# **PROOFS OF THREE GEODE CONJECTURES**

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ABSTRACT. In the May 2025 issue of the Amer. Math. Monthly, Norman J. Wildberger and Dean Rubine introduced a new kind of multiindexed numbers, that they call 'Geode numbers', obtained from the Hyper-Catalan numbers. They posed three intriguing conjectures about them, that are proved in this note.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In a recent captivating Monthly article [2], by Norman J. Wildberger and Dean Rubine, the authors utilize a generating series to solve the general univariate polynomial equation. They also explored a "curious factorization" of this hyper-Catalan generating series, and in the penultimate section, they made three conjectures about this algebraic object that they termed the *Geode array*.

In this note, we prove these three conjectures. At least as interesting as the actual statements of the conjectures (now theorems) is *how we proved them*, using several important *tools of the trade*.

The first tool is the multinomial theorem

(1.1) 
$$(x_1 + \dots + x_r)^n = \sum_{\substack{m_1, \dots, m_r \ge 0 \\ m_1 + \dots + m_r = n}} \binom{n}{m_1, \dots, m_r} x_1^{m_1} \cdots x_r^{m_r}$$

The second tool is *constant-term extraction*, the third is *Wilf-Zeilberger* (*WZ*) *algorithmic proof theory*[3] and the last-but-not-least tool is *Lagrange Inversion* [4] that states that: *if* u(t) *and*  $\Phi(t)$  *are formal power series start-ing at*  $t^1$  *and*  $t^0$ , *respectively, then*  $u(t) = t\Phi(u(t))$  *implies* 

(1.2) 
$$[t^n]u(t) = \frac{1}{n}[z^{n-1}]\Phi(z)^n.$$

Here  $[z^n]F(z)$  means the coefficient of  $z^n$  in the Laurent expansion of F(z). We shall use the notation  $CT_zF(z)$  for the constant-term of F(z).

We now bring in the relevant notation adopted in [2] with a caveat that indices are shifted slightly. Consider the equation  $0 = 1 - \alpha + \sum_{k \ge 1} t_k \alpha^{k+1}$ 

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and denote its series solution by  $\alpha = \mathbf{S}[t_1, t_2, ...]$ . Letting  $\mathbf{S}_1 = t_1 + t_2 + \cdots$ , Wildberger-Rubine proved [2, Theorem 12] the existence of a (remarkable!) factorization  $\mathbf{S} - 1 = \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{G}$  and the factor  $\mathbf{G}[t_1, t_2, ...]$  (that they dubbed the *Geode series*). Furthermore, we opt to use  $G[m_1, m_2, ...]$  for the coefficient of  $t_1^{m_1} t_2^{m_2} \cdots$  in the polyseries  $\mathbf{G}[t_1, t_2, ...]$ . We are now ready to state and prove the three conjectures from [2, p. 399]. For the sake of clarity, let's describe the first of these in some detail.

Suppose we are solving the polynomial equation  $0 = 1 - \alpha + t_1 \alpha^2 + t_2 \alpha^3$  through the formal power series

$$\alpha = \mathbf{S}[t_1, t_2] = \sum_{m_1, m_2 \ge 0} C[m_1, m_2] t_1^{m_1} t_2^{m_2}.$$

Consequently, the corresponding Geode series becomes  $G[t_1, t_2] = \frac{S[t_1, t_2]-1}{t_1+t_2}$ . We follow closely [4] to engage the Lagrange Inversion in the extraction of the coefficients  $C[m_1, m_2]$  satisfying  $n = m_1 + m_2$ . Then, the amalgamation of such monomials is given by (1.2) in the form of

