

Appendix to Cutting 4 by n grids into two congruent pieces

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This theorem also follows from the grammar, but was omitted from the paper.

Theorem 2: Let $f_a(x)$ be the coefficient of z^a in the Maclaurin expansion (with respect to the variable z) of the rational function

$$\frac{-x^3 - x^2 + x + 1 + (x^5 + 2x^3 - x^2 - x)z + (x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2 - 1)z^2}{z^3 + z^2 - 3z + 1}$$

then the number of $4 \times n$ good matrices whose first row starts with a consecutive zeroes (and hence ends with $n - a$ consecutive ones) is the coefficient of x^n in the Maclaurin expansion of the rational function

$$\frac{x^{2a} f_a(x)}{(x-1)(x^4 + 3x^2 - 1)} \quad .$$

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