



# Uniform Asymptotic Formulas of Ranks and Cranks for Cubic Partitions

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## Abstract

In this paper, we establish uniform asymptotic formulas for the rank and crank statistics of cubic partitions. This partly improves upon the asymptotic results established by Kim–Kim–Nam in 2016.

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## 1 Introduction and Statement of Results

A partition of an integer  $n$  is a sequence of non-increasing positive integers whose sum equals  $n$ . Let  $p(n)$  be the number of partitions of  $n$  and let  $p(0) := 1$ . Euler discovered the generating function of  $p(n)$ :

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p(n)q^n = \frac{1}{(q; q)_{\infty}}, \quad (1.1)$$

where we define  $(a; q)_{\infty} = \prod_{k \geq 0} (1 - aq^k)$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $|q| < 1$ . To explain Ramanujan's famous partition congruences with modulus 5, 7 and 11, the rank and

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crank statistic for integer partitions was introduced by Dyson [6], Andrews and Garvan [2, 7]. As a precise definition of rank and crank for integer partitions are not necessary for the rest of the paper, we do not give it here.

The cubic partition function  $c(n)$  is defined by

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} c(n)q^n = \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty (q^2; q^2)_\infty},$$

which was introduced by Chan in a series of papers [3–5]. Chan [3] showed that  $c(n)$  satisfies a Ramanujan-type congruence  $c(3n + 2) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . He [4] further proved that  $c(n)$  satisfies congruences modulo higher powers of 3. Motivated by cubic partition congruences [3, 4], Kim [8] introduced a cubic partition crank which explains infinitely many congruences for powers of 3 explicitly. As a precise definition is quite complicated and not necessary for the rest of the paper, we do not give it here. Let  $C(m, n)$  be the number of cubic partitions of  $n$  with crank  $m$ . Kim [8] also established the generating function for  $C(m, n)$  as follows:

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} C(m, n)z^m q^n = \frac{(q; q)_\infty (q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(zq; q)_\infty (z^{-1}q; q)_\infty (zq^2; q^2)_\infty (z^{-1}q^2; q^2)_\infty}. \tag{1.2}$$

It is clear that  $C(m, n) = 0$  for any  $|m| > n$ . On the other hand, in his thesis, Reti [10] defined a rank-like function which also explains the cubic partition congruence modulo 3. Let  $R(m, n)$  be the number of cubic partitions of  $n$  with rank  $m$ , then

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} R(m, n)z^m q^n = \frac{1}{(q; q^2)_\infty (zq^2; q^2)_\infty (z^{-1}q^2; q^2)_\infty}. \tag{1.3}$$

It is clear that  $R(m, n) = 0$  for  $|m| > n/2$ .

As we have two different partition statistics explaining cubic partition congruences and

$$c(n) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} C(m, n) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} R(m, n),$$

it is a natural question to ask how the crank and rank of cubic partitions are distributed. In 2016, Kim–Kim–Nam [9] established the following two-variable asymptotics for  $C(m, n)$  and  $R(m, n)$  by using a circle method.

**Theorem 1** (Kim–Kim–Nam [9, Theorems 1.1 and 1.2]) *As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,*

$$C(m, n) = \frac{\pi e^{\pi \sqrt{n}}}{16n^{7/4}} \left(1 - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{\pi m}{2\sqrt{n}}\right) \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1 + |m|^{1/3}}{n^{1/4}}\right)\right),$$

*provided  $|m| \leq n^{3/8}$ ,*

and

$$R(m, n) = \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}}{32n^{7/4}} \operatorname{sech}^2\left(\frac{\pi m}{2\sqrt{n}}\right) \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1 + |m|^{1/3}}{n^{1/4}}\right)\right), \text{ provided } |m| \leq \sqrt{n/2}.$$

In this paper, we establish uniform asymptotic formulas for  $C(m, n)$  and  $R(m, n)$  that hold for a wider range of  $m$  than those given in Theorem 1. This enables a deeper understanding of their distributions.

