

New Duals of MacMahon's Theorem

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Plane partitions

$$\pi = \begin{array}{ccccc} \pi_{1,1} & \pi_{1,2} & \dots & \pi_{1,b-1} & \pi_{1,b} \\ \pi_{2,1} & \pi_{2,2} & \dots & \pi_{2,b-1} & \pi_{2,b} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \pi_{a,1} & \pi_{a,2} & \dots & \pi_{a,b-1} & \pi_{a,b} \end{array}$$

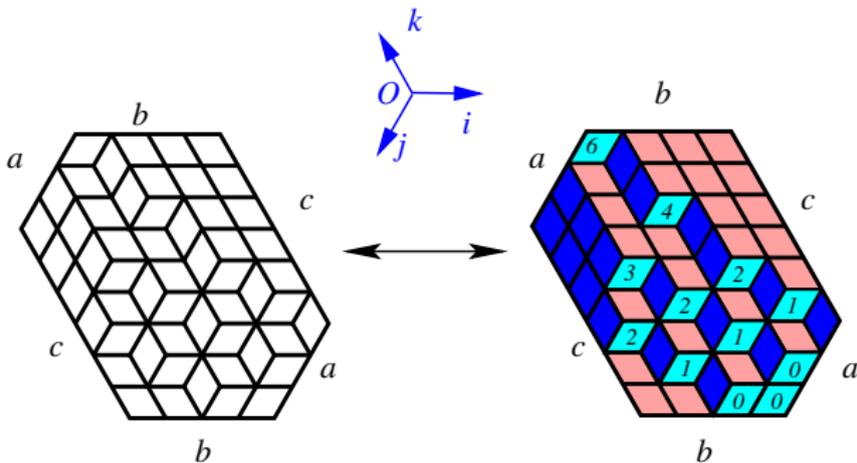
where $\pi_{i,j} \leq \pi_{i-1,j}$ and $\pi_{i,j} \leq \pi_{i,j-1}$.

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Plane partitions as stacks of unit cubes

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MacMahon's Theorem

Theorem (MacMahon ~1900)

$$\sum_{\pi} q^{|\pi|} = PP_q(a, b, c) = \frac{H_q(a) H_q(b) H_q(c) H_q(a+b+c)}{H_q(a+b) H_q(b+c) H_q(c+a)},$$

where the sum is taken over all plane partitions π fitting in an $a \times b \times c$ box, and $|\pi|$ is the *volume* of π .

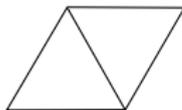
Definition:

- *q*-integer $[n]_q := 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{n-1}$
- *q*-factorial $[n]_q! = [1]_q [2]_q \dots [n]_q$,
- *q*-hyperfactorial $H_q(n) = [0]_q! [1]_q! \dots [n-1]_q!$.

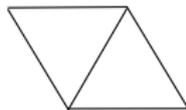
Lozenge tilings



Vertical



Right



Left

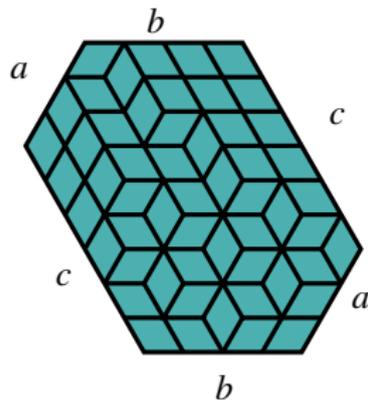
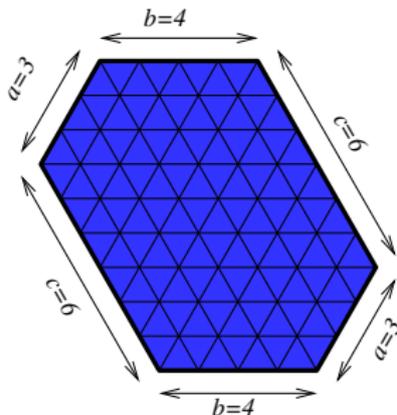
- A **lozenge** (or **unit rhombus**) is the union of two adjacent unit equilateral triangles.
- A **lozenge tiling** of a region R on the triangular lattice is a covering of the region by lozenges, such that there are no gaps or overlaps.
- Denote by $M(R)$ the number of lozenge tilings of the region R .

MacMahon's Theorem revisited

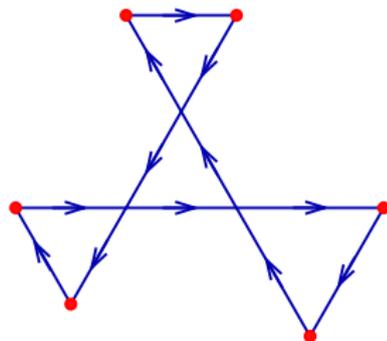
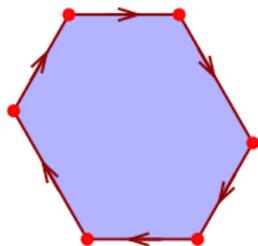
Theorem (MacMahon's Theorem for $q = 1$)

$$M(\text{Hex}(a, b, c)) = PP(a, b, c) = \frac{H(a) H(b) H(c) H(a + b + c)}{H(a + b) H(b + c) H(c + a)},$$

where the hyperfactorial $H(n) := 0! \cdot 1! \cdot 2! \dots (n - 1)!$.

