

Integer Partitions and  
Identities of the Rogers-Ramanujan Type

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Assume throughout that  $|q| < 1$ .

### **Euler identities.**

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(1 - q^2)(1 - q^4) \cdots (1 - q^{2n})} = \prod_{j \geq 1} (1 + q^{2j-1})$$
$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(n+1)}}{(1 - q^2)(1 - q^4) \cdots (1 - q^{2n})} = \prod_{j \geq 1} (1 + q^{2j})$$

### The Rogers-Ramanujan Identities.

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^n)} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1-q^{5j-1})(1-q^{5j-4})}$$
$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(n+1)}}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^n)} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1-q^{5j-2})(1-q^{5j-3})}$$

$$(a; q)_n := (1 - a)(1 - aq)(1 - aq^2) \cdots (1 - aq^{n-1})$$

Thus

$$(q; q)_n = (1 - q)(1 - q^2) \cdots (1 - q^n)$$

$$(-q; q)_n = (1 + q)(1 + q^2) \cdots (1 + q^n)$$

$$(q^2; q^2)_n = (1 - q^2)(1 - q^4) \cdots (1 - q^{2n})$$

$$(q; q^2)_n = (1 - q)(1 - q^3) \cdots (1 - q^{2n-1})$$

## Euler identities.

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q^2; q^2)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{4j-2})^2 (1 - q^{4j})}{1 - q^j}$$
$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(n+1)}}{(q^2; q^2)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{4j-1})(1 - q^{4j-3})(1 - q^{4j})}{1 - q^j}$$

## The Rogers-Ramanujan Identities.

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q; q)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{5j-2})(1 - q^{5j-3})(1 - q^{5j})}{1 - q^j}$$
$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(n+1)}}{(q; q)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{5j-1})(1 - q^{5j-4})(1 - q^{5j})}{1 - q^j}$$

## Some Identities of Rogers-Ramanujan Type

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q; q^2)_n (q; q)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{14j-6})(1 - q^{14j-8})(1 - q^{14j})}{1 - q^j} \quad (\text{Rogers, 1894})$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(3n-1)/2}}{(q; q^2)_n (q; q)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{10j-4})(1 - q^{10j-6})(1 - q^{10j})}{1 - q^j} \quad (\text{Rogers, 1917})$$

The Jackson-Slater Identity:

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{2n^2}}{(q; q)_{2n}} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 + q^{8j-3})(1 + q^{8j-5})(1 - q^{8j})}{1 - q^{2j}} \quad (\text{Jackson, 1928})$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(n+1)}(-q; q)_n}{(q; q^2)_{n+1}(q; q)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{6j})}{(1 - q^j)(1 - q^{6j-3})}$$

(Bailey, 1936)

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(n+1)}(q^3; q^3)_n}{(q; q)_{2n+1}(q; q)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1 - q^{9j}}{1 - q^j}$$

(Dyson, 1947)

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}(-q; q^2)_n}{(q^2; q^2)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1 - q^{8j-1})(1 - q^{8j-4})(1 - q^{8j-7})}$$

(Slater, 1952)



$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n(n+2)}(q^3; q^6)_n(-q; q^2)_{n+1}}{(q^2; q^2)_{2n+1}(q; q^2)_n} \\
&= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{12j-2})(1 - q^{12j-6})(1 - q^{12j-10})(1 - q^{12j})}{1 - q^j}
\end{aligned}$$

(Slater, 1952)

A pair of sequences  $(\alpha_n(x, q), \beta_n(x, q))$  is called a *Bailey pair* if

$$\beta_n(x, q) = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{\alpha_r(x, q)}{(q; q)_{n-r} (xq; q)_{n+r}}.$$

**Bailey's Lemma–Weak Form.** *If  $(\alpha_n(x, q), \beta_n(x, q))$  form a Bailey pair, then*

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} x^n q^{n^2} \beta_n(x, q) = \frac{1}{\prod_{j \geq 1} (1 - xq^j)} \sum_{r \geq 0} x^r q^{r^2} \alpha_r(x, q).$$

Strategy: Find Bailey pairs such that the  $\beta_n$  is “nice” and the corresponding corresponding  $\alpha_n$ , when inserted into the RHS of the weak Bailey lemma sums via ...