Throughout this paper, we set  $\delta_n = \pi/\sqrt{4n}$ . Our main results are as the follows.

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $m, n$  be integers. As  $n \rightarrow +\infty$*

$$C(m, n) \sim \frac{1}{4}c(n)\delta_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(2t)\operatorname{sech}^2(t - m\delta_n/2)dt,$$

and

$$R(m, n) \sim \frac{1}{2}c(n)\delta_n \operatorname{sech}^2(m\delta_n),$$

uniformly with respect to  $m = o(n^{3/4})$ .

**Remark 1.1** We have established asymptotic formulas for  $C(m, n + |m|)$  and  $R(m, n + 2|m|)$ , which hold for all  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  and uniformly with respect to  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For details, see Theorems 3.2 and 3.3 in Sect. 3.

Throughout the paper, we use the Landau symbols  $O$  and the Vinogradov symbol  $\ll$ . We recall that the assertions  $U = O(V)$  and  $U \ll V$  (sometimes we write this also as  $V \gg U$ ) are both equivalent to the inequality  $|U| \leq cV$  with some constant  $c > 0$ , while  $U = o(V)$  means that  $U/V \rightarrow 0$ . In this paper, the constants implied in the symbols  $o, O$  and  $\ll$  are absolute and independent of any parameters.

## 2 Lemmas

We need some facts on the Andrews–Garvan–Dyson cranks of partitions. Let  $M(m, n)$  (with a slight modification in the case that  $n = 1$ , where the values are instead  $M(\pm 1, 1) = 1, M(0, 1) = -1$ ) be the number of partitions of  $n$  with crank  $m$ , then we have

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} M(m, n) z^m q^n = \frac{(q; q)_{\infty}}{(zq; q)_{\infty} (z^{-1}q; q)_{\infty}}. \tag{2.1}$$

It is clear that  $M(m, m) = 1$  for any  $m \geq 0$ . We need the uniform asymptotics of  $M(m, n)$ , which can be find in [11, Proposition 2.1]:

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $g(x) = \frac{\pi}{12\sqrt{2}} (1 + e^{-|x|})^{-2}$ . As integer  $\ell \rightarrow +\infty$

$$M(k, |k| + \ell) \sim g\left(\pi k / \sqrt{6\ell}\right) \ell^{-3/2} e^{2\pi\sqrt{\ell/6}},$$

uniformly with respect to  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In particular, for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\ell \geq 0$  we have

$$M(k, |k| + \ell) \ll (1 + \ell)^{-3/2} e^{2\pi\sqrt{\ell/6}}.$$

The following lemma gives the algebraic relations between partition cranks and cubic partition cranks and ranks.

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $m, n \geq 0$ . With  $A := n + m - 2|k| - |m - k|$ , we have  $C(m, m) = 1$  and

$$C(m, n + m) = \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ A \geq 0}} \sum_{\ell \leq A/2} M(k, |k| + \ell) M(m - k, |m - k| + A - 2\ell), \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

We have  $R(m, 2m) = R(m, 2m + 1) = 1$  and

$$R(m, n + 2m) = \sum_{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2} p(n - 2\ell) M(m, m + \ell), \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

**Proof** Using (2.1) and (1.1), the generating function (1.2) and (1.3) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} C(m, n) z^m q^n &= \frac{(q; q)_\infty}{(zq; q)_\infty (z^{-1}q; q)_\infty} \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(zq^2; q^2)_\infty (z^{-1}q^2; q^2)_\infty} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{n_1 \geq 0 \\ m_1 \in \mathbb{Z}}} M(m_1, n_1) z^{m_1} q^{n_1} \sum_{\substack{n_2 \geq 0 \\ m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}}} M(m_2, n_2) z^{m_2} q^{2n_2} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{n \geq 0 \\ m \in \mathbb{Z}}} z^m q^n \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2 \geq 0 \\ n_1 + 2n_2 = n}} \sum_{\substack{m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ m_1 + m_2 = m}} M(m_1, n_1) M(m_2, n_2) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} R(m, n) z^m q^n &= \frac{1}{(q; q)_\infty} \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty}{(zq^2; q^2)_\infty (z^{-1}q^2; q^2)_\infty} \\ &= \sum_{n_1 \geq 0} p(n_1) q^{n_1} \sum_{\substack{n_2 \geq 0 \\ m \in \mathbb{Z}}} M(m, n_2) z^m q^{2n_2} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{n \geq 0 \\ m \in \mathbb{Z}}} z^m q^n \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2 \geq 0 \\ n_1 + 2n_2 = n}} p(n_1) M(m, n_2). \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $M(m, n) = 0$  for all  $|m| > n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(m, n) &= \sum_{\substack{n_1+2n_2=n \\ n_1, n_2 \geq 0}} \sum_{\substack{m_1+m_2=m \\ m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}}} M(m_1, n_1)M(m_2, n_2) \\
 &= \sum_{0 \leq n_2 \leq n/2} \sum_{m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} M(m_2, n_2)M(m - m_2, n - 2n_2) \\
 &= \sum_{0 \leq n_2 \leq n/2} \sum_{m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} M(m_2, |m_2| + (n_2 - |m_2|))M(m - m_2, n - 2|m_2| - 2(n_2 - |m_2|)) \\
 &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 - |k|} M(k, |k| + \ell)M(m - k, n - 2|k| - 2\ell). \tag{2.2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$C(m, m) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{0 \leq \ell \leq m/2 - |k|} M(k, |k| + \ell)M(m - k, m - 2|k| - 2\ell) = M(0, 0)M(m, m) = 1.$$

Replacing  $n$  by  $n + m$  and letting  $A = n + m - 2|k| - |m - k|$  in (2.2), then we have

$$C(m, n + m) = \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ A \geq 0}} \sum_{\substack{\ell \geq 0 \\ \ell \leq A/2}} M(k, |k| + \ell)M(m - k, |m - k| + A - 2\ell),$$

which completes the proof for  $C(m, n + m)$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(m, n) &= \sum_{\substack{n_1+2n_2=n \\ n_1, n_2 \geq 0}} p(n_1)M(m, n_2) \\
 &= \sum_{0 \leq n_2 \leq n/2} p(n - 2n_2)M(m, n_2) \\
 &= \sum_{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 - m} p(n - 2m - 2\ell)M(m, m + \ell).
 \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $n$  by  $n + m$  in above, we have

$$R(m, n + 2m) = \sum_{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2} p(n - 2\ell)M(m, m + \ell).$$

From this we see that  $R(m, 1 + 2m) = p(1)M(m, m) = 1$  and  $R(m, 2m) = p(0)M(m, m) = 1$ , which completes the proof of Lemma 2.2. □

We need the following auxiliary lemmas.

**Lemma 2.3** For  $x \in [0, 1]$ , define

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1-x} + \sqrt{x/2}.$$

Then  $f(x)$  is increasing on  $[0, 1/3]$  and decreasing on  $[1/3, 1]$ . Moreover,

$$f(1/3 + t) = \sqrt{3/2} - \kappa t^2 + O(|t|^3),$$

as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\kappa := 2^{-9/2} \cdot 3^{5/2}$ .

**Proof** The proof of this lemma is a direct calculation and we shall omit it. □

**Lemma 2.4** Let  $g(x)$  be defined as in Lemma 2.1. For any  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ . If  $y \sim x$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$ , then  $g(y) \sim g(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$ .

**Proof** Recall that

$$g(x) = \frac{\pi}{12\sqrt{2}} \left(1 + e^{-|x|}\right)^{-2}.$$

We have

$$\left| \sqrt{g(y)/g(x)} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{1 + e^{-|x|}}{1 + e^{-|y|}} - 1 \right| = \frac{|e^{-|x|} - e^{-|y|}|}{1 + e^{-|y|}} \leq |e^{-|x|} - e^{-|y|}| \rightarrow 0,$$

whenever  $y \sim x$  and  $x \rightarrow x_0$  with  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ . The proof follows. □

In this paper, the Euler-Maclaurin summation formula we use is always stated as follows.

