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Littlewood

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$$\sum_{n_1, n_2 \geq 0} \frac{q^{n_1^2 - n_1 n_2 + n_2^2}}{(q; q)_{n_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 2n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - q^{7n-1})^2 (1 - q^{7n-3}) (1 - q^{7n-4}) (1 - q^{7n-6})^2}$$

# Introduction

$\chi_{\Lambda}(z, q)$  character of  $A_{n-1}^{(1)}$  highest weight module of highest weight  $\Lambda$ .

Branching rule:

$$\chi_{\Lambda}(z, q) \chi_{\Lambda'}(z, q) = \sum_{\Lambda''} b_{\Lambda\Lambda'}^{\Lambda''}(q) \chi_{\Lambda''}(z, q)$$

$$\Lambda = \mu_0 \Lambda_0 + \dots + \mu_{n-1} \Lambda_{n-1}, \quad \Lambda_i \text{ fundamental weights}$$

$$\text{Level } l = \mu_0 + \dots + \mu_{n-1} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\text{If } l = \frac{n}{k-n} - n, \quad l' = 1, \quad l'' = l + l' = \frac{k}{k-n} - n$$

then  $b_{\Lambda\Lambda'}^{\Lambda''}(q)$  may be labelled by a single

level  $k-n$  dominant integral weight  $j$ , i.e.,

$$j = (j_0 - 1) \Lambda_0 + \dots + (j_{n-1} - 1) \Lambda_{n-1}$$

$$j_i \geq 1, \quad j_0 + \dots + j_{n-1} = k$$

$$b_j(q) = \frac{(q^k; q^k)_\infty^{n-1}}{(q; q)_\infty^{n-1}} \prod_{a=1}^{n-1} \prod_{b=0}^{n-1} (q^{j_b + j_{b+1} + \dots + j_{a+b-1}}; q^k)_\infty$$

Here  $j_i = j_{i'}$  if  $i \equiv i' \pmod{n}$  and

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

$$(a; q)_\infty = (1-a)(1-aq) \dots \quad |q| < 1$$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; q)_n = (a_1; q)_n \dots (a_k; q)_n$$

### Example 1

$$A_1^{(1)}, \quad k=5, \quad j_0=2, \quad j_1=3 \quad (\text{or } j_0=3, \quad j_1=2)$$

$$b_j(q) = \frac{(q^2, q^3, q^5; q^5)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}$$

### Example 2

$$A_1^{(1)}, \quad k \rightarrow 2k+1, \quad j_0=k, \quad j_1=k+1$$

$$b_j(q) = \frac{(q^k, q^{k+1}, q^{2k+1}; q^{2k+1})_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}$$

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### Example 1

$$A_1^{(1)}, k=5, j_0=2, j_1=3 \quad (\text{or } j_0=3, j_1=2)$$

$$b_j(q) = \frac{(q^2, q^3, q^5; q^5)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q; q)_n}$$

first RR identity

### Example 2

$$A_1^{(1)}, k \rightarrow 2k+1, j_0=k, j_1=k+1$$

$$b_j(q) = \frac{(q^k, q^{k+1}, q^{2k+1}; q^{2k+1})_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}$$

$$= \sum \frac{q^{n_1^2 + \dots + n_{k-1}^2}}{(q; q)_{n_1} \dots (q; q)_{n_{k-1}}}$$

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general.

Despite  $> 100$  years of RR identities and numerous generalizations (all related to  $A_1^{(1)}$ ) very little is known about  $b_j(q)$  for  $A_{n-1}^{(1)}$ .

