PLAYING WITH PARTITIONS<br>ON THE COMPUTER<br>(Has appeared on Mathematics and Computer Education)<br>Abdulkadir Hassen<br>Thomas J. Osler<br>Mathematics Department<br>Rowan University<br>Glassboro, NJ 08028<br>hassen@,rowan.edu<br>osler@rowan.edu

## 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the joys of mathematical study is the discovery of unexpected relations. In this paper we explore the strange interplay between partitions and pentagonal numbers.

An important function in number theory is $p(n)$, the number of unrestricted partitions of the positive integer $n$, that is, the number of ways of writing $n$ as a sum of positive integers. For example, $4+2+2+1$ is a partition of the number 9 . The order of the summands is irrelevant here, so $4+2+2+1$ is the same partition as $2+2+4+1$. In Table 1 we show all the partitions of the numbers from 1 to 5 along with the values of $p(n)$.

Table 1: Partitions of a natural number $n$

| $n$ | Partitions of $n$ | $p(n)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | $2,1+1$ | 2 |
| 3 | $3,2+1,1+1+1$ | 3 |
| 4 | $4,3+1,2+2,2+1+1,1+1+1+1$ | 5 |
| 5 | $5,4+1,3+2,3+1+1,2+2+1,2+1+1+1,1+1+1+1+1$ | 7 |

While it is simple to determine $p(n)$ for very small numbers $n$ by actually counting all the partitions, this becomes difficult as the numbers grow. For example, $p(10)=42$, and $p(20)=627$, while $p(100)=190,569,292$. It is the purpose of this
paper to show how to write a simple program in BASIC to calculate $p(n)$. Along the way we will encounter several nifty mathematical relations.

The values of the partition function for large values of $n$ can be obtained from the following remarkable recursive algorithm:

$$
\begin{align*}
p(n) & =p(n-1)+p(n-2)-p(n-5)-p(n-7) \\
& +p(n-12)+p(n-15)-p(n-22)-p(n-26)+\ldots, \tag{1.1}
\end{align*}
$$

where we define $p(-1)=p(-2)=p(-3)=\ldots=0$. We also define $p(0)=1$.
This recursive formula was discovered by Euler. In Section 3, we will outline how (1.1) can be proved, but will leave the details to the references. The most mysterious feature in (1.1) is the appearance of the numbers $1,2,5,7,12,15, \ldots$. These are related to the pentagonal numbers and will be discussed in the next section.

In Section 4, we will write a QUICK BASIC program that uses (1.1) to generate a table of the partition function. We have given one such table at the end of this paper. Students can use the table and the program to make and test conjectures concerning partitions.

The notions of pentagonal numbers and partitions are extremely simple and can be understood by students at the precalculus level. The ideas presented here should work well in a first course in programming for high school or college students. They could also be used in courses in discrete mathematics and in number theory. We hope that the opportunity to conjecture properties of partitions from the computer program as well as the intrinsic fascination of the relations like (1.1) will spark student interest.

## 2. THE PENTAGONAL NUMBERS

Since pentagonal numbers play a central role in this study, we take a brief moment to examine their origin.


Figure 1: The First Four Pentagonal Numbers
We can easily verify that the sequence of pentagons defined by dots in Figure 1 have the property that when a pentagon has $k$ dots on a side, it contains

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(k)=k(3 k-1) / 2 \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

dots within the pentagon. Thus the sequence of pentagonal numbers $1,5,12,22,35,51$, ... emerges from (2.1) by taking $k=1,2,3,4,5,6, \ldots$.

We will also need to use $f(k)$ when $k$ is a negative integer. It is easy to see that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(-k)=k(3 k+1) / 2 . \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus the sequence of numbers $2,7,15,26,40,57, \ldots$ emerges by placing consecutive negative integers in (2.1). This same sequence is generated by (2.2) by using the sequence of positive integers for $k$. We do not know any geometric figure associated with
the numbers generated by (2.2), but they could be referred to as pentagonal numbers of negative index.