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a \leq b$ ,  $h \in C^1([a, b])$ . Then we have

$$\sum_{a \leq \ell \leq b} h(\ell\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{a\varepsilon}^{b\varepsilon} h(u) du + \frac{h(a\varepsilon) + h(b\varepsilon)}{2} + O\left(\int_{a\varepsilon}^{b\varepsilon} |h'(u)| du\right),$$

for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , where the implied constant is absolute.

### 3 The Proofs of the Main Results

In view of  $C(m, n) = C(|m|, n)$  and  $R(m, n) = R(|m|, n)$ ,  $C(m, |m|) = R(m, 2|m|) = 1$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and as well as  $C(m, n + |m|) = R(m, n + 2|m|) = 0$  for all  $n < 0$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this section will only consider the cases for  $C(m, n + m)$  and  $R(m, n + 2m)$  with  $n \geq 1$  and  $m \geq 0$ . We assume that the function  $f(x)$  is always defined by Lemma 2.3.

### 3.1 Uniform Asymptotic Formulas for $C(m, n + m)$

For simplify our writing, we denote  $A := A_{m,n,k} = n + m - 2|k| - |m - k|$  and  $S_A = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} : A \geq 0\} \times \{\ell \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq \ell \leq A/2\}$ . Then one can check that:

$$A \leq n \text{ and } \#S_A \ll n^2.$$

We split that  $S_A = S_0 \cup S_1 \cup S_2$  with  $S_0 := \{(k, \ell) \in S_A : A \leq n^{0.5}\}$ ,

$$S_1 := \left\{ (k, \ell) \in S_A : A > n^{0.5}, |2\ell/A - 1/3| \leq A^{-0.2} \right\},$$

and

$$S_2 := \left\{ (k, \ell) \in S_A : A > n^{0.5}, |2\ell/A - 1/3| > A^{-0.2} \right\}.$$

Therefore, using Lemma 2.2 we can rewrite the formula for  $C(m, n + m)$  as:

$$C(m, n + m) = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq 2} C_{S_j}(m, n),$$

where

$$C_{S_j}(m, n) := \sum_{(k, \ell) \in S_j} M(k, |k| + \ell)M(m - k, |m - k| + A - 2\ell). \tag{3.1}$$

From Lemma 2.1, for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell \geq 0$

$$M(k, |k| + \ell) \ll (1 + \ell)^{-3/2} e^{2\pi\sqrt{\ell/6}}.$$

Thus for  $(k, \ell) \in S_A$ , we have

$$M(k, |k| + \ell)M(m - k, |m - k| + A - 2\ell) \ll e^{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{\ell} + \sqrt{A - 2\ell})}.$$

For  $(k, \ell) \in S_0$ , we have

$$\sqrt{\ell} + \sqrt{A - 2\ell} \leq 2n^{0.25}.$$

For  $(k, \ell) \in S_2$ , using Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{A}f(2\ell/A) &\leq \sqrt{A} \max\left(f(1/3 - A^{-0.2}), f(1/3 + A^{-0.2})\right) \\ &= \sqrt{A} \left(f(1/3) - \kappa A^{-0.4} + O(A^{-0.6})\right) \\ &\leq \sqrt{3n/2} - \kappa n^{0.1} + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using  $\#S_A \leq n^2$  and above estimates we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in \{0,2\}} C_{S_j}(m, n) &\ll e^{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}(2n^{0.25})} \sum_{(k,\ell) \in S_0} 1 + e^{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{3n/2} - \kappa n^{0.1} + O(1))} \sum_{(k,\ell) \in S_2} 1 \\ &\ll e^{n^{1/3}} n^2 + n^2 e^{\pi\sqrt{n} - n^{1/11}} \ll e^{\pi\sqrt{n} - n^{1/12}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

We will now prove that the main contribution of the summation for  $C(m, m + n)$  comes from  $C_{S_1}(m, n)$ , as defined by equation (3.1).