$$\sum_{m_1+m_2=n} C[m_1, m_2] t_1^{m_1} t_2^{m_2} = [Y^n] \left( \sum_{k=1}^{3n+1} \frac{1}{k} [z^{k-1}] \left( 1 + Yt_1 z^2 + Yt_2 z^3 \right)^k \right)$$
$$= [Y^n] \sum_{m_1, m_2 \ge 0} \frac{\left( \prod_{m_1, m_2, 1+m_1+2m_2}^{1+2m_1+3m_2} \right)}{1 + 2m_1 + 3m_2} Y^{m_1+m_2} t_1^{m_1} t_2^{m_2}$$
$$= \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2 \ge 0\\m_1+m_2=n}} \frac{\left( \prod_{m_1, m_2, 1+m_1+2m_2}^{1+2m_1+3m_2} \right)}{1 + 2m_1 + 3m_2} t_1^{m_1} t_2^{m_2}$$
$$= \sum_{m_2=0}^n \frac{\left( \prod_{m_2, m_2, 1+m_1+2m_2}^{1+2m_1+m_2} \right)}{1 + 2m_1 + m_2} t_1^{n-m_2} t_2^{m_2}$$
$$= \sum_{m_2=0}^n \frac{\left( \prod_{m_2, m_2, 1+m_2}^{1+2m_1+m_2} \right)}{1 + 2m_1 + m_2} t_1^{n-m_2} t_2^{m_2}}$$

For example, the following reveal both coefficients  $C[m_1, m_2]$  and  $G[m_1, m_2]$ :

$$\sum_{m_1+m_2=3} C[m_1, m_2] t_1^{m_1} t_2^{m_2} = (t_1 + t_2)(5t_1^2 + 16t_1t_2 + 12t_2^2),$$
  
$$\sum_{m_1+m_2=4} C[m_1, m_2] t_1^{m_1} t_2^{m_2} = (t_1 + t_2)(14t_1^3 + 70t_1^2t_2 + 110t_1t_2^2 + 55t_2^3)$$

As a first step, we reprove that the linear term  $t_2 + t_3$  divides the polynomial

$$P_n(t_1, t_2) := \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}\binom{2n+1+k}{n+1+k}}{2n+1+k} t_1^{n-k} t_2^k.$$

This is equivalent to proving that  $P_n(-t_2, t_2) = 0$ , which, in turn, is equivalent to the following identity:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k \frac{\binom{n}{k}\binom{2n+1+k}{n+1+k}}{2n+1+k} = 0.$$

To continue, we invoke the role of the WZ method. Define the functions  $F(n,k) := (-1)^k \frac{\binom{n}{k}\binom{2n+1+k}{n+1+k}}{2n+1+k}$  and also  $H(n,k) := -F(n,k) \cdot \frac{k(n+1+k)}{n(2n+1)}$  to verify F(n,k) = H(n,k+1) - H(n,k). The rest is routine [3].

Our next step will actually find  $G[m_1, m_2]$ . For that we perform the division  $\frac{P_n(t_1, t_2)}{t_1+t_2}$  to obtain (algebraically) that

$$\begin{split} [t_1^{n-1-i}t_2^i] \left(\frac{P_n(t_1,t_2)}{t_1+t_2}\right) &= \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^{i-j} \frac{\binom{n}{j}\binom{2n+1+j}{n+1+j}}{2n+1+j} \\ &= (-1)^i [H(n,i+1) - H(n,0)] \\ &= (-1)^i H(n,i+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2n+1} \binom{n-1}{i} \binom{2n+1+i}{n+1+i} \end{split}$$

which leads to (an equivalent form of) the first conjecture [2] on  $G[m_1, m_2]$ . To wit:

**Theorem 1.1.** For non-negative integers  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , we have

$$G[m_1, m_2] = \frac{1}{(2m_1 + 2m_2 + 3)(m_1 + m_2 + 1)} \frac{(2m_1 + 3m_2 + 3)!}{(m_1 + 2m_2 + 2)!m_1!m_2!}$$

