

Recurrences for computing $\{a_n\}$ & $\{b_n\}$

Suppose $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ and

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^{b_n} \quad \text{for } |q| < 1,$$

and converge absolutely.

Let $A(q) := 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n q^n$ for $|q| < 1$.

Then

$$\log(A(q)) = \log \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)^{b_n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \log(1 - q^n)$$

$$\frac{d}{dq} \log(A(q)) = \frac{d}{dq} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \log(1 - q^n) \right)$$

$$\frac{A'(q)}{A(q)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-b_n) n q^{n-1}}{1 - q^n}$$

$$q A'(q) = - \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n n q^n}{1 - q^n} \right) A(q)$$

$$\frac{q^n}{1 - q^n} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} q^{mn} \quad \text{ad}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n n q^n}{1 - q^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} n q^{mn}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} n b_n q^{mn} = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{mn=N} n b_n \right) q^N$$

$$= \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} D_N q^N \quad \text{where } D_N = \sum_{d|N} d b_d.$$