



Explicit Formulae for Some Sums of Trinomial Coefficients

Yanapat Tongron^{1*} and Takao Komatsu²

¹Mathematics and Applied Statistics Program, Faculty of Science and Technology,

Nakhon Ratchasima Rajabhat University, Nakhon Ratchasima 30000, Thailand

²Department of Mathematical Sciences, School of Science, Zhejiang Sci-Tech University,

Hangzhou 310018, China

*E-mail: yanapattongron@gmail.com

Abstract

For $a, b, c \in \{0, 1, 2\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq a + b + c$, and $n \equiv a + b + c \pmod{3}$, explicit formulae for $T_{abc}(n) := \sum_{i \equiv a, j \equiv b, k \equiv c \pmod{3}} (i + j + k)! / i! j! k!$, where the sum is over all non-negative integers i, j, k such that $n = i + j + k$, are established by Carlitz [1] via properties of the cube root of unity. In this paper, another method to get these formulae is presented. Almost all $T_{abc}(n)$ are also expressed in terms of the cube root of unity.

Mathematics Subject Classification: 05A10, 11B65

Keywords: sum, trinomial coefficient, cube root of unity, matrix

1. Introduction

Some sums of binomial coefficients (see for example [3]) suggest Carlitz [1] to consider simple sums of trinomial coefficients, defined by

$$(i, j, k) = \frac{(i + j + k)!}{i! j! k!} \quad (i, j, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}).$$

Where

$$(x + y + z)^n = \sum_{i+j+k=n} (i, j, k) x^i y^j z^k.$$

For $a, b, c \in \{0, 1\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq a + b + c$, and $n \equiv a + b + c \pmod{2}$, define

$$S_{abc}(n) = \sum_{i \equiv a, j \equiv b, k \equiv c \pmod{2}} (i, j, k),$$

Received: March 02, 2020

Revised: April 27, 2020

Accepted: June 05, 2020

where the sum is over all non-negative integers i, j, k such that $n = i + j + k$. Then all of the $S_{abc}(n)$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{000}(n), S_{001}(n) &= S_{010}(n) = S_{100}(n), \\ S_{011}(n) &= S_{101}(n) = S_{110}(n), S_{111}(n). \end{aligned}$$

In 1976, Carlitz [1] provided explicit formulae for such S_{abc} as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{000}(n) &= \frac{3^n + 3}{4}, S_{001}(n) = \frac{3^n + 1}{4}, \\ S_{011}(n) &= \frac{3^n - 1}{4}, S_{111}(n) = \frac{3^n - 3}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Later in 1988, a general formula for some sums of multinomial coefficients in terms of values of Krawtchouk polynomials was provided by Fixman [2].

For $a, b, c \in \{0, 1, 2\}, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq a + b + c$, and $n \equiv a + b + c \pmod{3}$, define

$$T_{abc}(n) = \sum_{i \equiv a, j \equiv b, k \equiv c \pmod{3}} (i, j, k),$$

where the sum is over all non-negative integers i, j, k such that $n = i + j + k$. Then all of the $T_{abc}(n)$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{000}(n), \\ T_{001}(n) &= T_{010}(n) = T_{100}(n), \\ T_{002}(n) &= T_{020}(n) = T_{200}(n), \\ T_{011}(n) &= T_{101}(n) = T_{110}(n), \\ T_{012}(n) &= T_{021}(n) = T_{102}(n) \\ &= T_{201}(n) = T_{120}(n) \\ &= T_{210}(n), \\ T_{022}(n) &= T_{202}(n) = T_{220}(n), \\ T_{111}(n), \\ T_{112}(n) &= T_{121}(n) = T_{211}(n), \\ T_{122}(n) &= T_{212}(n) = T_{221}(n), \\ T_{222}(n). \end{aligned}$$

Carlitz [1] also provided explicit formulae for each $T_{abc}(n)$ by using properties of the cube root of unity as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{000}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} + 2(-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{001}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + 2(-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{002}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - 2(-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{011}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-2}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-2}{2}} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{012}(n) &= 3^{n-2}, \\ T_{022}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-4}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-4}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{111}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-3}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-3}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{112}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-4}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-4}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{122}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-2}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-2}{2}} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{222}(n) &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-3}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-3}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Some of $T_{abc}(n)$ are expressed in terms of the cube root of unity. Several examples are also given in [1].

