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THUS IF  $p(m, n)$   
 IS THE NUMBER OF  
 PARTITIONS OF  $n$   
 INTO  $m$  PARTS, THEN

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n, m \geq 0} p(m, n) z^m q^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n q^n}{(1-q)(1-q^2)\cdots(1-q^n)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-zq)(1-zq^2)(1-zq^3)\cdots} \end{aligned}$$

THE CONJUGATION  
MAP (TO BE  
DISCUSSED LATER)  
REVEALS THAT  
 $p(m, n)$  IS ALSO  
THE NUMBER OF  
PARTITIONS OF  
 $n$  WITH LARGEST  
PART EQUAL TO  
 $m$ .

AND IF  $P_d(m, n)$   
 IS THE NUMBER OF  
 PARTITIONS OF  $n$   
 INTO  $m$  DISTINCT  
 PARTS, THEN

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{m, n \geq 0} P_d(m, n) z^m q^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n q^{n(n+1)/2}}{(1-q)(1-q^2) \cdots (1-q^n)} \\
 &= (1+zq)(1+zq^2)(1+zq^3) \cdots
 \end{aligned}$$

FOR EXAMPLE,

$$p(4,8) = 5$$

$$5+1+1+1, 4+2+1+1, 3+3+1+1$$

$$3+2+2+1, 2+2+2+2$$

AND  $P_d(3,12) = 7$

$$9+2+1, 8+3+1, 7+4+1$$

$$7+3+2, 6+5+1, 6+4+2$$

$$5+4+3$$

H. GUPTA  
STUDIED PARTITIONS  
WITH SMALLEST  
PART EQUAL TO  
M. THE GEN. FN.

IS

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n q^n}{(1-q^n)(1-q^{n+1}) \dots}$$

THIS WAS USED BY  
GUPTA IN THE  
1930'S TO CONSTRUCT  
PARTITION TABLES.

FREEMAN DYSON  
DEFINED THE RANK  
OF A PARTITION AS  
THE LARGEST  
PART MINUS THE  
NUMBER OF  
PARTS. THE  
GENERATING  
FUNCTION IS NOW:



$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{n^2}}{(zq; q)_n (z^{-1}q; q)_n}$$

WHERE

$$(A; q)_n = (1-A)(1-Aq) \dots (1-Aq^{n-1}).$$

DYSON USED THE RANK TO MAKE CONJECTURES ABOUT A COMBINATORIAL INTERPRETATION OF RAMANUJAN'S THEOREM:  $5 \mid P(5n+4)$ .

NAMELY, IF WE  
CLASSIFY EACH  
PARTITION OF  
 $5n+4$  ACCORDING  
TO ITS RANK  
 $\text{mod } 5$ , THEN THIS  
SPLITS THE  
PARTITIONS OF  
 $5n+4$  INTO 5  
EQUINUMEROUS  
CLASSES.

(Atkin & Swinnerton-Dyer)

$$n=4$$

RANK

Mod 5

4

3

3

3+1

1

1

2+2

0

0

2+1+1

-1

4

1+1+1+1

-3

2

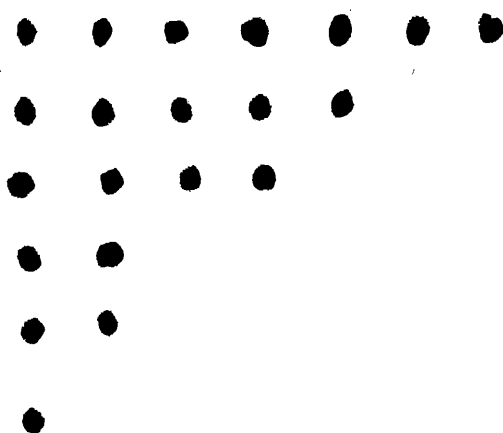
RAMANUJAN HAD  
THE RANK GENERATING  
FUNCTION IN THE  
"LOST NOTEBOOK,"  
BUT HE NEVER  
MENTIONED THE  
RANK. FROM THIS  
STARTING POINT,  
AN AVALANCHE OF  
RESULTS ON  
MOCK THETA FUNCTIONS  
AND RELATED TOPICS  
HAS FOLLOWED.