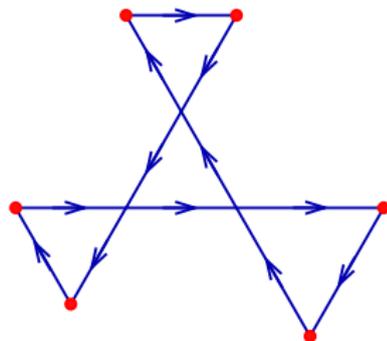
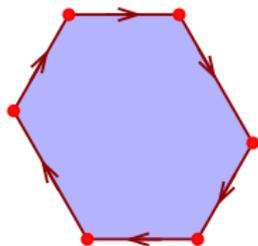


Another hexagonal contour of MacMahon's Theorem



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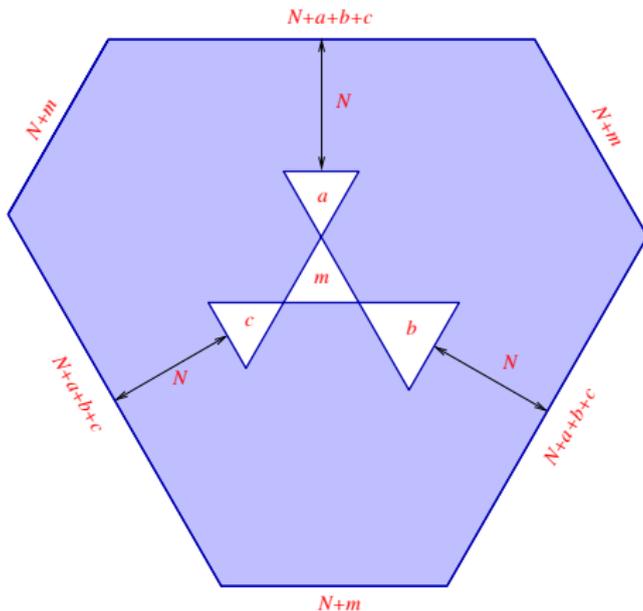
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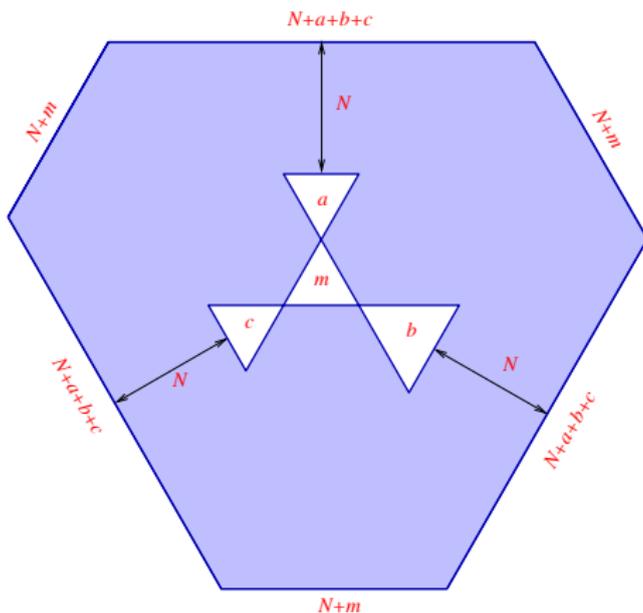
What is the (asymptotic) behavior of the number of lozenge tilings **outside** the self-intersecting hexagonal contour?

Dual of MacMahon's Theorem

The region $S_{N,N,N}(a, b, c, m)$.

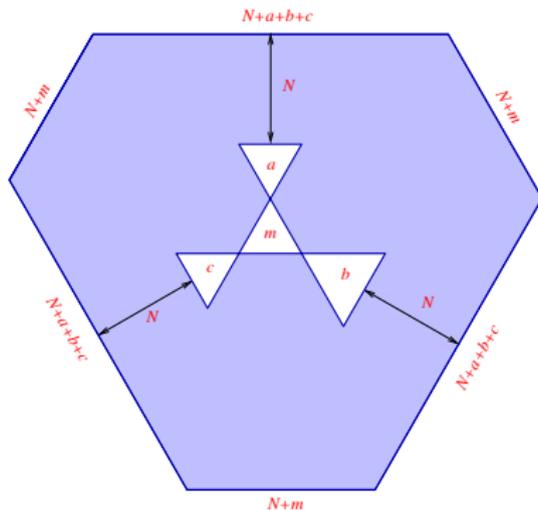


Dual of MacMahon's Theorem



$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(S_{N,N,N}(a, b, c, m))}{M(S_{N,N,N}(a+b+c, 0, 0, m))} = ?$$