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $g(x)$  be defined as in Lemma 2.4. As  $n \rightarrow +\infty$*

$$C(m, m + n) \sim 18 \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ A > n^{0.5}}} g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{A}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4A}}\right) A^{-9/4} e^{\pi\sqrt{A}},$$

uniformly with respect to  $m \geq 0$ .

**Proof** Notice the fact that as  $\ell \rightarrow +\infty$

$$M(k, |k| + \ell) \sim g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{6\ell}}\right) \frac{e^{2\pi\sqrt{\ell/6}}}{\ell^{3/2}},$$

uniformly with respect to  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , see Lemma 2.1. For  $(k, \ell) \in S_1$ , since  $A > n^{0.5} \rightarrow +\infty$ ,

$$\ell \sim A/6, \quad \frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{6\ell}} \sim \frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{A}}, \quad A - 2\ell \sim 2A/3, \quad \frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{6(A - 2\ell)}} \sim \frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4A}},$$

using the above estimates and Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(k, |k| + \ell)M(m - k, |m - k| + A - 2\ell) &\sim g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{A}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4A}}\right) \\ &\quad \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{\ell} + \sqrt{A - 2\ell})}}{(A/6)^{3/2}(2A/3)^{3/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, using Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{\ell} + \sqrt{A - 2\ell}) &= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}\sqrt{A}f(2\ell/A) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}\sqrt{A}\left(\sqrt{3/2} - \kappa(2\ell/A - 1/3)^2 + O(|2\ell/A - 1/3|^3)\right) \\ &= \pi\sqrt{A} - \frac{8\pi\kappa}{\sqrt{6}A^{3/2}}(\ell - A/6)^2 + O(A^{-0.1}). \end{aligned}$$



Therefore, further simplifications yields

$$M(k, |k| + \ell)M(m - k, |m - k| + A - 2\ell) \sim g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{A}}\right)g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4A}}\right)\frac{e^{\pi\sqrt{A} - \frac{8\pi\kappa}{\sqrt{6A^{3/2}}}(\ell - A/6)^2}}{(A/3)^3}.$$

Hence using (3.1) yields

$$\begin{aligned} C_{S_1}(m, n) &\sim \sum_{(k, \ell) \in S_1} g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{A}}\right)g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4A}}\right)\frac{e^{\pi\sqrt{A} - \frac{8\pi\kappa}{\sqrt{6A^{3/2}}}(\ell - A/6)^2}}{(A/3)^3} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ A > n^{0.5}}} \frac{g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{A}}\right)g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4A}}\right)e^{\pi\sqrt{A}}}{(A/3)^3} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq A/2 \\ |\ell - A/6| \leq 0.5A^{0.8}}} e^{-\frac{8\pi\kappa}{\sqrt{6A^{3/2}}}(\ell - A/6)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $(0.5A^{0.8})^2/A^{3/2} = 0.25A^{0.1} \rightarrow +\infty$ , the inner summation above is asymptotically equivalent to the following Gauss integral:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\frac{8\pi\kappa}{\sqrt{6A^{3/2}}}(u - A/6)^2} du = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{6A^{3/2}}}{8\kappa}},$$

by using the Euler–Maclaurin summation formula. Therefore, by noting that  $\kappa = 2^{-9/2} \cdot 3^{5/2}$ , we have

$$C_{S_1}(m, n) \sim 18 \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ A > n^{0.5}}} g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{A}}\right)g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4A}}\right)A^{-9/4}e^{\pi\sqrt{A}}.$$

Notice that  $A = n + m - 2|k| - |m - k|$ , we pick out the term  $k = 0$  from the sum above yields

$$C_{S_1}(m, n) \gg n^{-9/4}e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}.$$