RICHARD STANLEY  
HAS ALSO DEFINED  
A FRUITFUL  
PARTITION STATISTIC.

IN ORDER TO  
UNDERSTAND THE  
STANLEY STATISTIC,  
WE NEED THE  
CONCEPT OF THE  
CONJUGATE OF A  
PARTITION.

# FERRERS GRAPH

$$\pi: 7 + 5 + 4 + 2 + 2 + 1$$



THE CONJUGATE COMES  
FROM THE COLUMNS

$$\pi': 6 + 5 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 1$$

LET  $t(n)$  DENOTE  
THE NUMBER OF  
PARTITIONS,  $\pi$ , OF  $n$   
FOR WHICH

$$O(\pi) \equiv O(\pi') \pmod{4}$$

WHERE  $O(\pi)$  IS  
THE NUMBER OF  
ODD PARTS OF  $\pi$ .

# STANLEY'S THEOREM.

$$t(n) = \frac{1}{2} (p(n) + f(n))$$

WHERE

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(n)q^n = \prod_{n \geq 1} \frac{(1 + q^{2n-1})}{(1 - q^{4n})(1 + q^{4n-2})^2}.$$



COOL STUFF  
FOLLOWS.

E.G.

$$5 \mid t(5n+4),$$

AND THERE ARE  
IN DEPTH STUDIES

BY:

HOLLY SWISHER

BILL CHEN

⋮

GIVEN HOW  
PRODUCTIVE THESE  
VARIOUS PARTITION  
STATISTICS HAVE  
BEEN, WE MAY ASK:  
"ARE THERE  
FURTHER PARTITION  
STATISTICS THAT  
HAVE BEEN  
COMPARATIVELY  
NEGLECTED?"

THE REMAINDER  
OF THIS TALK  
WILL FOCUS ON:  
THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN THE  
LARGEST PART  
AND THE  
SMALLEST PART.  
(JOINT WORK WITH  
MATTHIAS BECK AND  
NEVILLE ROBBINS)

WE DEFINE

$p(n, t)$

= # OF PARTITIONS  
OF  $n$  WHERE

$t$  = LARGEST PART

— SMALLEST PART

CLEARLY,

$$p(n, 0) = d(n).$$

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A049820  $n - d(n)$ , where  $d(n)$  is the number of divisors of  $n$  ([A000005](#)).

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0, 0, 1, 1, 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 6, 9, 6, 11, 10, 11, 11, 15, 12, 17, 14, 17, 18, 21, 16, 22, 22, 23, 22, 27, 22, 29, 26, 29, 30, 31, 27, 35, 34, 35, 32, 39, 34, 41, 38, 39, 42, 45, 38, 46, 44, 47, 46, 51, 46, 51, 48, 53, 54, 57, 48, 59, 58, 57, 57, 61, 58, 65 ([list](#); [graph](#); [refs](#); [listen](#); [history](#); [text](#); [internal format](#))

OFFSET 1,5

COMMENTS  $a(n)$  = number of non-divisors of  $n$  in  $1..n$ . [[Jaroslav Krizek](#), Nov 14 2009]  
Also equal to the number of partitions  $p$  of  $n$  such that  $\max(p) - \min(p) = 1$ .  
The number of partitions of  $n$  with  $\max(p) - \min(p) \leq 1$  is  $n$ ; there is one with  $k$  parts for each  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .  $\max(p) - \min(p) = 0$  iff  $k$  divides  $n$ , leaving  $n - d(n)$  with a difference of 1. It is easiest to see this by looking at fixed  $k$  with increasing  $n$ : for  $k=3$ , starting with  $n=3$  the partitions are  $[1,1,1]$ ,  $[2,1,1]$ ,  $[2,2,1]$ ,  $[2,2,2]$ ,  $[3,2,2]$ , etc. - [Giovanni Resta](#), Feb 06 2006 and Franklin T. Adams-Watters, Jan 30 2011.  
 $a(n)$ =number of positive numbers in  $n$ -th row of array  $T$  given by [A049816](#).  
 $a(n) = \text{SUM}(\text{A000007}(\text{A051731}(n,k))): 1 \leq k \leq n$ . [[Reinhard Zumkeller](#), Mar 09 2010]

$a(n)$  is the number of proper non-divisors of  $n$ . [[Omar E. Pol](#), May 25 2010]

$a(n) = \text{A076627}(n) / \text{A000005}(n)$ . [[Reinhard Zumkeller](#), Feb 06 2012]

LINKS

[Reinhard Zumkeller](#), [Table of  \$n\$ ,  \$a\(n\)\$  for  \$n = 1..10000\$](#)

FORMULA

$a(n) = \text{sum}(k=1, n, \text{ceil}(n/k) - \text{floor}(n/k)) - \text{Benoit Cloitre}$ , May 11 2003  
 $G := \text{sum}(x^{(2*k+1)} / (1-x^k) / (1-x^{(k+1)}), k=1..infinity)$ ; - [Emeric Deutsch](#), Mar 01 2006

$a(n) = \text{A006590}(n) - \text{A006218}(n) = \text{A161886}(n) - \text{A000005}(n) - \text{A006218}(n) + 1$  for  $n \geq 1$ . [[Jaroslav Krizek](#), Nov 14 2009]

$a(n+2) = \text{sum of the } n\text{-th anti-diagonal of } \text{A225145}$ . [[Richard R. Forberg](#), May 02 2013]

EXAMPLE

$a(7) = 5$ ; the 5 non-divisors of 7 in  $1..7$  are 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.  
The 5 partitions of 7 with  $\max(p) - \min(p) = 1$  are  $[4,3]$ ,  $[3,2,2]$ ,  $[2,2,2,1]$ ,  $[2,2,1,1,1]$  and  $[2,1,1,1,1,1]$ . - [Emeric Deutsch](#), Mar 01 2006

MAPLE

`with(numtheory); A049820 := n->n-sigma[0](n);`

PROG

(PARI) `a(n)=n-numdiv(n)`  
(Haskell)

`a049820 n = n - a000005 n -- Reinhard Zumkeller, Feb 06 2012`

CROSSREFS

Cf. [A000005](#), [A062249](#).

Cf. [A173540](#), [A173541](#).

Sequence in context: [A062327](#) [A075491](#) [A089279](#) \* [A109712](#) [A095049](#) [A118209](#)

Adjacent sequences: [A049817](#) [A049818](#) [A049819](#) \* [A049821](#) [A049822](#) [A049823](#)

KEYWORD

nonn,easy

$$p(n, 1) = n - d(n)$$

BECAUSE THE

PARTITIONS

COUNTED BY

$$p(n, 0) + p(n, 1)$$

CONTAIN EXACTLY

ONE SAMPLE

WITH  $k$  PARTS

$$1 \leq k \leq n.$$

EX.  $n=9$

9, 5+4, 3+3+3, 3+2+2+2,  
2+2+2+2+1, 2+2+2+1+1+1,  
2+2+1+1+1+1+1,  
2+1+1+1+1+1+1+1,  
1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1

NOW DELETE

9, 3+3+3,

1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1

AND

$$p(9,1) = 9 - 3 = 6.$$

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A117142 Number of partitions of  $n$  in which any two parts differ by at most 2. 8

1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 20, 21, 27, 28, 35, 36, 44, 45, 54, 55, 65, 66, 77, 78, 90, 91, 104, 105, 119, 120, 135, 136, 152, 153, 170, 171, 189, 190, 209, 210, 230, 231, 252, 253, 275, 276, 299, 300, 324, 325, 350, 351, 377, 378, 405, 406, 434, 435, 464, 465 ([list](#); [graph](#); [refs](#); [listen](#); [history](#); [text](#); [internal format](#))

OFFSET 1,2

COMMENTS Equals row sums of triangle [A177991](#). -Gary W. Adamson, May 16 2010  
Positive numbers that are either triangular ([A000217](#)) or triangular minus 1 ([A000096](#)). - Jon E. Schoenfeld, Jun 12 2010

LINKS Alois P. Heinz, [Table of  \$n\$ ,  \$a\(n\)\$  for  \$n = 1..1000\$](#)