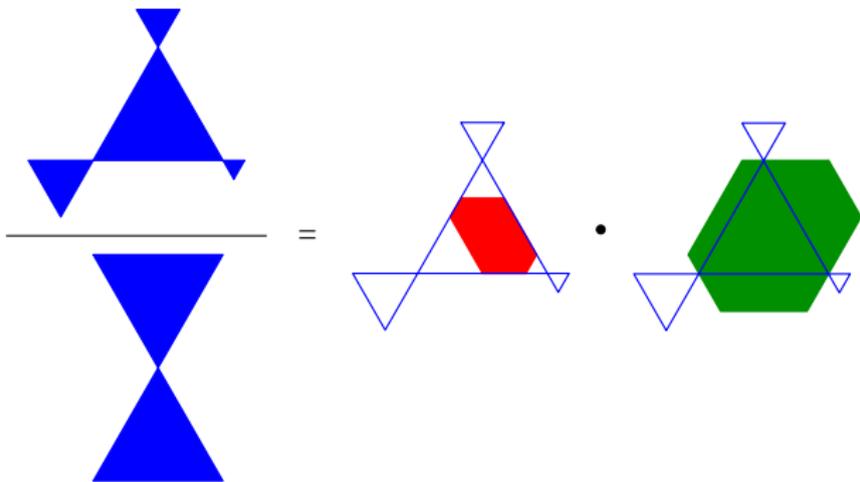
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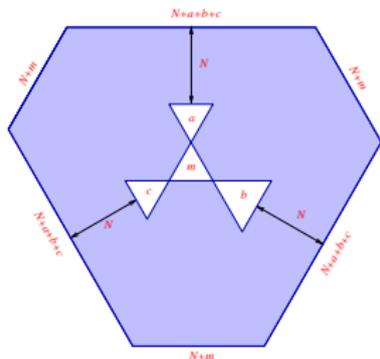
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Corollary (Special case $m = a + b + c$)

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(S_{N,N,N}(a, b, c, a + b + c))}{M(S_{N,N,N}(a + b + c, 0, 0, a + b + c))} \\ = PP(a, b, c) \cdot PP(a + b, b + c, c + a)$$

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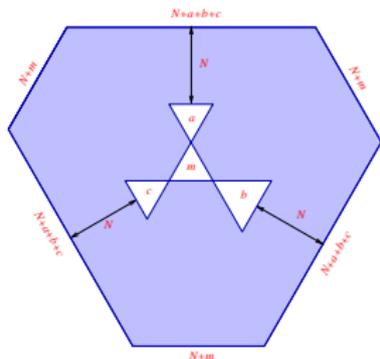


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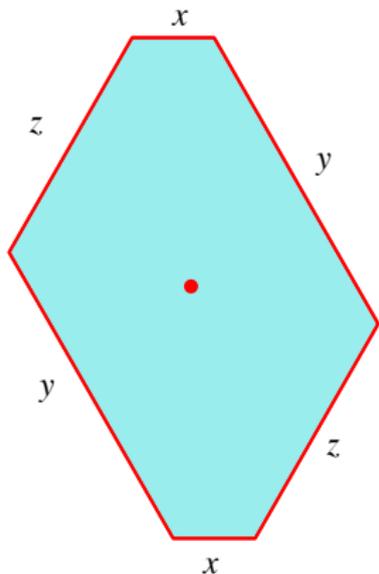


