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Abstract. In the article, we establish some identities involving special values of multiple zeta functions among the counting functions of number of representations of an integer by a linear combination of figurate numbers such as triangular numbers, square numbers, pentagonal numbers, etc. More precisely, we provide our result for $\delta_k(n)$, $r_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$), the number of representations of n as a sum of k -triangular numbers, as a sum of k -square numbers and as a sum of k -higher figurate numbers (for a fixed $a \geq 3$), respectively. Moreover, these identities also occur when one of $\delta_k(n)$, $r_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ is replaced by the k -colored partition functions.

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1. Preliminaries

We define the q -Pochhammer symbol, also known as the q -shifted factorial, given as the product of the form

$$(a; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^k) = (1 - a)(1 - aq)(1 - aq^2) \cdots (1 - aq^{n-1}), \quad (1.1)$$

with $(a; q)_0 = 1$. It is a q -analogue of the Pochhammer symbol $(x)_n = x(x + 1) \cdots (x + n - 1)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, in the sense that

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{(q^x; q)_n}{(1 - q)^n} = (x)_n. \quad (1.2)$$

The q -Pochhammer symbol is a major building block in the theory of hypergeometric series and the theory of integer partitions. The q -Pochhammer symbol can be extended to an infinite product given by

$$(a; q)_\infty = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^k). \quad (1.3)$$

Moreover, for $a = q$, $(a; q)_\infty$ is the Dedekind eta function $\eta(\tau)$ upto a multiple of q -power, where $q = e^{2\pi i\tau}$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{H}$ (complex upper half-plane), i.e., $\eta(\tau) = q^{1/24}(q; q)_\infty$. A product of the form $\prod_{d|N} \eta^{r_d}(d\tau)$; with $r_d \in \mathbb{Z}$, is commonly known as a eta-quotient of level N and weight $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|N} r_d$, in the theory of modular forms. These are the building blocks for finding the formulas for $r_k(n)$, $\delta_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$) (See [RV23]).

For a fixed integer $a \geq 1$, we define the n^{th} -figurate number by $f_a(n) := \frac{an^2 + (a-2)n}{2}$, following Ono-Robins-Wahl [ORW95]. Note that the function $f_a(n)$ denotes the n^{th} -triangular number (resp. square number and pentagonal number) when $a = 1$ (resp. 2 and 3). In the literature, the n^{th} -triangular number is denoted by T_n , and for a fixed $a \geq 3$, the integer $f_a(n)$ is known as the n^{th} -higher figurate number. These functions are associated with counting the number of vertices of some

geometric objects. We denote the generating functions for these figurate numbers as $\Psi(\tau)$ (for triangular numbers), $\theta(\tau)$ (for square numbers) and $\Phi_a(\tau)$ (for $a \geq 3$), and they are given respectively by

$$\theta(\tau) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{n^2}, \quad \Psi(\tau) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{for } a \geq 3, \quad \Phi_a(\tau) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{f_a(n)}. \quad (1.4)$$

where $q \in \mathbb{H}$. It is known from [ORW95, Proposition 1, Theorem 10] that the generating function for the figurate numbers defined in (1.4) are explicitly obtained from Jacobi triple product identity given by

$$\theta(\tau) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{2n})^5}{(1 - q^n)^2(1 - q^{4n})^2} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^5}{(q; q)_{\infty}^2(q^4; q^4)_{\infty}^2}, \quad \Psi(\tau) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{2n})^2}{(1 - q^n)} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_{\infty}^2}{(q; q)_{\infty}} \quad (1.5)$$

and for $a \geq 3$,

$$\Phi_a(\tau) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{an})(1 - q^{an-1})(1 - q^{an-(a-1)}) = (q^a; q^a)_{\infty}(q^{-1}; q^a)_{\infty}(q^{-(a-1)}; q^a)_{\infty}. \quad (1.6)$$

Let $\delta_k(n)$, $r_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$) denote the number of representations of n as a sum of k -triangular numbers, as a sum of k -square numbers and as a sum of k -higher figurate numbers (for a fixed $a \geq 3$) respectively, i.e.,

$$r_k(n) = \# \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{Z}^k \mid n = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \right\},$$

$$\delta_k(n) = \# \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{Z}^k \mid n = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{x_i(x_i + 1)}{2} \right\}$$

and for a fixed integer $a \geq 3$, $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n) = \# \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \mathbb{Z}^k \mid n = \sum_{i=1}^k f_a(x_i) \right\}.$

It is easy to see that

$$\theta^k(\tau) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_k(n) q^n, \quad \Psi^k(\tau) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta_k(n) q^n \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_a^k(\tau) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{N}_k^a(n) q^n$$

for $a \geq 3$. For more details on these arithmetical functions, we refer to [ORW95] and [RV23].