FORMULA G.g.:  $\sum_{k \geq 1} x^k / ((1-x^k)(1-x^{k+1})(1-x^{k+2}))$ . More generally, the g.f. of the number of partitions in which any two parts differ by at most  $b$  is  $\sum_{k \geq 1} x^k / \prod_{j=k..k+b} (1-x^j)$ .  
 $a(n) = (2n^2 + 10n + 3 + (-1)^n * (2n - 3)) / 16$ . - [Birkas Gyorgy](#), Feb 20 2011  
G.f.:  $(1+x)/(1-x)/(Q(0)-x^2-x^3)$ , where  $Q(k) = 1 + x^2 + x^3 + k*x*(1+x^2) - x^2*(1 + x*(k+2))*(1+k*x)/Q(k+1)$ ; (continued fraction). - [Sergei N. Gladkovskii](#), Jan 05 2014

EXAMPLE  $a(6) = 9$  because we have

1: [6],  
2: [4,2],  
3: [3,3],  
4: [3,2,1],  
5: [3,1,1,1],  
6: [2,2,2],  
7: [2,2,1,1],  
8: [2,1,1,1,1], and  
9: [1,1,1,1,1,1]  
([5,1] and [4,1,1] do not qualify).

MAPLE  $g:=\sum(x^k/(1-x^k)/(1-x^{k+1})/(1-x^{k+2}), k=1..75)$ ;  $gser:=series(g, x=0, 70)$ ;  $seq(coeff(gser, x^n), n=1..65)$ ; with(combinat): for n from 1 to 7 do  $P:=partition(n)$ ;  $A:=\{\}$ ; for j from 1 to nops(P) do if  $P[j][nops(P[j])]-P[j][1]<3$  then  $A:=A \cup \{P[j]\}$  else  $A:=A$  fi od: print(A); od: # this program yields the partitions

MATHEMATICA  $Table[Count[IntegerPartitions[n], _?(Max[#] - Min[#] <= 2 &)], \{n, 30\}]$  (\* [Birkas Gyorgy](#), Feb 20 2011 \*)  
 $Table[(2 n^2 + 10 n + 3 + (-1)^n (2 n - 3))/16, \{n, 30\}]$  (\* [Birkas Gyorgy](#), Feb 20 2011 \*)

CROSSREFS Cf. [A117143](#).

Cf. [A177991](#) - Gary W. Adamson, May 16 2010



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A008805    Triangular numbers repeated.

1, 1, 3, 3, 6, 6, 10, 10, 15, 15, 21, 21, 28, 28, 36, 36, 45, 45, 55, 55, 66, 66, 78, 91, 91, 105, 105, 120, 120, 136, 136, 153, 153, 171, 171, 190, 190, 210, 210, 231, 253, 253, 276, 276, 300, 300, 325 ([list](#); [graph](#); [n](#); [m](#); [k](#); [l](#); [r](#); [s](#); [t](#); [u](#); [v](#); [w](#); [x](#); [y](#); [z](#))

OFFSET            0,3

COMMENTS        Number of choices for nonnegative integers  $x, y, z$  such that  $x$  and  $y$  are and  $x+y+z = n$ .

$a(n)$  = number of partitions of  $n+4$  such that the differences between greatest and smallest parts are 2:  $a(n-4) = A097364(n,2)$  for  $n > 3$ . - Reinhard Zumkeller, Aug 09 2004

$a(n) = A000045(n-2, n) * (-1)^{\text{floor}((n+1)/2)}$  for  $n > 1$ . - J. J. Schaeffer, Jun 01 2005

For  $n \geq i, i=4,5$ ,  $a(n-i)$  is the number of incongruent two-color bracelet  $n$  beads,  $i$  from them are black (Cf. [A000045](#), [A000045](#)), having a diam of symmetry. - V. Shevelev, May 03 2011

Prefixing [A008805](#) by 0,0,0,0 gives the sequence  $c(0), c(1), \dots$  defined  $c(n)$ =number of  $(w,x,y)$  such that  $w = 2x+2y$ , where  $w,x,y$  are all in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ; see [A008805](#). [Clark Kimberling, Apr 15 2012]

Partial sums of positive terms of [A008805](#). - [A008805](#), Jul 0 2012

The sum of the first parts of the non-decreasing partitions of  $n+2$  int exactly two parts,  $n \geq 0$ . - [A008805](#), Jun 08 2013

Number of the distinct symmetric pentagons in a regular  $n$ -gon, see illustration for some small  $n$  in links. - Kival Ngaokrajang, Jun 25