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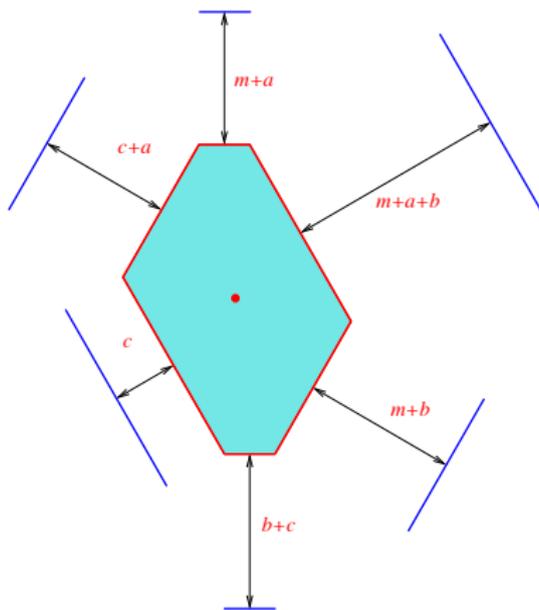
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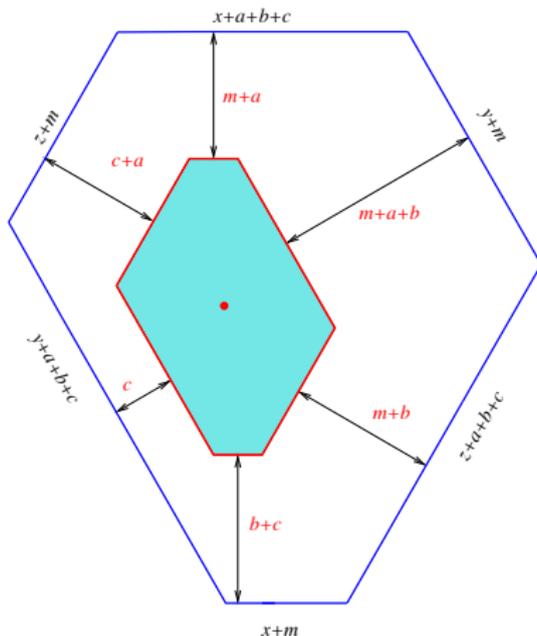
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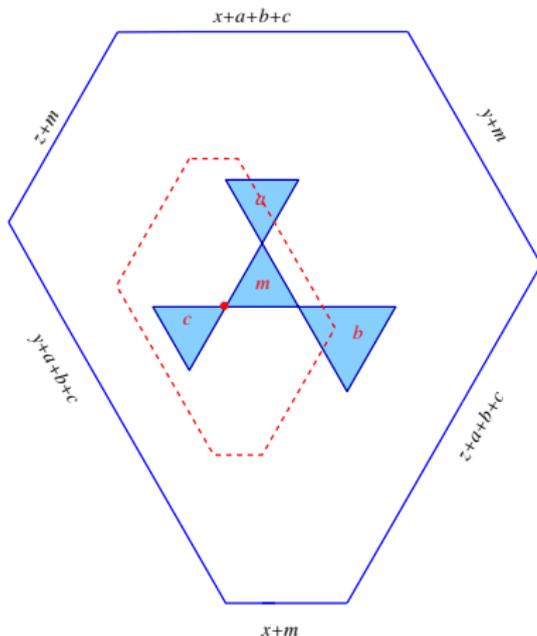
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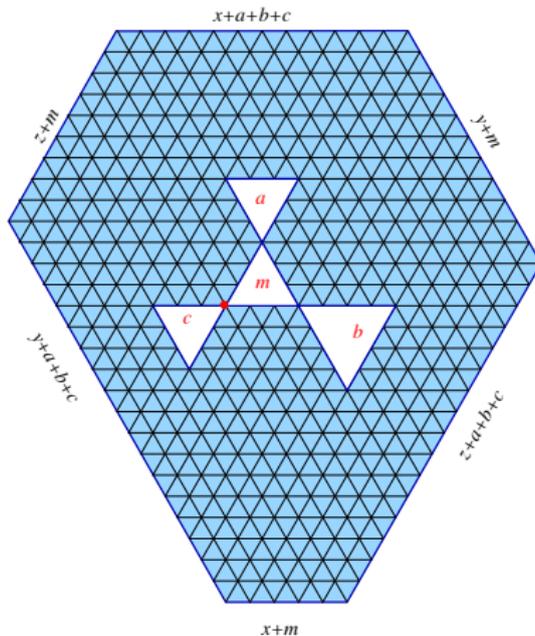
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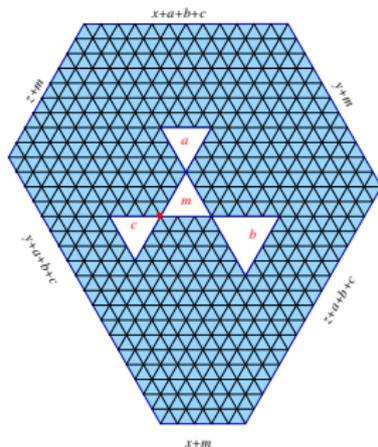
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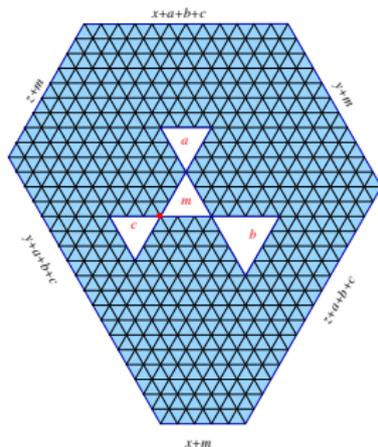
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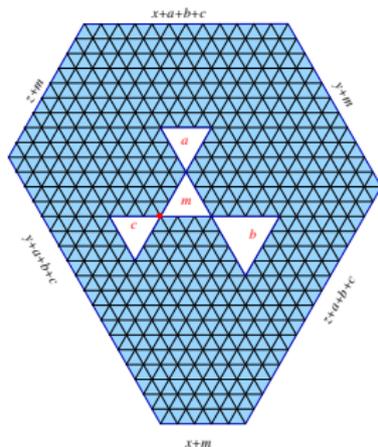
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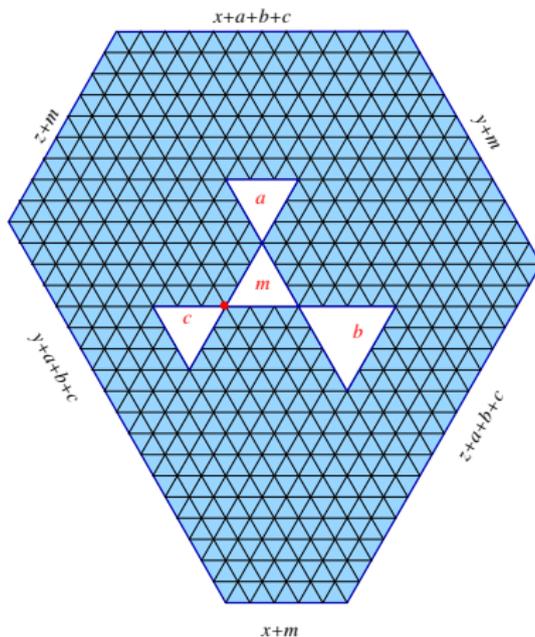
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 &\frac{H(x + \Delta) H(y + \Delta) H(z + \Delta) H(x + y + z + \Delta)}{H(x + y + \Delta) H(x + z + \Delta) H(y + z + \Delta)} \\
 &\frac{H(\lceil \frac{x+y+z}{2} \rceil + \Delta) H(\lfloor \frac{x+y+z}{2} \rfloor + \Delta)}{H(\lfloor \frac{x+y}{2} \rfloor + \Delta) H(\lceil \frac{x+z}{2} \rceil + \Delta) H(\frac{y+z}{2} + \Delta)} \\
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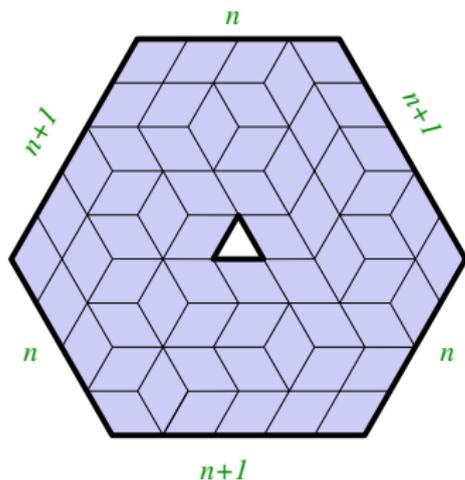
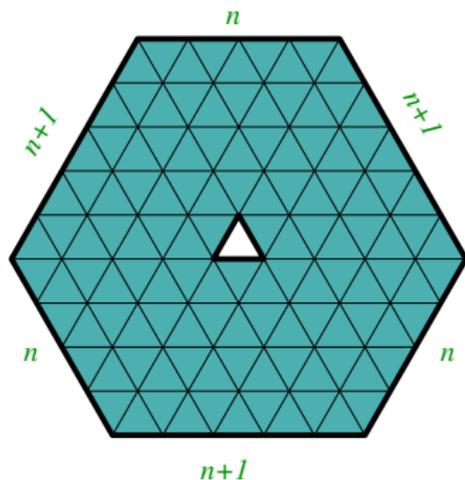
$$\Delta = m + a + b + c$$

