THE RANK OF A UNIMODAL SEQUENCE AND A PARTIAL THETA IDENTITY OF RAMANUJAN

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Abstract. We study the number of unimodal sequences of weight $n$ and rank $m$ using a partial theta identity discovered by Ramanujan. We obtain rank difference identities as well as a congruence for the second rank moment.

1. Introduction

Let $U(n)$ denote the number of unimodal sequences of the form
\[ a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_r \leq c \geq b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \cdots \geq b_s \] (1.1)
with weight $n = c + \sum_{i=1}^r a_i + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i$. For example, $U(4) = 12$, the relevant sequences being
\[
(4), (1, 3), (3, 1), (1, 2, 1), (2, 2), (1, 2), (2, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1, 1).
\]
The rank of a unimodal sequence is $s - r$. Let $U(m, n)$ be the number of unimodal sequences of weight $n$ and rank $m$ and let $U(t, m, n)$ be the number of unimodal sequences of weight $n$ and rank congruent to $t$ modulo $m$. We note the symmetries $U(m, n) = U(-m, n)$ and $U(m - t, m, n) = U(t, m, n)$, and we assume that the empty sequence has rank 0.

Define the rank difference $U_{t_1 t_2}(x)$ by
\[
U_{t_1 t_2}(x) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( U(t_1, m, mn + x) - U(t_2, m, mn + x) \right) q^{mn+x}. \tag{1.2}
\]
With our first result we consider the case $m = 5$ and find formulas for all of the rank differences in terms of partial theta functions and modular forms. Recall the usual $q$-series notation,
\[
(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)_n := (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k; q)_n := \prod_{i=1}^{k} (1 - a_i)(1 - a_iq) \cdots (1 - a_iq^{n-1}). \tag{1.3}
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For \( m = 7 \) we are unable to find simple formulas for the rank differences using the partial theta identity. However, there is a congruence for the second rank moment modulo 7 which is reminiscent of rank moment congruences for partitions and overpartitions [4, 8, 11, 12, 18]. Define the \( k \)th rank moment \( U_k(n) \) by

\[
U_k(n) := \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} m^k U(m, n).
\]  

Our second result is the following congruence.

\[
U_{02}(0) = \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} - \sum_{n \leq -1} \right) (-1)^n q^{5n(15n+1)/2} + (-1)^n q^{(5n+3)(15n+10)/2},
\]  

\[
U_{12}(0) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{5n(5n+1)/2} / (q^5; q^{25})_\infty (q^{20}; q^{25})_\infty + \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^n q^{(5n+3)(15n+10)/2} - \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{5n(15n+1)/2},
\]  

\[
U_{02}(1) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+3)(5n+4)/2} / (q^5; q^{25})_\infty (q^{20}; q^{25})_\infty + q \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+4)(5n+5)/2} / (q^{10}; q^{25})_\infty (q^{15}; q^{25})_\infty + q(q^{25}, q^{50}, q^{75}, q^{75})_\infty,
\]  

\[
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\]  

\[
U_{02}(2) = q \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+3)(5n+4)/2} / (q^{10}; q^{25})_\infty (q^{15}; q^{25})_\infty + \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+1)(15n+4)/2} - \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^n q^{(5n+2)(15n+7)/2},
\]  

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\]  

\[
U_{02}(3) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+2)(5n+3)/2} / (q^5; q^{25})_\infty (q^{20}; q^{25})_\infty ,
\]  

\[
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\]
Theorem 1.2. We have
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} U_2(n) q^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} (n+1) U(n) q^n + \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} - \sum_{n \leq -1} \right) (-1)^n (n-1) q^{n(3n+1)/2} \quad (\text{mod } 7). \tag{1.15}
\]
In particular, for all \( n \geq 0 \) we have
\[
U_2(7n+6) \equiv 0 \quad (\text{mod } 7). \tag{1.16}
\]

The paper is organized as follows. In the next section we establish some useful generating functions and in Section 3 we prove the main theorems. We close in Section 4 with some remarks on the moduli 3 and 4.

Before continuing, we note that in prior studies the unimodal sequences in (1.1) have been viewed as stacks, two-quadrant Ferrers graphs or convex compositions [5, 10, 29, 31, 32]. The perspective of unimodal sequences is in line with recent work on asymptotic formulas [13] and mixed mock and quantum modular forms [15, 25].