The following is a short table of pentagonal numbers used in the calculation of partitions with the recursion relation (1.1):

Table 2: Pentagonal Numbers $\boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{k})=\boldsymbol{k}(\mathbf{3} \boldsymbol{k}-1) / 2$

| $K$ | $f(k)$ | $f(-k)$ | $k$ | $f(k)$ | $f(-k)$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 176 | 187 |
| 2 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 210 | 222 |
| 3 | 12 | 15 | 13 | 247 | 260 |
| 4 | 22 | 26 | 14 | 287 | 301 |
| 5 | 35 | 40 | 15 | 330 | 345 |
| 6 | 51 | 57 | 16 | 376 | 392 |
| 7 | 70 | 77 | 17 | 425 | 442 |
| 8 | 92 | 100 | 18 | 477 | 495 |
| 9 | 117 | 126 | 19 | 532 | 551 |
| 10 | 145 | 155 | 20 | 590 | 610 |

## 3. SOME IMPORTANT RELATIONS INVOLVING PARTITIONS

We now examine three important relations involving the partition function $p(n)$.
In some cases, we will give a heuristic explanation of the properties. In all cases we give references where systematic and rigorous treatments can be found.

### 3.1 The generating function

Euler [4], began the mathematical theory of partitions in 1748 by discovering the so called "generating function"

$$
\begin{equation*}
\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-x^{n}}=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) x^{n} . \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The infinite product on the left side of (3.1) "generates" the $p(n)$ as coefficients of the power series on the right side.

What follows is a brief glimpse at why (3.1) works. A full proof is found in Andrews' book [1] on pages 160 to 162 . If we expand each of the factors $1 /\left(1-x^{n}\right)$ using the geometric series we get the following:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{1}{1-x^{1}}=1+x^{101}+x^{102}+x^{103}+x^{104}+x^{105}+\ldots \\
& \frac{1}{1-x^{2}}=1+x^{2 \cdot 1}+x^{2 \bullet 2}+x^{2 \cdot 3}+x^{2 \cdot 4}+x^{2 \cdot 5}+\ldots \\
& \frac{1}{1-x^{3}}=1+x^{3 \cdot 1}+x^{302}+x^{303}+x^{304}+x^{305}+\ldots  \tag{3.2}\\
& \frac{1}{1-x^{4}}=1+x^{4 \bullet 1}+x^{4 \bullet 2}+x^{4 \bullet 3}+x^{4 \bullet 4}+x^{4 \bullet 5}+\ldots \\
& \frac{1}{1-x^{5}}=1+x^{501}+x^{502}+x^{503}+x^{504}+x^{505}+\ldots
\end{align*}
$$

When we multiply the series on the right side of (3.2) and carefully observe what is taking place, we see that the partition function is being generated. To see a particular case, look at the terms that generate $x^{5}$. They are

$$
x^{105}+x^{103} x^{2 \bullet 1}+x^{102} x^{301}+x^{101} x^{401}+x^{101} x^{202}+x^{201} x^{301}+x^{501}=7 x^{5}
$$

(Here we interpret the power of $x^{a \bullet b}$ to mean $a+a+\ldots+a$ with $b$ terms). Notice that each of the exponents is a particular partition of the number 5. These are, respectively, $1+1+1+1+1,1+1+1+2,1+1+3,1+4,1+2+2,2+3$ and 5 . Thus there are 7 partitions of the number 5. This illustrates how the generating function (3.1) works.

A computer algebra system, like Mathematica, can use this idea to calculate $p(n)$. However it would not be a good way to find the partitions of a large number. One of the important implications of (3.1) is that the function defined by the infinite product can be studied analytically to get asymptotic expressions for $p(n)$, which we will describe next.

## 3.2

## The asymptotic formula

A glance at a table of the partition function shows that $\mathrm{p}(\mathrm{n})$ grows "very fast". How fast is "very fast"? Hardy and Ramanujan have given us an asymptotic formula for $p(n)$. Before we present this formula, we mention one of the most common asymptotic expression known as Stirling's formula:

$$
\begin{equation*}
n!\approx \sqrt{2 \pi n} n^{n} / e^{n} \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

which can be used to estimate large values of the factorial. In a similar spirit we have the asymptotic formula for the partition function

$$
\begin{equation*}
p(n) \approx \frac{\exp (\pi \sqrt{2 n / 3})}{4 \sqrt{3} n} \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hardy and Ramanujan [11] published (3.4) in 1917 and again in 1918 using advanced methods from the theory of functions of a complex variable. (See Kanigel's book [6] for a readable description of the collaboration of Hardy and Ramanujan on (3.4).) These asymptotic formulas contain a marvelous mystery. The left hand sides of both (3.3) and (3.4) are integers. But the right hand sides contain $\pi, e$, and square roots. What does $\pi$ have to do with factorials or partitions? When we leave this world, this is the first question we would like to ask God!