Enumeration of S-cored hexagon



Bad news: There is **no** nice product formula for the off-center case!

History: James Propp's Problem

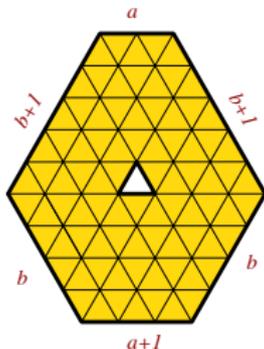


Open Problem (Propp 1997)

Find an *explicit formula* for the number of *tilings* of a hexagon of sides $n, n+1, n, n+1, n, n+1$ with the *central unit triangle removed*.

This is **Problem 3** on his list of **20 open problems** in the field of **enumeration of tilings**.

History: Ciucu's Solution



Theorem (Ciucu 1998)

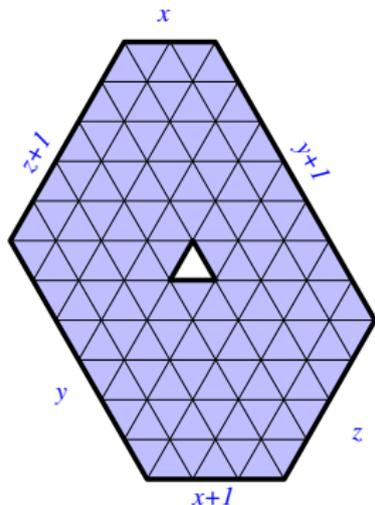
The *tiling number* of the hexagon of sides $a, b+1, b, a+1, b, b+1$ with the central unit triangle removed is:

$$SC(a+1, b, b)SC(a, b+1, b+1),$$

where $SC(a, b, c)$ is the number of 'self-complementary plane partitions' that fit in an $a \times b \times c$ box.

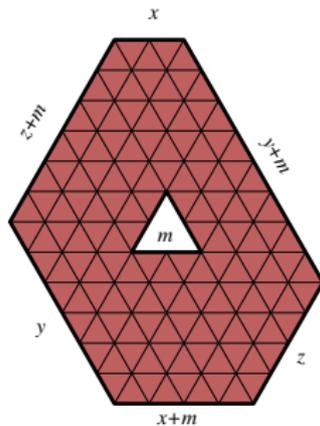
Gessel and Helfgott (1999) re-proved by a different method.