In this work, we present another technique to get these explicit formulae by using the product of some matrices and properties of the cube root of unity. Almost all $T_{abc}(n)$ are also expressed in terms of the cube root of unity.

2. Explicit formulae for $T_{abc}(n)$

Let ω be the cube root of unity, given by

$$\omega = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right).$$

Then

$$1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0 \text{ and } \omega^3 = 1.$$

Note that

$$(\omega + 2)^3 = (\omega - 1)^3 = 3(2\omega + 1), \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2\omega + 1)^2 &= (\omega + 2)^2\omega \\ &= (\omega - 1)^2(-\omega - 1) \\ &= (\omega + 2)(\omega - 1) = -3, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega + 2)(\omega + 1) &= (1 - \omega)\omega \\ &= \omega^2(-\omega - 2) \\ &= 2\omega + 1, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

$$(\omega + 2)^2 = 3(\omega + 1), \quad (2.4)$$

$$(\omega - 1)^2 = -3\omega. \quad (2.5)$$

Consequently, if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega + 2)^n + (\omega - 1)^n + (2\omega + 1)^n \\ = (-1)^{\frac{n}{6}3^{\frac{n}{2}+1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x, y, z \in \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$, we

have

$$\begin{aligned} (x + y + z)^n &= \sum_{i+j+k=n} (i, j, k)x^i y^j z^k \\ &= T_{000}(n) + (x + y + z)T_{001}(n) \\ &\quad + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)T_{002}(n) \\ &\quad + (xy + yz + xz)T_{011}(n) \\ &\quad + (xy^2 + xz^2 + yx^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 \\ &\quad + zy^2)T_{012}(n) \\ &\quad + (x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + x^2z^2)T_{022}(n) \\ &\quad + (xyz)T_{111}(n) \\ &\quad + (xy^2z^2 + x^2yz^2 + x^2y^2z)T_{122}(n) \\ &\quad + (xyz^2 + xy^2z + x^2yz)T_{112}(n) \\ &\quad + (x^2y^2z^2)T_{222}(n). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (x, y, z) in (2.7) by

$$\begin{aligned} (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, \omega), (1, 1, \omega^2), (1, \omega, \omega), (1, \omega, \omega^2), \\ (1, \omega^2, \omega^2), (\omega, \omega, \omega), (\omega, \omega, \omega^2), (\omega, \omega^2, \omega^2), \\ \text{and } (\omega^2, \omega^2, \omega^2), \end{aligned}$$

respectively, we obtain the 10 equations in the indeterminate values

$$\begin{aligned} T_{000}(n), T_{001}(n), T_{002}(n), T_{011}(n), T_{012}(n), \\ T_{022}(n), T_{111}(n), T_{112}(n), T_{122}(n), \text{ and } T_{222}(n) \end{aligned}$$

with coefficients in terms of ω . We can write this 10-equation system in the form of matrix equation as follows:

$$N = WT, \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 3^n \\ (\omega + 2)^n \\ (1 - \omega)^n \\ (2\omega + 1)^n \\ 0 \\ (-2\omega - 1)^n \\ (3\omega)^n \\ (\omega - 1)^n \\ (-\omega - 2)^n \\ (3\omega^2)^n \end{bmatrix}, T = \begin{bmatrix} T_{000}(n) \\ T_{001}(n) \\ T_{002}(n) \\ T_{011}(n) \\ T_{012}(n) \\ T_{022}(n) \\ T_{111}(n) \\ T_{112}(n) \\ T_{122}(n) \\ T_{222}(n) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 6 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega + 2 & -\omega + 1 & 2\omega + 1 & 0 & -2\omega - 1 & \omega & \omega - 1 & -\omega - 2 & -\omega - 1 \\ 1 & -\omega + 1 & \omega + 2 & -2\omega - 1 & 0 & 2\omega + 1 & -\omega - 1 & -\omega - 2 & \omega - 1 & \omega \\ 1 & 2\omega + 1 & -2\omega - 1 & \omega - 1 & 0 & -\omega - 2 & -\omega - 1 & -\omega + 1 & \omega + 2 & \omega \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2\omega - 1 & 2\omega + 1 & -\omega - 2 & 0 & \omega - 1 & \omega & \omega + 2 & -\omega + 1 & -\omega - 1 \\ 1 & 3\omega & -3\omega - 3 & -3\omega - 3 & 6 & 3\omega & 1 & 3\omega & -3\omega - 3 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega - 1 & -\omega - 2 & -\omega + 1 & 0 & \omega + 2 & \omega & -2\omega - 1 & 2\omega + 1 & -\omega - 1 \\ 1 & -\omega - 2 & \omega - 1 & \omega + 2 & 0 & -\omega + 1 & -\omega - 1 & 2\omega + 1 & -2\omega - 1 & \omega \\ 1 & -3\omega - 3 & 3\omega & 3\omega & 6 & -3\omega - 3 & 1 & -3\omega - 3 & 3\omega & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From (2.8), we have

$$W^{-1}N = T, \quad (2.9)$$

where

$$W^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{27} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{2}{9} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{27} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{27} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{1}{\alpha} & 0 & \frac{-1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{3\alpha} & \frac{-\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{3\alpha} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{-1}{\alpha} & 0 & \frac{1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{3\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{3\alpha} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{1}{\alpha} & \frac{-1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega}{\alpha} & 0 & \frac{-\omega-1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{3\alpha} & \frac{\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{3\alpha} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{1}{\alpha} & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} & 0 & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} & \frac{3\alpha}{3\alpha} & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} & \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} & \frac{3\alpha}{3\alpha} \\ \frac{1}{27} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{9} & 0 & \frac{1}{27} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{27} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{-1}{\alpha} & \frac{1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-1}{\alpha} & 0 & \frac{-\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{3\alpha} & \frac{\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{3\alpha} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{-\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{\alpha} & 2 & \frac{-\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{1}{27} & \frac{-\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{\alpha} & \frac{1}{27} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{-\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-1}{\alpha} & \frac{\omega}{\alpha} & 0 & \frac{\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{3\alpha} & \frac{-1}{\alpha} & \frac{1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{3\alpha} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{-\omega-1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{\omega+1}{\alpha} & 0 & \frac{\omega}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega-2}{3\alpha} & \frac{1}{\alpha} & \frac{-1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{3\alpha} \\ \frac{1}{27} & \frac{-\omega-2}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{\alpha} & 2 & \frac{-\omega-2}{\alpha} & \frac{1}{27} & \frac{-\omega-2}{\alpha} & \frac{-\omega+1}{\alpha} & \frac{1}{27} \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\alpha = 9(2\omega + 1)$. Next we calculate all of the $T_{abc}(n)$ from (2.9).

Row 1 in (2.9): In this case, $n > 0$ and

$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{000}(n) &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n}{9} + \frac{(1-\omega)^n}{9} + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n}{9} + \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n}{9} \\ &\quad + \frac{(3\omega)^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega-1)^n}{9} + \frac{(-\omega-2)^n}{9} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n}{27} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + (1+(-1)^n) \frac{((\omega+2)^n + (\omega-1)^n + (2\omega+1)^n)}{9} \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} + 2(-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \\ 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Row 2 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 1$ and

$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$.