### 3.3 The recursion relation

As we mentioned in Section 1, the values of the partition function can be obtained from the following remarkable recursive algorithm (1.1). We reproduce this formula here for an easy reference.

$$
\begin{align*}
p(n) & =p(n-1)+p(n-2)-p(n-5)-p(n-7) \\
& +p(n-12)+p(n-15)-p(n-22)-p(n-26)+\ldots \tag{3.5}
\end{align*}
$$

where we define $p(-1)=p(-2)=p(-3)=\ldots=0$. We also define $p(0)=1$. We can also write (3.5) in the following form

$$
\begin{equation*}
p(n)=\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}(-1)^{k+1}\{p(n-f(k))+p(n-f(-k))\} \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f(k)=k(3 k-1) / 2$ generates the sequence of pentagonal numbers For example (3.5) tells us that

$$
\begin{aligned}
p(11) & =p(10)+p(9)-p(6)-p(4)+p(-1)+p(-4)-\ldots \\
& =p(10)+p(9)-p(6)-p(4)+0+0+\ldots
\end{aligned} .
$$

The remaining terms all have negative arguments and are thus zero. In this way we can calculate the number of partitions of 11 if we know the partitions of $10,9,6$ and 4 . Using Table 3 we have

$$
p(11)=42+30-11-5=56
$$

The full proof of the recursion relation (3.6) is beyond the scope of this paper.
This proof can be found in Hardy and Wright [5] and in Andrews [1]. However, since the proof is itself very interesting, we give here a brief outline of the main steps.

The proof of (3.6) begins with Euler's remarkable discovery known as "Euler's pentagonal number theorem":

$$
\begin{align*}
\prod_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(1-x^{n}\right) & =\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}(-1)^{n} x^{n(3 n-1) / 2}  \tag{3.7}\\
& =1+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(-1)^{n}\left\{x^{n(3 n-1) / 2}+x^{n(3 n+1) / 2}\right\}
\end{align*} .
$$

Writing out the terms in (3.7) explicitly we get

$$
\begin{align*}
& (1-x)\left(1-x^{2}\right)\left(1-x^{3}\right)\left(1-x^{4}\right) \ldots=  \tag{3.8}\\
& \quad 1-x-x^{2}+x^{5}+x^{7}-x^{12}-x^{15}+\ldots
\end{align*}
$$

The reader can multiply out a few of the factors on the left side of (3.8) to see that the terms involving pentagonal numbers as exponents appear on the right side.

Notice that the left side of (3.1) is the reciprocal of the left side of (3.8). From this it follows that

$$
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) x^{n}=\left(1-x-x^{2}+x^{5}+x^{7}-x^{12}-x^{15}+\ldots\right)^{-1}
$$

and therefore

$$
\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) x^{n}\right)\left(1-x-x^{2}+x^{5}+x^{7}-x^{12}-x^{15}+\ldots\right)=1 .
$$

Multiplying out the product of series above we get

$$
\begin{align*}
1= & 1+(p(1)-p(0)) x+(p(2)-p(1)-p(0)) x^{2}+ \\
& (p(3)-p(2)-p(1)) x^{3}+(p(4)-p(3)-p(2)) x^{4}+.  \tag{3.9}\\
& (p(5)-p(4)-p(3)+p(0)) x^{5}+\ldots
\end{align*}
$$

Since the left side of (3.9) is 1 , all the coefficients of the powers of $x$ on the right side are zero. Thus we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& p(1)=p(0) \\
& p(2)=p(1)+p(0) \\
& p(3)=p(2)+p(1) \\
& p(4)=p(3)+p(2) \\
& p(5)=p(4)+p(3)-p(0)
\end{aligned}
$$

This last list of relations is the first five values of our recursion relation (3.6). This completes our brief look at how this important recursion relation emerges.

