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## Extended Bell and Stirling Numbers From Hypergeometric Exponentiation

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#### Abstract

Exponentiating the hypergeometric series  ${}_{0}F_{L}(1, 1, ..., 1; z)$ , L = 0, 1, 2, ..., furnishes a recursion relation for the members of certain integer sequences  $b_{L}(n)$ , n = 0, 1, 2, ... For L > 0, the  $b_{L}(n)$ 's are generalizations of the conventional Bell numbers,  $b_{0}(n)$ . The corresponding associated Stirling numbers of the second kind are also investigated. For L = 1 one can give a combinatorial interpretation of the numbers  $b_{1}(n)$  and of some Stirling numbers associated with them. We also consider the  $L \ge 1$  analogues of Bell numbers for restricted partitions.

The conventional Bell numbers [1]  $b_0(n)$ , n = 0, 1, 2, ..., have a well-known exponential generating function

$$B_0(z) \equiv e^{\left(e^z - 1\right)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_0(n) \frac{z^n}{n!},\tag{1}$$

which can be derived by interpreting  $b_0(n)$  as the number of partitions of a set of n distinct elements. In this note we obtain recursion relations for related sequences of positive integers, called  $b_L(n)$ , L = 0, 1, 2, ...,

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obtained by exponentiating the hypergeometric series  ${}_{0}F_{L}(1, 1, ..., 1; z)$  defined by [2]:

$${}_{0}F_{L}(\underbrace{1,1,\ldots,1}_{L};z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n}}{(n!)^{L+1}},$$
(2)

(which we shall denote by  ${}_{0}F_{L}(z)$ ) and which includes the special cases  ${}_{0}F_{0}(z) \equiv e^{z}$  and  ${}_{0}F_{1}(z) \equiv I_{0}(2\sqrt{z})$ , where  $I_{0}(x)$  is the modified Bessel function of the first kind. For L > 1, the functions  ${}_{0}F_{L}(z)$  are related to the so-called hyper-Bessel functions [3], [4], [5], which have recently found application in quantum mechanics [6], [7]. Thus we are interested in  $b_{L}(n)$  given by

$$e^{[{}_{0}F_{L}(z)-1]} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{L}(n) \frac{z^{n}}{(n!)^{L+1}},$$
(3)

thereby defining a hypergeometric generating function for the numbers  $b_L(n)$ . From eq. (3) it follows formally that

$$b_L(n) = (n!)^L \cdot \frac{d^n}{dz^n} \left( e^{[_0 F_L(z) - 1]} \right) \Big|_{z=0}.$$
(4)

For L = 0 the r.h.s of eq. (4) can be evaluated in closed form:

$$b_0(n) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^n}{k!} = \left\{ \frac{1}{e^z} \left[ \left( z \frac{d}{dz} \right)^n e^z \right] \right\}_{z=1}.$$
 (5)

The first equality in (5) is the celebrated Dobiński formula [1], [8], [9]. The second equality in eq. (5) follows from observing that for a power series  $R(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k z^k$  we have

$$\left(z\frac{d}{dz}\right)^n R(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k k^n z^k$$
(6)

and applying eq. (6) to the exponential series  $(A_k = (k!)^{-1})$ .

The reason for including the divisors  $(n!)^{L+1}$  rather than n! as in the usual exponential generating function arises from the fact that only by using eq. (3) are the numbers  $b_L(n)$  actually integers. This can be seen from general formulas for exponentiation of a power series [8], which employ the (exponential) Bell polynomials, complicated and rather unwieldy objects. It cannot however be considered as a proof that the  $b_L(n)$  are integers. At this stage we shall use eq. (3) with  $b_L(n)$  real and apply to it an efficient method, described in [9], which will yield the recursion relation for the  $b_L(n)$ . (For the proof that the  $b_L(n)$  are integers, see below eq. (11)). To this end we first obtain a result for the multiplication of two power-series of the type (3). Suppose we wish to multiply  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_L(n) \frac{x^n}{(n!)^{L+1}}$  and  $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_L(n) \frac{x^n}{(n!)^{L+1}}$ . We get  $f(x) \cdot g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_L(n) \frac{x^n}{(n!)^{L+1}}$ , where

$$d_L(n) = (n!)^{L+1} \sum_{r+s=n}^{\infty} \frac{a_L(r)c_L(s)}{(r!)^{L+1}(s!)^{L+1}} = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}^{L+1} a_L(r) c_L(n-r).$$
(7)

