

Suppose $0 < Q < 1$ & $z \neq 0$.

Let $q = \sqrt{Q} = Q^{1/2}$, $z = zQ^{1/2}$. By J.T.P. method

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n Q^{n/2} Q^{n^2/2} = (-zQ^{1/2}; Q)_{\infty} (-zQ^{-1/2}; Q)_{\infty} (Q; Q)_{\infty}$$

and
$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n Q^{n(n+1)/2} = (-zQ; Q)_{\infty} (-z^{-1}; Q)_{\infty} (Q; Q)_{\infty}.$$

By analytic continuation in q we have

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z^n q^{n(n+1)/2} = (-zq; q)_{\infty} (-z^{-1}; q)_{\infty} (q; q)_{\infty}$$

for $|q| < 1$.

COR (Euler's P.N.T).

For $|q| < 1$,
$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n(3n+1)/2}.$$

Proof: In (*), replace q by q^3 and let $z = -q^{-1}$.

So

$$\begin{aligned} -zq &\rightarrow (-)(-q^{-1})q^3 = q^2 \\ -z^{-1} &\rightarrow q \quad \& \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-q)^{-n} q^{\frac{1}{2}(3n^2+3n)} = (q^2; q^3)_{\infty} (q; q^3)_{\infty} (q^3; q^3)_{\infty}$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{\frac{1}{2}(3n^2-n)} = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - q^{3n+2})(1 - q^{3n+1})(1 - q^{3n+3})$$

Replacing n by $-n$ in the same we have

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{\frac{1}{2}(3n^2+n)} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n). \quad \square$$