## 4. A BASIC PROGRAM TO GENERATE PARTITIONS

In this section we examine a simple program written in QUICK BASIC( also QBASIC) to calculate a list of the values of the partition function $p(n)$ for $n=1,2,3, \ldots$. The program can be easily modified to work in any version of BASIC or any computer language.

The lines that begin with an "apostrophe" are merely remarks and can be omitted.
Line 100 sets all variables to double precision mode. This allows 16 digits for integers (but only 15 digits of certain accuracy) in the computations. The BASIC interpreter used by the author gave accurate exact values of $p(n)$ for $n$ from 1 to 293.

Line 100 dimensions the array P , and line 120 defines the value of $p(0)$.
Each time the FOR - NEXT loop from lines 200 to 500 is executed, we calculate another value of the partition function $p(n)$. Each time the FOR - NEXT loop in lines 220 to 300 is performed we find another value of the term

$$
\begin{equation*}
(-1)^{k+1}\{p(n-f(k))+p(n-f(-k))\} \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

from the recursion relation (3.4). The variable SIGN in lines 210, 250, 280 and 290 contains the value of $(-1)^{k+1}$ from (4.1). We exit this loop in line 240 or 270 where we check to see if $n-f(k)$ or $n-f(-k)$ is negative. (Recall from the previous section that $p(m)=0$ when $m$ is a negative integer.)

In line 230 we calculate the pentagonal number $f(k)=k(3 k-1) / 2$. In line 250 we add the term $(-1)^{k+1} p(n-f(k))$ to the present value of the sum for $p(n)$. Again in line 260 we calculate the value of $f(-k)=k(3 k+1) / 2$ needed in (4.1), and in line 280 we add the term $(-1)^{k+1} p(n-f(-k))$ to the sum for $p(n)$.

In line 400 we print the value just calculated for $n$ and for $p(n)$ on the screen.

Line 450 causes the screen calculations to pause after 20 lines are printed so that they can be examined before they scroll out of view.

This completes our explanation of the program that calculates the partition function.

## Program 1: Calculate Partitions

'Calculate partitions of N, P(N)
'exactly up to P(301).
'Set double precision, dimension array P , initialize P
90 CLS
100 DEFDBL A-Z
110 DIM P(400)
$120 \quad \mathrm{P}(0)=1$
'Main loop, for each N find $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{N})$
200 FOR N = 1 TO 293
$210 \quad$ SIGN $=1$
$215 \quad \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{N})=0$
$220 \quad$ FOR K $=1$ TO 100
'Calculate two terms in recursion relation for $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{N})$
$230 \quad \mathrm{~F}=\mathrm{K} *(3 * \mathrm{~K}-1) / 2$

$$
\begin{array}{lc} 
& \text { 'Exit loop if argument negative } \\
240 & \text { IF N }-\mathrm{F}<0 \text { THEN GOTO 400 } \\
250 & \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{~N})=\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{~N})+\text { SIGN * P(N - F) } \\
260 & \mathrm{~F}=\mathrm{K} *(3 * \mathrm{~K}+1) / 2 \\
& \text { 'Exit loop if argument negative } \\
270 & \text { IF N }-\mathrm{F}<0 \text { THEN GOTO 400 } \\
280 & \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{~N})=\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{~N})+\text { SIGN * P(N - F) } \\
290 & \text { SIGN }=- \text { SIGN } \\
300 & \text { NEXT K } \\
& \text { 'Print results } \\
400 & \text { PRINT N, P(N) } \\
& \text { 'Pause after printing 20 lines on the screen } \\
450 & \text { IF 20 * INT(N / 20) = N THEN INPUT A\$: CLS } \\
500 & \text { NEXT N }
\end{array}
$$

## 5. USING THE PROGRAM TO CHECK CONJECTURES

Now that we can easily generate many values of the partition function, we examine the results to see if any observable patterns are emerging.