2. Generating functions

We begin by establishing four generating functions for \( U(m,n) \). Define \( F(x,q) \) by
\[
F(x,q) := \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} U(m,n) x^m q^n. \tag{2.1}
\]

Proposition 2.1. We have
\[
F(x,q) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{q^n}{(xq)_n(q/x)_n} \tag{2.2}
\]
\[
= \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n x^{2n+1} q^{\frac{(n+1)}{2}} (xq)_n(q/x)_n + (1-x) \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n x^{3n} q^{n(3n+1)/2} (1-x^2 q^{2n+1}) \tag{2.3}
\]
\[
= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1} q^{\frac{(n+1)}{2}}}{(xq)_n(q/x)_n} + (1-x) \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n} q^{\frac{(n+1)}{2}}}{(xq)_n} \tag{2.4}
\]
\[
= \frac{(1-x)}{(q)_2^2} \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{(-1)^{n+r} q^{n(n+1)/2+(2n+1)r+(r+1)/2}}{1-xq^r}. \tag{2.5}
\]

Proof. Equation (2.2) follows immediately from the fact that \( \sum_{i=1}^r a_i \) and \( \sum_{i=1}^s b_i \) in (1.1) are partitions into \( r \) and \( s \) parts, respectively. Equation (2.3) is an identity in Ramanujan’s lost notebook [6, Entry 6.3.2]. Equation (2.4) follows from another identity in Ramanujan’s lost notebook. It is the case \( a = -1/x \) and \( b = -x \) of [6, Entry 6.3.1]. We remark in passing that the equivalence of (2.3) and (2.4) follows from Franklin’s involution on partitions into distinct parts [2].

For (2.5) we use Bailey pairs. It is not necessary to go into detail on these (the interested reader may consult [3] or [30]), only to note that if \( (\alpha_n, \beta_n) \) is a Bailey pair relative to \( a \), then
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} q^n \beta_n = \frac{1}{(aq,q)_\infty} \sum_{r,n \geq 0} \left(-a\right)^n q^{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + (2n+1)r} \alpha_r,
\] (2.6)

and that the sequences
\[
\alpha_n = \begin{cases} 
1, & \text{if } n = 0, \\
\frac{(-1)^n (1+q^n)(1-x)(1-1/x)}{(1-q^n)(1-q^n/x)}, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

and
\[
\beta_n = \frac{1}{(xq)_n(q/x)_n}
\]

form a Bailey pair relative to 1 (see [28, Eq. (4.1)] with \((a,c,d) = (1,x,1/x))

Substituting this Bailey pair into (2.6) and using the fact that for \(r \geq 1\)
\[
\frac{(1+q^r)(1-x)(1-1/x)}{(1-xq^r)(1-q^r/x)} = \frac{1-x}{1-xq^r} + \frac{1-1/x}{1-q^r/x},
\]

we have
\[
F(x,q) = \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} + \sum_{r \geq 1} (-1)^n r q^{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + (2n+1)r + (\frac{r+1}{2})} \left( \frac{1-x}{1-xq^r} \right) + \sum_{r \geq 1} (-1)^n r q^{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + (2n+1)r + (\frac{r+1}{2})} \left( \frac{1-1/x}{1-q^r/x} \right) \right)
\]
\[
= \frac{1-x}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{r,n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + (2n+1)r + (\frac{r+1}{2})} \frac{1-1/x}{1-xq^r} - \frac{1-1/x}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{r,n < 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) + (2n+1)r + (\frac{r+1}{2})} \frac{1-1/x}{1-q^{-r}/x}
\]
\[
= \frac{1-x}{(q)_\infty^2} \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} - \sum_{n > 0} \left( -1 \right)^{n+r} q^{n(n+1)/2 + (2n+1)r + (r+1)/2} \right) (1-xq^r),
\]
as desired. \(\square\)

Setting \(x = 1\) in (2.2) and (2.3) (or (2.4)) we have two generating functions for \(U(n)\).