**Jacobi’s Triple Product Identity.** *If  $z \neq 0$  and  $|y| < 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^r z^r y^{r^2} \\ &= \prod_{j \geq 1} (1 - zy^{2j-1})(1 - z^{-1}y^{2j-1})(1 - y^{2j}). \end{aligned}$$

The standard multiparameter Bailey pair (SMBP):

$$\alpha_n^{(d,e,k)}(x, q) := \frac{(-1)^{n/d} x^{(k/d-1)n/e} q^{(k/d-1+1/2d)n^2/e-n/2e}}{(1-x^{1/e})(q^{d/e}; q^{d/e})_{n/d}} \\ \times (1-x^{1/e} q^{2n/e})(x^{1/e}; q^{d/e})_{n/d} \chi(d | n),$$

where

$$\chi(P(n, d)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } P(n, d) \text{ is true,} \\ 0 & \text{if } P(n, d) \text{ is false} \end{cases}$$

$(d, e, k)$	Author/Identity	modulus
$(1, 1, 2)$	Rogers-Ramanujan	5
$(1, 1, k)$	G.E. Andrews	$2k + 1$
$(1, 2, 1)$	L.J. Rogers	5
$(1, 2, 2)$	Rogers-Selberg	7
$(1, 2, 4)$	D. Stanton	11
$(1, 3, 2)$	W.N. Bailey	9
$(1, 6, 3)$	Verma-Jain	17
$(1, 6, 4)$	Verma-Jain	19
$(2, 1, 2)$	L.J. Rogers	10
$(2, 1, 3)$	L.J. Rogers	14
$(2, 1, 5)$	Verma-Jain	22
$(2, 2, 3)$	S. O. Warnaar	11
$(2, 2, 4)$	G. E. Andrews	13
$(2, 3, 4)$	Verma-Jain	34
$(2, 3, 5)$	Verma-Jain	38
$(3, 1, 4)$	F.J. Dyson	27
$(3, 1, 5)$	Verma-Jain	33
$(3, 2, 5)$	Verma-Jain	51
$(3, 2, 6)$	Verma-Jain	57
$(6, 1, 8)$	Verma-Jain	102
$(6, 1, 9)$	Verma-Jain	114

$(d, e, k)$	modulus
(1, 2, 3)	9
(1, 3, 1)	7
(1, 3, 3)	11
(1, 3, 5)	15
(1, 4, 1)	9
(1, 4, 2)	11
(1, 4, 4)	15
(2, 1, 1)	6
(2, 1, 4)	18
(2, 2, 2)	18
(2, 2, 5)	30
(3, 1, 3)	21
(4, 1, 6)	52
(4, 1, 7)	60

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{2n^2+3r^2+4nr}}{(-q; q)_{n+r} (-q; q)_{n+2r} (q; q)_n (q; q)_r} \\
&= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{9j-4})(1 - q^{9j-5})(1 - q^{9j})}{1 - q^{2j}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2+3r^2+4nr} (-q; -q)_{2n+2r}}{(q^2; q^2)_{2n+2r} (q^2; q^2)_r (q^2; q^2)_n} \\
&= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{14j-6})(1 - q^{14j-8})(1 - q^{14j})(1 - q^{4j-2})}{1 - q^j}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{2n^2+3r^2+4nr}}{(-q; q)_{2n+2r} (q; q^2)_r (q; q)_r (q^2; q^2)_n} \\
&= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{30j-14})(1 - q^{30j-16})(1 - q^{30j})}{1 - q^{2j}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2+2r^2}}{(q; q^2)_n (q^2; q^2)_r (q^2, q^4)_r (q; q)_{n-2r}} \\
&= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 - q^{60j-28})(1 - q^{60j-32})(1 - q^{60j})}{1 - q^j}
\end{aligned}$$



**Definition 1.** A *partition*  $\pi$  of an integer  $n$  is a finite, nonincreasing sequence of positive integers  $(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_s)$  whose sum is  $n$ . Each  $\pi_j$  is called a *part* of  $\pi$ .