History: Krattenthaler–Okada's generalization



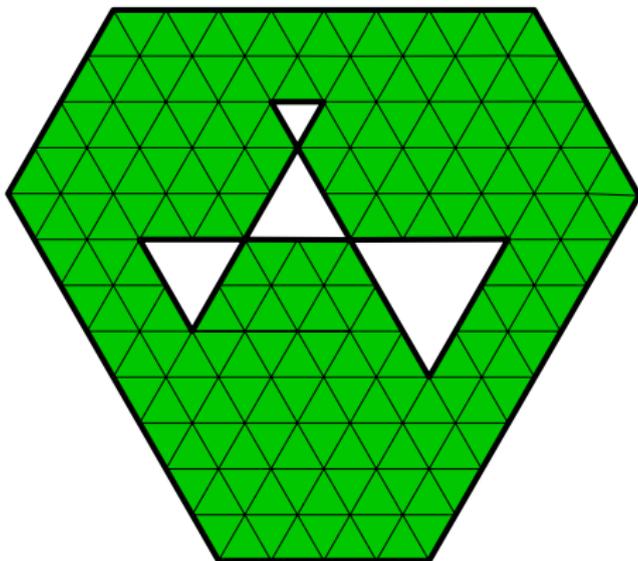
Krattenthaler and Okada (1998) generalized Ciucu's enumeration for a hexagon of sides $x, y + 1, z, x + 1, y, z + 1$ with the central unit triangle removed.

History: Ciucu–Eisenkölbl–Krattenthaler–Zare’s cored hexagon



- **Unit triangle** is replaced by a **triangle of any side**.
- This is $C_{x,y,z}(m) := S_{x,y,z}(0, 0, 0, m)$.

History: Ciucu–Krattenthaler's S-cored hexagon



Ciucu–Krattenthaler (2013) generalized to a hexagon with a 'shamrock' removed in the center

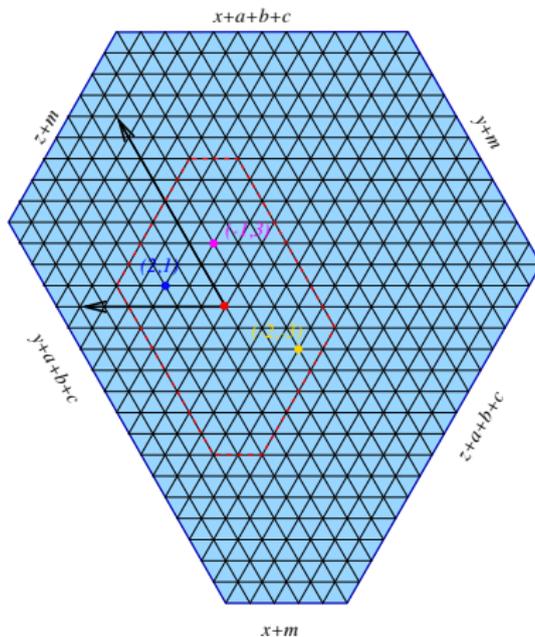
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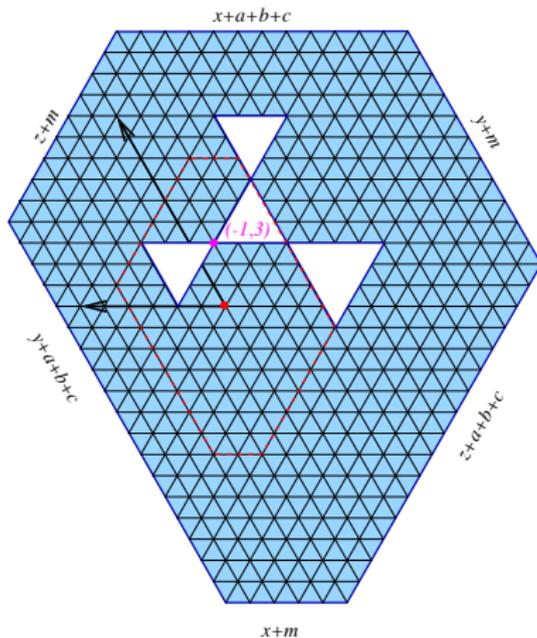
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Moving the 'shamrock' hole



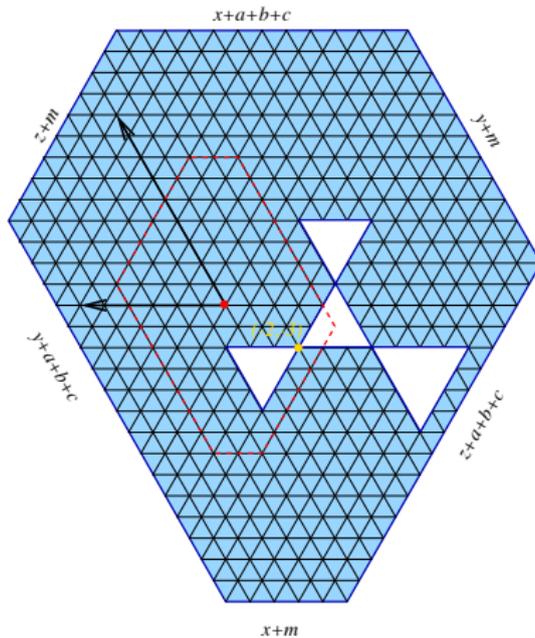
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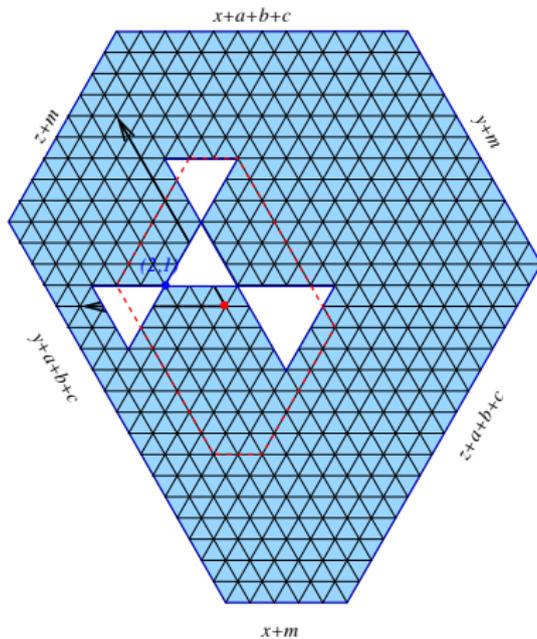
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The region $S_{x,y,z}^{2,1}(a,b,c,m)$