**Corollary 2.2.** We have
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} U(n) q^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} q^n \frac{q^n}{(q)_n^2} \quad \text{(2.8)}
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}. \quad \text{(2.9)}
\]

Next we find a generating function for the second rank moment.
Proposition 2.3. We have

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} U_2(n)q^n = \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \left( 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^n}{1-q^n} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(n+1)/2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (4n^2 + 4n + 1)q^{(n+1)/2} \right) - \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} - \sum_{n \leq -1} \right) (-1)^n (6n + 1)q^{n(3n+1)/2}. \quad (2.10)$$

Proof. From the definition of rank moment we have that

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} U_k(n)q^n = \left. \frac{\partial^k x}{(q)_{x=1}^k} \right| F(x, q), \quad (2.11)$$

where $\partial_x := x\frac{d}{dx}$. We calculate $\left. \frac{\partial^2 x}{(q)_{x=1}^2} F(x, q) \right|$ using equation (2.4). Let $G(x, q)$ and $H(x, q)$ denote the first and second terms on the right-hand side. The fact that

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 x}{(q)_{x=1}^2} H(x, q) \right| = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+1} (6n + 1)q^{n(3n+1)/2} + \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^n (6n + 1)q^{n(3n+1)/2} \quad (2.12)$$

is a straightforward calculation.

For $G(x, q)$ we observe that

$$G(x, q) = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} \frac{(q)_{\infty}}{(xq)_{\infty}(q/x)_{\infty}} \sum_{m \geq 0} (-1)^m x^{2m+1}q^{(m+1)/2},$$

and note that

$$\frac{(q)_{\infty}}{(xq)_{\infty}(q/x)_{\infty}} =: C_0(x, q)$$

is the two-variable generating function for the crank of a partition [7].

We compute that

$$\partial_x G(x, q) = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} C_1(x, q) \sum_{m \geq 0} (-1)^m x^{2m+1}q^{(m+1)/2} + \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} C_0(x, q) \sum_{m \geq 0} (-1)^m (2m + 1)x^{2m+1}q^{(m+1)/2}$$

and

$$\partial^2_x G(x, q) = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} C_2(x, q) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m x^{2m+1}q^{(m+1)/2} + \frac{2}{(q)_{\infty}} C_1(x, q) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m (2m + 1)x^{2m+1}q^{(m+1)/2} + \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}} C_0(x, q) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-1)^m (2m + 1)^2x^{2m+1}q^{(m+1)/2},$$

where $C_k(x, q) = \partial^k_x C_0(x, q)$. Now we have [8]

$$C_0(1, q) = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}},$$

$$C_1(1, q) = 0,$$

$$C_2(1, q) = \frac{2}{(q)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{nq^n}{1-q^n},$$
and so
\[
\partial_x^2G(x, q)|_{x=1} = \frac{1}{(q)_\infty^2} \left(2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^n}{1-q^n} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{(n+1)^2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (4n^2 + 4n + 1)q^{(n+1)^2}\right). \tag{2.13}
\]
Together with (2.12), this completes the proof. \(\square\)

Finally we record generating functions for \(U(m, n)\) and \(U(t, m, n)\). These are not necessary for the sequel but are quite useful for computations.

**Proposition 2.4.**

\begin{enumerate}
\item For \(m \in \mathbb{Z}\) we have
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} U(m, n)q^n = \chi(m = 0) + \frac{-1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{r,n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{n(n+1)/2+r(r+1)/2+2rn+|m|r}(1-q^r). \tag{2.14}
\]
\item For \(m \geq 1\) and \(0 \leq t \leq m - 1\) we have
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} U(t, m, n)q^n = \chi(t = 0) + \frac{-1}{(q)_\infty^2} \sum_{r,n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{n(n+1)/2+r(r+1)/2+2rn}(1-q^r)\left(\frac{q^t + q^{(m-t)}}{1-q^m}\right). \tag{2.15}
\]
\end{enumerate}

