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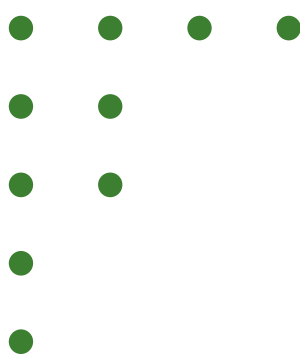
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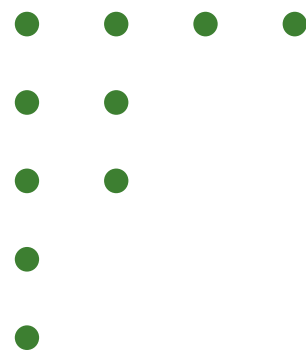
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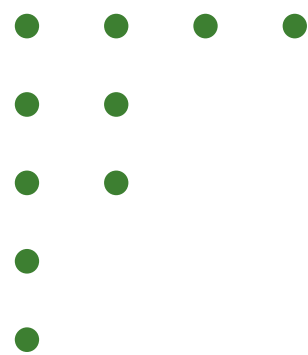
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A formula for integer partitions

Bruinier and Ono (2011) found an algebraic formula for the partition function $P(n)$ as a finite sum of algebraic numbers as follows. Define the weight-2 meromorphic modular form $F(z)$ by

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{E_2(z) - 2E_2(2z) - 3E_2(3z) + 6E_2(6z)}{\eta^2(z)\eta^2(2z)\eta^2(3z)\eta^3(6z)}, \quad (27)$$

where $q = e^{2\pi iz}$, $E_2(q)$ is an Eisenstein series, and $\eta(q)$ is a Dedekind eta function. Now define

$$R(z) = -\left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{dz} + \frac{1}{2\pi y}\right) F(z), \quad (28)$$

where $z = x + iy$. Additionally let \mathcal{Q}_n be any set of representatives of the equivalence classes of the integral binary quadratic form $Q(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$ such that $6 \mid a$ with $a > 0$ and $b \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$, and for each $Q(x, y)$, let α_Q be the so-called CM point in the upper half-plane, for which $Q(\alpha_Q, 1) = 0$. Then

$$P(n) = \frac{\text{Tr}(n)}{24n - 1}, \quad (29)$$

where the trace is defined as

$$\text{Tr}(n) = \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}_n} R(\alpha_Q). \quad (30)$$

Weisstein, Eric W. "Partition Function P."

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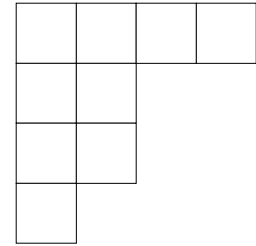
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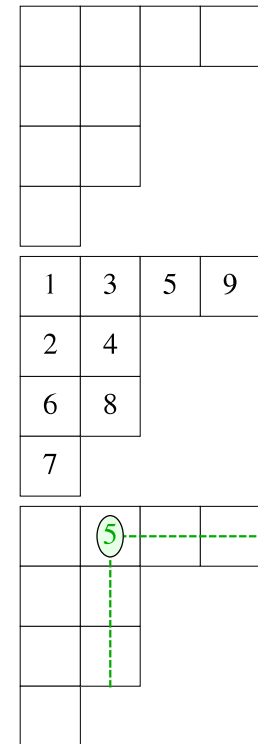
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Answer:
$$\frac{n!}{\prod_{(i,j) \in \lambda} h(i,j)}$$