**Example 1.** There are five partitions of the number 4:

(4), (3, 1) (2, 2) (2, 1, 1) (1, 1, 1, 1)

Recall the first Rogers-Ramanujan identity:

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q; q)_n} = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1 - q^{5j-1})(1 - q^{5j-4})}.$$

### **The First Rogers-Ramanujan Identity—Combinatorial Form.**

*The number of partitions of  $n$  into parts which are distinct, nonconsecutive integers equals*

*the number of partitions of  $n$  into parts which are  $\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ .*

Example: Of the forty-two partitions of 10, there are six in which the parts are distinct and nonconsecutive:

$(10), (9, 1), (8, 2), (7, 3), (6, 4), (6, 3, 1)$

and there are six in which all parts are  $\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ :

$(9, 1), (6, 4), (6, 1, 1, 1, 1), (4, 4, 1, 1),$   
 $(4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1).$

**Gordon's Combinatorial Generalization of Rogers-Ramanujan.** Let  $B_{k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  wherein

- $1$  appears as a part at most  $i - 1$  times, and
- the total number of appearances of any two consecutive integers  $j$  and  $j + 1$  is at most  $k - 1$

Let  $A_{k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  into parts  $\not\equiv 0, \pm i \pmod{2k + 1}$ . Then

$$A_{k,i}(n) = B_{k,i}(n)$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

**Andrews-Gordon Theorem.** For  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{k-1} \geq 0} \frac{q^{N_1^2 + N_2^2 + \dots + N_{k-1}^2 + N_i + N_{i+1} + \dots + N_{k-1}}{(q; q)_{n_1} (q; q)_{n_2} \cdots (q; q)_{n_{k-1}}}}{= \prod_{\substack{j \geq 1 \\ j \not\equiv 0, \pm i \pmod{2k+1}}} \frac{1}{1 - q^j}}$$

where  $N_h = n_h + n_{h+1} + \dots + n_{k-1}$ .

$$H_{k,i}(a; x; q) := \left( \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1 - axq^j}{1 - xq^{j-1}} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{kn} q^{kn^2 + (1-i)n} a^n (a^{-1}; q)_n}{(q; q)_n (axq; q)_n} \\ \times (1 - x^i q^{2ni})(x; q)_n$$

$$J_{k,i}(a; x; q) := H_{k,i}(a; xq; q) - axq H_{k,i-1}(a; xq; q)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{en} q^{en^2} \beta_n^{(d,e,k)}(x^e, q^e) = \left( \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1 - xq^{dj}}{1 - x^e q^{ej}} \right) H_{d(e-1)+k,1}(0; x; q^d)$$

$$Q_i^{(d,e,k)}(x) := \left( \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{1 - xq^{dj}}{1 - x^e q^{ej}} \right) J_{d(e-1)+k,i}(0; x; q^d)$$

Let  $A_{d,k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  into parts  $\not\equiv 0, \pm di \pmod{2dk + d}$ . Let  $B_{d,k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  wherein

- The integer  $d$  appears as a part at most  $i - 1$  times,
- the total number of appearances of  $dj$  and  $dj + d$  (i.e. any two consecutive multiples of  $d$ ) together is at most  $k - 1$ , and
- nonmultiples of  $d$  may appear as parts without restriction.

Then for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $A_{d,k,i}(n) = B_{d,k,i}(n)$



Euler multiparameter Bailey pair

$$\tilde{\alpha}_n^{(d,e,k)}(x, q) := q^{n(d-n)/2de} x^{-n/de} \frac{(-x^{1/e}; q^{d/e})_{n/d}}{(-q^{d/e}; q^{d/e})_{n/d}} \alpha_n^{(d,e,k)}(x, q)$$

Jackson-Slater multiparameter Bailey pair

$$\bar{\alpha}_n^{(d,e,k)}(x, q) := (-1)^{n/d} q^{-n^2/2de} \frac{(q^{d/2e}; q^{d/e})_{n/d}}{(x^{1/e} q^{d/2e}; q^{d/e})_{n/d}} \alpha_n^{(d,e,k)}(x, q)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{2n^2+4nr+4r^2}(q; q^2)_r}{(q^2; q^2)_r(-q; q)_{2r}(q^2; q^2)_n} &= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1-q^{5j})(1-q^{10j-5})}{1-q^{2j}} \\
\sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2+2nr+2r^2}(-q; q^2)_r}{(q; q)_{2r}(q; q)_n} &= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1-q^{10j})(1-q^{20j-10})}{1-q^j} \\
\sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2+2nr+3r^2}(-q; q^2)_{n+r}(-q^2; q^4)_r}{(q^2; q^2)_{2r}(q^2; q^2)_n} &= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1-q^{14j})(1-q^{28j-14})}{1-q^{2j}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2+2r^2}}{(q; q^2)_n (q; q)_{2r} (q; q)_{n-2r}} \\ = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 + q^{16j-7})(1 + q^{16j-9})(1 - q^{16j})}{1 - q^j}$$

