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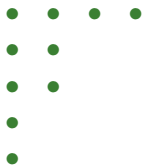
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## A formula for integer partitions

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  $Q_n$  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  $\alpha_Q$  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

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

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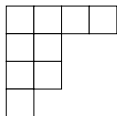
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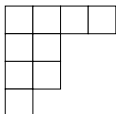


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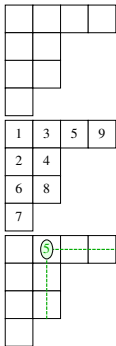
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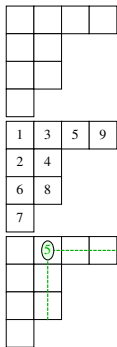
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