

Appendix to: Some Geometry and Combinatorics for the S -invariant of Ternary Cubics.

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The formula for the coefficient A of M in S , with M as in Example 4.1, is given as $A = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 + A_5 + A_6$, where the A_i are defined (as functions of s) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &= \sum_{l=0}^s \sum_{j=0}^l \sum_{i=0}^{s-l} \binom{s}{l}^3 \binom{l}{j}^2 \left(\binom{l}{j+1} - \binom{l}{j} \right) \binom{s-l}{i}^2 \left(\binom{s-l}{i+1} - \binom{s-l}{i} \right). \\
 A_2 &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^l \binom{s}{l}^2 \binom{s}{l+1} \binom{l}{j} \left(\binom{l}{j+1} \binom{l+1}{j+2} + \binom{l}{j+1} \binom{l+1}{j+1} - 2 \binom{l}{j} \binom{l+1}{j+1} \right) \\
 &\quad \sum_{i=0}^{s-l} \binom{s-l}{i} \left(\binom{s-l}{i} \binom{s-l-1}{i-1} - \binom{s-l}{i+1} \binom{s-l-1}{i} \right). \\
 A_3 &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-2} \sum_{j=0}^l \binom{s}{l}^2 \binom{s}{l+2} \binom{l}{j} \left(\binom{l}{j+1} \binom{l+2}{j+2} - \binom{l}{j} \binom{l+2}{j+1} \right) \\
 &\quad \sum_{i=0}^{s-l} \binom{s-l}{i} \binom{s-l-2}{i-1} \left(\binom{s-l}{i+1} - \binom{s-l}{i} \right). \\
 A_4 &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-1} \sum_{j=0}^{l+1} \binom{s}{l+1}^2 \binom{s}{l} \left(\binom{l}{j+1} \binom{l+1}{j+1} + \binom{l}{j} \binom{l+1}{j+1} - 2 \binom{l+1}{j} \binom{l}{j-1} \right) \\
 &\quad \binom{l+1}{j} \sum_{i=0}^{s-l-1} \binom{s-l-1}{i} \binom{s-l}{i+1} \left(\binom{s-l-1}{i} - \binom{s-l-1}{i+1} \right). \\
 A_5 &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-2} \sum_{j=0}^l \binom{s}{l} \binom{s}{l+1} \binom{s}{l+2} \binom{l+1}{j} \left(\binom{l}{j+1} \binom{l+2}{j+2} - \binom{l}{j} \binom{l+2}{j+1} \right) \\
 &\quad \sum_{i=0}^{s-l-1} \binom{s-l-1}{i} \binom{s-l}{i+1} \left(\binom{s-l-2}{i} - \binom{s-l-2}{i-1} \right). \\
 A_6 &= \sum_{l=0}^{s-2} \sum_{j=1}^{l+2} \binom{s}{l+2}^2 \binom{s}{l} \binom{l+2}{j} \left(\binom{l}{j-2} \binom{l+2}{j-1} - \binom{l}{j-1} \binom{l+2}{j} \right) \\
 &\quad \sum_{i=0}^{s-l-2} \binom{s-l-2}{i} \binom{s-l}{i+1} \left(\binom{s-l-2}{i-1} - \binom{s-l-2}{i} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

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If we take the formula for S in terms of cofactors, as used in Section 4, but write it as a sum over $p \leq q$, these numbers represent the coefficients of M in the terms with $(p, q) = (3, 3), (2, 3), (2, 2), (1, 3), (1, 2)$ and $(1, 1)$, respectively. If we take as an example $s = 4$ in the given formulae, the above numbers are $A_1 = 5804, A_2 = -3048, A_3 = 2352, A_4 = -4552, A_5 = -2256, A_6 = 2352$ and $A = 652$. In fact, for the monomial M of this example, we have $A_3 = A_6$ for all s ; this latter identity may be seen by writing A_3 in terms of $l' = s - 2 - l$, rearranging the sums over i and j , and then comparing with the formula for A_6 .