$T_{001}(n)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n(\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(1-\omega)^n\omega}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n(-\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} - \frac{(\omega-1)^n\omega}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(-\omega-2)^n(-\omega-1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n(-\omega-2)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-1}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(1-\omega)^{n-1}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{(-1)^n(2\omega+1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n\omega^{n-1}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-1}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-\omega-2)^{n-1}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3^n\omega^{2(n-1)}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \quad (\text{by (2.3)}) \\ &= \frac{3^{n-2} + (1+(-1)^{n-1})}{9} \frac{((\omega+2)^{n-1} + (\omega-1)^{n-1} + (2\omega+1)^{n-1})}{9} \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + 2(-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}. \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Row 3 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 2$ and

$$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{002}(n) &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n \omega}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(1-\omega)^n (\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{(2\omega+1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n (-\omega-2)}{27(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(\omega-1)^n (-\omega-1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{(-\omega-2)^n \omega}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n (-\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{-9(\omega+2)^{n-5}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{-9(1-\omega)^{n-5}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{9(2\omega+1)^{n-5}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{-9(-2\omega-1)^{n-5}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3^n \omega^{n-2}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} + \frac{-9(\omega-1)^{n-5}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{9(-\omega-2)^{n-5}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n \omega^{2(n-2)}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad \text{(by (2.1), (2.2), and (2.3))} \\ &= 3^{n-2} - (1 + (-1)^{n-5}) \\ &\quad ((\omega+2)^{n-5} + (\omega-1)^{n-5} + (2\omega+1)^{n-5}) \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - 2(-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}. \end{cases} \quad \text{(by (2.6))} \end{aligned}$$

Row 4 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 2$ and

$$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{011}(n) &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{(1-\omega)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{(2\omega+1)^n \omega}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n (-\omega-1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n (-\omega-2)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^n \omega}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-\omega-2)^n (\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n (-\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{3(\omega+2)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3(1-\omega)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(2\omega+1)^{n-3} \omega(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(-2\omega-1)^{n-3} (-\omega-1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n \omega^{n-2}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(\omega-1)^{n-3} \omega(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{3(-\omega-2)^{n-3} (\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3^n \omega^{2(n-2)}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \quad \text{(by (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3))} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3} (1 + (\omega+1)(-1)^{n-2}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega - (-1)^{n-2}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega + (\omega+1)(-1)^{n-2}). \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{011}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-2} + (\omega-1)^{n-2} + (2\omega+1)^{n-2}}{3} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-2}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-2}{2}}. \quad \text{(by (2.6))} \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{011}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega) + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega+1) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3} (-1) \\ &= 3^{n-2} + (\omega+2)^{n-5} + (\omega-1)^{n-5} + (2\omega+1)^{n-5} \quad \text{(by (2.2))} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1}. \quad \text{(by (2.6))} \end{aligned}$$

Row 5 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 3$ and

$$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

$$T_{012}(n) = \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(3\omega)^n}{27} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n}{27} = 3^{n-2}.$$

Row 6 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 4$ and

$$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{022}(n) &= \frac{3^n}{27} - \frac{(\omega+2)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(1-\omega)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n (-\omega-1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n \omega}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n (-\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(\omega-1)^n (\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(-\omega-2)^n \omega}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n (-\omega-2)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &= \frac{3^n}{27} - \frac{3(\omega+2)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{3(1-\omega)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{3(2\omega+1)^{n-3} (-\omega-1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{3(-2\omega-1)^{n-3} \omega(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n \omega^{n-1}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(\omega-1)^{n-3} (\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{3(-\omega-2)^{n-3} \omega(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n \omega^{2(n-1)}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad \text{(by (2.1), (2.2), and (2.3))} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3} (-1 - (-1)^{n-1} \omega) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega+1 - (-1)^{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega+1 - (-1)^{n-1} \omega). \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{022}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3} (-1+\omega)}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3} (\omega+2)}{3} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3} (2\omega+1)}{3} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{-3(\omega+2)^{n-4} - 3(\omega-1)^{n-4} - 3(2\omega+1)^{n-4}}{3} \\ &\quad \text{(by (2.2))} \\ &= 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-4}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-4}{2}+1}. \quad \text{(by (2.6))} \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$, then

