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$$C_{3m+1}(n) q^n = C_{3m}(n) q^n + q^{3m+1} C_{3m-2}(n-3m-1) q^{n-3m-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{3m+1}(n) q^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{3m}(n) q^n + q^{3m+1} \sum_{n \geq 3m+1} C_{3m-2}(n-3m-1) q^{n-3m-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{3m}(n) q^n + q^{3m+1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{3m-2}(n) q^n \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$f_{3m+1}(q) = f_{3m}(q) + q^{3m+1} f_{3m-2}(q).$$

Similarly,

$$f_{3m+2}(q) = f_{3m+1}(q) + q^{3m+2} f_{3m-1}(q)$$

$$f_{3m+3}(q) = f_{3m+2}(q) + q^{3m+3} f_{3m}(q).$$

Let $d_m(q) := f_{3m+2}(q).$

So

$$f_{3m+3}(q) = d_m(q) + q^{3m+3} d_{m-1}(q),$$

and $f_{3m+1}(q) = d_m(q) - q^{3m+2} d_{m-1}(q),$

$$d_m - q^{3m+2} d_{m-1} = d_{m-1} + q^{3m} d_{m-2} + q^{3m+1} (d_{m-1} - q^{3m-1} d_{m-2})$$

Hence,

(*) $d_m = (1 + q^{3m+1} + q^{3m+2}) d_{m-1} + q^{3m} (1 - q^{3m}) d_{m-2}$
for $m \geq 2$. This recurrence together with the initial conditions

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