

A NOTE ON THE COMPUTATION OF ALDER'S POLYNOMIALS

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In two recent papers [2, 3] I deduced and used the general transformation

$$(1) \quad 1 + \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} (-1)^s k^M s x^{\frac{1}{2} s \{ (2M+1)s-1 \}} (1 - kx^{2s}) \frac{(kx; s-1)}{(x; s)} \\ = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - kx^n) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^t G_{M,t}(x)}{(x; t)}, \quad (M = 2, 3, \dots)$$

to prove certain generalized identities of the type

$$(2) \quad \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - x^{(2M+1)n-s})(1 - x^{(2M+1)n-(2M+1-s)})(1 - x^{(2M+1)n})}{(1 - x^n)} \\ = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{A_s(x, t) G_{M,t}(x)}{(x; t)},$$

where $A_s(x, t)$ and $G_{M,t}(x)$ are polynomials. For $s = M$ and $s = 1$ respectively in (2), we get Alder's generalizations of the well-known Rogers-Ramanujan identities

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - x^{5n-2})(1 - x^{5n-3})(1 - x^{5n})}{(1 - x^n)} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{t^2}}{(x; t)}$$

and

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - x^{5n-1})(1 - x^{5n-4})(1 - x^{5n})}{(1 - x^n)} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{t(t+1)}}{(x; t)}$$

in the form [1]

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - x^{(2M+1)n-M})(1 - x^{(2M+1)n-M-1})(1 - x^{(2M+1)n})}{(1 - x^n)} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{G_{M,t}(x)}{(x; t)}$$

and

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - x^{(2M+1)n-1})(1 - x^{(2M+1)n-2M})(1 - x^{(2M+1)n})}{(1 - x^n)} = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^t G_{M,t}(x)}{(x; t)}.$$

For the Alder polynomials $G_{M,t}(x)$ in (1), I gave the general form

$$(3) \quad G_{M,t}(x) = x^{t^2} \sum_{t_1=0}^{\lfloor \frac{M-2}{M-1} t \rfloor} \frac{(x^{t-2t_1+1}; 2t_1) x^{-2t_1(t-t_1)}}{(x; t_1)} \prod_{n=2}^{M-2} T_{n,M}$$

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