While considering estimate (3.2), we see that

$$C_{S_0}(m, n) + C_{S_2}(m, n) \ll e^{\pi\sqrt{n} - n^{1/12}},$$

which completes the proof. □

We now evaluate the summation in Lemma 3.1. Note that  $A = n + k - 2|k|$  for  $k \leq m$ , and  $A = n + 2m - 3k$  for  $k > m$ . Therefore, the summation in Lemma 3.1

can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (1 + o(1))C(m, n + m) \\
 &= 18 \sum_{\substack{k \leq m \\ n - (2|k| - k) > n^{1/2}}} \frac{g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{n - (2|k| - k)}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4(n - (2|k| - k))}}\right)}{(n - (2|k| - k))^{9/4}} e^{\pi\sqrt{n - (2|k| - k)}} \\
 &+ 18 \sum_{\substack{k > m \\ n - (3k - 2m) > n^{1/2}}} \frac{g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{n - (3k - 2m)}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4(n - (3k - 2m))}}\right)}{(n - (3k - 2m))^{9/4}} e^{\pi\sqrt{n - (3k - 2m)}},
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_I(m, n) := & 18 \sum_{\substack{k \leq m \\ (2|k| - k) \leq n^{5/8}}} \frac{g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{n - (2|k| - k)}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4(n - (2|k| - k))}}\right)}{(n - (2|k| - k))^{9/4}} e^{\pi\sqrt{n - (2|k| - k)}} \\
 &+ 18 \sum_{\substack{k > m \\ (3k - 2m) \leq n^{5/8}}} \frac{g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{n - (3k - 2m)}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4(n - (3k - 2m))}}\right)}{(n - (3k - 2m))^{9/4}} e^{\pi\sqrt{n - (3k - 2m)}},
 \end{aligned}$$

for replacing the above summation of  $(1 + o(1))C(m, n + m)$ , then the error term is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (1 + o(1))C(m, n + m) - C_I(m, n) \\
 & \ll \sum_{\substack{k \leq m \\ 2|k| - k > n^{5/8} \\ n + k - 2|k| > \sqrt{n}}} e^{\pi\sqrt{n + k - 2|k|}} + \sum_{\substack{k > m \\ 3k - 2m > n^{5/8} \\ n + 2m - 3k > \sqrt{n}}} e^{\pi\sqrt{n + 2m - 3k}} \\
 & \ll ne^{\pi\sqrt{n - n^{5/8}}} + ne^{\pi\sqrt{n - n^{5/8}}} \ll e^{\pi\sqrt{n} - n^{1/8}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, using Lemma 2.4 for  $g(x)$ , and the fact that  $e^{\pi\sqrt{x-r}} \sim e^{\pi\sqrt{x} - \pi r/\sqrt{4x}}$  for all  $r = o(x^{3/4})$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , one can find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_I(m, n) & \sim \frac{18e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}}{n^{9/4}} \left( \sum_{\substack{k \leq m \\ (2|k| - k) \leq n^{5/8}}} e^{-\frac{\pi(2|k| - k)}{2\sqrt{n}}} + \sum_{\substack{k > m \\ (3k - 2m) \leq n^{5/8}}} e^{-\frac{\pi(3k - 2m)}{2\sqrt{n}}} \right) g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{n}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4n}}\right) \\
 &= \frac{18e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}}{n^{9/4}} \left( \sum_{k \leq m} e^{-\frac{\pi(2|k| - k)}{2\sqrt{n}}} + \sum_{k > m} e^{-\frac{\pi(3k - 2m)}{2\sqrt{n}}} \right) g\left(\frac{\pi k}{\sqrt{n}}\right) g\left(\frac{\pi(m - k)}{\sqrt{4n}}\right) + O(e^{\pi\sqrt{n} - n^{1/8}}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using the definition of  $g(x)$ :

$$g(x) = \frac{\pi}{12\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-|x|})^2} = \frac{\pi}{48\sqrt{2}} e^{|x|} \operatorname{sech}^2(x/2),$$

and with  $\delta_n = \pi/\sqrt{4n}$ , by a straightforward calculation, the main term in the above formula can be evaluated in the following form:

$$C(m, n + m) \sim \frac{\pi^2 e^{\pi\sqrt{n} + m\delta_n}}{16^2 n^{9/4}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{sech}^2(k\delta_n) \operatorname{sech}^2(2^{-1}(m - k)\delta_n).$$

