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$$2 + 2 + 3 + 3 = 2 \times 2 + 2 \times 3$$

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 4 \times 1 + 3 \times 2$$

$$x^{10} = x^{m_1 \times 1 + m_2 \times 2 + m_3 \times 3} = (x^1)^{m_1} (x^2)^{m_2} (x^3)^{m_3}$$

What about: $(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)^m$?

Not for partitions...identical balls in distinct boxes.

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