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### Chapter 1

#### Introduction

The thesis consists of seven chapters which includes this introductory chapter as well which aims to briefly explain the topics of the thesis. It mainly contains three topics. In Chapter 2 we study sign patterns and congruences for certain infinite products related to the Rogers-Ramanujan identities. In Chapters 3-5 we study arithmetic properties of some partition functions which we shortly explain in this chapter. And finally, in Chapter 6 we study parity biases in non-unitary partitions (namely, the partitions where 1 is not allowed to be a part).

Throughout this thesis, for complex numbers  $a$  and  $q$  with  $|q| < 1$  and integers  $n \geq 0$ , we define

$$(a; q)_0 := 1, \quad (a; q)_n := \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (1 - aq^j), \quad (a; q)_\infty := \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - aq^j).$$

For convenience, we adopt the notations:

$$f_n := (q^n; q^2)_\infty,$$
$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m; q)_n := (a_1; q)_n (a_2; q)_n \cdots (a_m; q)_n,$$
$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m; q)_\infty := (a_1; q)_\infty (a_2; q)_\infty \cdots (a_m; q)_\infty.$$

In the following five sections, we refer to a few useful definitions as well as some background material.

# Sign patterns and congruences of certain infinite products involving the Rogers- Ramanujan continued fraction, arithmetic properties of some partition functions, and parity biases in integer partitions

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