Substitute eq. (2) into eq. (3) and take the logarithm of both sides of eq. (3):

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n!)^{L+1}} = \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_L(n) \frac{z^n}{(n!)^{L+1}}\right).$$
(8)

Now differentiate both sides of eq. (8) and multiply by z:

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_L(n) \frac{z^n}{(n!)^{L+1}}\right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \ \frac{z^n}{(n!)^{L+1}}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \ b_L(n) \frac{z^n}{(n!)^{L+1}},\tag{9}$$

which with eq. (7) yields the desired recurrence relation

$$b_L(n+1) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k}^{L+1} (n+1-k) b_L(k), \qquad n = 0, 1, \dots$$
(10)

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+1}{k}^{L} b_{L}(k), \qquad (11)$$

$$b_L(0) = 1.$$
 (12)

Since eq. (11) involves only positive integers, it follows that the  $b_L(n)$  are indeed positive integers. For L = 0 one gets the known recurrence relation for the Bell numbers [9]:

$$b_0(n+1) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b_0(k).$$
 (13)

We have used eq. (11) to calculate some of the  $b_L(n)$ 's, listed in Table I, for L = 0, 1, ..., 6. Eq.(11), for n fixed, gives closed form expressions for the  $b_L(n)$  directly as a function of L (columns in Table I):  $b_L(2) = 1 + 2^L$ ,  $b_L(3) = 1 + 3 \cdot 3^L + (3!)^L$ ,  $b_L(4) = 1 + 4 \cdot 4^L + 3 \cdot 6^L + 6 \cdot 12^L + (4!)^L$ , etc.

The sets of  $b_L(n)$  have been checked against the most complete source of integer sequences available [10]. Apart from the case L = 0 (conventional Bell numbers) only the first non-trivial sequence L = 1is listed:<sup>1</sup> it turns out that this sequence  $b_1(n)$ , listed under the heading A023998 in [10], can be given a combinatorial interpretation as the number of block permutations on a set of n objects which are uniform, i.e. corresponding blocks have the same size [12].

Eq.(1) can be generalized by including an additional variable x, which will result in "smearing out" the conventional Bell numbers  $b_0(n)$  with a set of integers  $S_0(n,k)$ , such that for k > n,  $S_0(n,k) = 0$ , and  $S_0(0,0) = 1$ ,  $S_0(n,0) = 0$ . In particular,

$$B_0(z,x) \equiv e^{x(e^z - 1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n S_0(n,k) \, x^k \right] \frac{z^n}{n!},\tag{14}$$

which leads to the (exponential) generating function of  $S_0(n, l)$ , the conventional Stirling numbers of the second kind, (see [1], [8]), in the form

$$\frac{(e^z - 1)^l}{l!} = \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} \frac{S_0(n, l)}{n!} z^n,$$
(15)

and defines the so-called exponential or Touchard polynomials  $l_n^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{x})$  as

$$l_n^{(0)}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n S_0(n,k) x^k.$$
(16)

They satisfy

$$l_n^{(0)}(1) = b_0(n), \tag{17}$$

 $<sup>^{1}(\</sup>text{others have since been added})$ 

justifying the term "smearing out" used above.

The appearance of integers in eq. (3) suggests a natural extension with an additional variable x:

$$B_L(z,x) \equiv e^{x\left[{}_0F_L(z)-1\right]} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n S_L(n,k) x^k\right] \frac{z^n}{(n!)^{L+1}},\tag{18}$$

where we include the right divisors  $(n!)^{L+1}$  in the r.h.s of (18).

This in turn defines "hypergeometric" polynomials of type L and order n through

$$l_n^{(L)}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n S_L(n,k) x^k,$$
(19)

which satisfy

$$l_n^{(L)}(1) = b_L(n), (20)$$

with the  $b_L(n)$  of eq. (10). Thus the polynomials of eq. (19) "smear out" the  $b_L(n)$  with the generalized Stirling numbers of the second kind, of type L, denoted by  $S_L(n,k)$  (with  $S_L(n,k) = 0$ , if k > n,  $S_L(n,0) = 0$ if n > 0 and  $S_L(0,0) = 1$ ), which have, from eq. (18) the "hypergeometric" generating function

$$\frac{({}_{0}F_{L}(z)-1)^{l}}{l!} = \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} \frac{S_{L}(n,l)}{(n!)^{L+1}} z^{n}, \qquad L = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
(21)

Eq.(21) can be used to derive a recursion relation for the numbers  $S_L(n, k)$ , in the same manner as eq. (3) yielded eq. (12). Thus we take the logarithm of both sides of eq. (21), differentiate with respect to z, multiply by z and obtain:

$$\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_L(n,l-1)}{(n!)^{L+1}} z^n\right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n!)^{L+1}} z^n\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n S_L(n,l)}{(n!)^{L+1}} z^n,$$
(22)

which, with the help of eq. (7), produces the required recursion relation

$$S_L(n+1,l) = \sum_{k=l-1}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+1}{k}^L S_L(k,l-1), \qquad (23)$$

$$S_L(0,0) = 1,$$
  $S_L(n,0) = 0,$  (24)

which for L = 0 is the recursion relation for the conventional Stirling numbers of the second kind [1], [8], and in eq. (23) the appropriate summation range has been inserted. Since the recursions of eq. (23) and eq. (24) involve only integers we conclude that  $S_L(n, l)$  are positive integers.

We have calculated some of the numbers  $S_L(n,l)$  using eq. (21) and have listed them in Tables II and III, for L = 1 and L = 2 respectively. Observe that  $S_1(n,2) = \binom{2n+1}{n+1} - 1$  and  $S_L(n,n) = (n!)^L$ , L = 1, 2. Also, by fixing n and l, the individual values of  $S_L(n,l)$  have been calculated as a function of L with the help of eq. (23), see Table IV, from which we observe

$$S_L(n,n) = (n!)^L, \qquad L = 1, 2, \dots$$
 (25)

which is the lowest diagonal in Table IV. We now demonstrate that the repetitive use of eq. (23) permits one to establish closed-form expressions for any supra-diagonal of order p, i.e. the sequence  $S_L(n + p, n)$ , for p = 1, 2, 3, ..., if one knows the expression for all  $S_L(n + k, n)$  with k < p. We shall illustrate it here for p = 1, 2. To this end fix l = n on both sides of eq. (23). It becomes, upon using eq. (25), and defining  $\alpha_L(n) \equiv S_L(n+1, n)$ , a linear recursion relation

$$\alpha_L(n) = \frac{n[(n+1)!]^L}{2^L} + (n+1)^L \alpha_L(n-1), \qquad \alpha_L(0) = 0,$$
(26)

with the solution

$$\alpha_L(n) = S_L(n+1,n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \left[ \frac{(n+1)!}{2} \right]^L$$
(27)

$$= \left[\frac{(n+1)!}{2}\right]^{L} S_{0}(n+1,n), \qquad (28)$$

which gives the second lowest diagonal in Table IV. Observe that for any L,  $S_L(n+1,n)$  is proportional to  $S_0(n+1,n) = n(n+1)/2$ . The sequence  $S_1(n+1,n) = 1, 9, 72, 600, 5400, 8564480, \ldots$  is of particular interest: it represents the sum of inversion numbers of all permutations on n letters [10]. For more information about this and related sequences see the entry A001809 in [10]. The  $S_L(n+1,n)$  for L > 1 do not appear to have a simple combinatorial interpretation. A recurrence equation for  $\beta_L(n) \equiv S_L(n+2,n)$  is obtained upon substituting eq. (25) and eq. (27) into eq. (23):

$$\beta_L(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2!} \left[ \frac{(n+2)!}{2!} \right]^L \left( \frac{n-1}{2^L} + \frac{1}{3^L} \right) + (n+2)^L \beta_L(n-1), \qquad \beta_L(0) = 0.$$
(29)