## 2. On the second conjecture

Now that the reader, hopefully, is getting accustomed to our proof-procedure as depicted in Section 1, let's move on to next conjecture [2, p. 399] which does generalize the one we just finished proving. For brevity, denote  $\widetilde{G} = \widetilde{G}[m_a, m_{a+1}] = G[0, 0, \dots, m_a, m_{a+1}]$ . Again, we revive the Lagrange Inversion (1.2). Suppose  $n = m_a + m_{a+1}$ . Then the total content of such monomials is encapsulated by

$$\begin{split} \sum_{m_a+m_{a+1}=n} \widetilde{G} t_a^{m_2} t_{a+1}^{m_3} &= \frac{[Y^n]}{t_a + t_{a+1}} \sum_{k=1}^{(a+1)n+1} \frac{1}{k} \left[ z^{k-1} \right] \left( 1 + Yt_a z^a + Yt_{a+1} z^{a+1} \right)^k \\ &= \frac{[Y^n]}{t_a + t_{a+1}} \sum_{m_a, m_{a+1} \ge 0} \frac{\left( \frac{1 + am_a + (a+1)m_{a+1}}{1 + am_a + (a-1)m_a + am_{a+1}} \right) Y^{m_a + m_{a+1}} t_a^{m_a} t_{a+1}^{m_{a+1}}}{1 + am_a + (a+1)m_{a+1}} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{m_a, m_{a+1} \ge 0 \\ m_a + m_{a+1} = n}} \frac{\left( \frac{1 + am_a + (a+1)m_{a+1}}{1 + am_a + (a+1)m_{a+1}} \right)}{1 + am_a + (a+1)m_{a+1}} \frac{t_a^{m_a} t_{a+1}^{m_{a+1}}}{t_a + t_{a+1}}}{l_a + t_{a+1}} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{m_a, m_{a+1} \ge 0 \\ m_a + m_{a+1} = n}} \frac{\left( \frac{1 + an + m_{a+1}}{1 + am_a + (a+1)m_{a+1}} \right)}{1 + am_a + (a+1)m_{a+1}} \frac{t_a^{m-a+1} t_{a+1}^{m_{a+1}}}{t_a + t_{a+1}}}{l_a + t_{a+1}} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{m_a, m_{a+1} \ge 0 \\ m_{a+1} = 0}} \frac{\left( \frac{n + 1 + an + m_{a+1}}{1 + an + m_{a+1}} \right)}{1 + an + m_{a+1}} \frac{t_a^{n-k} t_{a+1}^k}{t_a + t_{a+1}}}{l_a + t_{a+1}} \end{split}$$

As a first step, we justify that the linear term  $t_a + t_{a+1}$  divides the polynomial

$$P_n(t_a, t_{a+1}) := \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}\binom{an+1+k}{(a-1)n+1+k}}{an+1+k} t_a^{n-k} t_{a+1}^k.$$

This is tantamount to  $P_n(-t_{a+1}, t_{a+1}) = 0$  which is equivalent to the identity that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k \frac{\binom{n}{k}\binom{an+1+k}{(a-1)n+1+k}}{an+1+k} = 0.$$

Again, apply the Wilf-Zeilberger approach with  $F(n,k) := \frac{(-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{an+1+k}{(a-1)n+1+k}}{an+1+k}$ and  $H(n,k) := -F(n,k) \cdot \frac{k((a-1)n+1+k)}{n(an+1)}$  to verify F(n,k) = H(n,k+1) - H(n,k). The rest is trivial.

Our next step will actually determine  $\widetilde{G}[m_a, m_{a+1}]$ . To this effect, let's divide  $\frac{P_n(t_a, t_{a+1})}{t_a+t_{a+1}}$  to obtain (routinely) that

$$\begin{split} [t_a^{n-1-i}t_{a+1}^i] \left(\frac{P_n(t_a, t_{a+1})}{t_a + t_{a+1}}\right) &= \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^{i-j} \frac{\binom{n}{j}\binom{an+1+j}{(a-1)n+1+j}}{an+1+j} \\ &= (-1)^i [H(n, i+1) - H(n, 0)] = (-1)^i H(n, i+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{an+1} \binom{n-1}{i} \binom{an+1+i}{(a-1)n+1+i} \end{split}$$

which proves the desired conjecture on  $\widetilde{G}[m_a, m_{a+1}]$ . To wit:

**Theorem 2.1.** Denote  $m = m_a + m_{a+1}$ . For integers  $m_a, m_{a+1} \ge 0$  there holds

$$\widetilde{G}[m_a, m_{a+1}] = \frac{(am_a + (a+1)(m_{a+1} + 1))!}{(a(m+1) + 1)(m+1)((a-1)m_a + a(m_{a+1} + 1))!m_a!m_{a+1}!}.$$

## 3. On the third conjecture

The proof of the last conjecture [2, p. 399] is a bit more complicated.

