

Rademacher-type exact formulas for ranks of partitions with a new proof of Ramanujan congruences

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Growth rate by Hardy and Ramanujan (1919):

$$p(n) \sim \frac{1}{4n\sqrt{3}} \exp\left(\pi\sqrt{\frac{2n}{3}}\right).$$

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Rademacher (1938): $p(n) = \uparrow$ summing c to ∞ .

Why Dedekind sum?

Dedekind eta function:

$$\eta(z) := q^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n), \quad q = e(z) = e^{2\pi iz}, \quad z \in \mathbb{H}.$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) q^{n - \frac{1}{24}} = \frac{1}{\eta(z)}.$$

Transformation law:

$$\eta\left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d}\right) = \nu_{\eta}\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) (cz + d)^{\frac{1}{2}} \eta(z), \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}).$$

$$\nu_{\eta}\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = e\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) e^{-\pi i s(d,c)} e\left(\frac{a+d}{24c}\right).$$

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Dyson (1944) conjectured (proved by Atkin and Swinnerton-Dyer (1953)):

$$5N(a, 5; 5n+4) = p(5n+4), \quad 7N(a, 7; 7n+5) \equiv p(7n+5), \quad \text{for all } a.$$

Generating function: $\zeta_u = e(1/u)$, $q = e(z) = e^{2\pi iz}$,

$$\mathcal{R}(\zeta_u^\ell; q) := 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} N(m, n) \zeta_u^{\ell m} q^n =: 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A\left(\frac{\ell}{u}; n\right) q^n.$$

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$u = 2, \mathcal{R}(-1; q) = f(q)$. Bringmann and Ono (2006):

$$A\left(\frac{1}{2}; n\right) = \alpha(n) = \frac{2\pi e(-\frac{1}{8})}{(24n-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{2|c>0} \frac{S(0, n, c, \overline{\psi})}{c} I_{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{6c} \right).$$

- Ramanujan's last letter: $\tilde{n} = n - 1/24$,

$$\alpha(n) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\exp(\pi\sqrt{\tilde{n}/6})}{2\sqrt{\tilde{n}}} + O\left(\frac{\exp(\frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\tilde{n}/6})}{2\sqrt{\tilde{n}}}\right).$$

- Leila Dragonette (1952): $\sum_{c \leq \sqrt{n}} \dots + O_{\varepsilon}(n^{1/2+\varepsilon})$.
- George E. Andrews (1966): $\sum_{c \leq \sqrt{n}} \dots + O_{\varepsilon}(n^{\varepsilon})$.

Ranks of partitions modulo 3

$u = 3$, $\mathcal{R}(\zeta_3; q) = \gamma(q)$. Bringmann (2009):

$$\begin{aligned} A\left(\frac{1}{3}; n\right) &= A\left(\frac{2}{3}; n\right) \\ &= \frac{2\pi e(-\frac{1}{8})}{(24n-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{3|c \leq \sqrt{n}} \frac{S(0, n, c, (\frac{\cdot}{3})^{\overline{v_\eta}})}{c} I_{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{6c} \right) + O_\varepsilon(n^\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.1 (Andrews & Lewis (2000) conjectured, Bringmann (2009) proved)

If $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{3, 9, 21\}$, we have

$$N(0, 3; n) < N(1, 3; n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3};$$

$$N(0, 3; n) > N(1, 3; n), \quad \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

$$\Delta_k := -y^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) + iky \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right).$$

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Smooth $f : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a weight k harmonic Maass form on $\Gamma_0(N)$ with character χ if:

(1) $f(\gamma z) = \chi(d) \nu_\theta(\gamma)^{2k} (cz + d)^k f(z)$, $\gamma \in \Gamma_0(N)$;

(2) $\Delta_k f = 0$;

(3) There exists a polynomial $\mathcal{P}(z) = \sum_{n \leq 0} a^+(n) q^n$ with coefficients in \mathbb{C} such that

$$f(z) - \mathcal{P}(z) = O(e^{-Cy})$$

for some $C > 0$. Analogous conditions are required for all cusps.

$H_k(\Gamma_0(N), \chi \nu_\theta^{2k})$, or $H_k(\Gamma_0(N), \nu)$ for weight $k \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$ multiplier ν .

