

A constant term identity featuring the ubiquitous (and mysterious) Andrews-Mills-Robbins-Rumsey numbers $1, 2, 7, 42, 429, \dots$

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My consolation prize for being beaten by George Andrews in the race to prove the TSSCPP conjecture.

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Another Note: Christian Krathenthaler has proved all the conjectures in this article, but failed to earn the prize, since he "cheated" and used the determinant-evaluation methodology rather than the constant-term methodology.

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