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**Math 6501 - Homework 6**

1. We have that

$$\Delta_d = \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1}) \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1} \geq 0; \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{d+1} = 1\}$$

so scaling by  $t \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  gives us

$$\begin{aligned} t\Delta_d &= \{(t\lambda_1, \dots, t\lambda_{d+1}) \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1} \geq 0; \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{d+1} = 1\} \\ &= \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1}) \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1} \geq 0; \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{d+1} = t\}. \end{aligned}$$

Intersecting with  $\mathbb{Z}^{d+1}$  gives

$$t\Delta_d \cap \mathbb{Z}^{d+1} = \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1}) \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}; \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{d+1} = t\},$$

which is in bijection with weak  $(d+1)$ -compositions of  $t$ , so

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta_d}(t) = |t\Delta_d \cap \mathbb{Z}^{d+1}| = \binom{t+d+1-1}{d+1-1} = \binom{t+d}{d}.$$

We see that a point in the  $t\Delta_d$  is on the boundary of  $t\Delta_d$  exactly when one of its coordinates is 0, so

$$t\Delta_d^\circ \cap \mathbb{Z}^{d+1} = \{(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1}) \mid \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{d+1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}; \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{d+1} = t\},$$

which is in bijection with  $(d+1)$ -compositions of  $t$ , so

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta_d^\circ}(t) = |t\Delta_d^\circ \cap \mathbb{Z}^{d+1}| = \binom{t-1}{d+1-1} = \binom{t-1}{d}.$$

Finally, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ehr}_{\Delta_d}(z) &= 1 + \sum_{t \geq 1} \binom{t+d}{d} z^t \\ &= \sum_{t \geq 0} \binom{t+d}{d} z^t \\ &= \sum_{t \geq 0} (-1)^t \frac{(d+1)(d+2) \cdots (d+t)}{t!} (-z)^t \\ &= \sum_{t \geq 0} \frac{(-(d+1))(-d) \cdots (-(d+1)-t+1)}{t!} (-z)^t \\ &= \sum_{t \geq 0} \binom{-(d+1)}{t} (-z)^t \\ &= (1-z)^{-(d+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-z)^{d+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

2.

(i) Suppose that  $n \geq 1$ . We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=0}^n s(n, m)x^m &= x(x-1) \cdots (x-n+1) \\ &= \left( \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} s(n-1, m)x^m \right) (x-n+1) \\ &= -(n-1)s(n-1, 0) + \sum_{m=1}^n [s(n-1, m-1) - (n-1)s(n-1, m)]x^m. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

The last line is from distributing, reindexing, and the recombining the coefficients for each  $x^m$ . Furthermore, we have  $s(n-1, n) = 0$  so the  $x^n$  term also fits into the formula. For  $k \geq 1$ , we compare the coefficients of the  $x^k$  term and we get that

$$s(n, k) = s(n-1, k-1) - (n-1)s(n-1, k). \quad \checkmark$$

(ii) Let  $f(t) = \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{k=0}^d (-1)^{d-k} s(d+1, k+1)t^k$ . Note that  $s(n, 0) = 0$  since  $x(x-1) \cdots (x-n+1)$  does not have a constant term. ✓

Then our calculations yield

$$\begin{aligned} tf(t) &= \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{k=0}^d (-1)^{d-k} s(d+1, k+1)t^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{k=1}^{d+1} (-1)^{d-k+1} s(d+1, k)t^k \quad \checkmark \\ &= \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{k=0}^{d+1} (-1)^{d-k+1} s(d+1, k)t^k \\ &= \frac{1}{d!} (-1)^{d+1} \sum_{k=0}^{d+1} (-1)^k s(d+1, k)t^k \quad \checkmark \\ &= \frac{1}{d!} (-1)^{d+1} \sum_{k=0}^{d+1} s(d+1, k)(-t)^k \\ &= \frac{1}{d!} (-1)^{d+1} (-t)(-t-1) \cdots (-t-(d+1)+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{d!} t(t+1) \cdots (t+d) \\ &= t \binom{t+d}{d}. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $f(t) = \binom{t+d}{d}$ , as desired. ✓

3.

(i) The pyramid  $\mathcal{T}_h \in \mathbb{R}_{(x,y,z)}^3$  is contained entirely within  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 0 \leq x, y \leq 1; 0 \leq z \leq h\}$ . The number of lattice points on  $\mathcal{T}_h$  when  $z = 0$  is 3, coming from the 3 vertices with the last coordinate 0. The intersection of the cross-section  $z = s \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $0 < s < h$  and the tetrahedron is a triangle whose vertices are on the edges connecting  $(1, 1, h)$  and  $(1, 0, 0)$ ;  $(1, 1, h)$  and  $(0, 1, 0)$ ; and  $(1, 1, h)$  and  $(0, 0, 0)$ , which are defined by  $(1, 0, 0) + (0, 1, h)t$ ,  $(0, 1, 0) + (1, 0, h)t$ , and  $(0, 0, 0) + (1, 1, h)t$ , respectively, where  $t \in [0, 1]$ . From this, we see that the vertices of the triangle cut out by the cross-section  $z = s$  are  $(1, s/h, s)$ ,  $(s/h, 1, s)$ ,  $(s/h, s/h, s)$  and since ✓

$0 < s < h$ , this triangle is contained in  $\text{conv}\{(0, 0, s), (1, 0, s), (0, 1, s), (1, 1, s)\}$  but contains none of the lattice points of this square. Thus, these cross-sections contribute no lattice points. Finally, the  $z = h$  cross-section consists of only one point and that point is a lattice point, so  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(1) = 3 + 1 = 4$ .

From the calculation above, the  $z = 0$  cross-section of  $2\mathcal{T}_h$  has 6 lattice points, the  $z = 2h$  cross-section has 1 lattice point, and the  $z = s$  for  $0 < s < 2h$  cross-section is

$$\text{conv}\{(s/h, s/h, s), (2, s/h, s), (s/h, 2, s)\}.$$

Since this triangle cut out by the cross-section is contained in  $\text{conv}\{(0, 0, s), (2, 0, s), (0, 2, s), (2, 2, s)\}$ , we may count the lattice points for each cross-section. For  $s < h$ , the point  $(1, 1, s)$  is the only lattice point contained in the triangle cut out by the cross-section. If  $s = h$ , then the three vertices of the triangle are lattice points. If  $s > h$ , we get no more lattice points. Thus,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(2) = 6 + 1 + (h - 1) + 3 = h + 9.$$

(ii) Let  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $0 \leq s \leq 3h$ . We calculate similarly that

$$3\mathcal{T}_h \cap \mathbb{Z}^3 \cap \{z = s\} = \begin{cases} 10, & s = 0 \\ 3, & 0 < s < h \\ 6, & s = h \\ 1, & h < s < 2h \\ 3, & s = 2h \\ 0, & 2h < s < 3h \\ 1, & s = 3h. \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(3) = 10 + 3(h - 1) + 6 + 1(h - 1) + 3 + 1 = 4h + 16.$$

Now let  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $0 \leq s \leq 4h$ . Similarly, we have

$$4\mathcal{T}_h \cap \mathbb{Z}^3 \cap \{z = s\} = \begin{cases} 15, & s = 0 \\ 6, & 0 < s < h \\ 10, & s = h \\ 3, & h < s < 2h \\ 6, & s = 2h \\ 1, & 2h < s < 3h \\ 3, & s = 3h \\ 0, & 3h < s < 4h \\ 1, & s = 4h. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(4) = 15 + 6(h - 1) + 10 + 3(h - 1) + 6 + 1(h - 1) + 3 + 1 = 10h + 25.$$

We see that if  $f(t) = \frac{h}{6}t^3 + t^2 + (2 - h/6)t + 1$ , then  $f(1) = 4, f(2) = h + 9, f(3) = 4h + 16, f(4) = 10h + 25$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(t)$  is also a degree 3 polynomial that agree with  $f(t)$  on 4 points, we have that  $f(t) - \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(t)$  is a polynomial of degree at most 3 that has at least 4 zeroes, so  $f(t) - \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(t) = 0$  and therefore  $f(t) = \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}_h}(t)$ , as desired.