Examples of harmonic Maass forms

e.g. holomorphic theta functions $\theta_{\chi,t}(z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi(n) q^{tn^2}$.

(Serre-Stark basis theorem: basis of weight $\frac{1}{2}$ modular forms)

e.g. Maass-Poincaré series. Bringmann & Ono (2006) defined

$$P(s, m, N; z) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(3/2)} \sum_{\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(N)} \overline{\psi}(\gamma) (cz + d)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \varphi_{s, \frac{1}{2}}(\tilde{m}\gamma z).$$

e.g. This time we define

$$P_\alpha(z) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(2s)} \sum_{\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_\alpha \setminus \Gamma} \mu(\gamma)^{-1} \overline{w(\sigma_\alpha^{-1}, \gamma)} j(\sigma_\alpha^{-1}\gamma, z)^{-k} \varphi_{s,k}(\tilde{m}\sigma_\alpha^{-1}\gamma z).$$

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P_α has Fourier coefficient of form $\sum \frac{S(\dots)}{c} \text{Bessel}(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{mn}}{c})$

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- $q^{-\frac{1}{24}} \mathcal{R}(\zeta_3; q)$: constant at cusp 0.
- Multiplier system: $(\frac{\cdot}{3}) \overline{\nu_\eta}$.
- Fourier expansion: similar methods.

Same idea as in Bringmann and Ono (2006, 2012).

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- $\Gamma_0(p)$ only has two cusps, ∞ and 0 ;
- $B_{\ell,u,c}$, $D_{\ell,v,a}$, $m_{\ell,v,a,r}$, $\delta_{\ell,v,a,r}$ are a little bit simpler;
- We have transformation laws by Garvan (2019).

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Theorem 3.1 (Theorem 3.4 in Bringmann and Ono (2010))

$$\left\{ \mathcal{G}_1\left(\frac{\ell}{p}; z\right), \mathcal{G}_2\left(\frac{\ell}{p}; z\right) : 1 \leq \ell < p \right\} \cup \left\{ \mathcal{G}_1(a, b, p; z), \mathcal{G}_2(a, b, p; z) : 0 \leq a < p \right\}$$

is a vector valued Maass form of weight $\frac{1}{2}$ for $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

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Garvan (2017):

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Recall weight k multiplier system:

$$|\nu| = 1; \quad \nu(-I) = e^{-\pi i k}; \quad \nu(\gamma_1 \gamma_2) = w_k(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \nu(\gamma_1) \nu(\gamma_2).$$

$$w_k(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) := j(\gamma_2, z)^k j(\gamma_1, \gamma_2 z)^k j(\gamma_1 \gamma_2, z)^{-k}$$

Vector-valued "multiplier system"

Definition 3.2

Congruence subgroup Γ of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, $(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}) \in \Gamma$. We say ξ is a D -dimensional multiplier system if it satisfies:

- ξ is unitary: $\xi(\gamma)^{-1} = \xi(\gamma)^H$;
- $\xi(-I) = e^{-\pi i k} I_D$;
- $\xi(\gamma_1 \gamma_2) = w_k(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \xi(\gamma_1) \xi(\gamma_2)$.
- For every cusp \mathfrak{a} of Γ , we have $\alpha_{\xi, \mathfrak{a}}^{(\ell)} \in [0, 1)$ such that

$$\xi\left(\sigma_{\mathfrak{a}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sigma_{\mathfrak{a}}^{-1}\right) = \text{diag} \left\{ e(-\alpha_{\xi, \mathfrak{a}}^{(1)}), \dots, e(-\alpha_{\xi, \mathfrak{a}}^{(D)}) \right\}$$

We want vector-valued (harmonic) (Maass) forms on (Γ, ξ) have good Fourier expansions on cusp \mathfrak{a} like

$$(\mathbf{V}|_k \sigma_{\mathfrak{a}})(z) = \sum_{\ell=1}^D \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_{\mathbf{V}}^{(\ell)}(y, n) e((n - \alpha_{\xi, \mathfrak{a}})x) \mathbf{e}_{\ell}.$$

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In Bringmann (2009): let $t = \frac{a\ell - [a\ell]}{p} \in \mathbb{Z}$, for $0 < \frac{[a\ell]}{p} < \frac{1}{6}$,

$$\delta_{\ell,p,a,r} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{[a\ell]}{p}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + r\right) \frac{[a\ell]}{p} + \frac{1}{24}, \quad -m_{\ell,p,a,r} = \frac{3}{2}t^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + r\right)t.$$

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 $\alpha_\infty = \frac{1}{24}$, $\alpha_0^{(\ell)} \in [0, 1)$ is decided by

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In Bringmann (2009): let $t = \frac{a\ell - [a\ell]}{p} \in \mathbb{Z}$, for $0 < \frac{[a\ell]}{p} < \frac{1}{6}$,

$$\delta_{\ell,p,a,r} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{[a\ell]}{p}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + r\right) \frac{[a\ell]}{p} + \frac{1}{24}, \quad -m_{\ell,p,a,r} = \frac{3}{2}t^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} + r\right)t.$$

Magic equation: $\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + r\right)x + \frac{1}{24} = 0$.

$x_r \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ the only solution in this range.

$\triangleright r \triangleleft := \{1 \leq \ell \leq p - 1 : \frac{\ell}{p} \in (0, x_r) \cup (1 - x_r, 1)\}$

Behavior of \mathcal{G}_1 at cusps ∞ and 0

Recall: $\mathcal{G}_1(\frac{\ell}{p}; z) = \csc(\frac{\pi\ell}{p})q^{-\frac{1}{24}}\mathcal{R}(\zeta_p^\ell; q) + \text{non-holo.}$

$$\mathcal{G}_1(\frac{\ell}{p}; \cdot)|_{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma_0 = e(-\frac{1}{8})p^{\frac{1}{4}}\mathcal{G}_2(\frac{\ell}{p}; pz).$$

$$\mathcal{G}_2\left(\frac{\ell}{p}; z\right) = 2q^{-\frac{3}{2}(\frac{\ell}{p})^2 + \frac{\ell}{2p} - \frac{1}{24}} \left(1 + q^{\frac{\ell}{p}} + q^{\frac{2\ell}{p}} + \dots\right)$$

Order for $\mathcal{G}_2(\frac{\ell}{p}; pz)$: $X_r^{(\ell)} \leq 0$

$$X_r^{(\ell)} := \begin{cases} \left\lceil -\frac{3\ell^2}{2p} + (\frac{1}{2} + r)\ell - \frac{p}{24} \right\rceil, & \text{when } 0 < \frac{\ell}{p} < x_r, \\ \left\lceil -\frac{3p}{2}(1 - \frac{\ell}{p})^2 + (\frac{1}{2} + r)p(1 - \frac{\ell}{p}) - \frac{p}{24} \right\rceil, & \text{when } 1 - x_r < \frac{\ell}{p} < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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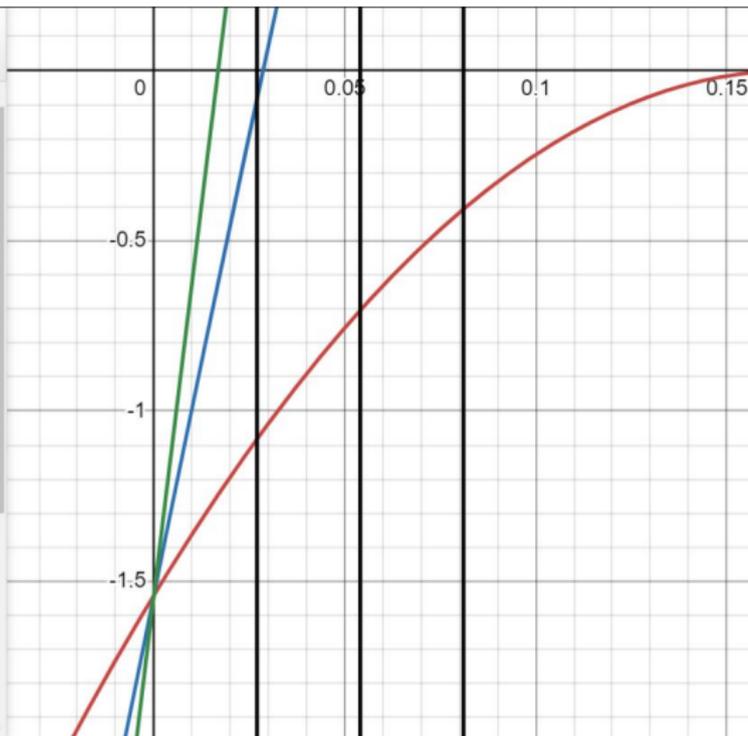
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2  $37\left(-\frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{1}{24}\right)$ ×

