

Theorem (Glaisher) (1883) Let $d \geq 1$.

Let $N_d =$ set of positive integers not divisible by d .

Let $N =$ set of positive integers.

Then

$$p('N_{d+1}', n) = p('N'(\leq d), n) \text{ for all } n.$$

i.e. The # of partitions of n whose parts are not divisible by $(d+1)$

= # of partitions of n whose each part occurs $\leq d$ times.

Proof:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p('N_{d+1}'(\leq d), n) q^n = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - q^{(d+1)n})}{(1 - q^n)}$$

$$= \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(d+1) \times n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p('N_{d+1}', n) q^n, \text{ for } |q| < 1,$$

& the result follows.

Graphical Representation of Partitions

If $n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_r$, $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_r$ is a partition then we form the Ferrers graph of this partition by rows of a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r dots:

