

We will prove the following

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) q^n &= 1 + p(1)q^1 + p(2)q^2 + p(3)q^3 + p(4)q^4 + \dots \\ &= 1 + q + 2q^2 + 3q^3 + 5q^4 + \dots \\ &= \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-q^m} = \frac{1}{(1-q)} \frac{1}{(1-q^2)} \frac{1}{(1-q^3)} \dots \end{aligned}$$

for $|q| < 1$ (Euler) (convention: $p(0) = 1$).

for $n \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} p(n) &= p(n-1) + p(n-2) - p(n-5) - p(n-7) \\ &\quad + p(n-12) + p(n-15) \\ &\quad + \dots + (-1)^{k+1} (p(n - \frac{k(3k-1)}{2}) + p(n - \frac{k(3k+1)}{2})) \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

(Euler) (convention: $p(m) = 0$ if $m < 0$).

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} p(6) &= p(6-1) + p(6-2) - p(6-5) \\ &= p(5) + p(4) - p(1) = 7 + 3 - 1 = 11 \\ p(7) &= p(7-1) + p(7-2) - p(7-5) - p(7-7) \\ &= p(6) + p(5) - p(2) - p(0) \\ &= 11 + 7 - 2 - 1 \\ &= 15. \end{aligned}$$

Convergence of Infinite Products

Defn $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+a_n)$ converges if

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=1}^N (1+a_n)$ exists and does not

equal zero. We say the product converges

absolutely if $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+|a_n|)$ converges.