It has the solution

$$S_L(n+2,n) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3\cdot 2^3} \left[\frac{(n+2)!}{2}\right]^L \left(\frac{3}{2^L}(n-1) + \frac{4}{3^L}\right)$$
(30)

which is a closed form expression for the second lowest diagonal in Table IV. Clearly, eq. (30) for L = 0 gives the combinatorial form for the series of conventional Stirling numbers

$$S_0(n+2,n) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(3n+1)}{4!}.$$
(31)

In a similar way we obtain

$$S_{L}(n+3,n) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{3 \cdot 2^{4}} \left[ \frac{(n+3)!}{3} \right]^{L} \times \left( n^{2} \left( \frac{3}{8} \right)^{L} + n \left( \frac{1}{4^{L-1}} - \frac{3^{L+1}}{8^{L}} \right) + \frac{2+2 \cdot 3^{L}}{8^{L}} - \frac{1}{4^{L-1}} \right)$$
(32)

which for L = 0 reduces to

$$S_0(n+3,n) = \frac{1}{48}n^2(n+1)^2(n+2)(n+3).$$
(33)

Combined with the standard definition [8], [9]

$$S_0(n,l) = \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \sum_{k=1}^l (-1)^k \binom{l}{k} k^n.$$
(34)

eqs.(28), (31) and (33) give compact expressions for the summation form of  $S_0(n + p, n)$ . Further, from eq. (34), use of eq. (6) gives the following generating formula

$$S_0(n,l) = \frac{(-1)^l}{l!} \left[ \left( z \frac{d}{dz} \right)^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^l (-1)^k \left( \begin{array}{c} l\\ k \end{array} \right) z^k \right) \right]_{z=1}$$
(35)

$$= \frac{(-1)^{l}}{l!} \left[ \left( z \frac{d}{dz} \right)^{n} \left[ (1-z)^{l} - 1 \right] \right]_{z=1}, \qquad n \ge l.$$
(36)

The formula (1) can be generalized by putting restrictions on the type of resulting partitions. The generating function for the number of partitions of a set of n distinct elements without singleton blocks  $b_0(1,n)$  is [8], [14], [15],

$$B_0(1,z) = e^{e^z - 1 - z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_0(1,n) \frac{z^n}{n!},$$
(37)

or more generally, without singleton, doubleton ..., p-blocks (p = 0, 1, ...) is [15]

$$B_0(p,z) = e^{e^z - \sum_{k=0}^p \frac{z^k}{k!}} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty b_0(p,n) \frac{z^n}{n!},$$
(38)

with the corresponding associated Stirling numbers defined by analogy with eq. (14) and eq. (22). The numbers  $b_0(1,n)$ ,  $b_0(2,n)$ ,  $b_0(3,n)$ ,  $b_0(4,n)$  can be read off from the sequences A000296, A006505, A057837 and A057814 in [10], respectively. For more properties of these numbers see [11].

We carry over this type of extension to eq. (3) and define  $b_L(p, n)$  through

$$B_L(p,z) \equiv e^{0^{F_L(z) - \sum_{k=0}^{p} \frac{z^k}{(k!)^{L+1}}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_L(p,n) \frac{z^n}{(n!)^{L+1}},$$
(39)

where  $b_L(0,n) = b_L(n)$  from eq. (3). (We know of no combinatorial meaning of  $b_L(p,n)$  for  $L \ge 1, p > 0$ ). The  $b_L(p,n)$  satisfy the following recursion relations:

$$b_L(p,n) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-p} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+1}{k}^L b_L(p,k), \qquad (40)$$

$$b_L(p,0) = 1,$$
 (41)

$$b_L(p,1) = b_L(p,2) = \dots = b_L(p,p) = 0,$$
(42)

$$b_L(p, p+1) = 1. (43)$$

That the  $b_L(p, n)$  are integers follows from eq. (40). Through eq. (39) additional families of integer Stirlinglike numbers  $S_{L,p}(n, k)$  can be readily defined and investigated.

The numbers  $b_0(p, n)$  are collected in Table V, and Tables VI and VII contain the lowest values of  $b_1(p, n)$ and  $b_2(p, n)$ , respectively.

