

Another Refinement of Euler's Theorem

Theorem (N.J. Fine) (1948)

The number of partitions of n into distinct parts with largest part $k =$ The number of partitions of n into odd parts such that $2k+1$ equals the largest part plus twice the number of parts
 $l + 2\# = 21$

Example $m=19, k=10$

$2k+1 = 21$

$10 + 9$

19

$\#l=19 \# = 1$

$10 + 8 + 1$

$15 + 3 + 1$

$l=15 \# = 3$

$10 + 7 + 2$

$11 + 5 + 1 + 1 + 1$

$l=11 \# = 5$

$10 + 6 + 3$

$11 + 3 + 3 + 1 + 1$

$10 + 6 + 2 + 1$

$7 + 7 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$

$l=7 \# = 7$

$10 + 5 + 4$

$7 + 5 + 3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$

$10 + 5 + 3 + 1$

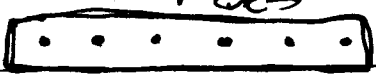
$7 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 1 + 1 + 1$

$10 + 4 + 3 + 2$

$3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$

Proof

partitions into distinct parts with largest part k :



plus into distinct parts with parts $\leq k-1$.

GF: $z^k q^k (1+q)(1+q^2) \dots (1+q^{k-1})$
 $= z^k q^k (-q)_{k-1}$