

Proof of $Q(n, k) = R(n, k)$

Let λ be a partition of n such that the largest number is at most k .

Consider the Ferrer diagram of λ , denoted by F .

There will be at most k rows of F , as largest number in λ is k .

Consider the transpose of F , denoted by F' . Let this represent the partition λ' .

F' has at most k columns or λ' has at most k numbers.

Since, Ferrer diagrams are unique for any partition, there exists a bijection from the set of all partitions of n such that the largest number is at most k to the set of all partitions of n such that it has at most k numbers.

Therefore, the cardinality of the two sets is the same or $Q(n, k) = R(n, k)$.

Q.E.D.