$$T_{022}(n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-1-\omega)}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}\omega}{3} \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3} \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{-(\omega+2)^{n-4}(2\omega+1)}{3} + \frac{-(\omega-1)^{n-4}(2\omega+1)}{3} \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3} \quad (\text{by (2.3)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{-3(\omega+2)^{n-7}(2\omega+1)^2}{3} \\
&\quad + \frac{-3(\omega-1)^{n-7}(2\omega+1)^2}{3} + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3} \quad (\text{by (2.1)}) \\
&= \frac{3^{n-2} + 9(\omega+2)^{n-7} + 9(\omega-1)^{n-7} + 9(2\omega+1)^{n-7}}{3} \quad (\text{by (2.2)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-7}{6} \cdot \frac{n-7}{2} + 2} \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6} \cdot \frac{n-1}{2} - 1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Row 7 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 3$ and

$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&T_{111}(n) \\
&= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n(-\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(1-\omega)^n(-\omega-2)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n(-\omega-2)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n(-\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n}{27} \\
&\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^n(-\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-\omega-2)^n(-\omega-2)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n}{27} \\
&= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{3(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{3(1-\omega)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{3(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{3(-2\omega-1)^{n-3}(-\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n\omega^n}{27} \\
&\quad + \frac{3(\omega-1)^{n-3}(-\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{3(-\omega-2)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n\omega^{2n}}{27} \\
&\quad (\text{by (2.1) and (2.2)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3}(-\omega+1+(-1)^n(-\omega-2)) \\
&\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3}(-\omega+1+(-1)^n(-\omega-2)) \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3}(\omega+2-(-1)^n(-\omega+1)).
\end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&T_{111}(n) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3}(-2\omega-1) + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3}(-2\omega-1) \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3}(2\omega+1) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(\omega+2)^3}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}(\omega-1)^3}{3} \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)^3}{3} \quad (\text{by (2.1) and (2.2)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n}{6} \cdot \frac{n}{2} - 1}. \quad (\text{by (2.6)})
\end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&T_{111}(n) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + (\omega+2)^{n-3} + (\omega-1)^{n-3} + (2\omega+1)^{n-3} \\
&= 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-3}{6} \cdot \frac{n-3}{2} + 1}. \quad (\text{by (2.6)})
\end{aligned}$$

Row 8 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 4$ and

$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&T_{112}(n) \\
&= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n(-\omega)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(1-\omega)^n(-\omega-1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n\omega}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n(\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n(-\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{(\omega-1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-\omega-2)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n(-\omega-2)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\
&= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{3(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{3(1-\omega)^{n-3}(-\omega-1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{3(2\omega+1)^{n-3}\omega(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{3(-2\omega-1)^{n-3}(\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n\omega^{n-1}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{3(\omega-1)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{3(-\omega-2)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\
&\quad + \frac{3^n\omega^{2(n-1)}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \quad (\text{by (2.1), (2.2), and (2.3)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3}(-\omega-(-1)^{n-1}) \\
&\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3}(-1+(-1)^{n-1}(\omega+1))
\end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&T_{112}(n) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega+1)}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)}{3} \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(-2\omega-1)}{3} \\
&= 3^{n-2} + (\omega+2)^{n-4} + (\omega-1)^{n-4} + (2\omega+1)^{n-4} \\
&\quad (\text{by (2.2)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-4}{6} \cdot \frac{n-4}{2} + 1}. \quad (\text{by (2.6)})
\end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&T_{112}(n) \\
&= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega-1)}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}\omega}{3} \\
&\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3} \\
&= 3^{n-2} - \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-1} + (\omega-1)^{n-1} + (2\omega+1)^{n-1}}{9} \\
&\quad (\text{by (2.2), (2.4), and (2.5)}) \\
&= 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6} \cdot \frac{n-1}{2} - 1} \quad (\text{by (2.6)})
\end{aligned}$$