For positive integers $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_w \geq 2$, we define the multiple zeta function as follows:

$$\zeta(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_w) = \sum_{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_w} \frac{1}{m_1^{k_1} m_2^{k_2} \dots m_w^{k_w}}$$

and $\zeta^{odd}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_w) = \sum_{\substack{m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_w \\ m_i - \text{odd}}} \frac{1}{m_1^{k_1} m_2^{k_2} \dots m_w^{k_w}}.$ (1.7)

When $k_i = k$ for all i , we simply denote it as $\zeta_w(k)$ and $\zeta_w^{odd}(k)$, respectively. By convention, we write $\zeta(k) = \zeta_1(k)$, $\zeta_0(k) = 1$, $\zeta^{odd}(k) = \zeta_1^{odd}(k)$ and $\zeta_0^{odd}(k) = 1$.

Trigonometric identities

For each $z \in \mathbb{C}$, we have the following trigonometric function with their product expansion and Taylor series expansion given as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \sin z &= z \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} z^{2n+1}, \\ \cos z &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2\pi^2}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} z^{2n}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 z &= z^2 \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n}{2r+1}\right) \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n)!} z^{2n} \\ \text{and } \cos^2 z &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2\pi^2}\right)^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{2n}{2r}\right) \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} z^{2n}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

Here, $\binom{n}{r}$ denotes the number of ways to choose r objects from a set of n objects.

2. Identities for $\delta_k(n)$, $r_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$

In this section, we establish certain identities for $r_k(n)$, $\delta_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$) which involves the special values of multiple zeta function. We make use of trigonometric functions to prove our results. Before stating our results, we define the set $S(n)$ as a collection of all possible compositions of non-zero positive integers $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\}$ such that $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_r = n$, i.e.,

$$S(n) = \{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\} \mid a_i > 0 \text{ for all } i, \text{ and } a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_r = n\}.$$

For example, given $n = 6$, the elements $\{3, 2, 1\}$, $\{2, 3, 1\}$ and $\{1, 2, 3\}$ are different integer compositions of $S(n)$.

Now, we present our results.

Theorem 2.1. *For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $r_k(n)$, $\delta_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$), respectively involving the special values of multiple zeta function $\zeta_k(2)$ given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} r_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} r_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-distinct}}} \frac{(-1)^\ell}{\pi^{2\ell}} \frac{r_2(s_1) r_2(s_2) \cdots r_2(s_\ell)}{m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} \delta_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} \delta_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-distinct}}} \frac{(-1)^\ell}{\pi^{2\ell}} \frac{\delta_2(s_1) \delta_2(s_2) \cdots \delta_2(s_\ell)}{m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} \mathcal{N}_{2k}^a(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} \mathcal{N}_{2k}^a(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-distinct}}} \frac{(-1)^\ell}{\pi^{2\ell}} \frac{\mathcal{N}_2^a(s_1) \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_2) \cdots \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_\ell)}{m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Proof. We prove the above result for $r_k(\cdot)$ and other identities can be obtained following similar arguments. Let us consider the product formula of $\sin z$ given by $\sin z = z \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right)$. To get the required result, we consider the product $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right)$ and expand it in two different ways by substituting the q -product of generating function for square numbers, i.e., $z = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{2n})^5}{(1 - q^n)^2(1 - q^{4n})^2}$ (given in (1.5)) and observe that $z^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_k(n)q^n$. More precisely, the expansion of $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right)$ gives that

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\pi^{2k}} \left(\sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \\ n_i \text{-distinct}}} \frac{1}{n_1^2 n_2^2 \cdots n_k^2} \right) z^{2k} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} z^{2k}.$$

Now, we substitute $z^{2k} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_{2k}(n)q^n$ and see that the constant term (q^0 -th coefficient) and the coefficient of q^n ($n > 0$) is given by;

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} r_{2k}(n), \quad (2.13)$$

respectively. On the other hand, we first substitute $z^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_2(n)q^n$ in $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right)$ to get

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2}\right) q^0 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_2(k)}{n^2\pi^2} q^k \right). \quad (2.14)$$

We expand the product in (2.14) using the Cauchy product of infinite series to obtain the coefficients of q^n . The coefficients of q^n in this process is given by

$$\sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-distinct}}} \frac{(-1)^\ell r_2(s_1) r_2(s_2) \cdots r_2(s_\ell)}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2\pi^2}\right). \quad (2.15)$$

Since the q^n -coefficients given in (2.13) and (2.15) are the q^n -coefficients of the expansions of the product $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2\pi^2}\right)$ by putting the value of $z = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{2n})^5}{(1 - q^n)^2(1 - q^{4n})^2}$. Hence, we have the required identity. The first equality is obvious by the Taylor series expansion of $\sin z$. Thus, we have the required result.

