

## On the Partition Problem in an Algebraic Number Field

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Let  $p(n)$  be the number of the partitions of  $n$ , then the generating function of  $p(n)$  is given by

$$f(x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-x^n)^{-1} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p(n)x^n \quad (|x| < 1).$$

In 1917, Hardy and Ramanujan [1] proved the asymptotic formula for  $p(n)$ :

$$p(n) \sim \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}n} \exp\left(\pi\sqrt{\frac{2n}{3}}\right) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

In 1934, Wright [11] studied the partition problem of  $n$  into  $k$ -th powers of integers. In this case, the generating function is

$$f_k(x) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-x^{n^k})^{-1} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_k(n)x^n \quad (|x| < 1)$$

and Wright obtained the asymptotic formula for  $p_k(n)$ :

$$p_k(n) \sim \frac{A_k k^{1/2} n^{-3/2+1/(k+1)}}{(2\pi)^{(k+1)/2} (k+1)^{3/2}} \exp(A_k n^{1/(1+k)}),$$

where

$$A_k = (k+1) \left\{ \frac{1}{k} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \zeta\left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \right\}^{k/(k+1)}.$$

In 1950, Rademacher [7] suggested the problem of generalizing the partition function to algebraic number field. Three years later, in 1953, Meinardus [4] succeeded in obtaining the asymptotic formula for the partition function in a real quadratic field: Let  $K$  be a real quadratic field and define the infinite product

$$f(\tau, \tau') = \prod_{\nu} (1 - e^{-\nu\tau - \nu'\tau'})^{-1},$$

where the product is taken over all totally positive integers  $\nu$  of  $K$ ,  $\nu'$