



## DEVELOPMENT OF FOKKINK-FOKKINK-WANG'S GENERATING FUNCTION FOR $FFW(n)$

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### Abstract:

*In 1995, R. Fokkink, W. Fokkink and Wang defined the  $FFW(n)$  in terms of  $s(\pi)$ , where  $s(\pi)$  is the smallest part of partition  $\pi$ . In 2008, Andrews obtained the generating function for  $FFW(n)$ . In 2013, Andrews, Garvan and Liang extended the  $FFW$ -function and obtained the similar expressions for the  $spt$ -function and then defined the  $spt$ -crank generating functions. They also defined the generating function for  $FFW(z, n)$  in various ways. This paper shows how to find the number of partitions of  $n$  into distinct parts with certain conditions and shows how to prove the Theorem 1 by induction method. This paper shows how to prove the Theorem 2 with the help of two generating functions.*

### Keywords:

*Distinct parts,  $FFW$ -function, positive divisors, smallest part,  $spt$ -function,  $spt$ -crank.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we give some related definitions of  $P(n)$ ,  $FFW(n)$ ,  $d(n)$ ,  $(x)_\infty$ ,  $(x^2; x)_\infty$ ,  $(zx)_\infty$ ,  $(x)_k$  and  $(x^{k+1}; x)_\infty$ . We give two tables for  $FFW(5)$  and  $FFW(6)$  respectively and discuss the generating functions for  $FFW(n)$  and then shows a relation related to the term  $d(n)$ . We discuss the various generating functions for  $FFW(z, n)$  and prove the Corollary I for proving the fundamental Theorem 1 containing three parts and prove the Theorem 2

$$FFW(z, n) = \sum_{\substack{\pi \in D \\ |\pi| = n \\ k+1 \leq s(\pi)}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)-1} (1 + z + \dots + z^{s(\pi)-1}) \quad \text{and then}$$

establish the Corollary 2:  $FFW(1, n) = FFW(n)$ .

## 2. SOME RELATED DEFINITIONS

$P(n)$  [Sabuj et al (2014b)]: The number of partitions of  $n$  like

$$4, 3+1, 2+2, 2+1+1, 1+1+1+1 \quad \therefore P(4) = 5.$$



FFW (n) [Fokkink et al (1995)]: Let D denote the set of partitions into distinct parts. We define;

$$FFW(n) = \sum_{\substack{\pi \in D \\ |\pi|=n}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)-1} s(\pi),$$

where  $s(\pi)$  is the smallest part of  $\pi$ , and  $\#(\pi)$  is the number of parts .

$d(n)$  : The numbers of positive divisors of n like  $d(1)=1, d(2)=2, d(3)=2,..$

**Product Notations [Sabuj et al (2014a)]:**

$$(x; x)_{\infty} = (x)_{\infty} = (1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3)...$$

$$(x^2; x)_{\infty} = (1-x^2)(1-x^3)...$$

$$(zx)_{\infty} = (1-zx)(1-zx^2)....$$

$$(x)_k = (1-x)(1-x^2)...(1-x^k)$$

$$(x^{k+1}; x)_{\infty} = (1-x^{k+1})(1-x^{k+2}).....$$

**3. WE GIVE TWO TABLES FOR n= 5 AND 6 RESPECTIVELY**

*Table-1:* Partition of 5 into distinct parts.

Partition of 5 into distinct parts	Smallest part of ( $\pi$ ) $s(\pi)$
5	5
4+1	1
3+2	2

From the table we get;

$$FFW(5) = (-1)^0 5 + (-1)^1 .1 + (-1)^1 .2 = 5-1 -2 =2.$$

*Table-2:* Partition of 6 into distinct parts.