(i) The statement holds true for  $d = 1$  as a base case for the induction.

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_{2^d}\}$  be all of the  $2^d$  different 0/1 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\square_d &= \{\lambda_1 v_1 + \dots + \lambda_{2^d} v_{2^d} \mid 0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1, \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_{2^d} = 1\} \\ &\subseteq \{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 \leq x_k \leq 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d\}\end{aligned}$$

since each coordinate  $x_j$  of a point in  $\square_d$  is a  $\lambda$ -weighted sum of zeroes and ones, so  $0 \leq x_j \leq 1$ . The reverse inclusion also holds since by induction,  $\square_d \cap \{x_d = 0\} \cong \square_{d-1}$  and  $\square_d \cap \{x_d = 1\} \cong \square_{d-1}$  so

$$\bigcup_{s=0}^1 \{(x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}, s) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 \leq x_k \leq 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d-1\} \subseteq \square_d.$$

Since  $\square_d$  is convex, we have  $\{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 \leq x_k \leq 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d\} \subseteq \square_d$  as well, so

$$\square_d = \{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 \leq x_k \leq 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d\}.$$

(ii) We have that

$$\begin{aligned}t\square_d &= \{(tx_1, \dots, tx_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 \leq x_k \leq 1 \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d\} \\ &= \{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 0 \leq x_k \leq t \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d\}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$t\square_d \cap \mathbb{Z}^d = \{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid x_k \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq x_k \leq t \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d\}.$$

Since each coordinate can be an integer between 0 and  $t$  independently, we have that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\square_d}(t) = (t+1)^d.$$

Similarly,

$$t\square_d^\circ \cap \mathbb{Z}^d = \{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid x_k \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 < x_k < t \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d\}$$

and there are  $t-1$  integers strictly between 0 and  $t$ . Therefore,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\square_d^\circ}(t) = (t-1)^d.$$

(iii) By calculation

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ehr}_{\square_d}(z) &= 1 + \sum_{t \geq 1} (t+1)^d z^t \\ &= \sum_{t \geq 0} (t+1)^d z^t \\ &= \sum_{t \geq 1} (t)^d z^{t-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \sum_{t \geq 1} (t)^d z^t.\end{aligned}$$

5.

(i) For  $n = 0$ , we have that  $(1-z)^{-1} \sum_{j \geq 0} j^0 z^j = (1-z)^{-1} \frac{1}{1-z} = 1$ , which is a polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[z]$  of degree at most  $n$ .

Now suppose  $n > 0$  and the statement holds for smaller values of  $n$ . We calculate that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1-z)^{n+1} \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j &= (1-z)^n \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j (1-z) \\
 &= (1-z)^n \left( \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j - \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^{j+1} \right) \\
 &= (1-z)^n \left( 1 + \sum_{j \geq 1} (j^n - (j-1)^n) z^j \right) \\
 &= (1-z)^n + (1-z)^n \sum_{j \geq 1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} j^k (-1)^{n-k+1} z^j \\
 &= (1-z)^n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-k+1} \binom{n}{k} (1-z)^{n-(k+1)} (1-z)^{k+1} \sum_{j \geq 1} j^k z^j \\
 &= (1-z)^n + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{n-k+1} \binom{n}{k} (1-z)^{n-(k+1)} f_k(z)
 \end{aligned}$$

for some polynomials  $f_k(z) \in \mathbb{Z}[z]$  with degree at most  $k$  by the induction hypothesis. Then we see that the sum consists of polynomials with degree at most  $n-1$  with integer coefficients, so altogether,  $(1-z)^{n+1} \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j$  is a polynomial with integer coefficients with degree at most  $n$ .