Factorization Theorem for Generalized S-cored Hexagons

Theorem (Factorization Theorem T.L. 2018)

$$\begin{aligned} M(S_{x,y,z}^{M,N}(a, b, c, m)) &= M(S_{x,y,z}^{M,N}(0, 0, 0, a + b + c + m)) \\ &\times \frac{H(m)^3 H(a) H(b) H(c)}{H(m+a) H(m+b) H(m+c)} \\ &\times \frac{H(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + c + M + N) H(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + \Delta + M + N)}{H(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + M + N) H(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + m + c + M + N)} \\ &\times \frac{H(\lfloor \frac{x+y}{2} \rfloor - M - N) H(\lfloor \frac{x+y}{2} \rfloor + m + a + b - M - N)}{H(\lfloor \frac{x+y}{2} \rfloor + a + b - M - N) H(\lfloor \frac{x+y}{2} \rfloor + \Delta - M - N)} \\ &\times \frac{H(\lceil \frac{x+z}{2} \rceil + c + M) H(\lceil \frac{x+z}{2} \rceil + m + a + c + M)}{H(\lceil \frac{x+z}{2} \rceil + a + c + M) H(\lceil \frac{x+z}{2} \rceil + \Delta + M)} \\ &\times \frac{H(\lfloor \frac{x+z}{2} \rfloor + b - M) H(\lfloor \frac{x+z}{2} \rfloor + \Delta - M)}{H(\lfloor \frac{x+z}{2} \rfloor - M) H(\lfloor \frac{x+z}{2} \rfloor + m + b - M)} \\ &\times \frac{H(\frac{y+z}{2} + N) H(\frac{y+z}{2} + m + b + c + N) H(\frac{y+z}{2} + a - N) H(\frac{y+z}{2} + \Delta - N)}{H(\frac{y+z}{2} + b + c + N) H(\frac{y+z}{2} + \Delta + N) H(\frac{y+z}{2} - N) H(\frac{y+z}{2} + m + a - N)}. \end{aligned}$$

Generalized dual

Theorem (Generalized Dual of MacMahon's Theorem, T.L. 2018)

For real number M, N

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(S_{k,k,k}^{[Mk], [Nk]}(a, b, c, m))}{M(S_{k,k,k}^{[Mk], [Nk]}(a + b + c, 0, 0, m))} = PP(a, b, m) \cdot PP(a + b, c, m) \\ \times \frac{(1 - (M + N)^2)^{ma+mb}}{(1 - M^2)^{mb}(1 - N^2)^{ma}}$$

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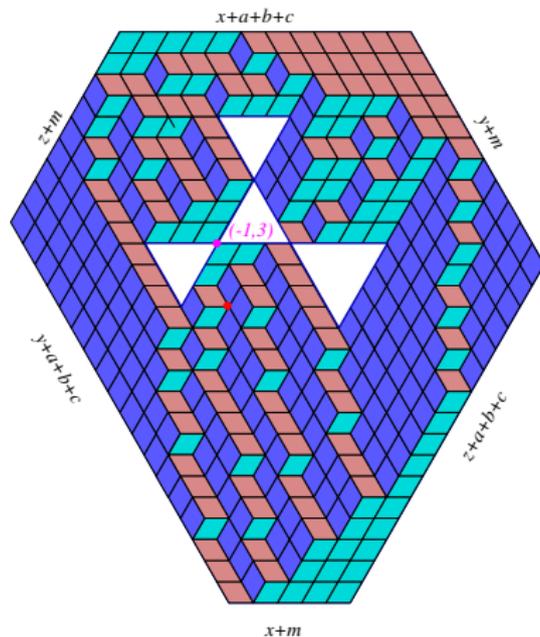
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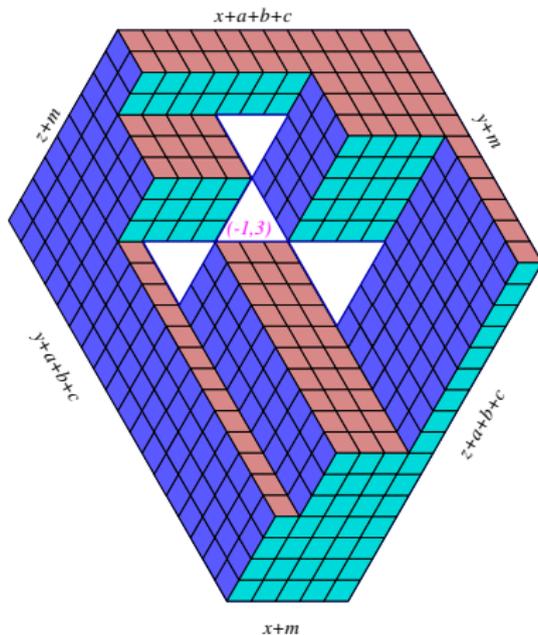
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Facts: There are **not** many closed-form q -analogs!