Andrews, Schilling, SOW ('99):

$$A_2^{(1)}, (j_0, j_1, j_2) = (2, 2, 3), k = 2 + 2 + 3 = 7$$

$$b_j(q) = \frac{(q^2, q^2, q^3, q^4, q^5, q^5, q^7, q^7; q^7)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty^2}$$

$$= \sum_{n_1, n_2 \geq 0} \frac{q^{n_1^2 - n_1 n_2 + n_2^2}}{(q; q)_{n_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 2n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here  $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \frac{(q; q)_n}{(q; q)_k (q; q)_{n-k}}$  is a  $q$ -binomial coefficient

## Motivation

Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $P_\lambda(x; q)$  the Hall-Littlewood polynomial labelled by the partition  $\lambda$ .

Macdonald:

$$\sum_{\lambda} P_{2\lambda}(x; q) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1-x_i^2} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{1-qx_i x_j}{1-x_i x_j} =: \Psi(x; q)$$

Stembridge:

$$\sum_{\lambda, \lambda_i \leq k-1} P_{2\lambda}(x; q) = \sum_{\varepsilon \in \{-1, 1\}^n} \Psi(x^\varepsilon; q) (x^{1-\varepsilon})^{k-1} \quad (1)$$

Specialization formula

$$P_\lambda(1, q, \dots, q^{n-1}) = \frac{q^{n(\lambda)} (q; q)_n}{(q; q)_{n-l(\lambda)} b_\lambda(q)} \quad (2)$$

$n(\lambda) = \sum_{i \geq 1} (i-1)\lambda_i$ ,  $l(\lambda)$  length of  $\lambda$ ,

$$b_\lambda(q) = \prod_{i \geq 1} (q; q)_{m_i(\lambda)} = \prod_{i \geq 1} (q; q)_{\lambda'_i - \lambda'_{i+1}}$$

(1) & (2) &  $n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda \\ \lambda_1 < k}} \frac{q^{2n(\lambda) + |\lambda|}}{b_\lambda(q)} = \frac{(q^k, q^{k+1}, q^{2k+1}; q^{2k+1})_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}$$

$k=2$  first Rogers-Ramanujan identity

$k>2$  Andrews-Gordon generalization

Question Can one prove the  $A_2$  RR identity using Hall-Littlewood polynomials?

## Hall-Littlewood functions

$$P_{\lambda}(x; q) = \sum_{w \in S_n / S_n^{\lambda}} w \left( x^{\lambda} \prod_{\lambda_i > \lambda_j} \frac{x_i - qx_j}{x_i - x_j} \right)$$

The  $P_{\lambda}(x; q)$  form a  $\mathbb{Z}[q]$  basis of  $\Lambda_n[q]$

Stability  $P_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0; q) = P_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n; q) \Rightarrow$

Hall-Littlewood 'functions' in an infinite # of variables  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}[q]$  basis of  $\Lambda[q]$ .

$P_{\lambda}(x; 1) = m_{\lambda}(x)$  monomial symmetric function

$P_{\lambda}(x; 0) = s_{\lambda}(x)$  Schur function

Classical  $\sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda}(x) = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1-x_i} \Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{\lambda, \mu} m_{\lambda}(x) m_{\mu}(y) = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1-x_i)(1-y_i)}$$



## $A_2$ Hall-Littlewood identity

$$\sum_{\lambda, \mu} q^{n(\lambda) + n(\mu) - (\lambda' | \mu')} P_{\lambda}(x; q) P_{\mu}(y; q)$$
$$= \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{(1-x_i)(1-y_i)} \prod_{i, j \geq 1} \frac{1-x_i y_j}{1-q^{-1} x_i y_j}$$

$$n(\lambda) = \sum_{i \geq 1} (i-1) \lambda_i = \sum_{i \geq 1} \binom{\lambda'_i}{2}$$

$$(\lambda | \mu) = \sum_{i \geq 1} \lambda_i \mu_i$$

$$\psi_{\tau}(q) = \prod_i \psi_{\lambda^{(i)}/\lambda^{(i-1)}}(q)$$

$$\phi_{\tau}(q) = \prod_i \phi_{\lambda^{(i)}/\lambda^{(i-1)}}(q)$$

$$\psi_{\lambda/\mu}(q) = \prod_{j \in \gamma} (1 - q^{m_j(\mu)})$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\lambda - \mu$  horizontal strip

$\gamma$ : set of integers  $j$  such that column  $j$  of  $\lambda - \mu$  is empty and column  $j+1$  is nonempty

$$\phi_{\lambda/\mu}(q) = \prod_{i \in I} (1 - q^{m_i(\lambda)})$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\lambda - \mu$  h.s.

