

On q-Rising Factorials and the Necessity of Shared Memory Calculations

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Partitions

A *partition* π is a finite sequence of *non-decreasing* positive integers $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{\#(\pi)})$.

For a given partition $\pi = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{\#(\pi)})$ the sum $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_{\#(\pi)}$ is the *size* of the partition π and it is denoted by $|\pi|$.

Ex:

- $\pi = (1, 1, 5)$ is a partition of $|\pi| = 7$.
- $\pi = \emptyset$ is the unique partition of 0.

Generating Functions

For a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, the series

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n q^n$$

is called a *generating function*.

Let $\mathcal{D}$ be the set of all partitions into non-repeating parts.

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{D}} q^{|\pi|} = 1 + q + q^2 + 2q^3 + 2q^4 + 3q^5 + 4q^6 + 5q^7 + 6q^8 + 8q^9 + \dots$$

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q -Pochhammer Symbol

$$(a; q)_L := \prod_{i=0}^{L-1} (1 - aq^i), \text{ and } (a; q)_\infty := \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (a; q)_L.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-q; q)_\infty &= (1 + q^1)(1 + q^2)(1 + q^3) \dots \\ &= 1 + q^1 + q^2 + (q^{1+2} + q^3) + \dots \\ &= \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{D}} q^{|\pi|}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{D}$ is the set of all partitions into non-repeating parts.
Similarly,

$$(q; q)_\infty = \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{D}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)} q^{|\pi|}.$$

Generating Functions

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{D}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)} q^{|\pi|} = \sum_{\substack{\pi \in \mathcal{D} \\ \#(\pi) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}}} q^{|\pi|} - \sum_{\substack{\pi \in \mathcal{D} \\ \#(\pi) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}} q^{|\pi|}.$$

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$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{D}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)} q^{|\pi|} = 1 - q - q^2 + q^5 + q^7 - q^{12} - q^{15} + \dots$$

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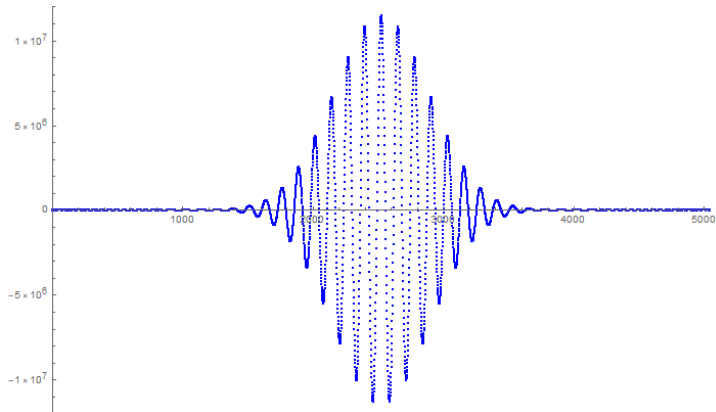
Let N be a positive integer,

$$(q; q)_N := \sum_{i=0}^{N(N+1)/2} a_{i,N} q^i.$$

What about the $a_{i,N}$?

$$(q; q)_4 = 1 - q - q^2 + 2q^5 - q^8 - q^9 + q^{10}.$$

Plot of $(q; q)_{100}$



Maximum absolute coefficient is $a_{2525,100} = 11,493,312$.

Classification of $(q; q)_N$ by maximum $|a_{i,N}|$

Joint with Berkovich, I developed an elementary method to find all N where $|a_{i,N}| < L$ for any choice of L .¹

While looking through the literature, we saw the following:

¹On some polynomials of Bloch–Pólya type, with A. Berkovich, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 146 (2018), no. 7, 2827–2838

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A160089 The maximum of the absolute value of the coefficients of $P_n = (1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3)\dots(1-x^n)$.⁴
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 1321, 1600, 1891, 2274, 2711, 3280, 3895, 4694, 5591, 6780, 8051, 9729, 11624 ([list](#); [graph](#); [refs](#); [listen](#);
[history](#); [text](#); [internal format](#))
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 COMMENTS If n is even then $a(n)$ is the absolute value of the coefficient of $z^{(n(n+1)/4)}$. If
 n is odd, it is an open question as to which coefficient is $a(n)$.

Where is the maximum abs. coefficient of $(q; q)_n$?

The only way to speculate is to calculate.

