

## Task

$$\prod_{n \geq 1} (1 + tq^{2n-1}) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{t^k q^{k^2}}{(1 - q^2)(1 - q^4) \dots (1 - q^{2k})}$$

## Solution

Notice that the coefficient of  $t^k$  on the left side depends on the  $k$  brackets from which we take  $tq^m$ . Enumerate this brackets by odd numbers, where  $2n' + 1$  connected with  $(1 + tq^{2n'+1})$ .

Let  $i$  is the minimal degree of coefficient  $q^i$  of  $t^k$  and  $i$  is the sum of odd numbers from 1 to  $2k - 1$ .

Then consider some other coefficient  $q^n$  and we can choose any bracket instead of  $2k - 1$ . In other words, we can increase  $2k - 1$  by  $0, 2, 4, 6, \dots$ . A generating function of this bracket is  $q^{2k-1}(1 + q^2 + q^4 + \dots) = \frac{q^{2k-1}}{1 - q^2}$ .

Then consider next bracket  $2k - 3$ , smallest number by which we can increase the number of this bracket is 4, since we cannot increase  $2k - 3$  by 2. A generating function of this bracket is  $q^{2k-3}(1 + q^4 + \dots) = \frac{q^{2k-3}}{1 - q^4}$ . Similarly for all other brackets.

$$\frac{q}{1 - q^{2k}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{q^{2k-1}}{1 - q^2} = \frac{q^{k^2}}{(1 - q^2) \cdot \dots \cdot (1 - q^{2k})}$$

Which proves the equation.