$I$ : set of integers  $i$  such that column  $i$  of  $\lambda - \mu$  is nonempty and column  $i+1$  is empty

Example  $\lambda = (6, 5, 2)$ ,  $\mu = (5, 4)$

$$\lambda - \mu = \begin{array}{cccccc} \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \end{array} \quad I = \{2, 6\}, \quad \gamma = \{4\}$$

$$\phi_{\lambda/\mu}(q) = (1 - q^{m_2(\lambda)}) (1 - q^{m_6(\lambda)}) = (1 - q)^2$$

$$\psi_{\lambda/\mu}(q) = (1 - q^{m_4(\mu)}) = (1 - q)$$

# Proof

$$P_\lambda(x; q) = \sum_{\tau} \psi_\tau(q) x^\tau$$

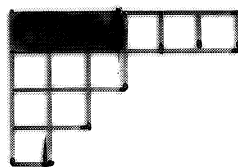
$$Q_\lambda(x; q) = b_\lambda(q) P_\lambda(x; q) = \sum_{\tau} \phi_\tau(q) x^\tau$$

1	1	1	2	3	4
2	3	5			
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$$x^\tau = x_1^3 x_2^2 x_3^3 x_4^2 x_5^2$$

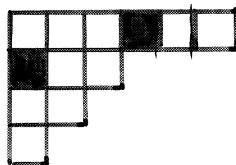
$$\lambda^{(1)} = (3)$$

$$\lambda^{(1)} - \lambda^{(0)}$$



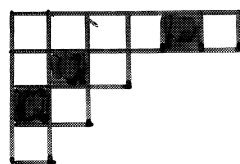
$$\lambda^{(2)} = (4, 1)$$

$$\lambda^{(2)} - \lambda^{(1)}$$



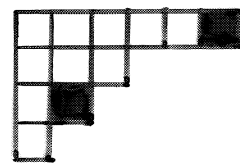
$$\lambda^{(3)} = (5, 2, 1)$$

$$\lambda^{(3)} - \lambda^{(2)}$$



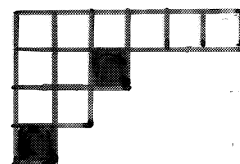
$$\lambda^{(4)} = (6, 2, 2)$$

$$\lambda^{(4)} - \lambda^{(3)}$$



$$\lambda = \lambda^{(5)} = (6, 3, 2, 1)$$

$$\lambda^{(5)} - \lambda^{(4)}$$



For  $\lambda, \mu$  partitions

$$\sum_{\substack{\nu \\ \nu-\mu \text{ h.s.}}} q^{n(\lambda)+n(\nu)-(\lambda'|\nu')} z^{|\nu-\mu|} \psi_{\nu/\mu}(q)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-z} \sum_{\substack{\nu \\ \lambda-\nu \text{ h.s.}}} q^{n(\mu)+n(\nu)-(\mu'|\nu')} (z/q)^{|\lambda-\nu|} \phi_{\lambda/\nu}(q)$$

Generalized geometric series

$$\lambda = \mu = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \nu = (k) & \text{on lhs} \\ \nu = 0 & \text{on rhs} \end{cases}$$

$$\psi_{(k)/0}(q) = \phi_{0/0}(q) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k = \frac{1}{1-z}$$