Ramanujan examined a table of the first 200 values of $p(n)$ calculated by Major Mac Mahon and conjectured and proved the following in 1921, (see [11] on pages 233 to 238).

$$
\begin{align*}
& p(5 m+4) \equiv 0(\bmod 5)  \tag{5.1}\\
& p(7 m+5) \equiv 0(\bmod 7),  \tag{5.2}\\
& p(11 m+6) \equiv 0(\bmod 11) \tag{5.3}
\end{align*}
$$

Evidence of the validity of (5.1) is easily seen in Table 3. We look at the values of $n$ that end in the digit 4 or 9 . These are the numbers of the form $n=5 m+4$ with $m=0,1,2, \ldots$. Notice that the values of $p(5 m+4)$ all end in the digit 0 or 5 , thereby supporting (5.1). (See Kanigel's book [6], page 250, for a brief description of Major Mac Mahon and his work with Ramanujan.)

We can also check these relations with the computer. If we add the following lines to our program:

```
1000 M = 5: R = 4
1010 FOR N = R TO 293 STEP M
1020 IF P(N) = M * INT( P(N)/M) THEN PRINT N; "TRUE",
    ELSE PRINT N; "FALSE",
1030 NEXT N
```

This FOR - NEXT loop runs through the values $N=M, M+R, M+2 R, M+3 R, \ldots$, where M (modulus) and R (residue) are defined in line 1000 . Line 1020 checks to see if $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{N})$ is divisible by the modulus M . It then prints N and the word TRUE if the division was successful, otherwise it prints FALSE. By changing line 1000 to $M=7: R=5$, we can check (5.2). We can check (5.3) by changing line 1000 to $M=11: R=6$.

These "arithmetic properties" of the partition function have been the subject of recent research. Ken Ono [7], [8] and [9] proved new results regarding these congruences. In particular he showed that if $m \geq 5$ is prime, then there are positive integers $a$ and $b$ for which $p(a n+b) \equiv 0(\bmod m)$, for every non-negative integer $n$.

When is $p(n)$ even or odd? This question remains unanswered. You can use the above program to check for even $p(n)$ by changing line 1000 to $\mathrm{M}=2: \mathrm{R}=0$. Few results are known for modulus $\mathrm{M}=3$. Perhaps the reader can find the answer.

A proof of (5.1) is given in Hardy and Wright [5] on pages 287 to 290, along with a few more arithmetical results.

We can also use the program to verify the asymptotic relation (3.4) for some values of $n$. Replace line 400 with the lines

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 400 \mathrm{~A}=\operatorname{EXP}\left(3.14159 *(2 * \mathrm{~N} / 3)^{\wedge} .5\right) /\left(4 *(3)^{\wedge} .5 * \mathrm{~N}\right) \\
& 410 \mathrm{E}=\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{~N}): \mathrm{PCT}=100^{*} \mathrm{E} / \mathrm{P}(\mathrm{~N}) \\
& 420 \text { U\$ = " \#\#\# \#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\# \#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\# \#\#.\#\#" }
\end{aligned}
$$

## 430 PRINT USING U\$; N,P(N), A, PCT

In line 400 we use (3.10) to find A which is the asymptotic estimate of $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{N})$. In line 410 we find the error E and the percentage error PCT. Lines 420 and 430 print out the results in four columns. We see that there is almost a 10 percent error for small N. Gradually this error diminishes to about 2 percent when $\mathrm{N}=300$.

## 6. FINAL REMARKS

In addition to pentagonal numbers discussed in Section 2, there are triangular numbers, square numbers, hexagonal numbers, etc. The initial study of these numbers is attributed to the Pythagoreans, as early as 500 BC . They are called figurative numbers and many interesting relations exist among them. The Pythagoreans believed that "everything is number", and therefore took great interest in this study. For a lively discussion of figurative numbers and the Pythagoreans see Burton [3].

Two major branches of the theory of numbers are the multiplicative theory and the additive theory. In the multiplicative theory we decompose a natural number $n$ into prime factors $n=p_{1} p_{2} p_{3} \ldots p_{k}$ and consider the consequences. In the additive theory we decompose our natural number into a sum of elements from some set. For example we could try to express $n$ as a sum of squares. Our study of partitions is part of this additive theory. Most textbooks on number theory ignore partitions. Exceptions are the excellent text by Andrews [1] and the bible of number theory Hardy and Wright [5].

