

3.1.2.1 Verify equation (3.4).

Specifically, equation (3.4) states that

$$\left(\frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q^1} \right) \left(\frac{1-q^{n+2}}{1-q^2} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1-q^{n+m}}{1-q^m} \right) = \left(\frac{1-q^{n-1+1}}{1-q^1} \right) \left(\frac{1-q^{n-1+2}}{1-q^2} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1-q^{n-1+m}}{1-q^m} \right) + q^n \left(\frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q^1} \right) \left(\frac{1-q^{n+2}}{1-q^2} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1-q^{n+m-1}}{1-q^{m-1}} \right) \quad \text{expand}$$

RHS

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{1-q^n}{1-q} \right) \left(\frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q^2} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1-q^{n+m-2}}{1-q^{m-1}} \right) \left(\frac{1-q^{n+m-1}}{1-q^m} \right) + \\ & q^n \left(\frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q} \right) \left(\frac{1-q^{n+2}}{1-q^2} \right) \cdots \left(\frac{1-q^{n+m-1}}{1-q^{m-1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(1-q^n)(1-q^{n+1}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-2})(1-q^{n+m-1})}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^{m-1})(1-q^m)} + \\ & \frac{q^n(1-q^{n+1})(1-q^{n+2}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-1})}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^{m-1})} \\ &= \frac{(1-q^n)(1-q^{n+1}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-2})(1-q^{n+m-1})}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^{m-1})(1-q^m)} + \\ & \frac{q^n(1-q^{n+1})(1-q^{n+2}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-1})(1-q^m)}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^{m-1})(1-q^m)} \\ &= \frac{(1-q^n)(1-q^{n+1}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-2})(1-q^{n+m-1}) + q^n(1-q^{n+1})(1-q^{n+2}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-1})(1-q^m)}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^{m-1})(1-q^m)} \end{aligned}$$

So we have established that LHS = ... = RHS :

$$\frac{(1-q^{n+1})(1-q^{n+2}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m})}{(1-q^1)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^m)} = \frac{(1-q^n)(1-q^{n+1}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-1}) + q^n(1-q^{n+1})(1-q^{n+2}) \cdots (1-q^{n+m-1})(1-q^m)}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^m)}$$