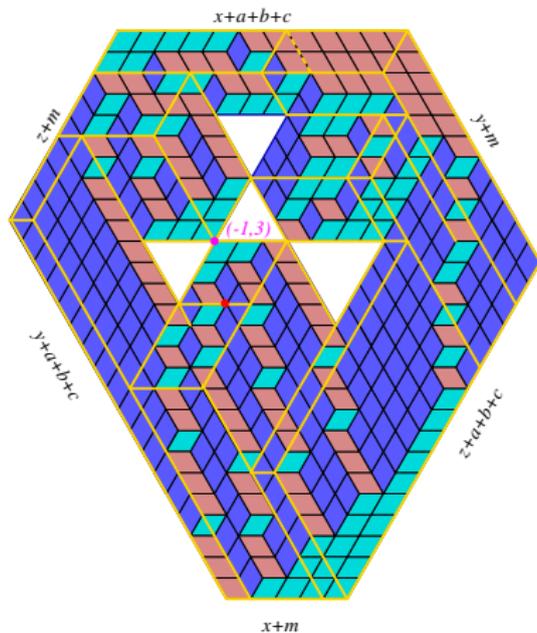
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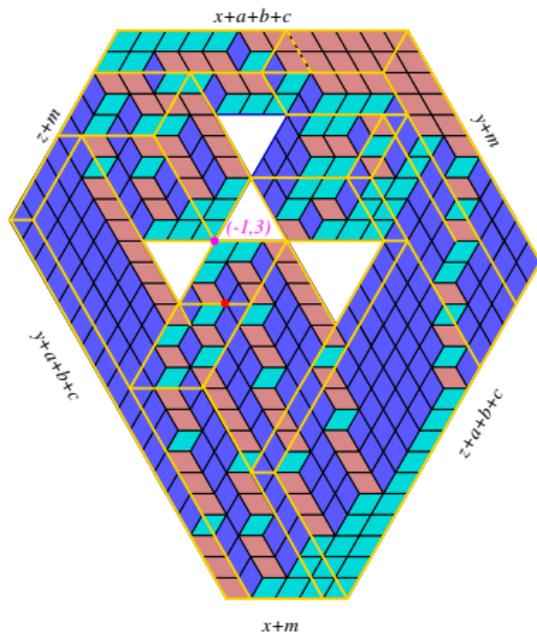


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Bad news: This is **not** given by a simple product formula, even for the case $M = N = 0$!

Theorem (q-Factorization Theorem T.L. 2018)

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&\times \frac{H_q(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + c + M + N) H_q(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + \Delta + M + N)}{H_q(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + M + N) H_q(\lceil \frac{x+y}{2} \rceil + m + c + M + N)} \\
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&\times \frac{H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} + N) H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} + m + b + c + N) H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} + a - N) H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} + \Delta - N)}{H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} + b + c + N) H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} + \Delta + N) H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} - N) H_q(\frac{y+z}{2} + m + a - N)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Corollary (q -Dual of MacMahon's Theorem, T.L. 2018)

For $|q| < 1$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M_q(S_{k,k,k}^{[Mk], [Nk]}(a, b, c, m))}{M_q(S_{k,k,k}^{[Mk], [Nk]}(a + b + c, 0, 0, m))} = PP_q(a, b, m) \cdot PP_q(a + b, c, m).$$

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Proof of the main result

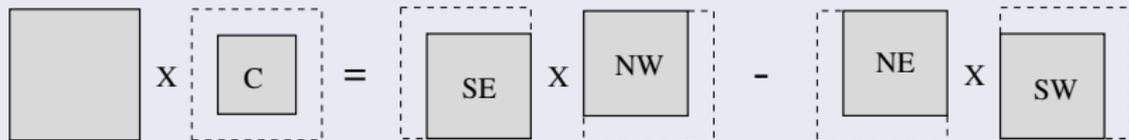
Sketched Proof.

- 1 Bijection between **weighted tilings** and **weighted perfect matchings**.
- 2 Use a combinatorial version of **Dodgson condensation** to create the recurrence for both sides.
- 3 Proof by induction



Dodgson Condensation

Lemma (Dodgson condensation)



$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 9 & 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} | 5 = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 9 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$-9 \cdot 5 = (-2) \cdot (-3) - (-3) \cdot (-17)$$

Thank you!

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