In the multiplicative theory we examine many functions, one of which is the sum of the divisors of $n, \sigma(n)$. For example the divisors of 6 are $1,2,3$, and 6 . Thus the sum of the divisors of 6 is $\sigma(6)=1+2+3+6=12$. Now divisors of numbers are related to primes, and primes seem unrelated to partitions. We are not surprised that partitions
satisfy a recursion relation, although the appearance of pentagonal numbers in the relation is a wonder. We do not expect $\sigma(n)$ to satisfy a recursion relation. What do the divisors of $n$ have to do with the divisors of $n-1, n-2, \ldots$ ? Yet Euler showed that $\sigma(n)$ satisfies the same recursion relation (3.4) as does $p(n)$. Only $\sigma(0)$ is different from $p(0)$. Euler was astonished at this result, and you can read a translation of his own words in Polya [10] and in Young [14]. (Every lover of mathematical analysis should own Young's book [14]). There are even relations "marrying" the two functions such as (Schroeder [12])

$$
n p(n)=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \sigma(k) p(n-k) .
$$

We plan to explore these items in a sequel to this paper called The unlikely marriage of partitions and divisors.

For additional programs in number theory in the spirit of this paper see the fun book by Spencer [13].

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Table 3: Values of the partition function

| $n p(n)$ | $n \quad p(n)$ | $n \quad p(n)$ | $n \quad p(n)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 | 4144583 | 8118004327 | 1212056148051 |
| 22 | 4253174 | 8220506255 | 1222291320912 |
| 33 | 4363261 | 8323338469 | 1232552338241 |
| 45 | 4475175 | 8426543660 | 1242841940500 |
| 57 | 4589134 | 8530167357 | 1253163127352 |
| 611 | 46105558 | 8634262962 | 1263519222692 |
| 715 | 47124754 | 8738887673 | 1273913864295 |
| 822 | 48147273 | 8844108109 | 1284351078600 |
| 930 | 49173525 | 8949995925 | 1294835271870 |
| 1042 | 50204226 | 9056634173 | 1305371315400 |
| 1156 | 51239943 | 9164112359 | 1315964539504 |
| 1277 | 52281589 | 9272533807 | 1326620830889 |
| 13101 | 53329931 | 9382010177 | 1337346629512 |
| 14135 | 54386155 | 9492669720 | 1348149040695 |
| 15176 | 55451276 | 95104651419 | 1359035836076 |
| 16231 | 56526823 | 96118114304 | 13610015581680 |
| 17297 | 57614154 | 97133230930 | 13711097645016 |
| 18385 | 58715220 | 98150198136 | 13812292341831 |
| 19490 | 59831820 | 99169229875 | 13913610949895 |
| 20627 | 60966467 | 100190569292 | 14015065878135 |
| 21792 | 611121505 | 101214481126 | 14116670689208 |
| 221002 | 621300156 | 102241265379 | 14218440293320 |
| 231255 | 631505499 | 103271248950 | 14320390982757 |
| 241575 | 641741630 | 104304801365 | 14422540654445 |
| 251958 | 652012558 | 105342325709 | 14524908858009 |
| 262436 | 662323520 | 106384276336 | 14627517052599 |
| 273010 | 672679689 | 107431149389 | 14730388671978 |
| 283718 | 683087735 | 108483502844 | 14833549419497 |
| 294565 | 693554345 | 109541946240 | 14937027355200 |
| 305604 | 704087968 | 110607163746 | 15040853235313 |
| 316842 | 714697205 | 111679903203 | 15145060624582 |
| 328349 | 725392783 | 112761002156 | 15249686288421 |
| 3310143 | 736185689 | 113851376628 | 15354770336324 |
| 3412310 | 747089500 | 114952050665 | 15460356673280 |
| 3514883 | 758118264 | 1151064144451 | 15566493182097 |
| 3617977 | 769289091 | 1161188908248 | 15673232243759 |
| 3721637 | 7710619863 | 1171327710076 | 15780630964769 |
| 3826015 | 7812132164 | 1181482074143 | 15888751778802 |
| 3931185 | 7913848650 | 1191653668665 | 15997662728555 |
| 4037338 | 8015796476 | 1201844349560 | 160107438159466 |