$a(n)$  is the number of nonnegative integer solutions to the equation  $x + y = z = n$  such that  $x + y \leq z$ . For example  $a(4) = 6$  because we have:  $C = 0+1+3 = 0+2+2 = 1+0+3 = 1+1+2 = 2+0+2$ . - [A008805](#), Jul 09

$a(n)$  = number of distinct opening moves in  $n \times n$  tic-tac-toe. - [A008805](#), Sep 04 2013

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P. Flajolet and R. Sedgewick, [Analytic Combinatorics](#), 2009; see page 4

Kival Ngaokrajang, [A008805](#)

6..13

V. Shevelev,

NOTE

REINHARD ZUMKELLER

$$p(n, 2) = \binom{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}{2}$$

OR

$$p(n, 2) = \begin{cases} \binom{j}{2} & n=2j \\ \binom{j}{2} & n=2j+1 \end{cases}$$

$p(n, 2)$  IS A  
PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL

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0, 0, 0, 0, 0, **1, 1, 3, 3, 7, 7, 12**, 14, 20, 22, 32, 34, 45, 51, 63, 69, 87, 93, 112, 124, 144, 156, 184, 196, 225, 245, 275, 295, 335, 355, 396, 426, 468, 498, 552, 582, 637, 679, 735, 777, 847, 889, 960, 1016, 1088, 1144, 1232, 1288, 1377, 1449, 1539, 1611, 1719  
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OFFSET 0,8

COMMENTS See [A008805](#) and [A049820](#) for the numbers of partitions p of n such that  $\max(p) - \min(p) = 1$  or 2, respectively.LINKS Alois P. Heinz, [Table of n, a\(n\) for n = 0..1000](#)FORMULA Conjecture.  $a(1) = 0$  and, for  $n > 1$ ,  $a(n+1) = a(n) + d(n)$ , where  $d(n)$  is defined as follows:  $d = 0, 0, 0, 1, 0$  for  $n = 1, \dots, 5$  and, for  $n > 5$ ,  $d(n) = d(n-2) + 1$  if  $n = 6k$  or  $n = 6k + 4$ ,  $d(n) = d(n-2)$  if  $n = 6k + 1$  or  $n = 6k + 3$ ,  $d(n) = d(n-2) + 2 \lfloor n/6 \rfloor$  if  $n = 6k + 2$  and  $d(n) = d(n-5)$  if  $n = 6k + 5$ .G.f. for number of partitions p of n such that  $\max(p) - \min(p) = m$  is  $\sum_{k > 0} x^{(2k+m)} / \prod_{i=0..m} (1 - x^{(k+i)})$ . - [Vladeta Jovovic](#), Jul 04 2007 $a(n) = \text{A097364}(n, 3) = \text{A116685}(n, 3) = \text{A117143}(n) - \text{A117142}(n)$ . - [Alois P. Heinz](#), Nov 02 2012MATHEMATICA `np[n_] := Length[Select[IntegerPartitions[n], Max[#] - Min[#] == 3 &]]; Array[np, 60] (* Harvey P. Dale, Jul 02 2012 *)`CROSSREFS Cf. [A008805](#), [A049820](#), [A097364](#), [A116685](#), [A117142](#), [A117143](#).

KEYWORD nonn

AUTHOR [John W. Layman](#), May 07 2007EXTENSIONS More terms from [Vladeta Jovovic](#), Jul 04 2007

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# CONJECTURE

$$p(n, 3) = \frac{1}{108} \times \begin{cases} n^3 - 18n, & n \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ n^3 - 3n + 2, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \\ n^3 - 30n + 52, & n \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \\ n^3 + 9n - 54, & n \equiv 3 \pmod{6} \\ n^3 - 30n + 56, & n \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \\ n^3 - 3n - 2, & n \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$$

ANOTHER

PSEUDO-POLYNOMIAL

IN SUMMARY,  
 $p(n,0)$  AND  $p(n,1)$   
ARE NOT  
PSEUDO-POLYNOMIALS.