Formula (1) can be used to express e in terms of  $b_0(n)$  in various ways. Two such lowest order (in differentiation) forms are

$$e = 1 + \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_0(n)}{n!}\right) =$$
 (44)

$$= \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_0(n+1)}{n!}\right). \tag{45}$$

In the very same way, eq. (3) can be used to express the values of  ${}_{0}F_{L}(z)$  and its derivatives at z = 1 in terms of certain series of  $b_{L}(n)$ 's. For L = 1, the analogues of eq. (44) and eq. (45) are

$$I_0(2) = 1 + \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_1(n)}{(n!)^2}\right), \tag{46}$$

$$I_0(2) + \ln(I_1(2)) = 1 + \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_1(n+1)}{(n+1)(n!)^2}\right)$$
(47)

and for L = 2 the corresponding formulas are

$$_{0}F_{2}(1,1;1) = 1 + \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_{2}(n)}{(n!)^{3}}\right),$$
(48)

$${}_{0}F_{2}(1,1;1) + \ln\left({}_{0}F_{2}(2,2;1)\right) = 1 + \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_{2}(n+1)}{(n+1)^{2}(n!)^{3}}\right).$$

$$(49)$$

By fixing  $z_0$  at values other than  $z_0 = 1$ , one can link the numerical values of certain combinations of  ${}_0F_L(1, 1, \ldots; z_0)$ ,  ${}_0F_L(2, 2, \ldots; z_0)$ ,... and their logarithms, with other series containing the  $b_L(n)$ 's.

The above considerations can be extended to the exponentiation of the more general hypergeometric functions of type  ${}_{0}F_{L}(k_{1}, k_{2}, \ldots, k_{L}; z)$  where  $k_{1}, k_{2}, \ldots, k_{L}$  are positive integers. We conjecture that for every set of  $k_{n}$ 's a different set of integers will be generated through an appropriate adaptation of eq. (3). We quote one simple example of such a series. For

$${}_{0}F_{2}(1,2;z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n}}{(n+1)(n!)^{3}}$$
(50)

eq. (3) extends to

$$e^{\left[{}_{0}F_{2}(1,2;z)-1\right]} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{2}(n) \frac{z^{n}}{(n+1)(n!)^{3}}$$
(51)

where the numbers

$$f_2(n) = (n+1)(n!)^2 \left[ \frac{d^n}{dz^n} e^{[_0F_2(1,2;z)-1]} \right]_{z=0}$$
(52)

turn out to be integers:  $f_2(n)$ , n = 0, 1, ..., 8 are: 1, 1, 4, 37, 641, 18276, 789377, 48681011, etc. (A061683). The analogue of equations (23) and (44) is:

$$_{0}F_{2}(1,2;1) = 1 + \ln\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_{2}(n)}{(n+1)(n!)^{3}}\right).$$
 (53)

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L	$b_L(0)$	$b_L(1)$	$b_L(2)$	$b_L(3)$	$b_L(4)$	$b_L(5)$	$b_L(6)$
0	1	1	2	5	15	52	203
1	1	1	3	16	131	1  496	22  482
2	1	1	5	64	1  613	69  026	$4\ 566\ 992$
3	1	1	9	298	25  097	$4 \ 383 \ 626$	$1 \ 394 \ 519 \ 922$
4	1	1	17	1  540	461  105	$350\ 813\ 126$	$573\ 843\ 627\ 152$
5	1	1	33	8 506	$9\ 483\ 041$	$33\ 056\ 715\ 626$	$293\ 327\ 384\ 637\ 282$
6	1	1	65	48 844	$209\ 175\ 233$	$3\ 464\ 129\ 078\ 126$	$173\ 566\ 857\ 025\ 139\ 312$

Table I: Table of  $b_L(n)$ : L, n = 0, 1, ..., 6. (The rows give sequences A000110, A023998, A061684–A061688.)