3  $37\left(-\frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x - \frac{1}{24}\right)$ ×

4  $x = \frac{1}{37}$ ×
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5  $x = \frac{2}{37}$ ×
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Maass-Poincaré series at ∞ and 0

$$\mathbf{P}_\infty(z; p, s, k, m, \mu_p) := \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\infty \setminus \Gamma_0(p)} \mu_p(\gamma)^{-1} \frac{\varphi_{s,k}(m_\infty \gamma z)}{(cz + d)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin(\frac{\pi \ell}{p})} \epsilon_\ell.$$

Principal part of \mathbf{P}_∞ at ∞ :
$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{p-1} \csc(\frac{\pi \ell}{p}) q^{-\frac{1}{24}} \epsilon_\ell.$$

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Principal part of \mathbf{P}_∞ at ∞ :
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$$\mathbf{P}_0(z; p, s, k, \mathbf{X}_r, \mu_p)$$

$$:= \frac{2e(-\frac{1}{8})p^{\frac{1}{4}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{\ell \in \triangleright r \triangleleft} \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \Gamma_0 \setminus \Gamma_0(p) \\ \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}}} \mu_p(\gamma)^{-1} \frac{\varphi_{s,k}\left(X_{r,0}^{(\ell)} \sigma_0^{-1} \gamma z\right)}{w_{\frac{1}{2}}(\sigma_0^{-1}, \gamma) (-a\sqrt{p}z - b\sqrt{p})^{\frac{1}{2}}} \mathbf{e}_\ell,$$

Principal part of \mathbf{P}_0 at 0:
$$e(-\frac{1}{8})p^{\frac{1}{4}} \sum_{\ell \in \triangleright r \triangleleft} q^{X_{r,0}^{(\ell)}} \mathbf{e}_\ell$$

Final proof of the exact formula

Lemma 3.3

For \mathbf{X}_r defined above, the function

$$\mathbf{G}(z) := \mathbf{G}_1(z; p) - \mathbf{P}_\infty(z; p, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \mu_p) - 2 \sum_{\substack{r \geq 0 \\ x_r^{-1} < p}} \mathbf{P}_0(z; p, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \mathbf{X}_r, \mu_p)$$

has constant principal parts at both ∞ and 0 , i.e. $\mathbf{G}(z) \in M_{\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma_0(p), \mu_p)$.

Lemma 3.4

$$\mathbf{G}(z) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Reason: Serre-Stark basis theorem and μ_p .

Two ingredients needed: 1. Convergence

"Naturally" convergence at $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$, but we need expansion at $s = \frac{3}{4}$.

Estimate sums of *vector-valued* Kloosterman sums?

Thanks Goldfeld and Sarnak (1983) \rightarrow generalize

$$\sum_{\substack{a \leq x: p \nmid a, \\ [al]=L}} \frac{S_{0\infty}^{(\ell)}(m^{(L)}, n, a, \mu_p)}{a\sqrt{p}} = \sum_{\frac{1}{2} < s_j \leq \frac{3}{4}} \tau_{j,0,(L)}^{(\ell)}(m^{(L)}, n) \frac{x^{2s_j-1}}{2s_j-1} \\ + O_{p,\varepsilon} \left(|m_{+0}^{(L)}| n^{3\frac{1}{3}+\varepsilon} \right)$$

The following is then absolutely convergent:

$$\sum_{n_{+\infty} > 0} \left| \sum_{\substack{a > 0: p \nmid a, \\ \ell \in \triangleright a, r \triangleleft}} \sum \left| \frac{m_{+0}^{([al])}}{n_{+\infty}} \right|^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{S_{0\infty}^{(\ell)}(m^{([al])}, n, a, \mu_p)}{a\sqrt{p}} \right|_{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{4\pi |m_{+0}^{([al])} n_{+\infty}|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c} \right) \right| q^{n_{+\infty}}$$

Two ingredients needed: 2. KL sums match

The Fourier expansion of \mathbf{P}_∞ at ∞ gives $S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(m, n, c, \mu_p)$.