(ii) We claim that  $(z \frac{d}{dz})^n (\frac{1}{1-z}) = \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j$ . For  $n = 0$ , we have a geometric series and the identity holds.

Suppose that  $n > 0$ . Then using induction, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 (z \frac{d}{dz})^n (\frac{1}{1-z}) &= z \frac{d}{dz} (z \frac{d}{dz})^{n-1} (\frac{1}{1-z}) \\
 &= z \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{j \geq 0} j^{n-1} z^j \\
 &= z \sum_{j \geq 1} j^n z^{j-1} \\
 &= \sum_{j \geq 1} j^n z^j \\
 &= \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j.
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the numerator of this rational function is  $\sum_{k=0}^n A(n, k) z^k$ .

As for the statement that  $A(n, k) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n$  and  $A(n, n) = 1$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , we will induct on  $n$ . Suppose that  $n = 0$ . Then  $\frac{1}{1-z}$  has a monic numerator with positive coefficients.

By induction, we suppose that

$$(z \frac{d}{dz})^{n-1} (\frac{1}{1-z}) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 z + \cdots + a_{n-1} z^{n-1}}{(1-z)^n},$$

where  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $a_{n-1} = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(z \frac{d}{dz}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) &= \left(z \frac{d}{dz}\right) \left(z \frac{d}{dz}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) \\
&= \left(z \frac{d}{dz}\right) \frac{a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_{n-1} z^{n-1}}{(1-z)^n} \\
&= \frac{(a_1 + na_0) + (2a_2 - a_1 + na_1)z + \dots + ((n-1)a_{n-1} - (n-2)a_{n-2} + na_{n-2})z^{n-2} + (-(n-1)a_{n-1} + na_{n-1})z^{n-1}}{(1-z)^{n+1}} \\
&= \frac{(a_1 + na_0)z + (2a_2 + (n-1)a_1)z^2 + \dots + ((n-1)a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2})z^{n-1} + (a_{n-1})z^n}{(1-z)^{n+1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

We see the numerator is monic and all of the coefficients are positive, as desired.

(iii) Suppose that  $n \geq 1$ . From the calculation above, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n A(n, k) z^k &= (a_1 + na_0)z + (2a_2 + (n-1)a_1)z^2 + \dots + ((n-1)a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2})z^{n-1} + (a_{n-1})z^n \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n (ka_k + (n+1-k)a_{k-1})z^k \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n (kA(n-1, k) + (n+1-k)A(n-1, k-1))z^k.
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients yields  $A(n, k) = (n-k+1)A(n-1, k-1) + kA(n-1, k)$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

To show that  $A(n, k) = A(n, n+1-k)$ , we will induct on  $n$ . Consider the case where  $n = 1$ . For  $k = 1$ , we have that  $A(1, 1) = A(1, 1+1-1)$  and for  $k = 2$ , we have  $A(1, 2) = 0 = A(1, 0)$ .

Now suppose that we have  $n > 1$ . Then for  $k \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
A(n, n+1-k) &= (n - (n+1-k) + 1)A(n-1, n+1-k-1) + (n+1-k)A(n-1, n+1-k) \\
&= kA(n-1, k) + (n+1-k)A(n-1, n+1-k) \\
&= kA(n-1, k) + (n+1-k)A(n-1, k-1) \\
&= A(n, k),
\end{aligned}$$

where the equality in the third line follows from the induction hypothesis since

$$A(n-1, n-k+1) = A(n-1, n-1+1-(n-k+1)) = A(n-1, k-1).$$

(iv) For  $n \geq 0$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n A(n, k) z^k &= (1-z)^{n+1} \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+1}{m} (-1)^m z^m \sum_{j \geq 0} j^n z^j \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \binom{n+1}{j} (k-j)^n \right) z^k.
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of  $z^k$  yields

$$A(n, k) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \binom{n+1}{j} (k-j)^n$$

for  $n, k \geq 0$ .