$p(n,1)$  AND  $p(n,2)$

ARE  
PSEUDO-POLYNOMIALS

GENERATING FNs:

$$P_t(q) := \sum_{n \geq 1} p(n, t) q^n.$$

$$P_0(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{1 - q^n}$$

$$P_1(q) = \frac{q}{(1-q)^2} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^n}{1 - q^n}$$

$$P_2(q) = \frac{q^4}{(1-q)^3 (1+q)^2}$$

$$P_3(q) = \frac{q^5 + q^6 + q^7 - q^8}{(1-q)^4 (1+q)^2 (1+q+q^2)^2}$$

IT TURNS OUT

$$P_4(q) =$$

$$\frac{q^6 + q^7 + 2q^8 - q^{11} - q^{12} + q^{13}}{(1-q)^5 (1+q)^3 (1+q^2)^2 (1+q+q^2)^2}$$

"CURIOUSER AND  
CURIOUSER!"

# THEOREM (JOINT WITH BECK AND ROBBINS)

$$P_t(q) = \frac{q^{t-1}(1-q)}{(1-q^t)(1-q^{t-1})}$$

$$- \frac{q^{t-1}}{(1-q^t)(1-q^{t-1})} (q)_t$$

$$+ \frac{q^t}{(1-q^{t-1})} (q)_t$$

WHERE

$$(q)_t = (1-q)(1-q^2)\dots(1-q^t)$$



IDEA OF PROOF:

$$P_t(q) =$$

$$\sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{q^m}{(1-q^m)(1-q^{m+1}) \cdots (1-q^{m+t})}$$

$$= \frac{q^{t+2}}{(q)_{t+1}} \sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{(q)_m q^{2m}}{(q^{t+2})_m}$$

WHERE

$$(A)_m = (1-A)(1-Aq) \cdots (1-Aq^{m-1})$$

THE LATTER  
SERIES IS  
AN INSTANCE  
OF

$$F(a, b; t; q) \\ = 1 + \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{(a; q)_m}{(b; q)_m} t^m$$

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SERIES AND  
APPLICATIONS.

FINE PROVES  
(p. 5, eq. (6.3)):

$$F(a, b; t; q) \\ = \frac{(1-b)}{(1-t)} F\left(\frac{at}{b}, t; b; q\right)$$

(ACTUALLY) AN  
INSTANCE OF  
HEINE'S 2<sup>nd</sup>

TRANSFORMATION)

CONSEQUENTLY,

$$P_t(q) = \frac{q^{t-1}(1-q)}{(1-q^t)(1-q^{t-1})(q)_t} \times \sum_{j=0}^{t-2} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ j+2 \end{bmatrix} (-1)^j q^{\binom{j+3}{2}}$$

WHERE

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \frac{(q)_A}{(q)_B (q)_{A-B}},$$

the  $q$ -binomial coefficient.

AND

$$\sum_{j=0}^{t-2} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ j+2 \end{bmatrix} (-1)^j q^{\binom{j+3}{2}}$$

$$= (q)_t^{-1} + q \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

AND THE THEOREM

FOLLOWS.

ONCE ONE  
REALIZES THAT  
FINE'S THEOREM  
IS THE ESSENTIAL  
ELEMENT, IT IS  
NATURAL TO  
EXTEND OUR  
THEOREM TO  
PARTITIONS WITH  
SPECIFIED  
DISTANCES.

LET  $p(n, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k)$   
BE THE # OF  
PTNS OF  $n$  SUCH  
THAT IF  $\sigma$  IS  
THE SMALLEST  
PART, THEN  
 $\sigma + t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n$   
IS THE LARGEST  
AND EACH OF  
 $\sigma + t_1, \sigma + t_1 + t_2, \dots,$   
 $\sigma + t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_{n-1}$  IS  
ALSO A PART.

DEFINE

$$P_{t_1, \dots, t_k}(q) := \sum_{n \geq 1} p(n, t_1, \dots, t_k) q^n.$$

THEOREM

(JOINT WITH BECK & ROBBINS)

$$P_{t_1, \dots, t_k}(q) = (-1)^k q^{T - \binom{k+1}{2}} \left( \sum_{j=0}^k \begin{bmatrix} t \\ j \end{bmatrix} (-1)^j q^{\binom{j+1}{2}} - (q)_t \right)$$

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$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} t-1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} (1-q^t) (q)_t}{}$$

where

$$t = t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_k$$

$$T = kt_1 + (k-1)t_2 + \dots + 2t_{k-1} + t_k$$