Theorem 2.2. For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $r_k(n)$, $\delta_k(n)$ and $N_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$), respectively involving the special values of multiple zeta function $\zeta_k^{\text{odd}}(2)$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} r_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k \zeta_k^{\text{odd}}(2)}{\pi^{2k}} r_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-odd \& distinct}}} \frac{(-4)^\ell r_2(s_1) r_2(s_2) \cdots r_2(s_\ell)}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{-odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2\pi^2}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \delta_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k \zeta_k^{odd}(2)}{\pi^{2k}} \delta_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-odd} \ \& \ \text{distinct}}} \frac{(-4)^\ell \delta_2(s_1) \delta_2(s_2) \cdots \delta_2(s_\ell)}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{-odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \mathcal{N}_{2k}^a(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k \zeta_k^{odd}(2)}{\pi^{2k}} \mathcal{N}_{2k}^a(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-odd} \ \& \ \text{distinct}}} \frac{(-4)^\ell \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_1) \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_2) \cdots \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_\ell)}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{-odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Proof. We use the same arguments to prove the above result for $\delta_k(\cdot)$ and the other identities. Let us consider the product formula of $\cos z$ given by $\cos z = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}\right)$. We expand the product $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}\right)$ in two different ways by substituting the q -product of generating function for triangular numbers, i.e., $z = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-q^{2n})^2}{(1-q^n)}$ and observe that $z^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta_k(n) q^n$ to get the required result. More precisely, a simple expansion of $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}\right)$ gives that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}\right) &= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k}{\pi^{2k}} \left(\sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \\ n_i \text{-odd} \ \& \ \text{distinct}}} \frac{1}{n_1^2 n_2^2 \cdots n_k^2} \right) z^{2k} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k \zeta_k^{odd}(2)}{\pi^{2k}} z^{2k}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we substitute $z^{2k} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta_{2k}(n) q^n$ and see that the coefficient of q^n is

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k \zeta_k^{odd}(2)}{\pi^{2k}} \delta_{2k}(n). \quad (2.19)$$

On the other hand, first we substitute $z^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta_2(n) q^n$ in $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}\right)$ and then we expand the product to obtain the coefficients of q^n . The coefficients of q^n in this process is given by

$$\sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-odd} \ \& \ \text{distinct}}} \frac{(-4)^\ell \delta_2(s_1) \delta_2(s_2) \cdots \delta_2(s_\ell)}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{-odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right). \quad (2.20)$$

Hence, comparing the q^n -coefficients of the expansions of the product $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n-1)^2 \pi^2}\right)$ (in two ways) by substituting $z = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(q; q)_\infty}$, we obtain the required result. The first equality is obvious from the Taylor series expansion of $\cos z$.

Following the same arguments and using the product and sum expression for $\sin^2 z$ and $\cos^2 z$ respectively (given in (1.9)), we have the following results.

Theorem 2.3. For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $r_k(n)$, $\delta_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$) respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \binom{2k}{2r+1} \right) \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(2k)!} r_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^n r_2(f) \sum^* \left(\prod_{1 \leq e \leq \ell} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi^2 m_e^2} r_2(s_e) + \frac{1}{\pi^4 m_e^4} r_2(s_e) \right) \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m^2 \pi^2} + \frac{1}{m^4 \pi^4} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \binom{2k}{2r+1} \right) \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(2k)!} \delta_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^n \delta_2(f) \sum^* \left(\prod_{1 \leq e \leq \ell} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi^2 m_e^2} \delta_2(s_e) + \frac{1}{\pi^4 m_e^4} \delta_2(s_e) \right) \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m^2 \pi^2} + \frac{1}{m^4 \pi^4} \right) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \binom{2k}{2r+1} \right) \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{(2k)!} \mathcal{N}_{2k}^a(n) \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^n \mathcal{N}_2^a(f) \sum^* \left(\prod_{1 \leq e \leq \ell} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi^2 m_e^2} \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_e) + \frac{1}{\pi^4 m_e^4} \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_e) \right) \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m^2 \pi^2} + \frac{1}{m^4 \pi^4} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

where \sum^* denotes the double summation $\sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n-f)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{ - distinct}}}$.

