

## G1 (1 point possible)

Positive integer  $n$  is partitioned into several positive integers (1,2,3, ...). If repetition is not allowed and does not consider the partition ordering, then the partition number is equaled to which of the followings?

- ☒ The solution number for putting  $n$  identical balls into  $n$  identical boxes (allow empty box) ✗
- ☐ The number of partitions to partition positive integer  $n$  into even numbers (2,4,6, ...) without consideration of ordering and the repetition is allowed.
- ☒ The number of partitions to partition positive integer  $n$  into odd numbers (1,3,5, ...) without consideration of ordering and the repetition is allowed. ✓
- ☐ The solution number of putting  $n$  identical balls into  $n$  distinct boxes (allow empty box)

**[EXPLANATION]**

Simple way: Pick a smaller  $n$  to calculate and compare

Method 2:

$p(n)$  is the coefficient of  $x^k$  in  $g(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= (1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^3)\dots \\
 &= \frac{1-x^2}{1-x} \frac{1-x^4}{1-x^2} \frac{1-x^6}{1-x^3} \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{1-x} \frac{1}{1-x^3} \frac{1}{1-x^5} \dots \\
 &= (1+x+x^2+\dots)(1+x^3+x^6+\dots)(1+x^5+x^{10}+\dots)\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Only the terms with the power of odd numbers are left.

A's answer is equaled to the partition of integer  $n$  which allows repetition

B's answer can be represented as  $(1+x^2+x^4+\dots)(1+x^4+x^8+\dots)\dots$

D's answer can be represented by  $C(2n-1, n)$

[explanation]

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