

# Cranks Witnessing an Infinite Family of Congruences for a Sum of Partition Functions

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## Remark (Future Work)

*How might these generalizations, namely flipped reciprocal polynomials, apply to a proof that there are cranks witnessing the Sum and Difference Theorem?*

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