

Corollary 4. If in (5), we let $r = k - a$, we obtain

$$(8) \quad p'(0, a, 2k + a; n) = \sum_j (-1)^j p\left(n - \frac{(2k + a)j^2 + (2k - a)j}{2}\right).$$

Corollary 5. If in (8), we let $k = a = 2$, we obtain a recursion formula for $p'(0, 2, 6; n)$, which is equal to $q(n)$, the number of partitions of n into odd parts, so that we have

$$q(n) = \sum_j (-1)^j p(n - (3j^2 + j)),$$

which is (4).

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$$\begin{aligned} (-a/b)(b/-a) &= (a/b)(b/a)(-1/b) \\ &= ((-1/a)/(-1/b))(-1/b) \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

if and only if

$$(-1/a) \neq (-1/b) = -1.$$

Therefore,

$$(2) \quad (-a/b)(b/-a) = ((-1/-a)/(-1/b)).$$

Also,

$$(a/-b) = (a/b)(a/-1)$$

and

$$(-b/a) = (b/a)(-1/a).$$

Since $(a/-1) = 1$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (a/-b)(-b/a) &= (a/b)(b/a)(-1/a) \\ &= ((-1/a)/(-1/b))(-1/a) \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

if and only if

$$(-1/a) \neq (-1/b) = 1.$$

Therefore,

$$(3) \quad (a/-b)(-b/a) = ((-1/a)/(-1/-b)).$$

Finally,

$$(-a/-b) = -(a/b)(a/-1)(-1/b)$$

and

$$(-b/-a) = -(b/a)(b/-1)(-1/a).$$

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