$$\sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{4n^2+6r^2+8nr}}{(-q^2; q^2)_{2n+2r} (q; q)_{2r} (q^4; q^4)_n} \\ = \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 + q^{16j-7})(1 + q^{16j-9})(1 - q^{16j})}{1 - q^{4j}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{4n^2+8r^2+8nr} (-q; q^2)_{2r}}{(q^4; q^4)_{2r} (q^4; q^4)_n} \\
&= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 + q^{20j-9})(1 + q^{20j-11})(1 - q^{20j})}{1 - q^{4j}} \\
& \sum_{n,r \geq 0} \frac{q^{2n^2+4r^2+4nr}}{(-q; q)_{2n+2r} (q; q)_{2r} (q; q)_{2n}} \\
&= \prod_{j \geq 1} \frac{(1 + q^{24j-11})(1 + q^{24j-13})(1 - q^{24j})}{1 - q^{2j}}
\end{aligned}$$

## Andrews-Bressoud Even Modulus Partition

**Thm.** Let  $1 \leq i < k$ . Let  $C_{k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions  $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_s)$  of  $n$  such that

- 1 appears at most  $i - 1$  times,
- $\pi_j - \pi_{j+k-1} \geq 2$ , and
- if  $\pi_j - \pi_{j+k-2} \leq 1$ , then  $\sum_{h=0}^{k-2} \pi_{j+h} \equiv (i-1) \pmod{2}$ .

Let  $D_{k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  into parts  $\not\equiv 0, \pm i \pmod{2k}$ . Then  $C_{k,i}(n) = D_{k,i}(n)$  for all  $n$ .

**Andrews-Santos Combinatorial Generalization of Jackson-Slater.** Let  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Let  $E_{k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  such that

- $2$  appears as a part at most  $i - 1$  times,
- the total number of appearances of any two consecutive evens is at most  $k - 1$ ,
- for any positive integer  $j$ ,  $2j - 1$  may appear only if  $2j - 2$  and  $2j$  appears the maximum number of times, i.e.  $k - 1$  times.

Let  $G_{k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  into parts which are either even but not multiples of  $4k$ , or distinct, odd, and congruent to  $\pm(2i - 1) \pmod{4k}$ . Then  $E_{k,i}(n) = G_{k,i}(n)$  for all  $n$ .

**Definition 2.** An *overpartition* of an integer  $n$  is a nonincreasing finite sequence of positive integers whose sum is  $n$  in which the first occurrence of a given number may be overlined

**Example 2.** There are three ordinary partitions of 3:

$$(3) \quad (2, 1) \quad (1, 1, 1)$$

and there are eight overpartitions of 3:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} (3) & (\bar{3}) & & \\ (2, 1) & (\bar{2}, 1) & (2, \bar{1}) & (\bar{2}, \bar{1}) \\ & (1, 1, 1) & (\bar{1}, 1, 1) & \end{array}$$

Let  $d$  be an odd positive integer and let  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Let  $E_{d,k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions  $\pi$  of  $n$  such that

- The number  $2d$  appears as a part at most  $i - 1$  times,
- The total number of consecutive multiples of  $2d$  is at most  $k - 1$ , and
- An odd multiple of  $d$  may appear only if the total number of adjacent even multiples of  $d$  appears exactly  $k - 1$  times

Let  $G_{d,k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  into parts which are either even but not multiples of  $4dk$ , or distinct, odd and congruent to  $\pm d(2i - 1) \pmod{4dk}$ .

Then  $E_{d,k,i}(n) = G_{d,k,i}(n)$ .



Let  $d$  be an even positive integer and let  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Let  $I_{d,k,i}(n)$  denote the number of partitions  $\pi$  of  $n$  such that

- The number of appearances of any odd number must be a multiple of  $d$
- Multiples of  $d$  appear at most  $i - 1$  times
- The total number of consecutive multiples of  $2d$  is at most  $k - 1$ , and
- An odd multiple of  $d$  may appear only if the total number of adjacent even multiples of  $d$  appears exactly  $k - 1$  times

Let  $K_{d,k,i}(n)$  denote the number of overpartitions of  $n$  into parts which are either even but not multiples of  $4dk$ , and the overlined parts are congruent to  $\pm d(2i - 1) \pmod{4dk}$ .

Then  $I_{d,k,i}(n) = K_{d,k,i}(n)$ .