**Proof.** For \(m \geq 1\) equation (2.14) follows from (2.5) after expanding
\[
(1 - x)/(1 - xq^r) = (1 - x) \sum_{m \geq 0} x^mq^{mr}
\]
and picking off the coefficient of \(x^m\). The case \(m < 0\) follows from the symmetry \(U(m, n) = U(-m, n)\). The case \(m = 0\) is trickier. For this we need the identity
\[
\left(\sum_{r,n \geq 0} - \sum_{r,n < 0}\right) (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2+(2n+1)r+(r+1)/2} = (q)_\infty^2, \tag{2.16}
\]
which follows from (2.6) and the unit Bailey pair relative to 1, [3, Theorem 1],
\[
\alpha_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0, \\ q^{(n)}(1-q^n), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\]
and
\[
\beta_n = \chi(n = 0).
\]
Specifically, we obtain
\[
(q)_\infty^2 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(n+1)/2} + \sum_{r \geq 1} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2+2nr+(r+1)/2}(1+q^r)
\]
\[
= \sum_{r \geq 1} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2+2nr+(r+1)/2} + \sum_{r,n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2+(2n+1)r+(r+1)/2},
\]
Replacing \((r, n)\) by \((-r, -n - 1)\) in the first sum gives (2.16).
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Now picking off the coefficient of \(x^0\) in (2.5) (c.f. equation (2.7)), we have

\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} U(0, n) q^n = \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \left( \sum_{r, n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2} + \sum_{r \geq 1, n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2 + (2n+1)r + (r+1)/2} \right)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \left( (q)_{\infty}^2 + \sum_{r, n < 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2 + (2n+1)r + (r+1)/2} + \sum_{r \geq 1, n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2 + (2n+1)r + (r+1)/2} \right)
\]

\[
= 1 + \frac{1}{(q)_{\infty}^2} \left( - \sum_{r \geq 1, n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2 + 2nr + (r+1)/2} + \sum_{r \geq 1, n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+r} q^{(n+1)/2 + (2n+1)r + (r+1)/2} \right),
\]

which gives (2.14) when \(m = 0\).

Finally, equation (2.15) follows from (2.14) after noting that

\[
U(t, m, n) = \sum_{v \geq 0} U(mv + t, n) + \sum_{v \geq 1} U(mv - t, n).
\]

\[\square\]

3. PROOFS OF THE MAIN RESULTS

We are now ready to prove Theorems 1.1 – 1.2. For \(0 \leq i \leq 4\) define the sums \(X_i\) and \(Y_i\) by

\[
X_i := \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^m q^{(5m+i)(5m+i+1)/2}
\]

(3.1)

and

\[
Y_i := \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+i)(5n+i+1)/2}.
\]

(3.2)

We will frequently use the fact that \(X_0 = -X_4, X_1 = -X_3,\) and \(X_2 = 0\), which follow upon replacing \(m\) by \(-m-1\) in \(X_i\).

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** We begin by observing that

\[
F(\zeta_5, q) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} U(m, n) \zeta_5^m q^n
\]

\[
= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{4} U(5m + i, n) \zeta_5^{5m+i} q^n
\]

\[
= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{4} U(i, 5, n) \zeta_5^i q^n.
\]
This together with (2.3) gives

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{1} U(i, 5, n) \zeta_5^i q^n = \frac{1}{(\zeta_5 q, \zeta_5^{-1} q)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \zeta_5^{2n+1} q^{(n+1)\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$+ (1 - \zeta_5) \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \zeta_5^{3n} q^{n(3n+1)/2}(1 - \zeta_5^2 q^{2n+1}). \quad (3.3)$$

Using the fact that

$$(q^5; q^5)_{\infty} = (\zeta_5 q, \zeta_5^{-1} q, \zeta_5^2 q, \zeta_5^{-2} q, q)_{\infty},$$

together with the triple product identity,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} z^n q^{(n+1)/2} = (-1/z, -zq, q)_{\infty}, \quad (3.4)$$

we may rewrite (3.3) as

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{4} U(i, 5, n) \zeta_5^i q^n = \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^m \zeta_5^{-2m} q^{(m+1)\frac{2}{3}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \zeta_5^{2n+1} q^{(n+1)\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$+ (1 - \zeta_5) \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \zeta_5^{3n} q^{n(3n+1)/2}(1 - \zeta_5^2 q^{2n+1}). \quad (3.5)$$

We first treat equations (1.10) - (1.13). These are the simplest cases since the exponent of \( q \) is never of the form \( 5^{n+3} \) or \( q^{5n+4} \) in the final sum on the right-hand side of (3.5).