Note that for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , using the Euler–Maclaurin summation formula implies:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \operatorname{sech}^2(k\delta_n) \operatorname{sech}^2((t - k\delta_n)/2) \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta_n} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(x) \operatorname{sech}^2((t - x)/2) \, dx + O\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \partial_x \left( \operatorname{sech}^2(x) \operatorname{sech}^2((t-x)/2) \right) \right| \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $e^{-2|x|} \ll \operatorname{sech}^2(x) \ll e^{-2|x|}$  and  $\partial_x \operatorname{sech}^2(x) \ll e^{-2|x|}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \partial_x \left( \operatorname{sech}^2(x) \operatorname{sech}^2((t - x)/2) \right) \right| \, dx &\ll \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2|x| - |t-x|} \, dx \\ &\ll \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(x) \operatorname{sech}^2((t - x)/2) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, note that

$$\frac{1}{8} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(x) \operatorname{sech}^2((t - x)/2) \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(2x) \operatorname{sech}^2(x - t/2) \, dx,$$

is an even function for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $C(-m, n + |m|) = C(m, n + |m|)$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We conclude the above with the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2** *As  $n \rightarrow +\infty$*

$$C(m, n + |m|) \sim \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n} + |m|\delta_n}}{64n^{7/4}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(2x) \operatorname{sech}^2(x - m\delta_n/2) \, dx,$$

*uniformly with respect to  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

### 3.2 Uniform Asymptotic Formulas of $R(m, n)$

From Lemma 2.2, we can rewrite the formula for  $R(m, n + 2m)$  as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(m, n + 2m) &= \sum_{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2} p(n - 2\ell)M(m, m + \ell) \\
 &= \left( \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 \\ |2\ell/n - 1/3| \leq n^{-0.2}}} + \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 \\ |2\ell/n - 1/3| > n^{-0.2}}} \right) p(n - 2\ell)M(m, m + \ell) \\
 &=: R_M(m, n) + R_E(m, n).
 \end{aligned}$$

We claim that the main contribution of  $R(m, n + 2m)$  arises from  $R_M(m, n)$ , while the  $R_E(m, n)$  is an error term. In fact, by use of the Hardy–Ramanujan asymptotic formula:

$$p(n) \sim \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}n} e^{2\pi\sqrt{n}/6},$$

as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_E(m, n) &= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 \\ |2\ell/n - 1/3| > n^{-0.2}}} p(n - 2\ell)M(m, m + \ell) \\
 &\ll \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 \\ |2\ell/n - 1/3| > n^{-0.2}}} e^{2\pi\sqrt{(n-2\ell)}/6 + 2\pi\sqrt{\ell}/6} = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 \\ |2\ell/n - 1/3| > n^{-0.2}}} e^{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}\sqrt{n}f(2\ell/n)} \\
 &\ll n \exp\left(\frac{2\pi\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{6}} \sup_{\substack{0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ |x - 1/3| > n^{-0.2}}} f(x)\right) \\
 &\ll n \exp\left(\frac{2\pi\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{6}} \left(\sqrt{3}/2 - \kappa n^{-0.4} + O(n^{-0.6})\right)\right) \ll e^{\pi\sqrt{n} - n^{1/11}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $|2\ell/n - 1/3| \leq n^{-0.2}$ , we have  $\ell \sim n/6$  and  $n - 2\ell \sim 2n/3$ . Using Lemmas 2.1 and 2.4 implies:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(n - 2\ell)M(m, m + \ell) &\sim g\left(\frac{\pi m}{\sqrt{6\ell}}\right) \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{n-2\ell} + \sqrt{\ell})}}{4\sqrt{3}(n - 2\ell)\ell^{3/2}} \\
 &\sim g\left(\frac{\pi m}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{6}}f(2\ell/n)}}{4\sqrt{3}(2n/3)(n/6)^{3/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= g\left(\frac{\pi m}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \frac{9}{2^{3/2}n^{5/2}} e^{\frac{2\pi\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{3/2}-\kappa(2\ell/n-1/3)^2+O(|2\ell/n-1/3|^3))} \\
 &\sim \frac{3\pi}{16n^{5/2}} \left(1 + e^{-\pi m/\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-2} e^{\pi\sqrt{n}-\frac{8\pi\kappa(\ell-n/6)^2}{\sqrt{6n^{3/2}}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$R_M(m, n) \sim \frac{3\pi}{16n^{5/2}} \left(1 + e^{-\pi m/\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-2} \sum_{\substack{0 \leq \ell \leq n/2 \\ |2\ell/n-1/3| \leq n^{-0.2}}} e^{\pi\sqrt{n}-\frac{8\pi\kappa(\ell-n/6)^2}{\sqrt{6n^{3/2}}}}.$$