The Fourier expansion of \mathbf{P}_0 at ∞ gives $S_{0\infty}^{(\ell)}(X_r^{([a\ell])}, n, a, \mu_p)$.

By the convergence of the expansions at $s = \frac{3}{4}$, we have

Theorem 3.5 (S. (2026))

$$\begin{aligned}
 A\left(\frac{\ell}{p}; n\right) &= \frac{2\pi e(-\frac{1}{8}) \sin(\frac{\pi\ell}{p})}{(24n-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{c>0: p|c} \frac{S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, n, c, \mu_p)}{c} I_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{24c}\right) \\
 &+ \frac{4\pi \sin(\frac{\pi\ell}{p})}{(n-\frac{1}{24})^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{\substack{r \geq 0 \\ x_r^{-1} < p}} \sum_{\substack{a > 0: p \nmid a, \\ \frac{[a\ell]}{p} \in (0, x_r) \\ \text{or } \frac{[a\ell]}{p} \in (1-x_r, 1)}} \frac{S_{0\infty}^{(\ell)}([-p\delta_{\ell,p,a,r}], n, a, \mu_p)}{a \cdot \delta_{\ell,p,a,r}^{-\frac{1}{4}}} I_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{\delta_{\ell,p,a,r}(n-\frac{1}{24})}}{a}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Two ingredients needed: 2. KL sums match

Bringmann (2009):

$$A\left(\frac{\ell}{p}; n\right) = \frac{4\sqrt{3}i}{\sqrt{24n-1}} \sum_{c: p|c \leq \sqrt{n}} \frac{B_{\ell, u, c}(-n, 0)}{\sqrt{c}} \sinh\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{6c}\right) + O_{u, \varepsilon}(n^\varepsilon) \\ + \frac{8\sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi\ell}{p}\right)}{\sqrt{24n-1}} \sum_{r \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{a \leq \sqrt{n}: \\ p \nmid a, \\ \delta_{\ell, p, a, r} > 0}} \frac{D_{\ell, p, a}(-n, m_{\ell, p, a, r})}{\sqrt{a}} \sinh\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{2\delta_{\ell, p, a, r}(24n-1)}}{a\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

We prove:

$$e\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) \overline{B_{\ell, p, c}(-n, 0)} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi\ell}{p}\right) S_{\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, n, c, \mu_p), \\ \overline{D_{\ell, p, a, r}(-n, m_{\ell, p, a, r})} = S_{0\infty}^{(\ell)}\left(\lceil -p\delta_{\ell, a, p, r} \rceil, n, a, \mu_p\right).$$

Theorem 3.6 (For prime $p \geq 5$)

Bringmann's asymptotic formula converges to be the exact formula.

- 1 Introduction
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Dyson's rank conjectures

$$5N(\ell, 5; 5n + 4) = p(5n + 4), \quad 7N(\ell, 7; 7n + 5) = p(7n + 5).$$

Relation:

$$u \cdot N(\ell, u; n) = p(n) + \sum_{j=1}^{u-1} \zeta_u^{-\ell j} A\left(\frac{\ell}{u}; n\right).$$

$(\zeta_p^{-\ell j} + \zeta_p^{\ell j})_{1 \leq \ell \leq \frac{p-1}{2}, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{p-1}{2}}$ is an invertible matrix.

$$5N(\ell, 5; 5n + 4) = p(5n + 4), \quad \forall \ell \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A\left(\frac{\ell}{5}; 5n + 4\right) = 0, \quad \forall \ell.$$

Can we show $A(\frac{\ell}{5}; 5n + 4) = 0$ and $A(\frac{\ell}{7}; 7n + 5) = 0$ for all ℓ and $n \geq 0$?

$$A\left(\frac{\ell}{5}; n\right) = \frac{2\pi e(-\frac{1}{8}) \sin(\frac{\pi\ell}{5})}{(24n-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{c>0:5|c} \frac{S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, n, c, \mu_5)}{c} I_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{24c}\right);$$

$$A\left(\frac{\ell}{7}; n\right) = \frac{2\pi e(-\frac{1}{8}) \sin(\frac{\pi\ell}{7})}{(24n-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{c>0:7|c} \frac{S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, n, c, \mu_7)}{c} I_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{24c}\right) \\ + \frac{4\pi \sin(\frac{\pi\ell}{7})}{(24n-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{\substack{a>0: p \nmid a, \\ [a\ell]=1 \text{ or } 6}} \frac{S_{0\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, n, a, \mu_7; 0)}{\sqrt{7} a} I_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{24 \times 7a}\right).$$

$$A\left(\frac{\ell}{5}; n\right) = \frac{2\pi e(-\frac{1}{8}) \sin(\frac{\pi\ell}{5})}{(24n-1)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \sum_{c>0:5|c} \frac{S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, n, c, \mu_5)}{c} I_{\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{4\pi\sqrt{24n-1}}{24c}\right);$$