To obtain an exponent of the form \( 5n+3 \) in the product of the first two sums on the right-hand side of (3.5) we require \( (m, n) \equiv (0, 2), (2, 0), (4, 2), \) or \( (2, 4) \) modulo \( 5 \). Thus we have

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{4} U(i, 5, 5n + 3) \zeta_5^i q^{5n+3} = \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} (X_0 Y_2 + \zeta_5^2 X_2 Y_0 + \zeta_5^2 X_4 Y_2 + X_2 Y_4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} (X_0 Y_2 + \zeta_5^2 X_4 Y_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} (X_0 Y_2 - \zeta_5^2 X_2 Y_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (-1)^m q^{5m(5m+1)/2} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+2)(5n+3)/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q^5; q^{25})_{\infty}(q^{20}; q^{25})_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+2)(5n+3)/2},$$

by an application of (3.4). Thus, writing

$$U_i(x) := \sum_{n \geq 0} U(i, 5, 5n + x) q^{5n+x}, \quad (3.6)$$

we have

$$U_0(3) - \frac{\sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+2)(5n+3)/2}}{(q^5; q^{25})_{\infty}(q^{20}; q^{25})_{\infty}} + U_1(3) \zeta_5 + U_2(3) \zeta_5^2 + U_3(3) \zeta_5^3 + U_4(3) \zeta_5^4 = 0.$$
Recalling (3.6) we have

\[ \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{4} U(i, 5, 5n+4) \zeta_5^i q^{5n+4} = \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \left( -\zeta_5^2 X_1 Y_2 - \zeta_5^4 X_3 Y_2 \right) \]

Next we turn to equations (1.8) and (1.9). Here we will need to account for the fact that the coefficients of \( \zeta_5 \) are identical, giving equations (1.10) and (1.11).

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The fact that the minimal polynomial of \( \zeta_5 \) over \( \mathbb{Q} \) is \( 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 \) implies that the coefficients of \( \zeta_5^i \) are all identical, giving equations (1.10) and (1.11).

Next we turn to the final sum in (3.5). The contribution to \( q \equiv (3) \) modulo 5. Arguing as above we find that

\[ (\zeta_5 + \zeta_5^4) q \left( \frac{(5m+1)(5m+2)}{2} \right) \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5m+2)(5n+3)/2} \]

is thus

\[ \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \left( \zeta_5 X_1 Y_1 + X_1 Y_3 + \zeta_5^2 X_3 Y_1 + \zeta_5 X_3 Y_3 \right) \]

As before, the coefficients of \( \zeta_5^i \) are identical, giving (1.12) and (1.13).

For equations (1.12) and (1.13) are similar. To obtain an exponent of the form \( 5n+4 \) in the product of the first two sums on the right-hand side of (3.5) we require \( (m, n) \equiv (2, 1), (2, 3), (1, 2), \) or (3, 2) modulo 5. The contribution to

\[ \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{4} U(i, 5, 5n+2) \zeta_5^i q^{5n+2} \]

is thus

\[ \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \left( (\zeta_5 - \zeta_5^2) X_1 Y_1 + (1 - \zeta_5) X_1 Y_3 \right) \]

Next we turn to the final sum in (3.5). The contribution to \( q^{5n+2} \) comes from \( q^{m(3m+1)/2} \) with \( m \equiv 1, 2 \) (mod 5) or \( q^{m(3m+1)/2+2m+1} \) with \( m \equiv 2, 3 \) (mod 5). Thus the contribution is

\[ (1 - \zeta_5) \zeta_5^3 C_1 + (1 - \zeta_5) \zeta_5 C_2 + (1 - \zeta_5) \zeta_5^3 C_3 + (1 - \zeta_5) \zeta_5 C_4, \]
where
\[ C_1 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+1} q^{5n+1}(15n+4)/2, \]
\[ C_2 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{5n+2}(15n+7)/2, \]
\[ C_3 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+1} q^{5n+2}(15n+7)/2+10n+5 = \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^n q^{5n+2}(15n+7)/2, \]
\[ C_4 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{5n+3}(15n+10)/2+10n+7 = \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^n q^{5n+1}(15n+4)/2. \]

Putting equations (3.7) and (3.8) together we have
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^4 U(i, 5, 5n+2) \zeta_5^i q^{5n+2} = \frac{\zeta_5 X_1 Y_1 + X_1 Y_3}{(1 + \zeta_5)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} + (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^4)(C_1 + C_3) + (\zeta_5 - \zeta_5^2)(C_2 + C_4).
\]