## A<sub>2</sub> Rogers-Ramanujan

Take  $x = (a, aq, \dots, aq^{n-1}, 0, 0, \dots)$

$y = (b, bq, \dots, bq^{m-1}, 0, 0, \dots)$  in HL identity

$\Rightarrow$

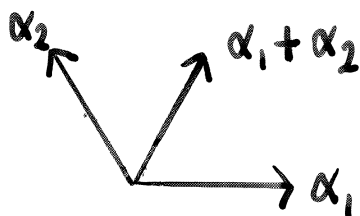
$$\sum_{\lambda, \mu} \frac{a^{|\lambda|} b^{|\mu|} q^{(\lambda'|\lambda') + (\mu'|\mu') - (\lambda'|\mu')}}{(q; q)_{n-l(\lambda)} (q; q)_{m-l(\mu)} b_{\lambda}(q) b_{\mu}(q)}$$

$$= \frac{(abq; q)_{n+m}}{(q, aq, abq; q)_n (q, bq, abq; q)_m} \quad (3)$$

Note:  $n \rightarrow \infty$  &  $a \rightarrow a_1, b \rightarrow a_2 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{(a, q, a_2q, a, a_2q; q)_{\infty}} = \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta_+} \frac{1}{(a^{\alpha} q; q)_{\infty}}$$

$\Delta_+$  set of positive roots of  $A_2$

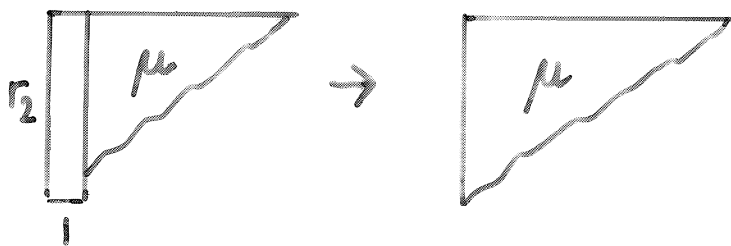
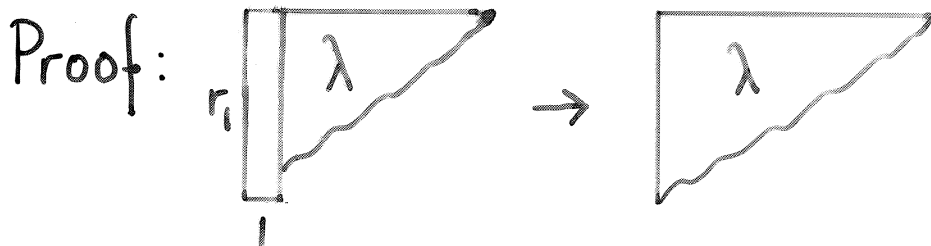


Denote the lhs of (3) by  $R_{(n,m)}(a,b;q)$

Then trivially

$$\sum_{r_1=0}^n \sum_{r_2=0}^m \frac{q^{r_1^2 - r_1 r_2 + r_2^2} a^{r_1} b^{r_2}}{(q;q)_{n-r_1} (q;q)_{m-r_2}} R_{(r_1, r_2)}(a, b; q)$$

$$= R_{(n,m)}(a, b; q) \quad (4)$$



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Corollary: Denote the rhs of (3) by  $R_{(n,m)}(a,b;q)$

Then (4) again holds

Let  $k_1 + k_2 + k_3 = 0$  and replace  $r_1 \rightarrow r_1 - k_1 - k_2$ ,  
 $r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - k_1$ ,  $a \rightarrow q^{k_2 - k_3}$ ,  $b \rightarrow q^{k_1 - k_2}$ ,  $n \rightarrow n - k_1 - k_2$ ,  
 $m \rightarrow m - k_1 \Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{r_1=0}^n \sum_{r_2=0}^m \frac{q^{r_1^2 - r_1 r_2 + r_2^2}}{(q; q)_{n-r_1} (q; q)_{m-r_2} (q; q)_{r_1+r_2}^2} \prod_{i=1}^3 \begin{bmatrix} r_1+r_2 \\ r_1+k_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{q^{\frac{1}{2}(k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2)}}{(q; q)_{n+m}^2} \prod_{i=1}^3 \begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ n+k_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$A_2$  Bailey lemma (Andrews-Schilling-SOW)