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$$S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, 5n+4, c, \mu_5) = \sum_{d \pmod{c}^*} \frac{e\left(-\frac{3\pi ic' a \ell^2}{10}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi a \ell}{5}\right)} e^{-\pi i s(d, c)} e\left(\frac{(5n+4)d}{c}\right)$$

$5|c$. What happens if $n \rightarrow n+1$?

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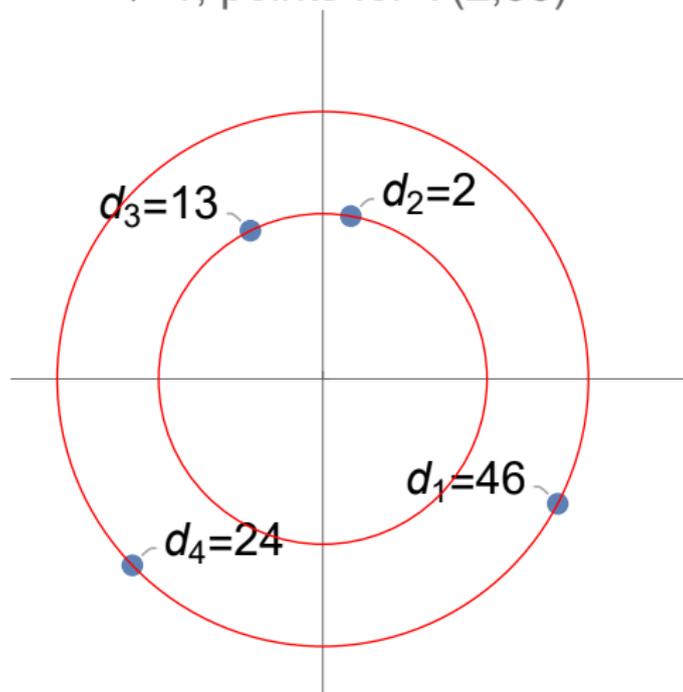
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$5|c$. What happens if $n \rightarrow n+1$?

$(r, \frac{c}{5}) = 1$, $V(r, c) := \{d(c)^* : d \equiv r \pmod{\frac{c}{5}}\}$; $|V(r, c)| = 4$ or 5 .

