

Problem :

Q2) How many ways can an examiner assign 30 marks to 8 questions so that no question receives less than 2 marks?

Soln : Assign 1 mark to each of the 8 questions. Remaining 22 marks to 8 questions so each question gets at least 1 mark is equivalent to number of composition of 22 with exactly 8 parts and zero parts not allowed
 $= {}^{22-1}C_{8-1} = {}^{21}C_7$

Or assign 2 marks to each question. Remaining 14 marks with exactly 8 questions with zero parts allowed is

$$14 + 8 - 1 C_{8-1} = {}^{21}C_7$$

Generating function for unrestricted partitions

Let P_n be the no. of unrestricted partitions of n
so that the G.F. is

$$P(x) = P_0 + P_1 x + P_2 x^2 + \dots + P_n x^n + \dots$$

Consider the polynomial $1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^k + \dots$
The appearance of x^k can be interpreted as the
existence of just k one's in a partition of the integer
 n .

Similarly, the polynomial $1 + x^2 + (x^2)^2 + \dots + (x^2)^k + \dots$
is concerned with twos in the partition, &
coeff of x^{2k} represents the case of just k twos
in the partition.

In general, $1 + x^r + x^{2r} + \dots + (x^r)^k + \dots$ can
represent the r 's in the partition.

The G.F. for partition should contain one factor
for 1's and one factor for twos & so on.

$$\therefore \text{G.F.} = (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)(1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots)(1 + x^3 + x^6 + \dots) \dots$$

$$= (1 - x)^{-1} (1 - x^2)^{-1} (1 - x^3)^{-1} \dots$$

coeff of x^n will give no. of unrestricted
partition of n .

$$11 = 5$$

$$\underbrace{(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1's}} \underbrace{(1+x^2+x^4)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 2's}} (1+x^3) \underbrace{(1+x^4)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 4's}} \underbrace{(1+x^5)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 5's}}$$

coeff of x^5 :

$$1 \quad \underset{1}{x^2} \quad x^3 \quad | \quad | \quad \Rightarrow \quad 23$$

$$x^2 \cdot 1 \cdot x^3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 113$$

$$x^1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot x^4 \cdot 1 \Rightarrow 14$$

21.

Soln : GF : $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{10}) \left(1 + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 2 \ 2}}{x^2} + \dots + x^{10} \right) \left(1 + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 2 \ 5}}{x^5} + x^{10} \right)$

$\begin{matrix} 11 & 0 & 10 \\ & \uparrow & \\ & 2 & 1 \end{matrix}$

coef of x^{10} ?

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 1 \cdot 1 \cdot x^{10} & \longrightarrow & (5 \ 5) \\
 x \cdot x^4 \cdot x^5 & \longrightarrow & (1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 5) \\
 x^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^5 & \longrightarrow & (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 5) \\
 x^5 \cdot 1 \cdot x & \longrightarrow & (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 5)
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{rcl} 1 \cdot 1 \cdot x^{10} \\ x \cdot x^4 \cdot x^5 \\ x^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^5 \\ x^5 \cdot 1 \cdot x \end{array}} \right\}$$

Ans: 10

Q2: Prove that the number of partitions of 'n' in which no integer occurs more than twice as a part is equal to the number of partitions of 'n' into parts not divisible by 3.

Soln: G.F for partition of 'n' in which no integer occurs more than twice is

$$G_1(x) = \underbrace{(1+x+x^2)}_{1's} \underbrace{(1+x^2+x^4)}_{2's} \underbrace{(1+x^3+x^6)}_{3's} \dots$$

G.F for partition of 'n' in which no part is divisible by 3 is

$$G_2(x) = \underbrace{(1+x+x^2+\dots)}_{1's} \underbrace{(1+x^2+x^4+\dots)}_{2's} \underbrace{(1+x^4+x^8+\dots)}_{4's} \dots$$

$$G_2(x) = (1-x)^{-1} (1-x^2)^{-1} (1-x^4)^{-1} (1-x^5)^{-1} (1-x^7)^{-1} \dots$$

Consider $G_1(x) = (1+x+x^2)(1+x^2+x^4)(1+x^3+x^6)(1+x^4+x^8)\dots$

$$G_1(x) = \frac{(1-x)(1+x+x^2)}{(1-x)} \cdot \frac{(1-x^2)(1+x^2+x^4)}{(1-x^2)} \cdot \frac{(1-x^3)(1+x^3+x^6)}{(1-x^3)} \dots$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(1-x^3)}}{(1-x)} \frac{\cancel{(1-x^6)}}{(1-x^2)} \frac{\cancel{(1-x^9)}}{\cancel{(1-x^3)}} \frac{\cancel{(1-x^{12})}}{(1-x^4)} \frac{\cancel{(1-x^{15})}}{(1-x^5)} \frac{\cancel{(1-x^{18})}}{\cancel{(1-x^6)}} \dots$$

$$= (1-x)^{-1} (1-x^2)^{-1} (1-x^4)^{-1} \dots = G_2(x)$$

Q3. Show that the number of partitions of 'n' in which every part is odd is equal to the number of partitions of 'n' with unequal (or distinct) parts.