Now, multiplying both sides of the above by \(1 + \zeta_5\), recalling the notation (3.6), and simplifying, we have
\[
0 = \left( U_0(2) + U_4(2) - X_1 Y_3 + C_1 + C_3 \right) + \zeta_5 \left( U_1(2) + U_0(2) - X_1 Y_1 - (C_2 + C_4) \right) + \zeta_5^2 \left( U_2(2) + U_1(2) \right) + \zeta_5^3 \left( U_3(2) + U_2(2) + C_2 + C_4 - (C_1 + C_3) \right) + \zeta_5^4 \left( U_4(2) + U_3(2) \right).
\]

Again since the minimal polynomial of \(\zeta_5\) over \(\mathbb{Q}\) is \(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4\) we have that the coefficients of \(\zeta_5^i\) must be equal. Subtracting the coefficient of \(\zeta_5^2\) from the coefficient of \(\zeta_5^0\) and applying (3.4) gives (1.8), and subtracting the coefficient of \(\zeta_5^3\) from the coefficient of \(\zeta_5^4\) gives (1.9).

Equations (1.4) and (1.5) are similar. To obtain an exponent of the form \(5n\) in the product of the first two sums on the right-hand side of (3.5) we require \((m, n) \equiv (0, 0), (0, 4), (4, 0), \) or \((4, 4)\) modulo 5. The contribution to
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^4 U(i, 5, 5n) \zeta_5^i q^{5n}
\]
is thus
\[
\frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \left( \zeta_5 X_0 Y_0 + \zeta_5^2 X_0 Y_4 + \zeta_5^3 X_4 Y_0 + \zeta_5 X_4 Y_4 \right) = \frac{1}{(1 - \zeta_5^2)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} \left( (\zeta_5 - \zeta_5^3) X_0 Y_0 + (\zeta_5 - \zeta_5^4) X_4 Y_4 \right). \tag{3.9}
\]

Next the contribution to \(q^{5n}\) from the final sum in (3.5) comes from \(q^{m(3n+1)/2}\) with \(m \equiv 0, 3\) (mod 5) or \(q^{m(3m+1)/2+2m+1}\) with \(m \equiv 1, 4\) (mod 5). Thus the contribution is
\[
(1 - \zeta_5) D_1 + (1 - \zeta_5) \zeta_5^2 D_2 + (1 - \zeta_5) D_3 + (1 - \zeta_5) \zeta_5^4 D_4, \tag{3.10}
\]
where

\[
D_1 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n)(15n+1)/2},
\]

\[
D_2 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+1} q^{(5n+3)(15n+10)/2},
\]

\[
D_3 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(5n+1)(15n+4)/2+10n+3} = \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^{n+1} q^{(5n+3)(15n+10)/2},
\]

\[
D_4 = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+1} q^{(5n+4)(15n+13)/2+10n+9} = \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^n q^{(5n)(15n+1)/2}.
\]

Putting equations (3.9) and (3.10) together we have

\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{i=0}^{4} U(i, 5, 5n)\zeta_q q^{5n} = \frac{(\zeta_5 + \zeta_5^2)X_0Y_0 + (\zeta_5 + \zeta_5^2 + \zeta_5^3)X_4Y_4}{(1+\zeta_5)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}}
\]

\[
+ (1-\zeta_5)(D_1 + D_3) + (\zeta_5^4 - 1)(D_2 + D_4).
\]

Now, multiplying both sides of the above by \((1+\zeta_5)\), recalling the notation (3.6), and simplifying, we have

\[
0 = \left( U_0(0) + U_2(0) - (D_1 + D_3) \right) + \zeta_5 \left( U_1(0) + U_0(0) - X_0Y_0 - X_4Y_4 + D_2 + D_4 \right)
\]

\[
+ \zeta_5^2 \left( U_2(0) + U_1(0) - X_0Y_0 - X_4Y_4 + D_1 + D_3 \right) + \zeta_5^3 \left( U_3(0) + U_2(0) - X_4Y_4 \right)
\]

\[
+ \zeta_5^4 \left( U_4(0) + U_3(0) - (D_2 + D_4) \right).
\]

As usual since the minimal polynomial of \(\zeta_5\) over \(\mathbb{Q}\) is \(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4\) we have that the coefficients of \(\zeta_5^i\) must be equal. Subtracting the coefficient of \(\zeta_5^2\) from the coefficient of \(\zeta_5\) gives (1.4), and subtracting the coefficient of \(\zeta_5^3\) from the coefficient of \(\zeta_5^2\) and applying (3.4) gives (1.5).

