Congruences for \(\ell \text{-Regular Overpartition for } \) $\ell \in \{5, 6, 8\}$

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Partition:

A partition of a positive integer n is a non-increasing sequence of positive integers, called parts, whose sum equals n. For example, n=4 has five partitions, namely,

$$4, \quad 3+1, \quad 2+2, \quad 2+1+1, \quad 1+1+1+1.$$

If p(n) denote the number of partitions of n, then p(4) = 5. The generating function for p(n) is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n)q^n = \frac{1}{(q;q)_{\infty}}.$$



• For any complex number a and q, we set

$$(a;q)_0 = 1, \quad (a;q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k), \text{ for } n \ge 1,$$

and
$$(a;q)_{\infty} = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k).$$

• Ramanujan's general theta-function is given by:

$$f(a,b) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a^{k(k+1)/2} b^{k(k-1)/2}, \quad |ab| < 1.$$

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Three special case of f(a,b) are theta functions ϕ,ψ and f which are respectively defined by

$$\phi(q) := f(q;q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{n^2} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^5}{(q;q)_{\infty}^2 (q^4; q^4)_{\infty}^2}.$$

$$\psi(q) := f(q; q^3) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^{n(n+1)/2} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty}}.$$

and

$$f(-q) = f(-q; -q^2) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n(3n-1)/2} = (q; q)_{\infty}.$$

Ramanujan established following beautiful congruences for p(n):

$$p(5n+4) \equiv 0 \pmod{5},$$

$$p(7n+5) \equiv 0 \pmod{7},$$

and

$$p(11n+6) \equiv 0 \pmod{11}.$$

- After the function p(n), many other partition functions with certain restrictions are studied in recent times. Some partition functions and in the interest of this thesis are:
- $\Rightarrow \ell$ -regular partition.
- \Rightarrow ℓ -regular overpartition.
- \Rightarrow *t*-core partition.
- \Rightarrow *t*-core bipartition.
- ⇒ Restricted bipartition.
- \Rightarrow colour partition.

Partition k-tuples

- A partition k-tuple $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$ of a positive integer n is a k-tuple of partitions $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ such that the sum of all the parts equals n.
- If k=3 then the 3-tuple $(\lambda_1,\lambda_2,\lambda_3)$ is called a partition triple of n.
- For example, $(\lambda_1 = \{3, 2\}, \lambda_2 = \{1, 1\}, \lambda_3 = \{1\})$ is a partition triple of 8 as 3 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 8.

t-core bipartition

- A partition of n is called a t-core partition of n if none of its hook number is divisible by t.
- \bullet For example, the Ferrers-Young diagram of the partition 3+2+1 of 6 is
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The nodes (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2) and (3, 1) have hook numbers 5, 3, 1, 3, 1 and 1, respectively. It is easily seen from above that the partition 3+2+1 of 6 is 4-core.

• A bipartition with *t*-core is a pair of partitions (λ, μ) such that λ and μ are both t - cores.

k-tuples *t*-core partitions

• A partition k-tuple $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ of a positive integer n with t-cores means that each λ_i is t-core.

r-Colour Partition

- A part in a partiton of n has r colours if there are r copies of n available and all of them are viewed as distinct objects.
- For any positive integer n and non-zero integer r, let $p_r(n)$ denote the number of partitions of n where each part has r distinct colours.
- For example, if each part in the partition of 3 has *TWO* colours, say red and green, then 2 colour partitions of 3 are given by

$$3_r$$
, 3_g , $2_r + 1_r$, $2_r + 1_g$, $2_g + 1_g$, $2_g + 1_r$, $1_r + 1_r + 1_r$, $1_g + 1_g + 1_g$, $1_r + 1_g + 1_g$, $1_r + 1_r + 1_g$.

That is, $p_2(3) = 10$.

Over partition and ℓ -regular partition

• An over partition of a positive integer n is a partition of n in which the first occurrence of each part can be over lined. For example, number of over partitions of n=3 are

$$\overline{3}$$
, $\overline{3}$, $2+1$, $\overline{2}+1$, $2+\overline{1}$, $\overline{2}+\overline{1}$, $1+1+1$, $\overline{1}+1+1$.

So we have seen that number of over partition of 3 is 8.

• For any positive integer ℓ , ℓ -regular partition of a positive integer n is a partition of n such that none of its part is divisible by ℓ .

For example, the partition of 4 are

$$4, \quad 3+1, \quad 2+2, \quad 2+1+1, \quad 1+1+1+1.$$

So, it is not 3-regular or 2-regular.