**Theorem 3.1.** For the 2a-variate case, we have

$$\boldsymbol{G}[-f,f,\ldots,-f,f] = \sum_{n} a^{n} f^{n}.$$

*Proof.* To begin, we make a slight alteration by writing  $(-1)^i t_i$  instead of the customary plain  $t_i$  [2]. Thanks to the Lagrange Inversion (1.2), we have

$$[Y^{n}]\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} [z^{k-1}] \left(1 - Yt_{1}z^{2} + Yt_{2}z^{3} - \dots - Yt_{2a-1}z^{2a} + Yt_{2a}z^{2a+1}\right)^{k}\right)$$
  
=[Y<sup>n</sup>] 
$$\sum_{m_{1},\dots,m_{2a}\geq 0} \frac{\left(-1\right)^{m_{1}+\dots+m_{2a-1}} \left(\frac{1+2m_{1}+3m_{2}+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}{1+2m_{1}+3m_{2}+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}\right) (Yt_{1})^{m_{1}}\dots(Yt_{2a})^{m_{2a}}}{1+2m_{1}+3m_{2}+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{\substack{m_{1},\dots,m_{2a}\geq 0\\m_{1}+\dots+m_{2a}=n}} \frac{\left(-1\right)^{m_{1}+\dots+m_{2a-1}} \left(\frac{1+2m_{1}+3m_{2}+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}{1+2m_{1}+3m_{2}+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}\right) t_{1}^{m_{1}}\dots t_{2a}^{m_{2a}}}{1+2m_{1}+3m_{2}+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}.$$

First, consider the case a = 1 and refer back to Theorem 1.1 (and its proof), to gather that if  $t_1 = -f$  and  $t_2 = f$  then, as expected, we arrive at

$$f^{n-1} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{n-1-m}}{2n+1} \binom{n-1}{m} \binom{2n+1+m}{n+1+m} = f^{n-1}$$

as justified by the WZ-certificate [3] given by

$$R(n,m) := \frac{m(8mn + 10n^2 + 6m + 15n + 6)}{2(2n + 3)(n + 1)(n - m)}$$

Second, we go back to study the above-posed calculations when a > 1. To set the stage, substitute  $t_1 = t_2 = \cdots = t_{2a-1} = f$  while leaving out  $t_{2a}$  as an indeterminate. The outcome takes the form

$$\sum_{\substack{m_1,\dots,m_{2a}\geq 0\\m_1+\dots+m_{2a}=n}} \frac{(-1)^{m_1+m_3+\dots+m_{2a-1}\binom{1+2m_1+3m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}{m_1,m_2,\dots,m_{2a},1+m_1+2m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}} f^{n-m_{2a}} t_{2a}^{m_{2a}}}{1+2m_1+3m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}$$

At this point, divide out the current polynomial (in  $t_{2a}$ ) by the linear factor

$$-t_1 + t_2 - \dots - t_{2a-3} + t_{2a-1} - t_{2a-1} + t_{2a} = t_{2a} - f$$

and then replace  $t_{2a}$  by f. That leads to the sum

$$f^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m_{2a}=0}^{i} \sum_{\substack{m_1,\dots,m_{2a}\geq 0\\m_1+\dots+m_{2a}=n}} \frac{(-1)^{1+m_1+m_3+\dots+m_{2a-1}\binom{1+2m_1+3m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}{m_1,m_2,\dots,m_{2a},1+m_1+2m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}}{1+2m_1+3m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}.$$