(v) We have that

$$\text{Ehr}_{\square_d}(z) = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{t \geq 1} (t)^d z^t = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{k=0}^d A(d, k) z^k = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^d A(d, k) z^{k-1}}{(1-z)^{d+1}} \quad \checkmark$$

since  $A(d, 0) = 0$  by (iv) when  $d \geq 1$ .

6.

(i) We will first calculate  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(t)$  for  $t = 2, 4, 6$ . For  $t = 2$ , we need to count the lattice points in  $\text{conv}\{(-1, -1), (1, -1), (0, 3)\}$ . We see that on the  $x = 0$  cross-section, we have the lattice points  $(0, -1), (0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3)$ . On the  $x = 1$  cross-section, we only have one lattice point, and by symmetry, there is only one lattice point on the  $x = -1$  cross-section as well. Thus,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(2) = 5 + 1 + 1 = 7$ . ✓

For  $t = 4$ , we see the  $x = 0$  cross-section has 9 lattice points. We see that the negatively sloped side of the triangle has slope  $-4$  so the  $x = 1$  cross-section is the line segment from  $(1, -2)$  to  $(1, 2)$ , so there are 5 lattice points on this cross-section. The  $x = 2$  cross-section has just one lattice point. Thus, by symmetry, we have that  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(4) = 9 + 2(5 + 1) = 21$ . ✓

As for  $t = 6$ , we can similarly use the fact that the negatively sloped side of the triangle has slope  $-4$  and count each cross-sections to get that  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(6) = 13 + 2(9 + 5 + 1) = 43$ . ✓

For the next part, we will calculate  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(t)$  for  $t = 1, 3, 5$ . By inspection,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(1) = 2$ . For  $t = 3$ , the  $x = 0$  cross-section is the line segment from  $(0, -3/2)$  to  $(0, 9/2)$ , and there are 6 lattice points in between. We can use the slope of the triangle to get that the  $x = 1$  cross-section is the line segment from  $(1, -3/2)$  to  $(1, 1/2)$ , which contains 2 lattice points. Thus,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(3) = 6 + 2(2) = 10$ . ✓

For  $t = 5$ , we have the cross-sections  $(0, -5/2)$  to  $(0, 15/2)$ ,  $(1, -5/2)$  to  $(1, 7/2)$ , and  $(2, -5/2)$  to  $(2, -1/2)$  for  $x = 0, 1, 2$ , respectively. The  $x = 0$  cross-section gives 10 lattice points. The  $x = 1$  cross-section gives 6 lattice points, and the  $x = 2$  cross-section gives 2 lattice points. Thus,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(5) = 10 + 2(6 + 2) = 26$ . ✓

If we restrict  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(t)$  to even integers, then  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(t)$  and  $t^2 + t + 1$  are both degree 2 polynomials that agree on 3 points, so they must be the same polynomial. Similarly,  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(t)$  restricted to odd integers agrees with  $t^2 + 1$  on 3 points, so

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{T}}(t) = t^2 + c(t)t + 1, \quad \checkmark$$

where  $c(t) = 1$  if  $t$  is even and  $c(t) = 0$  if  $t$  is odd.

(ii) We calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Ehr}_{\mathcal{T}}(z) &= 1 + \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} (t^2 + c(t)t + 1)z^t \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (t^2 + c(t)t + 1)z^t \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (t^2 + 1)z^t + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} c(t)t z^t \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} (t^2 + 1)z^t + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2kz^{2k} \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} t^2 z^t + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} z^t + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2kz^{2k} \\
&= \left( z \frac{d}{dz} \right)^2 \frac{1}{1-z} + \frac{1}{1-z} + z \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{1-z^2} \\
&= \frac{z + z^2}{(1-z)^3} + \frac{1}{1-z} + \frac{2z^2}{1-z^2} \\
&= \frac{1 + 2z + 4z^2 + 4z^3 + z^4 + 2z^5 + 2z^6}{(1-z^2)^3}.
\end{aligned}$$

7.

