

2154. Let $f(n)$ denote the number of ordered partitions of a positive integer n such that all of the parts are odd. For example, $f(5) = 5$ since 5 can be written as 5, $3 + 1 + 1$, $1 + 3 + 1$, $3 + 1 + 1$, and $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$. Determine $f(n)$.

(There is a typo in the problem, $3 + 1 + 1$ is repeated, one of them should be $1 + 1 + 3$.)

Solution. The generating function for the odd integers is:

$$ODD(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} z^{2n+1} = z \sum_{n \geq 0} z^{2n} = \frac{z}{1 - z^2}$$

The ordered partitions of an integer into odd parts can be seen as a non-empty sequence of odd integers. From the theory of analytic combinatorics, a non-empty sequence of objects $SEQ_{\geq 0}(G)$ has a generating function $1/(1 - G) - 1$. Combining the results, the generating function for the ordered partitions into odd parts is:

$$F(z) = SEQ_{\geq 0}(ODD(z)) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{1 - z^2}} - 1 = \frac{z}{1 - z - z^2}$$

This expression is the well-known generating function of the Fibonacci numbers. Therefore, the solution are the Fibonacci numbers themselves: $f(n) = F_n$.