Apply (5) to  $A_2$  Euler identity ( $k-1$  times)

$$\sum_{k_1+k_2+k_3=0} \sum_{w \in S_3} \varepsilon(w) \prod_{i=1}^3 q^{\frac{3}{2}k_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}(3k_i - w_i + i)^2 - w_i k_i} \begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ n+3k_i - w_i + i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} n+m \\ n \end{bmatrix}$$

and then let  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\substack{\lambda, \mu \\ l(\lambda), l(\mu) < k}} \frac{q^{(\lambda|\lambda) + (\mu|\mu) - (\lambda|\mu)}}{b_{\lambda'}(q) b_{\mu'}(q) (q; q)_{\lambda_{k-1} + \mu_{k-1}}}$$

$$= \frac{(q^k, q^k, q^{k+1}, q^{2k}, q^{2k+1}, q^{2k+1}, q^{3k+1}, q^{3k+1}; q^{3k+1})_{\infty}}{(q; q)_{\infty}^3}$$

$k=2$  (first)  $A_2$  Rogers-Ramanujan identity

$k>2$   $A_2$  Andrews-Gordon identity

(ASW)



# Encore (or the rewards of reviewing)

$\Gamma$  quiver (directed graph) of  $n$  vertices

$\Delta \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$  root system associated to  $\Gamma$

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n - \{0\}$$

$A_\Gamma(\alpha, p)$  # of isomorphism classes of absolutely indecomposable reps. of dimension vector  $\alpha$  over the algebraic closure of a field of  $p$  elements

- $A_\Gamma(\alpha, p)$
- 1)  $\overset{pe}{\vee}$  independent of orientation of the arrows (Kac)
  - 2)  $\in \mathbb{Z}[p]$  (Kac)
  - 3)  $\in \mathbb{N}[p]$  (Kac conjecture 1)
  - 4)  $A_\Gamma(\alpha, 0) = \text{mult}(\alpha)$  (Kac conj. 2)

$$\text{Let } A_{\Gamma}(\alpha, p) = t_0(\alpha) + t_1(\alpha)p + \dots + t_d(\alpha)p^d$$

Hua:

$$\sum_{\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(n)}} q^{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda^{(i)' | \lambda^{(i)'}) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_{ij}(\lambda^{(i)' | \lambda^{(j)'})} a_1^{|\lambda^{(1)}|} \dots a_n^{|\lambda^{(n)}|}} \\ \downarrow \\ b_{\lambda^{(1)}}(q) \dots b_{\lambda^{(n)}}(q)$$

$$= \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \prod_{j=0}^d \frac{1}{(a^\alpha q^{1-j}; q)_\infty}$$

$A_{ij}$  # edges between  $i$  and  $j$

Example  $\Gamma$ :   $A_n$

$$A_{\Gamma}(\alpha, p) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(n)}} q^{n(\lambda^{(1)}) + \dots + n(\lambda^{(n)}) - (\lambda^{(1)' | \lambda^{(2)'}) - \dots - (\lambda^{(n-1)' | \lambda^{(n)'})}$$

$$\times P_{\lambda^{(1)}}(1, q, q^2, \dots; q) \dots P_{\lambda^{(n)}}(1, q, q^2, \dots; q)$$

$$= \prod_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \frac{1}{(a^\alpha q; q)_\infty}$$

## Challenge

Compute

$$\sum_{\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(n)}} q^{n(\lambda^{(1)}) + \dots + n(\lambda^{(n)}) - (\lambda^{(1)' | \lambda^{(2)'}) - \dots - (\lambda^{(n-1)' | \lambda^{(n)'})}$$
$$\times P_{\lambda^{(1)}}(x; q) P_{\lambda^{(2)}}(y; q) \dots P_{\lambda^{(n)}}(z; q)$$