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On the number of q-expansions. (In English)

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Let  $(p_i)$  be a sequence of positive numbers with  $P = \sum p_i < \infty$ . For a real number  $x \in [0, P]$ , let  $(c_i)$  and  $(d_i)$  be two sequences defined as follows:  $c_1 = 1$ if  $p_1 \leq x$ ,  $c_1 = 0$  otherwise; if  $c_1, \ldots, c_{i-1}$  are already defined, let  $c_i = 1$  if  $c_1 p_1 + \cdots + c_{i-1} p_{i-1} \le x - p_i, \ c_i = 0 \text{ otherwise}; \ d_1 = 0 \text{ if } \sum_{j \ge 1} p_j \ge x,$  $d_1 = 1$  otherwise; if  $d_1, \ldots, d_{i-1}$  are already defined, let  $d_i = 0$  if  $\sum_{j>i} p_j \geq 1$  $x - \sum_{i < i} p_i$ ,  $d_i = 1$  otherwise.

If  $\sum c_i p_i = x$  ( $\sum d_i p_i = x$ ), then  $\sum c_i p_i$  ( $\sum d_i p_i$ ) is called the greedy (lazy) expansion of x. More generally,  $\sum a_i p_i$  is an expansion of x if  $a_i \in \{0,1\}$  for every i and if  $\sum a_i p_i = x$ .

The authors investigate these expansions in case  $p_i = q^{-i}$ , where  $q \in (1,2)$ (q-expansions) and they give a new proof of the following property stated by the same authors [Bull. Soc. Math. Fr. 118, 377-390 (1990; Zbl 721.11005)]: For every  $1 \leq N \leq \omega$  there are  $2^{\omega}$  numbers  $q \in (1,2)$  such that 1 has exactly N different q-expansions.

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