

The integration of q-series

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1) The integrals of type

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{mk}) dq$$

(where $m > 0$, fixed)

$m = 1$, OEIS [A258232](#)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k) dq = \frac{8 \pi \sqrt{23} \sinh\left(\frac{\sqrt{23} \pi}{6}\right)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{23} \pi}{3}\right) - 1} = 0.36841253593143365232131659 \dots$$

Proof: From the [Euler pentagonal theorem](#) [2], [3], [5], [6], [8], [9] follows

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k) dq = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{n(3n-1)/2} dq = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n(3n-1)/2 + 1} = \frac{8 \pi \sqrt{23} \sinh\left(\frac{\sqrt{23} \pi}{6}\right)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{23} \pi}{3}\right) - 1}$$

$m = 2$, [A258408](#)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{2k}) dq = \frac{4 \pi \sqrt{11} \sinh\left(\frac{\sqrt{11} \pi}{6}\right)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{11} \pi}{3}\right) - 1} = 0.577332120183979705552546962 \dots$$

In general

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{mk}) dq = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n q^{mn(3n-1)/2} dq = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{mn(3n-1)/2 + 1}$$

if $0 < m < 24$

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{mk}) dq = \frac{8 \pi \sqrt{3} \sinh\left(\frac{\pi}{6} \sqrt{\frac{24}{m} - 1}\right)}{\left(2 \cosh\left(\frac{\pi}{3} \sqrt{\frac{24}{m} - 1}\right) - 1\right) \sqrt{m(24-m)}}$$

if $m = 24$ ([A258414](#))

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{24k}) dq = \frac{\pi^2}{6\sqrt{3}} = 0.949703126294 \dots$$

if $m > 24$

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{mk}) dq = \frac{8 \pi \sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} \sqrt{1 - \frac{24}{m}}\right)}{\left(2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3} \sqrt{1 - \frac{24}{m}}\right) - 1\right) \sqrt{m(m-24)}}$$

The following integral (where $m > 0$) tends to infinity, the asymptotic growth is

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (1 + q^{mk}) dq \sim \frac{2(m+1)^{n+1}}{m n^2}$$

Special case for $m = 1$

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (1 + q^k) dq \sim \frac{2^{n+2}}{n^2}$$

2) The integrals of type

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^m dq$$

(where $m > 0$, fixed)

$m = 1$, [A258232](#) (again, for completeness)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k) dq = \frac{8\pi \sqrt{\frac{3}{23}} \sinh\left(\frac{\sqrt{23}\pi}{6}\right)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{23}\pi}{3}\right) - 1} = 0.36841253593143365232131659 \dots$$

$m = 2$, [A258406](#)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^2 dq = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{8(n+1)(-1)^n}{(n^2 - 2k^2 + 2kn + n + 2)(n^2 - 2k^2 + 2kn + 5n + 6)} = 0.25387408237827600298850889 \dots$$

Proof: From the [Hecke-Rogers](#) identity [3] follows

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^2 dq = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=-\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} (-1)^{n+j} * q^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{j(3j-1)}{2}} dq = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=-\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(-1)^{n+j}}{\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{j(3j-1)}{2} + 1}$$

From the similar formula by Andrews [4], [3] follows

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^2 dq = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^n q^{n(n+1)/2} (1 - q^{2n+2}) q^{k(n-k)} dq = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{8(n+1)(-1)^n}{(n^2 - 2k^2 + 2kn + n + 2)(n^2 - 2k^2 + 2kn + 5n + 6)}$$

$m = 3$, [A258407](#)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^3 dq = \frac{2\pi}{\cosh\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)} = 0.196880615314588975353351358 \dots$$

Proof: From the [Jacobi triple product](#) [2], [3], [6], [7], [8], [9] follows

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^3 dq = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2n+1) q^{n(n+1)/2} dq = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1)}{\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1} = \frac{2\pi}{\cosh\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{7}}{2}\right)}$$

In general

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{jk})^3 dq = \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2n+1) q^{jn(n+1)/2} dq = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1)}{\frac{jn(n+1)}{2} + 1}$$

if $0 < j < 8$

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{jk})^3 dq = \frac{2\pi}{j \cosh\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{8}{j} - 1}\right)}$$

if $j = 8$

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{8k})^3 dq = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

if $j > 8$

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{jk})^3 dq = \frac{2\pi}{j \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{8}{j}}\right)}$$

Special values:

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{4k})^3 dq = \frac{\pi}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = \frac{\pi}{e^{-\pi/2} + e^{\pi/2}} \qquad \int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{9k})^3 dq = \frac{4\pi}{9\sqrt{3}}$$

This efficient program under the Mathematica compute the integral numerically (for m=4, from "nmax" terms)

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nmax=200; p=1;
q4=Table[PrintTemporary[n];
p=Expand[p*(1-x^n)^4]; Total[CoefficientList[p,x]/Range[1,Exponent[p,x]+1]],{n,1,nmax}];
q4n=N[q4,1000];
Table[SequenceLimit[Take[q4n,j]],{j,Length[q4n]-100,Length[q4n],10}]
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$m = 4$, [A258404](#)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^4 dq = 0.161820242294856561802613349857865343 \dots$$

$m = 5$, [A258405](#)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^5 dq = 0.137801070846554642845386131402193843 \dots$$

3) Miscellaneous integrals

[A258412](#)

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^k)^k dq = 0.298783365106567298770953772114 \dots$$

The following integrals tends to infinity, the asymptotic growth is

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (1 + q^k)^k dq \sim \frac{3 * 2^{n(n+1)/2+1}}{n^3}$$

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (1 + q^k)^n dq \sim \frac{2^{n^2+2}}{n^3}$$

The following integral tends to zero if n tends to infinity, the asymptotics is

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - q^k)^n dq \sim \frac{1}{n}$$

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