Table II: Table of  $S_L(n,l)$ : for L = 1 and l, n = 1, 2, ..., 8. (The triangle, read by columns, gives A061691, the rows and diagonals give A017063, A061690, A000142, A001809, A061689.)

l	$S_1(1, l)$	$S_1(2, l)$	$S_1(3, l)$	$S_1(4, l)$	$S_1(5, l)$	$S_1(6, l)$	$S_1(7, l)$	$S_1(8,l)$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2		2	9	34	125	461	$1 \ 715$	$6\ 434$
3			6	72	650	5  400	43  757	$353\ 192$
4				24	600	10500	161  700	$2 \ 361 \ 016$
5					120	5  400	$161 \ 700$	$4\ 116\ 000$
6						720	$52 \ 920$	$2\ 493\ 120$
7							5040	$564 \ 480$
8								40 320

Table III: Table of  $S_L(n,l)$ : for L = 2 and l, n = 1, 2, ..., 8. (The triangle, read by columns, gives A061692, the rows and diagonals give A061693, A061694, A001044, A061695.)

l	$S_2(1, l)$	$S_2(2, l)$	$S_2(3,l)$	$S_{2}(4, l)$	$S_{2}(5, l)$	$S_2(6,l)$	$S_2(7,l)$	$S_2(8,l)$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2		4	27	172	$1 \ 125$	7 591	$52\ 479$	369580
3			36	864	$17 \ 500$	351  000	$7\ 197\ 169$	$151 \ 633 \ 440$
4				576	36000	$1\ 746\ 000$	$80\ 262\ 000$	$3\ 691\ 514\ 176$
5					$14 \ 400$	$1 \ 944 \ 000$	$191 \ 394 \ 000$	$17\ 188\ 416\ 000$
6						$518\ 400$	$133 \ 358 \ 400$	$23\ 866\ 214\ 400$
7							$25 \ 401 \ 600$	$11 \ 379 \ 916 \ 800$
8								$1\ 625\ 702\ 400$

	Table IV: Table of $S_L(n, l)$ : $l, n = 1, 2,, 6$ .						
l	$S_L(1,l)$	$S_L(2,l)$	$S_L(3,l)$	$S_L(4,l)$	$S_L(5,l)$	$S_L(6,l)$	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2		$(2!)^{L}$	$3\cdot 3^L$	$4\cdot 4^L + 3\cdot 6^L$	$5\cdot 5^L + 10\cdot 10^L$	$6\cdot 6^L + 15\cdot 15^L + 10\cdot 20^L$	
3			$(3!)^{L}$	$6 \cdot 12^L$	$10\cdot20^L{+}15\cdot30^L$	$15\cdot 30^L + 60\cdot 60^L + 15\cdot 90^L$	
4				$(4!)^{L}$	$10 \cdot 60^L$	$20\cdot 120^L + 45\cdot 180^L$	
5					$(5!)^{L}$	$15\cdot 360^L$	
6						$(6!)^{L}$	

Table V: Table of  $b_0(p,n)$ : p = 0, 1, 2, 3; n = 0, ..., 10. (The columns give A000110, A000296, A006505, A057837.)

n	$b_0(0,n)$	$b_0(1,n)$	$b_0(2,n)$	$b_0(3,n)$
0	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0
2	2	1	0	0
3	5	1	1	0
4	15	4	1	1
5	52	11	1	1
6	203	41	11	1
7	877	162	36	1
8	4 140	715	92	36
9	$21\ 147$	$3 \ 425$	491	127
10	$115 \ 975$	$17\ 722$	2557	337

Table VI: Table of  $b_1(p,n)$ :  $p = 0, 1, 2; n = 0, \dots, 9$ . (The columns give A023998, A061696, A061697.)  $n = b_1(0,n) = b_1(1,n) = b_1(2,n)$ 

n	$b_1(0,n)$	$b_1(1,n)$	$b_1(2,n)$
0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0
2	3	1	0
3	16	1	1
4	131	19	1
5	1  496	101	1
6	22  482	$1 \ 776$	201
7	426 833	$23 \ 717$	$1 \ 226$
8	$9 \ 934 \ 563$	$515 \ 971$	5587
9	$277\ 006\ 192$	$11 \ 893 \ 597$	493 333

n	$b_2(0,n)$	$b_2(1,n)$	$b_2(2,n)$
0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0
2	5	1	0
3	64	1	1
4	$1 \ 613$	109	1
5	69 026	1 001	1
6	4 566 992	128 876	4  001
7	$437 \ 665 \ 649$	$4\ 682\ 637$	42 876
8	$57 \ 903 \ 766 \ 800$	$792\ 013\ 069$	$347\ 117$

Table VII: Table of  $b_2(p,n)$ :  $p = 0, 1, 2; n = 0, \dots, 8$ . (The columns give A061698–A061700.)

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