- (i) Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathcal{P}$ . Now suppose  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m) := \mathbf{Ax} \leq \mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$ . Then  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y} =: (z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^m$ . We can view  $\mathbf{x}$  as  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_1, \dots, z_m) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{n+m}$ . Now,  $A'(x_1, \dots, x_n, z_1, \dots, z_m) = (y_1 + z_1, \dots, y_m + z_m) = (b_1, \dots, b_m) = \mathbf{b}$ .
- (ii) Let  $t$  be an integer such that  $t \geq 1$ . A point  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{n+m}$  is in  $t\mathcal{P} \cap \mathbb{Z}^{n+m}$  if and only if  $\frac{1}{t}\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P} \cap \frac{1}{t}\mathbb{Z}^{n+m}$ . Thus,  $\frac{1}{t}\mathbf{x}$  satisfies  $A'(\frac{1}{t}\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$ . This means that  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+m}$  is a vector satisfying  $A'\mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{b}$ .
- (iii) Let  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m+n$ . Then  $1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_i}$  is an element of  $\mathbb{C}[[z_1, \dots, z_m]]$  whose constant term is a unit, so  $\frac{1}{1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_i}} \in \mathbb{C}[[z_1, \dots, z_m]]$  and thus

$$\frac{1}{(1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_1}) \dots (1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_{m+n}})} \in \mathbb{C}[[z_1, \dots, z_m]] \subseteq \mathbb{C}((z_1, \dots, z_m)),$$

the ring of formal Laurent series in  $z_1, \dots, z_m$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since  $\frac{1}{\mathbf{z}^{t\mathbf{b}}} \in \mathbb{C}((z_1, \dots, z_m))$ , we have

$$f(z_1, \dots, z_m) = \frac{1}{(1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_1}) \dots (1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_{m+n}}) \mathbf{z}^{t\mathbf{b}}} \in \mathbb{C}((z_1, \dots, z_m)),$$

so  $f(z_1, \dots, z_m)$  can be written as an infinite sum of Laurent monomials in  $z_1, \dots, z_m$ .

- (iv) Let  $t$  to be an integer such that  $t \geq 1$ . We have that

$$\mathbf{z}^{t\mathbf{b}} f(z_1, \dots, z_m) = \frac{1}{(1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_1}) \dots (1 - \mathbf{z}^{c_{m+n}})} = (1 + \mathbf{z}^{c_1} + \mathbf{z}^{2c_1} + \dots) \dots (1 + \mathbf{z}^{c_{m+n}} + \mathbf{z}^{2c_{m+n}} + \dots).$$

This means the constant term of  $f(z_1, \dots, z_m)$  is the coefficient of the  $\mathbf{z}^{t\mathbf{b}}$  term of the above series. On the right hand side, we see that the coefficient of the  $\mathbf{z}^{t\mathbf{b}}$  term is the cardinality of



the set

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(a_1, \dots, a_{m+n}) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m+n} \mid a_1 \mathbf{c}_1 + \dots + a_{m+n} \mathbf{c}_{m+n} = t\mathbf{b}\} \\ &= \{(a_1, \dots, a_{m+n}) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{m+n} \mid A'(a_1, \dots, a_{m+n}) = t\mathbf{b}\} \\ &= t\mathcal{P} \cap \mathbb{Z}^{n+m}, \end{aligned}$$

whose cardinality is by definition  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}}(t)$ . This shows that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{P}}(t) = \text{constant term of the series } f(z_1, \dots, z_m).$$



