

The nature of the constant A_4 here remains undetermined just as in the papers of Rutledge and Douglass. Whether or not it can be rationally expressed in terms of the constants s_1, σ_1, s_3 and π is an open question. Some light may be thrown on the problem by a further study of the function $\xi_1(x)$ treated briefly by Nielsen.* His definition is as follows,

$$(36) \quad \xi_1(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1+t)}{1+t} t^{x-1} dt, \quad R(x) > 0.$$

From this equation and (27) it follows that

$$(37) \quad A_4 = 5s_4/16 - \xi_1^{(2)}(1).$$

This in itself, of course, sheds no light but if a relation analogous to (16) could be found involving the function $\xi_1(x)$, it would seem that the question could be answered.

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THE COMPUTATION OF THE SMALLER COEFFICIENTS OF $J(\tau)$

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The purpose of this note is to call attention to the fact that the first twenty-five coefficients a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{24} in the expansion

$$(1) \quad 1728J(\tau) = e^{-2\pi i\tau} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{2\pi i n\tau}$$

can be computed with relative ease, making use of H. Gupta's tables‡ of the partition function which extend to $n=600$.

From the multiplier equation§ of fifth order of $J(\tau)$ we have

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} 1728J(\tau) = & y^{-1} + 6 \cdot 5^3 + 63 \cdot 5^5 y + 52 \cdot 5^8 y^2 + 63 \cdot 5^{10} y^3 \\ & + 6 \cdot 5^{13} y^4 + 5^{15} y^5, \end{aligned}$$

with

* N. Nielsen, loc. cit., p. 233.

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‡ *A table of partitions*, Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, vol. 39 (1935), pp. 142-149; *A table of partitions II*, Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, vol. 42 (1937), pp. 546-549.

§ Klein-Fricke, *Vorlesungen über die Theorie der elliptischen Modulfunktionen*, vol. 2, p. 61, formula (11), with the values given in vol. 2, p. 64, (5) and vol. 1, p. 154, (1).

$$y = 5^{-3} \frac{\Delta(\tau, 1/5)^{1/4}}{\Delta(\tau, 1)^{1/4}} = e^{2\pi i\tau} \phi(e^{10\pi i\tau})^6 \phi(e^{2\pi i\tau})^{-6}, \quad \phi(x) = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} (1 - x^m).$$

On the other hand we have*

$$(3) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(25n + 24)e^{2\pi in\tau} = \phi(e^{2\pi i\tau})^{-1} e^{-2\pi i\tau} \{ 63 \cdot 5^2 y + 52 \cdot 5^5 y^2 + 63 \cdot 5^7 y^3 + 6 \cdot 5^{10} y^4 + 5^{12} y^5 \}.$$

Combining (2) and (3) we find

$$1728J(\tau) = y^{-1} + 6 \cdot 5^3 + 5^3 \phi(e^{2\pi i\tau}) e^{2\pi i\tau} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(25n + 24) e^{2\pi in\tau}$$

and hence

$$(4) \quad x^{-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = x^{-1} \phi(x^5)^{-6} \phi(x)^6 + 6 \cdot 5^3 + 5^3 x \phi(x) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(25n + 24) x^n.$$

Equation (4) may be used to compute the a_n . The first term of the right member can be expanded with the aid of Jacobi's formula for $\phi(x)^3$ while the expansion of $\phi(x)$ in the second term is given by Euler's formula. Thus we may write (4) as

$$(5) \quad x^{-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} b_n x^n + 5^3 (x - x^2 - x^3 + x^6 + x^8 - x^{13} - x^{16} + x^{23} + x^{27} - \dots) \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(25n + 24) x^n,$$

with the values

$b_{-1} = 1,$	$b_0 = 744,$	$b_1 = 9,$	$b_2 = 10,$
$b_3 = -30,$	$b_4 = 6,$	$b_5 = -25,$	$b_6 = 96,$
$b_7 = 60,$	$b_8 = -250,$	$b_9 = 45,$	$b_{10} = -150,$
$b_{11} = 544,$	$b_{12} = 360,$	$b_{13} = -1230,$	$b_{14} = 184,$
$b_{15} = -675,$	$b_{16} = 2310,$	$b_{17} = 1410,$	$b_{18} = -4830,$
$b_{19} = 750,$	$b_{20} = -2450,$	$b_{21} = 8196,$	$b_{22} = 4920,$
$b_{23} = -16180,$	$b_{24} = 2376,$	\dots	

* G. N. Watson, *Ramanujans Vermutung über Zerfallungszahlen*, Journal für die reine und angewandte Mathematik, vol. 179 (1938), pp. 97-128; also H. S. Zuckerman, *Identities analogous to Ramanujan's identities involving the partition function*, Duke Mathematical Journal, vol. 5 (1939), pp. 88-110.

By using (5) and the table of partitions, the values of the a_n may be found by mere additions, subtractions, and a single multiplication by 5³.

The following list contains the values of the a_n computed with the aid of Gupta's tables. The values for $n \leq 7$ agree with those given by W. E. H. Berwick.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= 744, \\
 a_1 &= 1\ 96884, \\
 a_2 &= 214\ 93760, \\
 a_3 &= 8642\ 99970, \\
 a_4 &= 2\ 02458\ 56256, \\
 a_5 &= 33\ 32026\ 40600, \\
 a_6 &= 425\ 20233\ 00096, \\
 a_7 &= 4465\ 69940\ 71935, \\
 a_8 &= 40149\ 08866\ 56000, \\
 a_9 &= 3\ 17644\ 02297\ 84420, \\
 a_{10} &= 22\ 56739\ 33095\ 93600, \\
 a_{11} &= 146\ 21191\ 14995\ 19294, \\
 a_{12} &= 874\ 31371\ 96857\ 75360, \\
 a_{13} &= 4872\ 01011\ 17981\ 42520, \\
 a_{14} &= 25497\ 82738\ 94105\ 25184, \\
 a_{15} &= 1\ 26142\ 91646\ 57818\ 43075, \\
 a_{16} &= 5\ 93121\ 77242\ 14450\ 58560, \\
 a_{17} &= 26\ 62842\ 41315\ 07752\ 45160, \\
 a_{18} &= 114\ 59912\ 78844\ 47865\ 13920, \\
 a_{19} &= 474\ 38786\ 80123\ 41688\ 13250, \\
 a_{20} &= 1894\ 49976\ 24889\ 33900\ 28800, \\
 a_{21} &= 7318\ 11377\ 31813\ 75192\ 45696, \\
 a_{22} &= 27406\ 30712\ 51362\ 46549\ 29920, \\
 a_{23} &= 99710\ 41659\ 93718\ 26935\ 33820, \\
 a_{24} &= 3\ 53074\ 53186\ 56142\ 70998\ 77376.
 \end{aligned}$$

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* *An invariant modular equation of the fifth order*, Quarterly Journal of Mathematics, vol. 47 (1916), pp. 94-103.