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LECTURE 2

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and

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Theorem (ATKIN AND SWINNERTON-DYER)

Let $t = 5$. Then

$$r_{1,2}(0) = \frac{q}{(q^5; q^5)_\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n q^{15n(n+1)/2}}{1 - q^{5n+1}},$$

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WATSON-WHIPPLE

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EXAMPLE The 41 vector partitions of 4 are given in the table below. From the this table we have

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Similarly

$$N_V(0, 5, 4) = N_V(1, 5, 4) = \cdots = N_V(4, 5, 4) = 1 = \frac{p(4)}{5},$$

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SOLUTION OF DYSON'S CRANK CONJECTURE

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&\quad \text{(by Cauchy with } \zeta = z^{-1}q, a = zq) \\
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Theorem (ANDREWS AND G.)

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SOLUTION OF CRANK CONJECTURE

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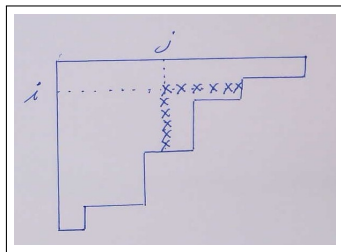
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CRANKS AND t -CORES [G., KIM and STANTON]

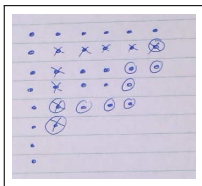
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$$\alpha = 6 + 6 + 6 + 5 + 5 + 2 + 1 + 1$$



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$$|H_{ij}^\alpha| = |R_{ij}^\alpha| = t$$

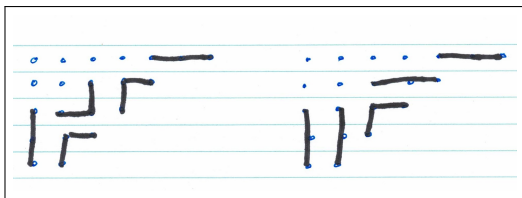
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A partition is a t -core if it has no hook numbers that are multiples of t .

Theorem

Given any partition α and any integer $t \geq 1$, successive removal of t -rim hooks gives rise to a unique t -core partition.

EXAMPLE The 3-core of the partition $\alpha = 7 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2$ is $\tilde{\alpha} = 4 + 2$.



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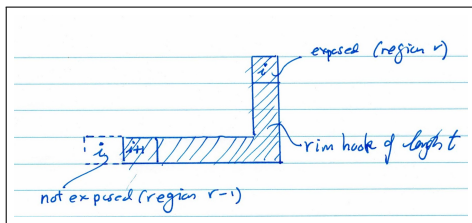
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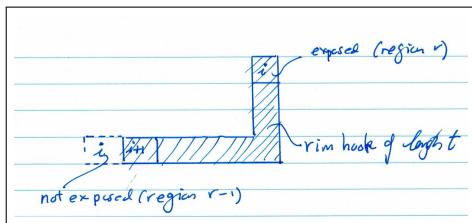


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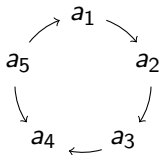
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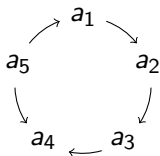


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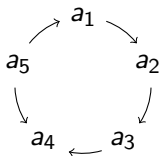
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Recall the bijection

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where

$$\Phi(\pi) = (\pi_0, \pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4, \tilde{\pi})$$

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Theorem

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the function

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