ℓ-regular overpartition

• An ℓ -regular overpartition of a positive integer n is a partition of n in which the first occurrence of each part can be over lined with no part divisible by ℓ , where ℓ is a positive integer. For example, number of overpartitions for n=4 is 14, namely,

Then the number of 3-regular over partition of 4 is 10, namely

$$4, \quad \overline{4}, \quad 2+2, \quad \overline{2}+2 \quad 2+1+1, \quad \overline{2}+1+1, \\ 2+\overline{1}+1 \quad \overline{2}+\overline{1}+1, \quad 1+1+1+1, \quad \overline{1}+1+1+1.$$

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Generating function for ℓ-regular overpartition

• Shen (2016): If $\bar{A}_{\ell}(n)$ denote the number of as ℓ -regular overpartition of a positive integer n, then its generating function is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{A}_{\ell}(n)q^{n} = \frac{(q^{\ell}; q^{\ell})_{\infty}^{2} (q^{2}; q^{2})_{\infty}}{(q; q)_{\infty}^{2} (q^{2\ell}; q^{2\ell})_{\infty}}.$$

• Shen (2016):

$$ar{A}_3(4n+1)\equiv 0\pmod 2$$

$$\bar{A}_3(4n+3) \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$$

$$\bar{A}_3(9n+3) \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$$

$$\bar{A}_3(9n+6) \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$$

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• Chern (2016) proved some new infinite family of congruences modulo ℓ for $\bar{A}_{\ell}(n)$ where $\ell=3,\,5,\,7$. Chern proved that, if $p\neq 5$ be a prime and k and n are non-negative integers, then

$$\bar{A}_5(p^{4k+3}(pn+i)) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, i = 1, 2, 3,p-1$$

New Congruences for $\bar{A}_5(n)$

Theorem

Let $p \ge 5$ be a prime with $\left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) = -1$. Then for non-negative integers α and n and Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{\cdot}{p}\right)$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{A}_5 \left(4p^{2\alpha}n + p^{2\alpha}\right) q^n \equiv 2(q;q)_{\infty}(q^5;q^5)_{\infty} \pmod{4}.$$

Corollary

Let $p \ge 5$ be an odd prime with $\left(\frac{-5}{p}\right) = -1$. Then for non-negative integers α and n, we have

$$\bar{A}_5 (4p^{2\alpha+2}n + 4p^{2\alpha+1}j + p^{2\alpha+2}) \equiv 0 \pmod{4},$$

where j = 1, 2, 3, ..., p - 1.

New Congruences for $\bar{A}_6(n)$

Theorem

Let p be an odd prime such that $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right)=-1$. Then for non-negative integers α and n, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{A}_6 \left(8p^{2\alpha}n + 3p^{2\alpha} \right) q^n \equiv 2\psi(q)\psi(q^2) \pmod{3}.$$

Corollary

Let p be an odd prime such that $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right)=-1$. Then for non-negative integers α and n, we have

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_6\left(8p^{2\alpha+2}n+8p^{2\alpha+1}j+3p^{2\alpha+2}\right)\equiv 0\pmod{3},$$

where j = 1, 2, 3, ..., p - 1.

New Congruences for $\bar{A}_6(n)$

Corollary

(i)
$$\bar{A}_6(8n+5) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$
,

(ii)
$$\bar{A}_6(8n+7) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$
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New Congruences for $\bar{A}_8(n)$

Theorem

- (i) $\bar{A}_8(12n+4i+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, where i = 1, 2.
- (ii) $\bar{A}_8(8n+k) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, where k = 3, 5.
- (iii) $\bar{A}_8(28n+4j) \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$, where j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Theorem

Let $p \ge 5$ be a prime such that $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = -1$. Then for non-negative integers α and n

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{A}_8 \left(8p^{2\alpha}n + p^{2\alpha}\right) q^n \equiv 2(q;q)_{\infty} (q^2;q^2)_{\infty} \pmod{4}.$$

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Corollary

Let $p \ge 5$ be a prime with $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = -1$. Then for non-negative integers α and n, we have

$$ar{\mathcal{A}}_8\left(8p^{2(lpha+1)}n+8p^{2lpha+1}j+p^{2lpha+2}
ight)\equiv 0\pmod 4,$$

where $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p - 1$.

Theorem

- (i) $\bar{A}_8(4n+3) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$.
- (ii) $\bar{A}_8(8n+7) \equiv 0 \pmod{64}$.
- (iii) $\bar{A}_8(24n + 8i + 7) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, where i = 1, 2.
- (iv) $\bar{A}_8(56n + 8j + 7) \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$, where j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

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