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned} (q; q)_N &:= (1 - q)(1 - q^2) \dots (1 - q^{N-1})(1 - q^N) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{N(N+1)/2} a_{i,N} q^i. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$a_{i,N} = a_{i,N-1} - a_{i-N,N-1}.$$

Necessary resources for the calculation

That's where a big computer like MACH2² becomes a necessity!

- The degree(length) of the polynomial(array) grows quadratically.
- The magnitude of the maximum coefficient grows exponentially³.
- To parallelize efficiently, we need to at least double the amount of data used.
- Splitting the data makes no sense.

²Please feel free to ask me about this supercomputer after the talk.

³C. Sudler Jr, *Two algebraic identities and the unboundedness of a restricted partition function*. Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 15 (1964), 16-20.

What did we calculate?

$$(q; q)_N := \sum_{i=0}^{N(N+1)/2} a_{i,N} q^i,$$

define

$$\mathcal{M}_N = \max_i |a_{i,N}|$$

and $L(N)$ be the smallest integer such that $a_{L(N),N} = \mathcal{M}_N$. Let

$$D_N = \frac{N(N+1)}{4} - L(N) \text{ and } E_N = D_N - D_{N-4}.$$

What did we calculate?

- $L(N)$ location of the maximum absolute coefficient,
- D_N distance of the maximum absolute coefficient from the midpoint,
- $E_N = D_N - D_{N-4}$ the first difference of the D_N 's in residue classes mod 4.

Conjecture (Berkovich-U. 2019)

$E_N \in \{1, 2\}$ for all $N \geq 61$.

$$L(N) = \frac{N(N+1)}{4} - \left(D_m + \sum_{i=1}^{(N-m)/4} E_{m+4i} \right).$$

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The alphabet

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 a = \overbrace{2112111211121112112}^{19}, & k = \overbrace{1211121112111211121}^{19}, \\
 b = 1112111211121112112, & l = 1211121112111211211, \\
 c = 1112111211121112112, & m = 1211121112112111211, \\
 d = 1112111211211121112, & n = 1211121121112111211, \\
 e = 1112112111211121112, & o = 1211211121112111211, \\
 f = 1121112111211121112, & p = 2111211121112111211, \\
 g = 1121112111211121121, & q = 2111211121112112111, \\
 h = 1121112111211211121, & r = 2111211121121112111, \\
 i = 1121112112111211121, & s = 2111211211121112111, \\
 j = 1121121112111211121, & t = 2112111211121112111.
 \end{array}$$

The words using this alphabet

$a^1 b^4 c^4 d^4 e^4 f^3 g^4 h^5 i^4 j^4 k^3 l^4 m^4 n^4 o^5 p^3 q^4 r^4 s^4 t^3$
 $a^1 b^4 c^4 d^4 e^4 f^3 g^4 h^4 i^5 j^4 k^3 \dots$

word 1 word 2, etc.

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 a^1 b^4 c^4 d^4 e^4 f^3 g^4 h^5 i^4 j^4 k^3 l^4 m^4 n^4 o^5 p^3 q^4 r^4 s^4 t^3 \\
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 a^1 b^3 c^5 \dots
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

Conjecture (Berkovich-U. 2019⁴)

For any $k \geq 0$, $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$, let

$$A(k, r) = 5700r + 62624k - 76 \delta_{r,11},$$

where $\delta_{i,j}$ is the Kronecker delta, then,

$$L(5909 + A(k, r)) = \frac{(5909 + A(k, r))(5910 + A(k, r))}{4} - D_{5909+A(0,r)} - 19787k,$$

where the full list of needed seed values of D_n 's are

$$\begin{array}{lll} D_{5909} = 1867.5, & D_{11609} = 3668.5, & D_{17309} = 5469.5, \\ D_{23009} = 7270.5, & D_{28709} = 9071.5, & D_{34409} = 9675.5, \\ D_{40109} = 12673.5, & D_{45809} = 14474.5, & D_{51509} = 16275.5, \\ D_{57209} = 18076.5, & D_{62833} = 19853.5. & \end{array}$$

⁴Where do the maximum absolute q -series coefficients of $(1-q)(1-q^2)(1-q^3)\dots(1-q^{n-1})(1-q^n)$ occur?, with A. Berkovich.

Thank you for your time

and a special thanks to the MACH2 group.

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