

## 18.S66 PROBLEMS #3a

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97. [2] Let  $p(n)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$ . The number of pairs  $(\lambda, \mu)$ , where  $\lambda \vdash n$ ,  $\mu \vdash n+1$ , and the Young diagram of  $\mu$  is obtained from that of  $\lambda$  by adding one square, is equal to  $p(0) + p(1) + \cdots + p(n)$ . (Set  $p(0) = 1$ .)
98. [2] Let  $e(n)$ ,  $o(n)$ , and  $k(n)$  denote, respectively, the number of partitions of  $n$  with an even number of even parts, with an odd number of even parts, and that are self-conjugate. Then  $e(n) - o(n) = k(n)$ .
99. [1] The number of partitions of  $n$  with  $k$  parts equals the number of partitions of  $n + \binom{k}{2}$  with  $k$  distinct parts.
100. [1.5] The number of partitions of  $n \geq 2$  into powers of 2 is even. For instance, when  $n = 4$  there are the four partitions  $4 = 2+2 = 2+1+1 = 1+1+1+1$ .
101. [1.5] The *rank* of a partition  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$ , denoted  $r(\lambda)$ , is the size of the main diagonal of the diagram of  $\lambda$ . Equivalently,

$$r(\lambda) = \#\{i : \lambda_i \geq i\}.$$

The number of partitions of  $n$  of rank  $r$  with  $r$  parts is equal to the number of partitions of  $n$  into  $r$  parts which differ by at least 2.

102. [1.5] The number of partitions of  $n$  for which no part occurs more than 9 times is equal to the number of partitions of  $n$  with no parts divisible by 10.
103. [2] A *perfect partition* of  $n \geq 1$  is a partition  $\lambda \vdash n$  which “contains” precisely one partition of each positive integer  $m \leq n$ . In other words, regarding  $\lambda$  as the multiset of its parts, for each  $m \leq n$  there is a unique submultiset of  $\lambda$  whose parts sum to  $m$ . The number of perfect partitions of  $n$  is equal to the number of *ordered* factorizations of  $n+1$  into integers  $\geq 2$ .

**Example.** The perfect partitions of 5 are  $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(3, 1, 1)$ , and  $(2, 2, 1)$ . The ordered factorizations of 6 are  $6 = 2 \cdot 3 = 3 \cdot 2$ .

104. [2.5] The number of incongruent triangles with integer sides and perimeter  $n$  is equal to the number of partitions of  $n - 3$  into parts equal to 2, 3, or 4. For example, there are three such triangles with perimeter 9, the side lengths being  $(3, 3, 3)$ ,  $(2, 3, 4)$ ,  $(1, 4, 4)$ . The corresponding partitions of 6 are  $2+2+2=3+3=4+2$ .
105. [3] The number of partitions of  $5n + 4$  is divisible by 5.