1046-05-2002 Ameya A. Velingker* (avelingk@fas.harvard.edu), 8 Currier Mail Center, 64 Linnaean St., Cambridge, MA 02138. On an Exact Formula for the Coefficients of Han's Generating Function.

Given a positive integer t and a partition λ , define $\mathcal{H}_t(\lambda)$ to be the multiset of hook lengths of λ that are divisble by t. For each nonnegative integer n, we consider the quantity $a_t(n) = a_t^{even}(n) - a_t^{odd}(n)$, where $a_t^{even}(n)$ (resp. $a_t^{odd}(n)$) is the number of partitions λ of n for which $\mathcal{H}_t(\lambda)$ has an even (resp. odd) number of elements. We prove an exact formula for $a_t^{even}(n) - a_t^{odd}(n)$ using a generating function for $a_t(n)$ discovered by Han in his generalization of the Nekrasov-Okounkov formula. Moreover, we obtain corollaries which describe the asymptotic behavior and sign of $a_t(n)$ for large n. (Received September 16, 2008)