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TUTORIAL 6: SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

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1. First check that for valid partitions in both sets, the conditions $4 \leq n-4 \leq 16$ and $3 \leq n-5 \leq 15$ give the same range $8 \leq n \leq 20$.

For any partition in A we add a first part of 4 to create a partition of n into exactly 5 parts with 4 as its largest part. Taking the conjugate map, this becomes a partition of n into exactly 4 parts, with 5 as its largest part. By removing the first part, we obtain a partition in B . This map is well-defined and invertible.

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 10 & \leftrightarrow & 5+5 & ; \quad 9+1 \leftrightarrow 9+1 \\
 8+2 & \leftrightarrow & 1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1+1 & ; \quad 7+3 \leftrightarrow 7+3 \\
 2. \quad 6+4 & \leftrightarrow & 3+3+1+1+1+1 & ; \quad 7+2+1 \leftrightarrow 7+1+1+1 \\
 4+3+2+1 & \leftrightarrow & 3+1+1+1+1+1+1+1 & ; \quad 6+3+1 \leftrightarrow 3+3+3+1 \\
 5+4+1 & \leftrightarrow & 5+1+1+1+1+1 & ; \quad 5+3+2 \leftrightarrow 5+3+1+1
 \end{array}$$

3. The least $n = 7$. To show that 6 is not enough, simply consider 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10.

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