The final case is the progression \(5n + 1\). Here there are nine pairs \((m, n)\) which give an exponent of \(q\) of the form \(5n + 1\) in the first term on the right-hand side of (3.5), namely \((0, 1)\), \((0, 3)\), \((4, 1)\), \((4, 3)\), \((2, 2)\), \((1, 0)\), \((3, 0)\), \((1, 4)\), and \((3, 4)\) We obtain a contribution of

\[
\left( -\zeta_5^3 X_0Y_1 - \zeta_5^4 X_0Y_3 - X_4Y_1 - \zeta_5^4 X_4Y_3 + \zeta_5 X_2Y_2 - \zeta_5^4 X_1Y_0 - X_3Y_0 - \zeta_5^3 X_1Y_4 - \zeta_5^3 X_3Y_4 \right)
\]

\[
\frac{1 - \zeta_5^3 (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}}{(1 - \zeta_5^3)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}}
\]

\[
= \frac{(\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2)X_0Y_3 + (1 - \zeta_5^4)X_1Y_0 + (1 - \zeta_5^3)X_0Y_1 + (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2)X_1Y_4}{(1 - \zeta_5^3)(q^5; q^5)_{\infty}}.
\]

(3.13)
The contribution from the final sum in (3.5) comes from \( q^{n(3m+1)/2} \) with \( m \equiv 4 \mod 5 \) or \( q^{n(3m+1)/2+2n+1} \) with \( m \equiv 0 \mod 5 \). We obtain

\[
(1 - \zeta_5)\zeta_5^2 \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{(5n+4)(15n+13)/2} = (1 - \zeta_5)\zeta_5^2 \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{5n(15n+1)/2+10n+1}
\]

\[
= (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2) \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{(5n+4)(15n+13)/2} + \sum_{n \leq -1} (-1)^n q^{(5n+4)(15n+13)/2} \right)
\]

\[
= (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{(5n+1)(15n+2)/2}
\]

\[
= (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2) q(q^{25}, q^{50}, q^{75}; q^{75})_{\infty}
\]

\[
= (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2) P.
\]

Putting equations (3.13) and (3.14) together we have

\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} U(i, 5n + 1) \zeta_5 q^{5n+1} = \frac{\left( (\zeta_5^4 - \zeta_5^2) X_0 Y_3 + (1 - \zeta_5) X_1 Y_0 + (1 - \zeta_5^3) X_0 Y_1 + (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2) X_1 Y_4 \right)}{(1 - \zeta_5^2) (q^5; q^5)_{\infty}} + (\zeta_5^3 - \zeta_5^2) P.
\]

Multiplying both sides of the above by \((1 - \zeta_5^2)\), recalling the notation (3.6), and simplifying, we have

\[
0 = \left( U_0(1) - U_3(1) - X_1 Y_0 - X_0 Y_1 - P \right) + \zeta_5 \left( U_1(1) - U_4(1) \right)
+ \zeta_5^2 \left( U_2(1) - U_0(1) + X_0 Y_3 + X_1 Y_4 + P \right) + \zeta_5^3 \left( U_3(1) - U_1(1) + X_0 Y_1 - X_1 Y_4 - P \right)
+ \zeta_5^4 \left( U_4(1) - U_2(1) - X_0 Y_3 + X_1 Y_0 - P \right)
\]

(3.16)

Now the coefficients of \( \zeta_5^i \) are all equal to 0 since the coefficient of \( \zeta_5 \) is 0. The fact that the coefficient of \( \zeta_5^2 \) is 0 gives (1.6) and the fact that the coefficient of \( \zeta_5^3 \) is 0 gives (1.7).