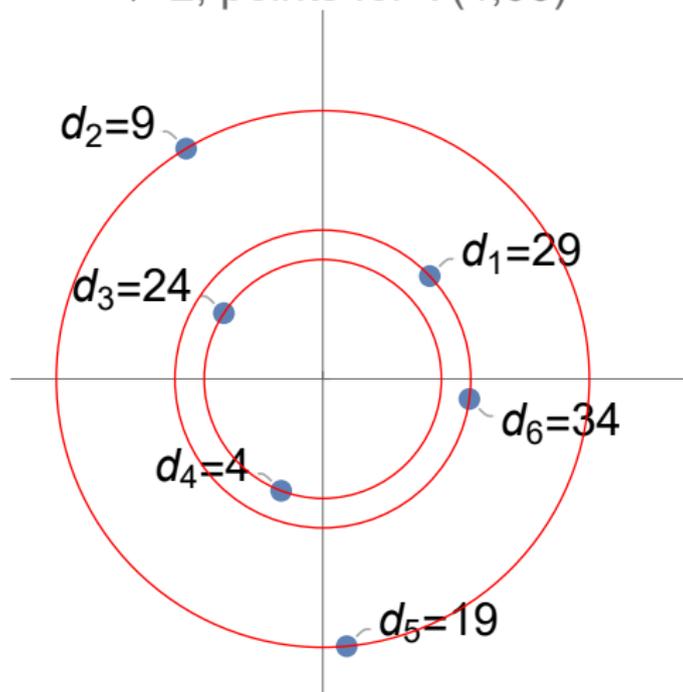
Vanishing KL sums: $p = 5$

$l=1$, points for $V(2,55)$



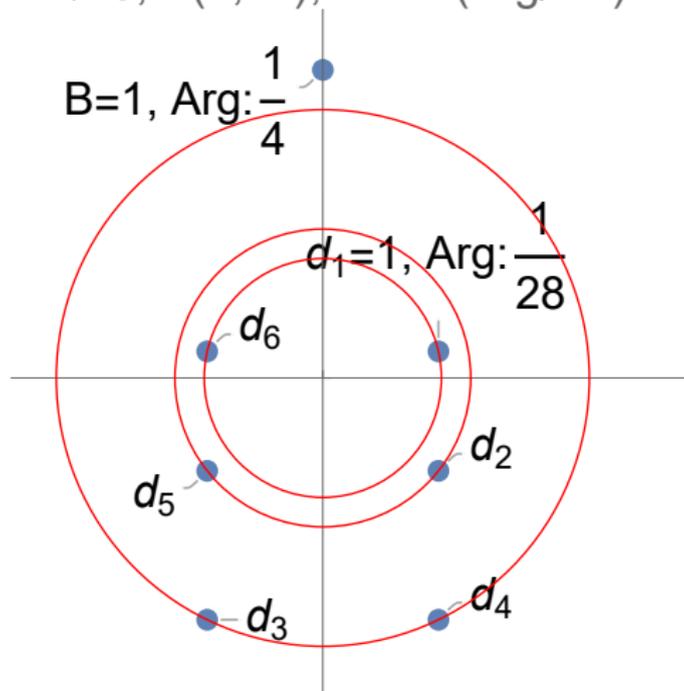
Vanishing KL sums: $p = 7$, case 1

$l=2$, points for $V(4,35)$



Vanishing KL sums: $p = 7$, case $a\ell \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{7}$

$l=3, V(1,14), B=1. (\text{Arg}/2\pi)$



Properties of KL sums

Theorem 4.1 (S. (2025))

For all $n \geq 0$ and $1 \leq \ell \leq p-1$ when $p = 5, 7$, we have the following vanishing conditions for the Kloosterman sums appearing at my exact formula:

- 1 If $5|c$, we have $S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, 5n+4, c, \mu_5) = 0$.
- 2 If $7|c$ and $\frac{c}{7} \cdot \ell \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{7}$, then $S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, 7n+5, c, \mu_7) = 0$.
- 3 If $7|c$, $7 \nmid a$, $a\ell \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{7}$, and $c = 7a$,

$$e\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) S_{\infty\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, 7n+5, c, \mu_7) + 2\sqrt{7} S_{0\infty}^{(\ell)}(0, 7n+5, a, \mu_7) = 0.$$

$$u \cdot N(\ell, u; n) = p(n) + \sum_{j=1}^{u-1} \zeta_u^{-\ell j} A\left(\frac{\ell}{u}; n\right).$$

Proves $N(\ell, 5; 5n+4) = \frac{1}{5}p(5n+4)$ & $N(\ell, 7; 7n+5) = \frac{1}{7}p(7n+5)$.

Dyson's conjectures: other rank equalities

$$N(1, 5; 5n + 1) = N(2, 5; 5n + 1);$$

$$N(0, 5; 5n + 2) = N(2, 5; 5n + 2);$$

$$N(2, 7; 7n) = N(3, 7; 7n);$$

$$N(1, 7; 7n + 1) = N(2, 7; 7n + 1) = N(3, 7; 7n + 1);$$

$$N(0, 7; 7n + 2) = N(3, 7; 7n + 2);$$

$$N(0, 7; 7n + 3) = N(2, 7; 7n + 3), \quad N(1, 7; 7n + 3) = N(3, 7; 7n + 3);$$

$$N(0, 7; 7n + 4) = N(1, 7; 7n + 4) = N(3, 7; 7n + 4);$$

$$N(0, 7; 7n + 6) + N(1, 7; 7n + 6) = N(2, 7; 7n + 6) + N(3, 7; 7n + 6).$$

- Setting n as $pn + k$ in our KL sums
- checking $A\left(\frac{\ell}{p}; pn + k\right)$ for all the cases...

Thank you!

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