

Theorem

$$\alpha_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=0 \\ (-1)^n q^{n(n-1)/2} (1+q^n) & \text{if } n>1 \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=0 \\ 0 & \text{if } n>1 \end{cases}$$

is a Bailey pair with $a=1$.

Proof: We need $\sum_{j=0}^n (-1)^j z^j q^{j(j-1)/2} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ j \end{bmatrix}$

(See p. 36 of TEXT or p. 6 of Notes for Ch. 4).

We have to show first

$$\beta_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{d_r}{(q)_{n-r} (q)_{n+r}}$$

Clearly true when $n=0$ since $\beta_0 = d_0 = 1$.

Let $n>1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{d_j}{(q)_{n-j} (q)_{n+j}} &= \frac{1}{(q)_n^2} + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(-1)^j q^{j(j-1)/2} (1+q^j)}{(q)_{n-j} (q)_{n+j}} \\ &= \sum_{j=-n}^n \frac{(-1)^j q^{j(j-1)/2}}{(q)_{n-j} (q)_{n+j}} \end{aligned}$$