (a;q)_{L} := \prod_{k=0}^{L-1} (1 - aq^{k});$$
  
$$(a)_{\infty} = (a;q)_{\infty} := \lim_{L \to \infty} (a)_{L} \text{ where } |q| < 1.$$

For  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define the *q*-binomial (Gaussian) coefficient as

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q := \begin{cases} \frac{(q)_n}{(q)_m(q)_{n-m}} & \text{for } 0 \le m \le n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}, \begin{bmatrix} m+n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_{\alpha}$  is the generating function for partitions  $\pi$  having  $\#(\pi) \le m$  and  $l(\pi) \le n$ and vice-versa.

For any sequence of integers  $\Delta = \{d_1, \ldots, d_l\}$ , we denote  $l(\Delta) = l$ ,  $|\Delta| = \sum_{i=1}^l d_i$ , and

 $|\Delta|_{\text{alt}} = \sum_{i=1}^{l} (-1)^i d_i.$ 

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#### Corollary

Letting  $N \to \infty$  in (1), we have

$$B(k,q) = \frac{q^{2k^2 - k}}{(q^2;q^2)_{\infty}}$$
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where B(k,q) denotes the generating function of the number of strict partitions  $\pi_d$  having BG( $\pi_d$ ) = k.

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#### Theorem (D-Mukhopadhyay, 2023)

Let  $\nu \in \{0, 1\}$ , *N* be a non-negative integer, and *k* be any integer. Then, for any positive integer *n*, the number of strict partitions  $\pi_d$  of *n* having BG( $\pi_d$ ) = *k* and  $l(\pi_d) \leq 2N + \nu$  is the same as the number of partitions  $\pi$  of  $\frac{n-2k^2+k}{2}$  where  $l(\pi) \leq N + \nu - k$ ,  $\#(\pi) \leq N + k$  if  $k \leq 0$  and  $l(\pi) \leq N + k$ ,  $\#(\pi) \leq N + \nu - k$  if k > 0.

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#### Proposition (Fu-Tang, 2020)

There exists a unique integer  $0 \le m \le r$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{m} (-1)^i c_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda_1} (-1)^i c_i$ , i.e.,  $|\Delta|_{\text{alt}} = 0$  where  $\Delta := \{c_{m+1}, c_{m+2}, \dots, c_{\lambda_1}\}.$ 

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To see that  $\iota$  is an injection, simply note that for any  $(t, \Delta) \in \mathcal{T} \times S$  that satisfies either (1) (the case m < r) or (2) (the case  $m = r < \lambda_1$ ) or (3) (the case  $m = r = \lambda_1$  for which  $\pi_d$  is the staircase partition  $(m, m - 1, \ldots, 2, 1)$ ), we can uniquely recover its preimage by appending columns of length 1, 2, ..., *m* to the left of the columns of length given by the elements of  $\Delta$  and obtaining a valid shifted Young diagram.

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Figure: Block diagram configuration for  $\phi_a(S_{a,b})$  with labeled blocks

In the block diagram configuration, we call the *i*th labeled block  $B_i$ .  $B_i$  has size  $1 \times \left(a + \frac{i+1}{2}\right)$  (resp.  $\frac{i}{2} \times 1$ ) if *i* is odd (resp. even). We denote the area of  $B_i$ , i.e., the number of cells, by  $n_i$ . So,  $n_1 = a+1$ ,  $n_2 = 1$ ,  $n_3 = a+2$ ,  $n_4 = 2$ , and so on. For any sequence  $\Delta = \{d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_l\} \in S_{a,b}$ , we obtain  $\phi_a(\Delta)$  by

performing the following operations:

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The notion of double covering of the cells in the block diagram configuration is equivalent to coloring the cells by yellow and then re-coloring the cells by green so that in the end, all the cells are colored in green. This is exactly the reason why the base in the *q*-binomial coefficient in (1) is  $q^2$  instead of just *q* as we are counting the cells twice.

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#### Theorem (Fu-Tang, 2020)

For a fixed  $a \ge 0$  and any  $b \ge 1$ ,  $\phi_a$  is a bijection from  $S_{a,b}$  to  $\mathcal{P}_{a,b}$ , such that  $|\Delta| = 2|\phi_a(\Delta)|$ , for any  $\Delta \in S_{a,b}$ .

## So now?



So, starting from  $\pi_d = (8, 7, 4, 2)$ , we obtain  $(t, \pi)$  where t = 3 is the triangular part and  $\pi$  is the *doubly covered* partition (4, 3, 2). Observe that  $|\pi_d| = 21 = 3 + 2 \cdot 9 = t + 2|\pi|$ .

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*Proof.* For  $\pi_d$  having BG-rank k, we have  $k = -|\{1, 2, ..., a\}|_{alt} = 1 - 2 + 3 - ... + (-1)^{a+1}a$ . Now, we consider two cases concerning the parity of a:

• Case I: *a* is even Let a = 2t for some  $t \ge 0$ . Then,

$$k = 1 - 2 + 3 - \dots - 2t$$
  
=  $(1 + 3 + \dots + (2t - 1)) - 2(1 + 2 + \dots + t)$   
=  $t^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{t(t + 1)}{2}$   
=  $t^2 - t^2 - t$   
=  $-t$   
=  $-\frac{a}{2}$ .

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#### • Case II: *a* is odd Let a = 2t - 1 for some $t \ge 1$ . Then,

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#### Lemma 2

The index of the last block present in the block diagram representation of the Young diagram of  $\pi$  is at most  $l(\pi_d) - a - 1$ .

*Proof.* In the shifted Young diagram of  $\pi_d$ , the length of the unimodal sequence whose alternating sum is zero is equal to  $l(\pi_d) - a$ . So, the number of blocks that can be *doubly covered* by the elements of this sequence is at most  $l(\pi_d) - a - 1$ .

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## Is the process reversible?



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## Is the process reversible?



We are given the triangular part t = 6 and the (*doubly covered*) partition  $\pi = (5, 5, 3, 1)$ . So, the solutions to  $2k^2 - k = 6$  are k = 2 and  $k = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Since  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , k = 2. Now,  $a = 2 \cdot 2 - 1 = 3$  since k = 2 > 0 which implies  $b_1 = a + 1 = 4$ ,  $b_2 = 1$ ,  $b_3 = 5$ ,  $b_4 = 0$ ,  $b_5 = 3$ ,  $b_6 = 0$ , and  $b_7 = 1$ . Now, we obtain  $d_1 = b_1 = 4$ ,  $d_2 = b_1 + b_2 = 5$ ,  $d_3 = b_2 + b_3 = 6$ ,  $d_4 = b_3 + b_4 = 5$ ,  $d_5 = b_4 + b_5 = 3$ ,  $d_6 = b_5 + b_6 = 3$ ,  $d_7 = b_6 + b_7 = 1$ , and  $d_8 = b_7 + b_8 = 1$  since  $b_8 = 0$ . Thus, we obtain the sequence  $\{4, 5, 6, 5, 3, 3, 1, 1\}$  which we write column-wise and if we append columns of length  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  to the left of the column of length 4, we retrieve back the shifted Young diagram of the partition  $\pi_d = (11, 8, 7, 4, 3, 1)$ .

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### How to obtain the bounds?

We now obtain bounds on the largest part and the number of parts of  $\pi$ . We consider two cases according to the sign of the BG-rank k of  $\pi_d$ . In both the cases, we also show that the we can retrieve back the bound on the largest part of  $\pi_d$ .

Case I:  $k \leq 0$ 

If  $k \leq 0$ , then from Lemma 1, we have a = -2k.

If I is the index of the last present block in the block diagram representation of the Young diagram of  $\pi$ , using Lemma 2, we have

$$\begin{split} &I \leq l(\pi_d) - a - 1 \\ &\leq 2N + \nu - a - 1 \\ &= 2N + \nu + 2k - 1 \\ &= 2(N + k) + \nu - 1 \\ &= \begin{cases} &2(N + k) - 1 \text{ if } \nu = 0, \\ &2(N + k) \text{ if } \nu = 1. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Therefore,  $\#(\pi) \leq N + k$ .

If E is the number of even-indexed blocks present in the block diagram representation of the Young diagram of  $\pi$ , then

$$E \le \sum_{\substack{i=2\\2|i}}^{l(\pi_d)-a-1} 1.$$

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Again from the block diagram representation of the Young diagram of  $\pi$ , we have

$$\begin{split} l(\pi) &= a+1+E\\ &\leq a+1+\sum_{\substack{i=2\\2|i}}^{l(\pi_d)-a-1} 1\\ &\leq a+1+\sum_{\substack{i=2\\2|i}}^{2N+\nu-a-1} 1\\ &= -2k+1+\sum_{\substack{i=2\\2|i}}^{2N+\nu+2k-1} 1\\ &= -2k+1+\sum_{\substack{i=2\\2|i}}^{2N+2k-1} 1\\ &= \begin{cases} -2k+1+\sum_{\substack{i=2\\2|i}}^{2N+2k-1} 1\\ -2k+1+\sum_{\substack{i=2\\2|i}}^{2l} 1\\ &= 1\\ &= \begin{cases} -2k+1+N+k-1 & \text{if } \nu = 0,\\ -2k+1+N+k & \text{if } \nu = 1,\\ &= \begin{cases} N-k & \text{if } \nu = 0,\\ N-k+1 & \text{if } \nu = 1. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Hence,  $l(\pi) \leq N + \nu - k$ .