Partition of 6 into distinct parts	Smallest part of ( $\pi$ ) $s(\pi)$
6	6
5+1	1
4+2	2
3+2+1	1

From the table we get;

$$FFW(6) = 6-1-2+1 =7-3=4.$$



Similarly we get;

$$FFW (1) =1, FFW (2) =2, FFW (3) = 2, FFW (4) =3.....$$

The generating Function [Andrews (2008)] for FFW (n) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}{(x)_n (1-x^n)} \\ &= \frac{x}{(1-x)(1-x)} + \frac{(-1) \cdot x^3}{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^2)} + \frac{x^6}{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3)(1-x^3)} + \dots \\ &= x + 2x^2 + 2x^3 + 3x^4 + 2x^5 + 4x^6 + \dots \\ &= FFW (1) x + FFW (2)x^2 + FFW (3)x^3 + FFW(4)x^4 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(n)x^n . \end{aligned}$$

A relation related to the term d (n).

We get;  $FFW (1) = 1 = d (1)$

$FFW (2) = 2= d (2)$

$FFW (3) = 2= d (3)$

$FFW (4) = 3= d (4)$

$FFW (5) = 2= d (5)$

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We can write the relation  $FFW(n) = d (n)$ .

**4. NOW WE DESCRIBE THE VARIOUS GENERATING FUNCTIONS [Andrews et al 2001] FOR FFW (z, n)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(1-zx^n)(x)_n} \\ &= \frac{x}{(1-x)(1-zx)} - \frac{x^3}{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-zx^2)} + \frac{x^6}{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3)(1-zx^3)} - \dots \\ &= x + (1+z)x^2 + (z+z^2)x^3 + (z+z^2+z^3)x^4 + (-1+z^2+z^3+z^4)x^5 + \\ & \quad (-1+z^2+z^3+z^4+z^5+1)x^6 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n \end{aligned}$$

We get;  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{(x)_k} [(x)_k - (x)_{\infty}]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{1 - (x)_{\infty}\} + \frac{z}{(1-x)} \{(1-x) - (x)_{\infty}\} + \frac{z^2}{(1-x)(1-x^2)} \{(1-x)(1-x^2) - (x)_{\infty}\} + \frac{z^3}{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3)} \\ & \quad \{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3) - (x)_{\infty}\} + \dots \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x + x^2 + z(x^2 + x^3 + x^4) + z^2(x^3 + x^4) + z^3 x^4 + \dots \\
 &= x + (1+z)x^2 + (z+z^2)x^3 + (z+z^2+z^3)x^4 + (-1+z^2+z^3+z^4)x^5 + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n .
 \end{aligned}$$

Again we get;  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \{1 - (x^{k+1}; x)_{\infty}\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \{1 - (x)_{\infty}\} + z\{1 - (x^2; x)_{\infty}\} + z^2\{1 - (x^3; x)_{\infty}\} + \dots \\
 &= \{1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots\} - \{(1-x)(1-x^2)\dots + z(1-x)(1-x^3)\dots + z^2(1-x^3)(1-x^4)\dots\} \\
 &= \{1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots\} - \{1 - x - x^2 + z - zx^2 - zx^3 + z^2 - z^2x^3 + \dots\} \\
 &= x + x^2 + z(x^2 + x^3 + x^4) + z^2(x^3 + x^4) + z^3 x^4 + \dots \\
 &= x + (1+z)x^2 + (z+z^2)x^3 + (z+z^2+z^3)x^4 + (-1+z^2+z^3+z^4)x^5 + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n .
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary1:**  $\frac{x}{(1-zx)(1-x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z^k-1}{z-1}\right) x^k$ .