Theorem 2.4. For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $r_k(n)$, $\delta_k(n)$ and $\mathcal{N}_k^a(n)$ (for a fixed $a \geq 3$) respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^k \binom{2k}{2r} \right) \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} r_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum^{\#} \prod_{1 \leq e \leq \ell} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi^2 m_e^2} r_2(s_e) + \frac{1}{\pi^4 m_e^4} r_2(s_e) \right) \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{ - odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m^2 \pi^2} + \frac{1}{m^4 \pi^4} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^k \binom{2k}{2r} \right) \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \delta_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum^{\#} \prod_{1 \leq e \leq \ell} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi^2 m_e^2} \delta_2(s_e) + \frac{1}{\pi^4 m_e^4} \delta_2(s_e) \right) \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{ - odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m^2 \pi^2} + \frac{1}{m^4 \pi^4} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{r=0}^k \binom{2k}{2r} \right) \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \mathcal{N}_{2k}^a(n) \\ &= \sum^{\#} \left(\prod_{1 \leq e \leq \ell} \left(-\frac{2}{\pi^2 m_e^2} \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_e) + \frac{1}{\pi^4 m_e^4} \mathcal{N}_2^a(s_e) \right) \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{ - odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{2}{m^2 \pi^2} + \frac{1}{m^4 \pi^4} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

where $\sum^{\#}$ denotes the summation $\sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{ - odd \& distinct}}}$.

3. Identities for k -colored partition functions:

Let n be a positive integer. For each $k \geq 1$, let $p_k(n)$ denote the number of k -colored partition of n . For $k = 1$, it is the usual partition function $p(n)$, first considered by Ramanujan. We define $\overline{p}_k(n)$, as the counting function for the number of k -colored over-partition of a positive integer n , and $pd_k(n)$ denotes the number of k -colored partition of n into distinct parts, and $po_k(n)$ denotes the number of k -colored partition of n into odd parts. The generating function for these k -colored partition functions is given in terms of q -product as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_k(n)q^n &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q^n)^k} = (q; q)_{\infty}^{-k}, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{p}_k(n)q^n &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1+q^n)^k}{(1-q^n)^k} = \frac{(-q; q)_{\infty}^k}{(q; q)_{\infty}^k}, \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} pd_k(n)q^n &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1+q^n)^k = (-q; q)_{\infty}^k, \\ \text{and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} po_k(n)q^n &= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-q^{2n-1})^k} = (q^{-1}; q^2)_{\infty}^k. \end{aligned} \tag{3.27}$$

For details on the partition functions and their combinatorial interpretations, we refer to [And98]. Similar identities obtained in Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2, can be given for these k -colored partition functions. The proof of these identities take place by substituting $z = (-q; q)_{\infty}$ (for $pd_k(n)$), $z = (q^{-1}; q^2)_{\infty}$ (for $po_k(n)$), $z = \frac{1}{(q; q)_{\infty}}$ (for $p_k(n)$) and $z = \frac{(-q; q)_{\infty}}{(q; q)_{\infty}}$ (for $\overline{p}_k(n)$) in the expression of $\sin z$ and $\cos z$ and following the same arguments as in the proofs of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2. Below, we state these identities only for $pd_k(n)$, and identities for others can be stated analogously.

Theorem 3.1. *For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $pd_k(n)$ involving the special values of multiple zeta function $\zeta_k(2)$ given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} pd_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} pd_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{\ell}\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{\ell} \\ m_i \text{-distinct}}} \frac{(-1)^{\ell} pd_2(s_1) pd_2(s_2) \cdots pd_2(s_{\ell})}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_{\ell}^2} \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{\ell}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.28}$$

These identities also valid if $pd_k(n)$ is replaced by one of these k -colored partition functions among $p_k(n)$, $\overline{p}_k(n)$ and $po_k(n)$.

Theorem 3.2. *For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $pd_k(n)$ involving the special values of multiple zeta function $\zeta_k^{\text{odd}}(2)$ given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} pd_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k \zeta_k^{\text{odd}}(2)}{\pi^{2k}} pd_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{\ell}\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{\ell} \\ m_i \text{-odd \& distinct}}} \frac{(-4)^{\ell} pd_2(s_1) pd_2(s_2) \cdots pd_2(s_{\ell})}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_{\ell}^2} \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{\ell} \\ m \text{-odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.29}$$

These identities also valid if $pd_k(n)$ is replaced by one of these k -colored partition functions among $p_k(n)$, $\overline{p}_k(n)$ and $po_k(n)$.