Row 9 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 5$ and

$$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{122}(n) &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n(-\omega-1)}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{(1-\omega)^n\omega}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n(\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n\omega}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(3\omega)^n(-\omega-2)}{27(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(\omega-1)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} - \frac{(-\omega-2)^n}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n(-\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{3(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega-1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(1-\omega)^{n-3}\omega(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{3(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(-2\omega-1)^{n-3}\omega(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3^n\omega^{n-2}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(\omega-1)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{3(-\omega-2)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3^n\omega^{2(n-2)}(2\omega+1)}{27(2\omega+1)} \quad (\text{by (2.1), (2.2), and (2.3)}) \\ &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3}(-\omega-1-(-1)^{n-2}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3}(1-(-1)^{n-2}\omega) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3}(-\omega-1-(-1)^{n-2}\omega). \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{122}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}(1-\omega)}{3} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(-2\omega-1)}{3} \\ &= 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-2}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{122}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega)}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}(1+\omega)}{3} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(-1)}{3} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{3(\omega+2)^{n-5} + 3(\omega-1)^{n-5} + 3(2\omega+1)^{n-5}}{3} \\ &\quad (\text{by (2.2)}) \\ &= 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1} \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \end{aligned}$$

Row 10 in (2.9): In this case, $n \geq 6$ and

$$n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

$$T_{222}(n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{(\omega+2)^n(-\omega-2)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(1-\omega)^n(-\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^n(-\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-2\omega-1)^n(-\omega-2)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n}{27} \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^n(-\omega-2)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(-\omega-2)^n(-\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n}{27} \\ &= \frac{3^n}{27} + \frac{3(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{3(1-\omega)^{n-3}(-\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{3(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(-\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(-2\omega-1)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega)^n}{27} \\ &\quad + \frac{3(\omega-1)^{n-3}(-\omega-2)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{3(-\omega-2)^{n-3}(-\omega+1)(2\omega+1)}{9(2\omega+1)} + \frac{(3\omega^2)^n}{27} \\ &\quad (\text{by (2.1) and (2.2)}) \\ &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}}{3}(-\omega-2+(-1)^n(-\omega+1)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}}{3}(-\omega-2+(-1)^n(-\omega+1)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}}{3}(\omega-1+(-1)^n(\omega+2)). \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{222}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-2\omega-1)}{3} + \frac{(\omega-1)^{n-3}(-2\omega-1)}{3} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega+1)^{n-3}(2\omega+1)}{3} \\ &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{-(\omega+2)^n/3 - (\omega-1)^n/3 - (2\omega+1)^n/3}{3} \\ &\quad (\text{by (2.1) and (2.2)}) \\ &= 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \end{aligned}$$

If $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T_{222}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega+2)^{n-3}(-3) + (\omega-1)^{n-3}(-3) + (2\omega+1)^{n-3}(-3)}{3} \\ &= 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-3}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-3}{2}+1} \quad (\text{by (2.6)}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Conclusions

For $a, b, c \in \{0, 1, 2\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq a + b + c$, and $n \equiv a + b + c \pmod{3}$, define

$$T_{abc}(n) = \sum_{i \equiv a, j \equiv b, k \equiv c \pmod{3}} (i, j, k),$$

where the sum is over all non-negative integers

i, j, k such that $n = i + j + k$ and

$$(i, j, k) = \frac{(i+j+k)!}{i!j!k!} \quad (i, j, k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}).$$

Then all of the $T_{abc}(n)$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{000}(n), \\ T_{001}(n) &= T_{010}(n) = T_{100}(n), \\ T_{002}(n) &= T_{020}(n) = T_{200}(n), \\ T_{011}(n) &= T_{101}(n) = T_{110}(n), \\ T_{012}(n) &= T_{021}(n) = T_{102}(n) \\ &= T_{201}(n) = T_{120}(n) \\ &= T_{210}(n), \\ T_{022}(n) &= T_{202}(n) = T_{220}(n), \\ T_{111}(n), \\ T_{112}(n) &= T_{121}(n) = T_{211}(n), \\ T_{122}(n) &= T_{212}(n) = T_{221}(n), \\ T_{222}(n). \end{aligned}$$

Carlitz [1] provided explicit formulae for $T_{abc}(n)$

by using properties of the cube root of unity.