Soln: G.F. for partition of 'n' in which every part is odd

$$G_1(x) = (1-x)^{-1} (1-x^3)^{-1} (1-x^5)^{-1} \dots$$

\uparrow 1's 3's 5's

G.F. for partition of 'n' with distinct part is

$$G_2(x) = (1+x) (1+x^2) (1+x^3) (1+x^4) \dots$$

\uparrow 1's 2's 3's 4's

$$= \frac{(1-x)(1+x)}{(1-x)} \cdot \frac{(1-x^2)(1+x^2)}{(1-x^2)} \cdot \frac{(1-x^3)(1+x^3)}{(1-x^3)} \dots$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(1-x^2)} \cancel{(1-x^4)} (1-x^6) \dots}{(1-x) \cancel{(1-x^2)} \cancel{(1-x^3)} \cancel{(1-x^4)}} \dots$$

$$= (1-x)^{-1} (1-x^3)^{-1} \dots = G_1(x)$$

No. of

Example (3): $n=7$; partition of 7 in which all parts are odd

∴ 7, 115, 111111, 11113, 133 is 5

Partition of 7 with distinct parts: 7, 124, 25, 34, 16
is 5

Example (2): $n=7$. No. of partition of 7 in which no integer occurs more than twice as a part ∴ 7, 61, 511, 43, 421, 331, 322, 52, 3211 is 9.

no. of partition of 7 into parts not divisible by 3

are 7, 511, 421, 52, 2221, 4111, 22111, 1111111,

211111 is 9

~~21111~~

Ferrers graph

It is a graph to represent a partition by an array of dots.

It has the following properties

- (i) There is one row for each part
- (ii) The number of dots in a row is the size of that part
- (iii) An upper row always contains at least as many dots as a lower row.
- (iv) The rows are aligned on the left.