Therefore, our main task that remains is to prove the identity declared by

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{\substack{m_1,\dots,m_{2a-1}\geq 0\\m_1+\dots+m_{2a}=n\\0\leq m_{2a}\leq i}} \frac{(-1)^{1+m_1+m_3+\dots+m_{2a-1}\binom{1+2m_1+3m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}{m_1,m_2,\dots,m_{2a},1+m_1+2m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}}{1+2m_1+3m_2+\dots+(2a+1)m_{2a}}. = a^{n-1}.$$

To put this more succinctly, introduce some notation. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the set of all integer partitions  $\lambda$ , written as  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ...)$  or  $\lambda = 1^{m_1} 2^{m_2} ... (2a)^{m_{2a}}$ . The size of  $\lambda$  is denoted by  $|\lambda| = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots = m_1 + 2m_2 + \cdots + (2a)m_{2a}$  while we use  $\ell(\lambda) = m_1 + m_2 + \cdots + m_{2a}$  for the length of the partition. So, the claim stands at

(3.1) 
$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda) = n \\ \lambda_1 \le 2a}} (-1)^{1+|\lambda|} \cdot \frac{(n - m_{2a}) \binom{n}{m_1, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda| + n + 1}{|\lambda| + 1}}{|\lambda| + n + 1} = a^{n-1}.$$

We find it more convenient to split up this assertion into two separate claims

(3.2) 
$$(-1)^{1} \sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda) = n \\ \lambda_{1} \leq 2a}} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \binom{n}{m_{1}, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda| + n}{|\lambda| + 1} = 0,$$

$$(3.3) \sum_{\substack{\mu \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\mu) = n-1 \\ \mu_{1} \leq 2a}} (-1)^{|\mu|} \binom{n-1}{m_{1}, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\mu| + 2a + n}{|\mu| + 2a + 1} = a^{n-1}$$

One arrives at (3.2) due to  $\frac{n\binom{|\lambda|+n+1}{|\lambda|+1}}{|\lambda|+n+1} = \binom{|\lambda|+n}{|\lambda|+1}$  and (3.3) arises because of  $m_{2a}\binom{n}{m_1,\dots,m_{2a}}\frac{(|\lambda|+n)!}{(|\lambda|+1)!n!} = \binom{n-1}{m_1,\dots,m_{2a}-1}\binom{|\lambda|+n}{|\lambda|+1}$  and then we reindex  $m'_{2a} = m_{2a} - 1$  to convert  $|\lambda| = |\mu| + 2a$  where  $\ell(\mu) = n - 1$ .

In fact, let's generalize (3.2) and (3.3) by introducing an extra parameter x. Claim 1: For positive integers n, a and an indeterminate x, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda)=n \\ \lambda_1 \le 2a}} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \binom{n}{m_1, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda|+n+x}{n-1} = 0.$$

**Claim 2:** For positive integers *n*, *a* and an indeterminate *x*, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda)=n-1 \\ \lambda_1 \le 2a}} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \binom{n-1}{m_1, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda|+n+x}{n-1} = a^{n-1}.$$

*Claim 2 implies Claim 1:* We apply the multinomial recurrence (assume  $n = k_1 + \cdots + k_r$ )

(3.4) 
$$\binom{n}{k_1, \dots, k_r} = \binom{n-1}{k_1 - 1, \dots, k_r} + \dots + \binom{n-1}{k_1, \dots, k_r - 1}$$

followed by appropriate reindexing so that

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda)=n \\ \lambda_1 \leq 2a}} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \binom{n}{m_1, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda| + n + x}{n - 1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2a} \sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda)=n \\ \lambda_1 \leq 2a}} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \binom{n - 1}{m_1, \dots, m_i - 1, \dots m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda| + n + x}{n - 1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2a} \sum_{\substack{\mu \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\mu)=n-1 \\ \mu_1 \leq 2a}} (-1)^{|\mu| + i} \binom{n - 1}{m_1, \dots, m_i', \dots m_{2a}} \binom{|\mu| + n + (x + i)}{n - 1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2a} (-1)^i \sum_{\substack{\mu \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\mu)=n-1 \\ \mu_1 \leq 2a}} (-1)^{|\mu|} \binom{n - 1}{m_1, \dots, m_i', \dots m_{2a}} \binom{|\mu| + n + (x + i)}{n - 1} \\ &= a^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{2a} (-1)^i \\ &= 0. \end{split}$$