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Define \( U(q) \) by

\[
U(q) := \sum_{n \geq 0} U(n) q^n = \frac{1}{(q)^\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{\binom{n+1}{2}}.
\]

Then, we calculate that

\[
q \frac{d}{dq} U(q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{\binom{n+1}{2}} \left( -2(q)_{\infty} \zeta_5^3 (q)_{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-nq^n}{1 - q^n} \right) + \frac{1}{(q)^\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^2 + n}{2} q^{\binom{n+1}{2}}
\]

\[
= \frac{2}{(q)^\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{\binom{n+1}{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nq^n}{1 - q^n} + \frac{1}{(q)^\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (4n^2 + 4n) q^{\binom{n+1}{2}} \quad (\text{mod } 7).
\]

(3.17)

Comparing this with equation (2.10) gives equation (1.15).
We remark that Theorem 1.2 implies the congruence
\[ U(1, 7, 7n + 6) + 4U(2, 7, 7n + 6) + 2U(3, 7, 7n + 6) \equiv 0 \pmod{7}. \] (3.18)
We also note that the proof of Theorem 1.2 only works modulo 7, as 7 is the only prime \( p \) for which \( 2^{-1} \equiv 4 \pmod{p} \).

4. Remarks on the moduli 3 and 4

We have focused on the moduli 5 and 7, but equation (2.3) can also be used to obtain results modulo 3 and modulo 4. In the latter case, we consider \( F(ı, q) \), and find that on one hand
\[
F(ı, q) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( U(0, 4, n) - U(2, 4, n) \right) q^n,
\] (4.1)
while on the other hand using (2.3) we have (assuming that \( q \) is real)
\[
F(ı, q) = \Re \left( \frac{t \sum_{n \geq 0} q^{(n+1)/2}}{(-q^2; q^2)_\infty} + (1 - t) \sum_{n \geq 0} i^n q^{n(3n+1)/2} (1 + q^{2n+1}) \right). \] (4.2)

Thus picking off the real part of the final sum gives:

Theorem 4.1.
\[
\sum_{n \geq 0} \left( U(0, 4, n) - U(2, 4, n) \right) q^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n/2} q^{n(3n+1)/2} (1 + q^{2n+1}). \] (4.3)

Turning to the modulus 3, we have
\[
F(ζ_3, q) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( U(0, 3, n) + (ζ_3 + \zeta_3^2) U(1, 3, n) \right) q^n
\]
\[= \frac{(q)_{\infty}}{(q^3; q^3)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{2n+1} q^{(n+1)/2} + (1 - ζ_3) \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{n(3n+1)/2} (1 - ζ_3^2 q^{2n+1}). \] (4.4)

After expanding \( (q)_{\infty} = \sum_{m \geq 0} (-1)^m q^{m(3m+1)/2} \) it is a straightforward calculation to determine the coefficients of \( q^{3n+x} \) on the right-hand side of (4.4). We omit the details, but record the result.

Theorem 4.2.
\[
U_{01}(0) = \frac{q^2(q^3, q^{24}, q^{27}; q^{27})_{\infty}}{(q^3; q^3)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(3n+1)(3n+2)/2}
\]
\[= \frac{q^{12}}{(q^3; q^3)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(3n+2)(3n+3)/2} + \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} -2 \sum_{n \leq -1} \right) (-1)^n q^{(3n)(9n+1)/2}, \] (4.5)
\[ U_{01}(1) = \frac{q^{q^6}, q^{q^{21}}, q^{q^{27}}}{(q^4; q^4)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(3n+2)(3n+3)/2} \]

\[ \frac{q^{q^{12}}, q^{q^{15}}, q^{q^{27}}}{(q^4; q^4)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(3n+1)(3n+2)/2} + \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} -2 \sum_{n \leq -1} \right) (-1)^n q^{(3n+2)(9n+7)/2}, \]

(4.6)

\[ U_{01}(2) = \frac{q^{q^6}, q^{q^{21}}, q^{q^{27}}}{(q^4; q^4)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(3n+1)(3n+2)/2} \]

\[ + q^2 \frac{q^{q^3}, q^{q^{24}}, q^{q^{27}}}{(q^3; q^3)_{\infty}} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n q^{(3n+2)(3n+3)/2} - \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} -2 \sum_{n \leq -1} \right) (-1)^n q^{(3n+1)(9n+4)/2}. \]

(4.7)

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