Table 3: Values of the partition function (continued)

| $n$ | $p(n)$ | $n$ | $p(n)$ | $n$ | $p(n)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 161 | 118159068427 | 201 | 4328363658647 | 241 | 114540884553038 |
| 162 | 129913904637 | 202 | 4714566886083 | 242 | 123888443077259 |
| 163 | 142798995930 | 203 | 5134205287973 | 243 | 133978259344888 |
| 164 | 156919475295 | 204 | 5590088317495 | 244 | 144867692496445 |
| 165 | 172389800255 | 205 | 6085253859260 | 245 | 156618412527946 |
| 166 | 189334822579 | 206 | 6622987708040 | 246 | 169296722391554 |
| 167 | 207890420102 | 207 | 7206841706490 | 247 | 182973889854026 |
| 168 | 228204732751 | 208 | 7840656226137 | 248 | 197726516681672 |
| 169 | 250438925115 | 209 | 8528581302375 | 249 | 213636919820625 |
| 170 | 274768617130 | 210 | 9275102575355 | 250 | 230793554364681 |
| 171 | 301384802048 | 211 | 10085065885767 | 251 | 249291451168559 |
| 172 | 330495499613 | 212 | 10963707205259 | 252 | 269232701252579 |
| 173 | 362326859895 | 213 | 11916681236278 | 253 | 290726957916112 |
| 174 | 397125074750 | 214 | 12950095925895 | 254 | 313891991306665 |
| 175 | 435157697830 | 215 | 14070545699287 | 255 | 338854264248680 |
| 176 | 476715857290 | 216 | 15285151248481 | 256 | 365749566870782 |
| 177 | 52211583195 | 217 | 16601598107914 | 257 | 394723676655357 |
| 178 | 571701605655 | 218 | 18028182516671 | 258 | 425933084409356 |
| 179 | 625846753120 | 219 | 19573856161145 | 259 | 459545750448675 |
| 180 | 684957390936 | 220 | 21248279009367 | 260 | 495741934760846 |
| 181 | 74947441781 | 221 | 23061871173849 | 261 | 534715062908609 |
| 182 | 819876908323 | 222 | 25025873760111 | 262 | 576672674947168 |
| 183 | 896684817527 | 223 | 27152408925615 | 263 | 621837416509615 |
| 184 | 980462880430 | 224 | 29454549941750 | 264 | 670448123060170 |
| 185 | 1071823774337 | 225 | 31946390696157 | 265 | 722760953690372 |
| 186 | 1171432692373 | 226 | 34643126322519 | 266 | 779050629562167 |
| 187 | 1280011042268 | 227 | 37561133582570 | 267 | 839611730366814 |
| 188 | 1398341745571 | 228 | 40718063627362 | 268 | 904760108316360 |
| 189 | 1527273599625 | 229 | 44132934884255 | 269 | 974834369944625 |
| 190 | 1667727404093 | 230 | 47826239745920 | 270 | 1050197489931117 |
| 191 | 1820701100652 | 231 | 51820051838712 | 271 | 1131238503938606 |
| 192 | 1987276856363 | 232 | 56138148670947 | 272 | 1218374349844333 |
| 193 | 2168627105469 | 233 | 60806135438329 | 273 | 1312051800816215 |
| 194 | 2366022741845 | 234 | 65851585970275 | 274 | 1412749565173450 |
| 195 | 2580840212973 | 235 | 71304185514919 | 275 | 1520980492851175 |
| 196 | 2814570987591 | 236 | 77195892663512 | 276 | 1637293969337171 |
| 197 | 3068829878530 | 237 | 83561103925871 | 277 | 1762278433057269 |
| 198 | 3345365983698 | 238 | 90436839668817 | 278 | 1896564103591584 |
| 199 | 3646072432125 | 239 | 97862933703585 | 279 | 2040825852575075 |
| 200 | 3972999029388 | 240 | 105882246722733 | 280 | 2195786311682516 |
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