

Reading Seminar on “The Theory of Partitions” by
George E. Andrews
The Hardy-Ramanujan-Rademacher Expansion of $p(n)$

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If $h_0/k_0, h/k, h_1/k_1$ are three consecutive terms in F_N , define

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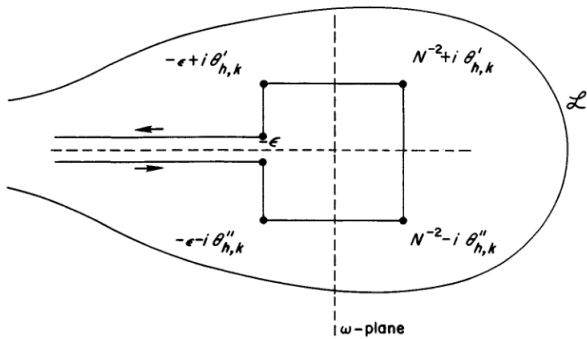


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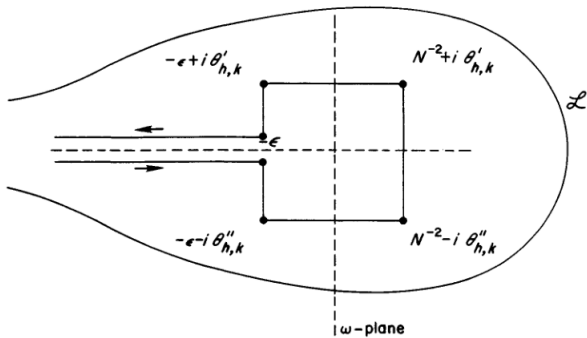


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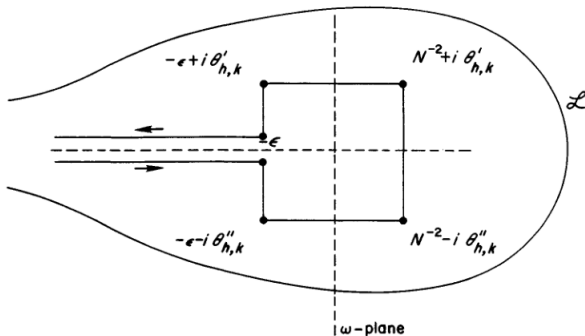


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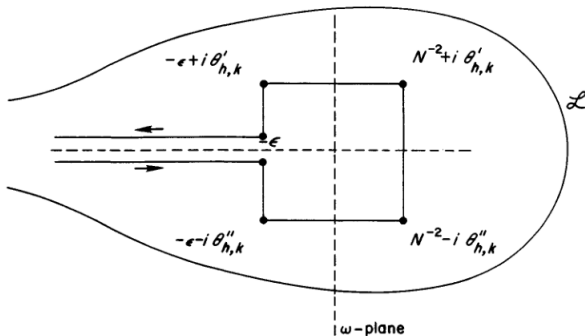


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