Proof: L.H.S =  $\frac{x}{(1-zx)(1-x)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x (1+zx+z^2 x^2 + z^3 x^3 + \dots) (1+x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) \\
 &= x + (1+z)x^2 + (1+z+z^2)x^3 + (1+z+z^2+z^3)x^4 + \dots \\
 &= x + \frac{(1+z)(1-z)}{(1-z)} x^2 + \frac{(1+z+z^2)(1-z)}{(1-z)} x^3 + \frac{(1+z+z^2+z^3)(1-z)}{(1-z)} x^4 + \dots \\
 &= x + \frac{(1-z^2)}{(1-z)} x^2 + \frac{(1-z^3)}{(1-z)} x^3 + \frac{(1-z^4)}{(1-z)} x^4 + \dots \\
 &= x + \frac{(z^2-1)}{(z-1)} x^2 + \frac{(z^3-1)}{(z-1)} x^3 + \frac{(z^4-1)}{(z-1)} x^4 + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z^k-1}{z-1}\right) x^k = R.H.S. . \quad \text{Hence The Corollary.}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1:**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(1-zx^n)(x)_n} = \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{1 - \frac{(x)_{\infty}}{(zx)_{\infty}}\right\}$ .

Proof: we get;  $\frac{x^5}{1-x} = x^5(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots)$

Or,  $x^1 x^4 \frac{1}{(x)_1} = x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + \dots$



is the generating function for partitions into 2 distinct parts with smallest part 2 like the required partitions 3+2, 4+2, .....respectively.

$$\text{Again } \frac{x^6}{(1-x)(1-x^2)} = x^6(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots)(1+x^2+x^4+\dots) \\ = x^6(1+x+x^2+x^4+\dots)$$

Or,  $x^3 \cdot x^3 \frac{1}{(x)_2} = x^6 + x^7 + 2x^8 + \dots$  is the generating function for partitions into 3 distinct parts with smallest part 1 like the required partitions are 3+2+1, 4+2+1, .....respectively. Now we see that

$x^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \frac{1}{(x)_{n-1}}$  is the generation function for partitions into n distinct parts with smallest part k.

$$\text{Thus } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x^n + (1+z)x^{2n} + \dots + (1+z+\dots+z^{k-1})x^{kn} + \dots) \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(x)_{n-1}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ x^n + \frac{(1+z)(1-z)}{(1-z)} x^{2n} + \frac{(1+z+z^2)(1-z)}{(1-z)} x^{3n} + \dots \right\} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(x)_{n-1}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ x^n + \frac{z^2-1}{z-1} x^{2n} + \frac{z^3-1}{z-1} x^{3n} + \dots \right\} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(x)_{n-1}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k-1}{z-1} x^{kn} \right) \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(x)_{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(1-zx^n)(1-x^n)} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{(x)_{n-1}} \quad [\text{by Corollary 1}]$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(1-zx^n)(x)_n}$$

$$[\text{Since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-x^n)(x)_{n-1} = (1-x) + (1-x^2)(1-x) + (1-x^3)(1-x^2)(1-x) + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x)_n]$$

$$\text{Or, 1st part} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(1-zx^n)(x)_n} = 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ part}$$

$$\text{Now } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(1-zx^n)(x)_n} = \frac{x}{(1-zx)(1-x)} - \frac{x^3}{(1-zx^2)(1-x)(1-x^2)} + \dots$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{ \frac{x(1-z)}{(1-zx)(1-x)} - \frac{x^3(1-z)}{(1-zx^2)(1-x)(1-zx^2)} + \dots \right\} = \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{ 1 - 1 + \frac{x(1-z)}{(1-zx)(1-x)} - \dots \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left[ 1 - \left\{ 1 - \frac{x(1-z)}{(1-zx)(1-x)} + \dots \right\} \right] = \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} (z)_n}{(x)_n (zx)_n} \dots \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-z)} \{ 1 - (1 - (1-z)x - (1-z^2)x^2 + \dots) \} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-z)} \{ 1 - (1 - x - x^2 + x^5 + \dots)(1 + zx + (z + z^2)x^2 + \dots) \} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3)\dots}{(1-zx)(1-zx^2)(1-zx^3)\dots} \right\} = \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(x)_\infty}{(zx)_\infty} \right\} = 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Part.}
 \end{aligned}$$

But  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} (z)_n}{(x)_n (zx)_n} = \frac{(x)_\infty}{(zx)_\infty}$  [Andrews (1976)]

$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(1-zx^n)(x)_n} = \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(x)_\infty}{(zx)_\infty} \right\}$ . Hence The Theorem.