Noting that  $\kappa = 2^{-9/2} \cdot 3^{5/2}$  and using similar arguments to  $C(m, n + m)$ , we have

$$R_M(m, n) \sim \frac{3\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}}{16n^{5/2}} \left(1 + e^{-\pi m/\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-2} \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{6n^{3/2}}}{8\kappa}} = \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}}{8n^{7/4}} \left(1 + e^{-\pi m/\sqrt{n}}\right)^{-2}.$$

By combining this with the previous estimate for  $R_E(m, n)$ ,  $\delta_n = \pi/\sqrt{4n}$ , and as well as  $R(-m, n + 2|m|) = R(m, n + 2|m|)$  holds for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This leads to the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3** *As  $n \rightarrow +\infty$*

$$R(m, n + 2|m|) \sim \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n}+2|m|\delta_n}}{32n^{7/4}} \operatorname{sech}^2(m\delta_n),$$

*uniformly with respect to  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

### 3.3 The Proof of Theorems 1.1

We use Theorems 3.2 and 3.3 to prove Theorems 1.1.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** Notice that  $\delta_n = \pi/\sqrt{4n}$  and note that for  $m = o(n^{3/4})$ ,

$$\pi\sqrt{n - |m|} + |m|\delta_{n-|m|} = \pi\sqrt{n} - |m|\delta_n + |m|\delta_n + O(m^2n^{-3/2}) = \pi\sqrt{n} + o(1),$$

and

$$\operatorname{sech}\left(x - 2^{-1}m\delta_{n-|m|}\right) = \operatorname{sech}\left(x - 2^{-1}m\delta_n + O(m^2n^{-3/2})\right) \sim \operatorname{sech}\left(x - 2^{-1}m\delta_n\right),$$

uniformly with respect to  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, using Theorem 3.2 implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(m, n) &\sim \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n-|m|}+|m|\delta_n}}{16n^{7/4}} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(2x)\operatorname{sech}^2\left(x - 2^{-1}m\delta_{n-|m|}\right) dx \\
 &\sim \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}}{16n^{7/4}} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{sech}^2(2x)\operatorname{sech}^2\left(x - m\delta_n/2\right) dx. \tag{3.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $m = o(n^{3/4})$ , using Theorem 3.3 implies

$$R(m, n) \sim \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n-2|m|}+2m\delta_{n-2|m|}}}{32n^{7/4}} \operatorname{sech}^2(2m\delta_{n-2|m|}) \sim \frac{\pi e^{\pi\sqrt{n}}}{32n^{7/4}} \operatorname{sech}^2(m\delta_n). \quad (3.4)$$

Therefore, the proof of Theorem 1.1 will follow from (3.3),(3.4) and the fact that

$$c(n) \sim \frac{1}{8} n^{-5/4} e^{\pi\sqrt{n}},$$

see [9, Equation (1.5)]. □

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