Example : Consider the partition 5322



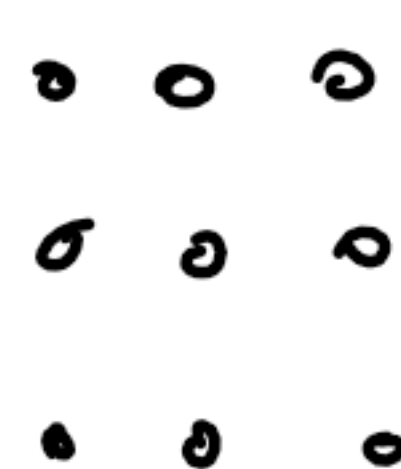
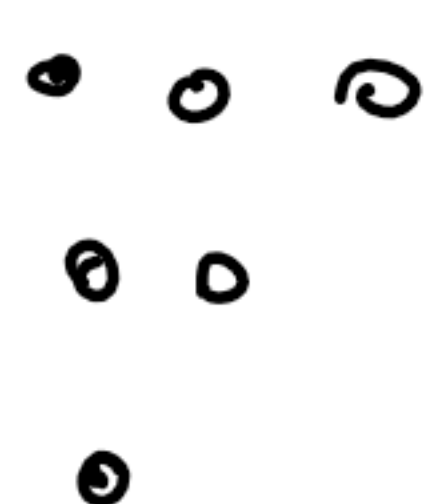
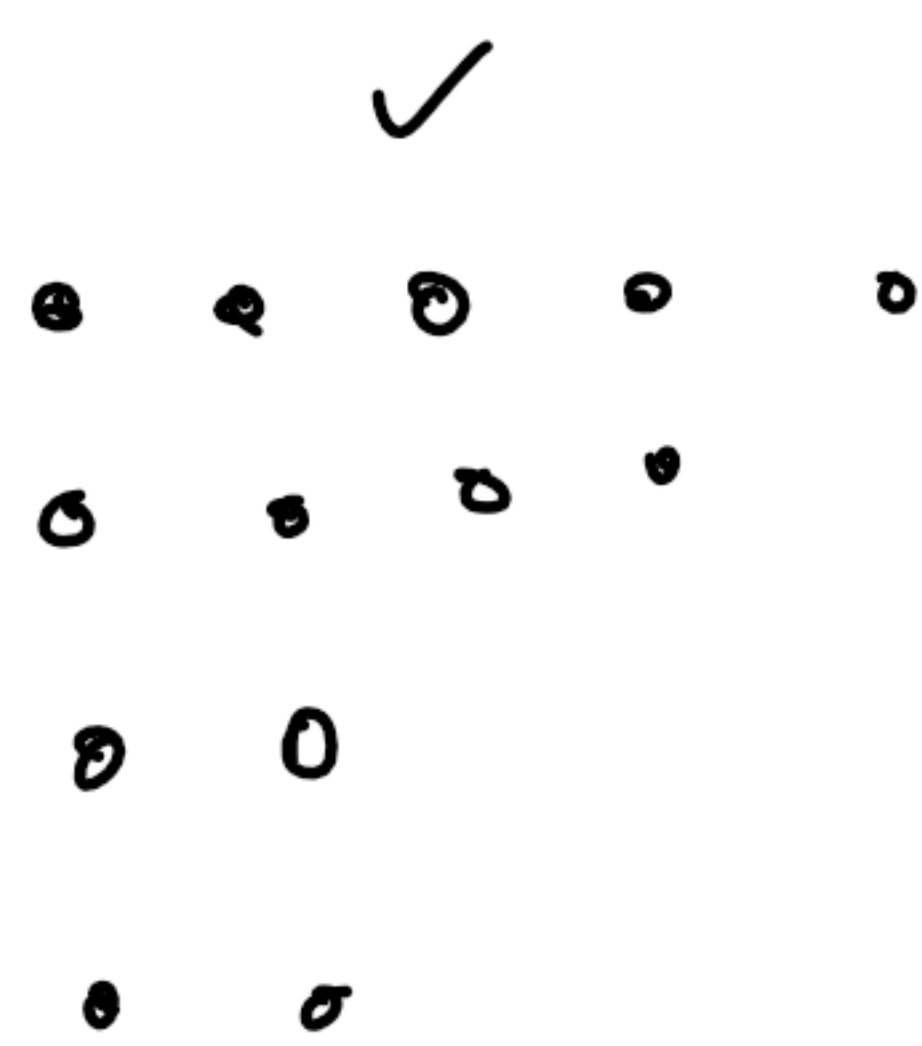
Ferrers graph representation of
5322 ✓

Conjugate Partition : The partition obtained by reading the Ferrers graph by column is called conjugate Partition.

In the above ferrers graph the conjugate partition of 5322 is 44211.

Self conjugate: A partition whose ferrers graph reads the same by rows and columns is called self conjugate.

Eg: 54221 321 333



Problems:

Q1. Show that the number of partitions of n is equal to number of partitions of $2n$ with exactly n parts.

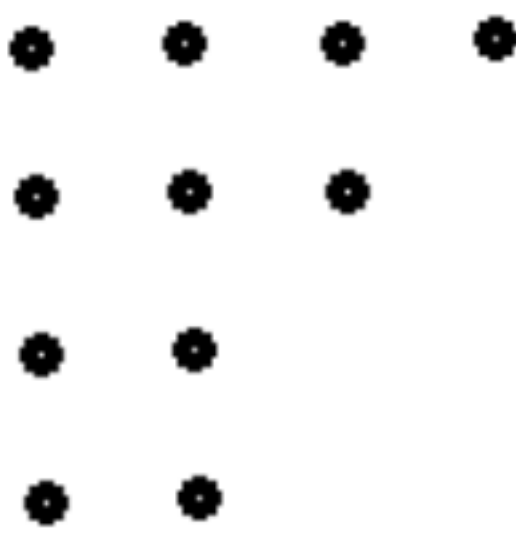
Soln: Consider a ferrers graph of a partition of n . Add a column of n dots on the left of the graph. Then the graph represents a partition of $2n$ with exactly n parts.

Consider a partition of $2n$ with exactly n parts. Then the leftmost column contains n dots. Eliminating the 1st column results in a partition of n .

Thus, for every partition of n dots there corresponds exactly one partition of $2n$ with exactly n parts, & vice versa. Hence, no. of partitions of n is equal to no. of partitions of $2n$ with exactly n parts.



Partition of $n=7$



Partition of 14 with 7 parts.



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