Remark 3.1. *The identities appearing in the Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 can be given for each of these k -colored partition functions $p_k(n)$, $\overline{p}_k(n)$, $pd_k(n)$ and $po_k(n)$ by replacing the arithmetical function $r_k(n)$ by one of the above k -colored partition functions.*

3.A. k -colored identities associated to Rogers-Ramanujan partition functions:

For a positive integer n , Let $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r]$ such that $n = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_r$, $r \in \mathbb{N}$ and each $\lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1} > 0$, denote a partition of n . We define the following partition functions given by

$$\begin{aligned} RR(n) &:= \#\{\text{partiton } [\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r] \text{ of } n \mid \lambda_i - \lambda_{i+1} \geq 2 \text{ for each } i\} \quad \text{and} \\ RS(n) &:= \#\{\text{partiton } [\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r] \text{ of } n \mid \lambda_i - \lambda_{i+1} \geq 2, \text{ and } \lambda_i \geq 2 \text{ for each } i\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

The generating function for these is given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} RR(n)q^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q, q)_n} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} RS(n)q^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2+n}}{(q, q)_n}. \quad (3.31)$$

Let $R1(n)$ denote the numbers of partition $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r]$ of n such that each $\lambda_i \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$, and $R2(n)$ denote the numbers of partition $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r]$ of n such that each $\lambda_i \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}$, respectively. The generating function of these is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R1(n)q^n &= \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - q^{5m-4})(1 - q^{5m-1})} = \frac{1}{(q; q^5)_{\infty}(q^4; q^5)_{\infty}} \\ \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R2(n)q^n &= \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 - q^{5m-2})(1 - q^{5m-3})} = \frac{1}{(q^2; q^5)_{\infty}(q^3; q^5)_{\infty}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

respectively. Then, Rogers-Ramanujan identities say that

$$RR(n) = R1(n) \quad \text{and} \quad RS(n) = R2(n). \quad (3.33)$$

To prove the Rogers-Ramanujan identities, it is equivalent to show the following

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(q, q)_n} = \frac{1}{(q; q^5)_{\infty}(q^4; q^5)_{\infty}} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2+n}}{(q, q)_n} = \frac{1}{(q^2; q^5)_{\infty}(q^3; q^5)_{\infty}}, \quad (3.34)$$

respectively. For details, we refer to [And98]. Now, we define the following k -colored Rogers-Ramanujan type partitioned functions as follows: $R1_k(n)$ denote the numbers of partition $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r]$ of n such that each $\lambda_i \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{5}$ and its part is colored by at most k -colours, and $R2_k(n)$ denote the numbers of partition $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r]$ of n such that each $\lambda_i \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}$ and its part is colored by at most k -colours, respectively. The generating functions are given by

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R1_k(n)q^n = \frac{1}{(q; q^5)_{\infty}^k (q^4; q^5)_{\infty}^k} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R2_k(n)q^n = \frac{1}{(q^2; q^5)_{\infty}^k (q^3; q^5)_{\infty}^k}, \quad (3.35)$$

respectively. Here, we state our result without proof as it follows exactly the same arguments as in the proofs of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2, respectively.

Theorem 3.3. *For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $R1_k(n)$ involving the special values of multiple zeta function $\zeta_k(2)$ given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} R1_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k \zeta_k(2)}{\pi^{2k}} R1_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{\ell}\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{\ell} \\ m_i \text{ - distinct}}} \frac{(-1)^{\ell} R1_2(s_1) R1_2(s_2) \cdots R1_2(s_{\ell})}{\pi^{2\ell} m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_{\ell}^2} \prod_{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{\ell}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

These identities also valid if $R1_k(n)$ is replaced by $R2_k(n)$.

Theorem 3.4. For a given positive integer n , we have the following identities for $R1_k(n)$ involving the special values of multiple zeta function $\zeta_k^{odd}(2)$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} R1_{2k}(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k 4^k \zeta_k^{odd}(2)}{\pi^{2k}} R1_{2k}(n) \\ &= \sum_{\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\ell\} \in S(n)} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m_i \text{-odd \& distinct}}} \frac{(-4)^\ell}{\pi^{2\ell}} \frac{R1_2(s_1) R1_2(s_2) \cdots R1_2(s_\ell)}{m_1^2 m_2^2 \cdots m_\ell^2} \prod_{\substack{m \neq m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \\ m \text{-odd}}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m^2 \pi^2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.37)$$

These identities also valid if $R1_k(n)$ is replaced by $R2_k(n)$.

Remark 3.2. The identities appearing in the Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 can be given for $R1_k(n)$ and $R2_k(n)$.

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