In this paper, we present a different method to get these explicit formulae. The cube root of unity ω , is defined by

$$\omega = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right).$$

Explicit formulae for $T_{abc}(n)$ are calculated from (2.9) and almost all $T_{abc}(n)$ are also expressed in terms of ω as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{000}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(1 + (-1)^n)((\omega + 2)^n + (\omega - 1)^n + (2\omega + 1)^n)}{9} \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} + 2(-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{001}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(1 + (-1)^{n-1})((\omega + 2)^{n-1} + (\omega - 1)^{n-1} + (2\omega + 1)^{n-1})}{9} \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + 2(-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{002}(n) &= 3^{n-2} - \frac{(1 + (-1)^{n-5})((\omega + 2)^{n-5} + (\omega - 1)^{n-5} + (2\omega + 1)^{n-5})}{9} \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - 2(-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{011}(n) &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega + 2)^{n-3}}{3} (1 + (\omega + 1)(-1)^{n-2}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega - 1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega - (-1)^{n-2}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega + 1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega + (\omega + 1)(-1)^{n-2}) \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-2}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-2}{2}} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{012}(n) &= 3^{n-2} \\ T_{022}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega + 2)^{n-3}}{3} (-1 - (-1)^{n-1}\omega) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega - 1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega + 1 - (-1)^{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega + 1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega + 1 - (-1)^{n-1}\omega) \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-4}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-4}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{111}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega + 2)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega + 1 + (-1)^n(-\omega - 2)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega - 1)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega + 1 + (-1)^n(-\omega - 2)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega + 1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega + 2 - (-1)^n(-\omega + 1)) \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-3}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-3}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{112}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega + 2)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega - (-1)^{n-1}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega - 1)^{n-3}}{3} (-1 + (-1)^{n-1}(\omega + 1)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega + 1)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega + (-1)^{n-1}(\omega + 1)) \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-4}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-4}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{122}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega + 2)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega - 1 - (-1)^{n-2}) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega - 1)^{n-3}}{3} (1 - (-1)^{n-2}\omega) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega + 1)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega - 1 - (-1)^{n-2}\omega) \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-2}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-2}{2}} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} + (-1)^{\frac{n-5}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-5}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}, \end{cases} \\ T_{222}(n) &= 3^{n-2} + \frac{(\omega + 2)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega - 2 + (-1)^n(-\omega + 1)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(\omega - 1)^{n-3}}{3} (-\omega - 2 + (-1)^n(-\omega + 1)) \\ &\quad + \frac{(2\omega + 1)^{n-3}}{3} (\omega - 1 + (-1)^n(\omega + 2)) \\ &= \begin{cases} 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n}{6}} 3^{\frac{n}{2}-1} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \\ 3^{n-2} - (-1)^{\frac{n-3}{6}} 3^{\frac{n-3}{2}+1} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

4. Acknowledgements

The authors are grateful to the referee for his/her useful comments and suggestions.

5. References

- [1] Carlitz L. Some sums of multinomial coefficients. *Fibonacci Quart.* 1976. 14 : 427-438.
- [2] Fixman U. Sums of multinomial coefficients. *Canad. Math. Bull.* 1988. 31(2) : 187-189.
- [3] Hoggatt V. E., Jr. and Alexanderson G. L. Sums of partition sets in generalized Pascal triangles I. *Fibonacci Quart.* 1976. 14(2) : 117-125.

