

Numbered Partitions

Definition

Given a set S, a numbered partition of S (or labeled partition) is a numbering of some partition of a S. In other words, a numbered partition (π_1, \ldots, π_p) of S is such that

$$\{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_p\}$$
 partitions S

As before, π_i is called a *part* of the partition, for i = 1, ..., n. In this case p is the *size* and $(|\pi_1|, ..., |\pi_p|)$ is the *shape* of the numbered partition.

When we speak simultaneously of partitions (as defined in Partitions) and numbered partitions, we sometimes call a partition an unnumbered partition (or unlabeled partition, allocation). In this case, the size of a partition P of S is the multiset $m: \mathbf{N} \to \mathbf{N}$ defined so that m(k) is the number of parts of size k in P.