*Proof of Claim 2:* Let's now utilize the multinomial theorem (1.1) and constant-term extraction. Start by noting the constant-term extraction

$$\binom{|\lambda|+n+x}{n-1} = \binom{m_1+2m_2+\dots+(2a)m_{2a}+n+x}{n-1}$$
$$= CT_z \left[ \frac{(1+z)^{m_1+2m_2+\dots+(2a)m_{2a}+n+x}}{z^{n-1}} \right].$$

Insert this into the left-hand side of Claim 2, take  $CT_z$  outside the sum, factor out the inside and reapply the multinomial theorem in reverse (1.1)

to get

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda)=n-1 \\ \lambda_1 \leq 2a}} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \binom{n-1}{m_1, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda|+n+x}{n-1}$$
  
=  $CT_z \left[ \frac{(1+z)^{n+x}}{z^{n-1}} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{m_1, \dots, m_{2a}} (-1-z)^{m_1} (-1-z)^{2m_2} \cdots (-1-z)^{(2a)m_{2a}} \right]$   
=  $CT_z \left[ \frac{(1+z)^{n+x}}{z^{n-1}} \left\{ -(1+z)^1 + (1+z)^2 - (1+z)^3 + \cdots + (1+z)^{2a} \right\}^{n-1} \right].$ 

Next, follow through with the geometric series expansion to obtain

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \\ \ell(\lambda)=n-1 \\ \lambda_1 \le 2a}} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \binom{n-1}{m_1, \dots, m_{2a}} \binom{|\lambda|+n+x}{n-1}$$
$$= CT_z \left[ (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(1+z)^{2n+x-1}}{z^{n-1}} \left\{ \frac{1-(1+z)^{2a}}{2+z} \right\}^{n-1} \right]$$
$$= CT_z \left[ \frac{(1+z)^{2n+x-1}}{(2z)^{n-1}} \left\{ \frac{z \sum_{k=1}^{2a} \binom{2a}{k} z^{k-1}}{1+\frac{z}{2}} \right\}^{n-1} \right] = a^{n-1}.$$

The proof is indeed complete.

**Remark 3.2.** On [2, p. 399], it is stated that "With k - 2 leading zeros, we conjecture that  $G[0, ..., m_k]$  is a two-parameter Fuss-Catalan number." In light of the conjectures we already proved, the current claim is rather obvious (for further discussion on the topic the reader is directed to [1]).

**Remark 3.3.** One can prove both Theorem 1.1 and 2.1 with the following observation. It suffice to explain this for Theorem 1.1. Since  $C[m_1, m_2]$  are known from the Lagrange Inversion and because we have and explicit conjectured formula  $G[m_1, m_2]$  due to [2], all that is required is to verify the relation  $G[m_1 - 1, m_2] + G[m_1, m_2 - 1] = C[m_1, m_2]$ . This, however, is routine. Of course, the proofs in Section s1 and 2 do not assume knowing  $C[m_1, m_2]$  and  $G[m_1, m_2] a priori$ : they are pure *derivations* from scratch.

**Remark 3.4.** We offer (the proof is analogous to Theorem 2.1 but omitted) the assertion that

$$G[0,\ldots,0,m_s,0,\ldots,m_t] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{i} (-1)^{i-j} \binom{n}{j} \binom{(s+1)n+(t-s)j}{n-1},$$

where we used  $m_s = n - 1 - i$ ,  $m_t = i$ .

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**Remark 3.5.** We also offer (the proof is analogous to Theorem 3.1 but omitted) the assertion that for a generalized 2*a*-variate case, we have

$$G[-c_a f, c_2 f, -c_2 f, c_3 f, -c_3 f, \cdots, c_{a-1} f, -c_{a-1} f, c_a f]$$
  
=  $\sum_n ((2ac_a - c_2 - c_3 - \cdots - c_a)^n f^n.$ 

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