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For the reverse direction, since  $k \le 0$ , we know that a = -2k and we also know that  $l(\pi) \le N + \nu - k$  and  $\#(\pi) \le N + k$ . Clearly,  $l(\pi_d) = a + l(\Delta) = -2k + l(\Delta) = -2k + l + 1$  where *l* is the index of the last present block in the block diagram representation of the Young diagram of  $\pi$ . Now, we consider two sub-cases regarding the parity of *l*:

#### Sub-Case IA: I is odd

Since  $\#(\pi) \leq N + k$ ,

$$I \le 2(N+k) - 1 = 2N + 2k - 1 \le 2N + \nu + 2k - 1$$
(3)

where (3) follows from the fact that  $\nu \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Therefore, from (3), it follows that  $l(\pi_d) = -2k + I + 1 \le 2N + \nu$ .

#### Sub-Case IB: I is even

Since  $l(\pi) \leq N + \nu - k$ ,

$$I \leq 2((N + \nu - k) - (a + 1))$$
  
= 2N + 2\nu - 2k - 2a - 2  
= 2N + 2\nu + 2k - 2  
= 2N + \nu + 2k - 1 + \nu - 1  
\le 2N + \nu + 2k - 1 + \nu - 1 + 1 - \nu \quad (4)  
= 2N + \nu + 2k - 1 \quad (5)

where (4) follows from the fact that  $1 - \nu \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Therefore, from (5), it follows that  $l(\pi_d) = -2k + I + 1 \le 2N + \nu$ .

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#### Case II: k > 0

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If k > 0, then from Lemma 1, we have a = 2k - 1, i.e, a is odd.

Let I be the index of the last present block in the block diagram representation of the Young diagram of  $\pi$ . From Lemma 2, we know that

$$\begin{split} &I \leq l(\pi_d) - a - 1 \\ &\leq 2N + \nu - a - 1 \\ &= 2N + \nu - 2k \\ &= 2(N + \nu - k) - \nu \\ &= \begin{cases} & 2(N + \nu - k) & \text{if } \nu = 0, \\ & 2(N + \nu - k) - 1 & \text{if } \nu = 1 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Therefore,  $\#(\pi) \leq N + \nu - k$ .

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Hence,  $l(\pi) \leq N + k$ .

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For the reverse direction, since k > 0, we know that a = 2k - 1,  $l(\pi) \le N + k$ , and  $\#(\pi) \le N + \nu - k$ . Clearly,  $l(\pi_d) = 2k - 1 + l(\Delta) = 2k - 1 + l + 1 = 2k + l$  where *l* is the index of the last present block in the block diagram representation of the Young diagram of  $\pi$ . Now, we consider two sub-cases regarding the parity of *l*:

#### Sub-Case IIA: I is odd

Since  $\#(\pi) \leq N + \nu - k$ ,

$$I \leq 2(N + \nu - k) - 1$$
  
= 2N + 2\nu - 2k - 1  
= 2N + \nu - 2k + \nu - 1  
\le 2N + \nu - 2k + \nu - 1 + 1 - \nu \quad (6)  
= 2N + \nu - 2k \quad (7)

where (6) follows from the fact that  $1 - \nu \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Therefore, from (7), it follows that  $l(\pi_d) = 2k + I \le 2N + \nu$ .

#### Sub-Case IIB: I is even

Since  $l(\pi) \leq N + k$ ,

$$I \le 2((N+k) - (a+1))$$
  
= 2N - 2k  
= 2N + \nu - 2k - \nu  
\le 2N + \nu - 2k - \nu + \nu  
(8)  
= 2N + \nu - 2k (9)

where (8) follows from the fact that  $\nu \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Therefore, from (9), it follows that  $l(\pi_d) = 2k + I \le 2N + \nu$ .

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## Concluding remarks and a future question

- In their study of the Ariki-Koike algebras and Kleshchev multipartitions, Li, Seo, Stanton and Yee
  proved (1) using the 2-abacus of staircase 2-cores of strict partitions having bounded largest part.
- Berkovich and Dhar recently proved (1) using Littlewood decomposition of strict partitions with bounded largest part into 2-cores and 2-quotients.
- If  $\tilde{B}_N(k,q)$  denotes the generating function for the number of partitions into parts less than or equal to N with BG-rank equal to k, then in 2016, Berkovich and Uncu showed that

$$\tilde{B}_{2N+\nu}(k,q) = \frac{q^{2k^2-k}}{(q^2;q^2)_{N+k}(q^2;q^2)_{N+\nu-k}}.$$
(10)

Find a bijective proof of (10) without resorting to 2-cores and 2-quotients.

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