**Theorem 2:**  $FFW(z, n) = \sum_{\substack{\pi \in D \\ |\pi|=n \\ k+1 \leq s(\pi)}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)-1} (1 + z + \dots + z^{s(\pi)-1})$ .

Proof: We get;  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{(x)_k} [(x)_k - (x)_\infty]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \{1 - (x)_\infty\} + \frac{z}{(1-x)} \{ (1-x) - (x)_\infty \} + \frac{z^2}{(1-x)(1-x^2)} \{ (1-x)(1-x^2) - (x)_\infty \} + \frac{z^3}{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3)} \\
 &\{ (1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3) - (x)_\infty \} + \dots \\
 &= \{1 - (x)_\infty\} + z\{1 - (1-x^2)(1-x^3)\dots\} + z^2\{1 - (1-x^3)(1-x^4)\dots\} \\
 &= \{1 - (x)_\infty\} + z\{1 - (x^2; x)_\infty\} + z^2\{1 - (x^3; x)_\infty\} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \{1 - (x^{k+1}; x)_\infty\} \\
 \therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} FFW(z, n)x^n &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k \{1 - (x^{k+1}; x)_\infty\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We see that the co-efficient of  $z^k x^n$  in right hand side



$$\text{is } \sum_{\substack{\pi \in D \\ |\pi|=n \\ k+1 \leq s(\pi)}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)-1} (1 + z + \dots + z^{s(\pi)-1})$$

which is also co-efficient of  $z^k x^n$  in left hand side.

$$\therefore \text{FFW}(z, n) = \sum_{\substack{\pi \in D \\ |\pi|=n \\ k+1 \leq s(\pi)}} (-1)^{\#(\pi)-1} (1 + z + \dots + z^{s(\pi)-1}). \text{Hence the Theorem.}$$

**Corollary 2:**  $\text{FFW}(1, n) = \text{FFW}(n)$

Proof: We get; 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(x)_n (1 - zx^n)}$$

$$= x + (1+z)x^2 + (z+z^2)x^3 + (z+z^2+z^3)x^4 + (-1+z^2+z^3+z^4)x^5 + (-1+1+z^2+z^3+z^4+z^5)x^6 + \dots$$

Or, 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{FFW}(z, n)x^n = x + (1+z)x^2 + (z+z^2)x^3 + (z+z^2+z^3)x^4 + (-1+z^2+z^3+z^4)x^5 + \dots$$

If  $z=1$ , we get;

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{FFW}(1, n)x^n = x + 2x^2 + 2x^3 + 3x^4 + 2x^5 + 4x^6 + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(x)_n (1 - x^n)} \quad (\text{by above})$$

$$\text{Or, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{FFW}(1, n)x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{FFW}(n)x^n .$$

Equating the co-efficient of  $x^n$  form both sides we get;

$$\therefore \text{FFW}(1, n) = \text{FFW}(n). \text{Hence the Corollary.}$$

### 5. CONCLUSION

In this study we have found the number of partitions of  $n$  into distinct parts with required conditions. We have already shown the numbers of partitions for  $n = 5$  and  $6$  respectively and have found the number of partitions from the relation  $\text{FFW}(n) = d(n)$  for any positive integral of  $n$ . We have proved the Theorem 1 containing two generating functions

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} x^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{(x)_n (1 - zx^n)} \text{ and } \frac{1}{(1-z)} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(x)_{\infty}}{(zx)_{\infty}} \right\}$$



with the help of generating functions for partitions into  $n$  distinct parts with smallest part  $k$  and have proved the Theorem 2 by taking the co-efficient from various two generating functions. Finally we have established the Corollary  $FFW(1, n) = FFW(n)$  by taking  $z=1$ .

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