

**SOME IDENTITIES CONNECTING
PARTITION FUNCTIONS TO OTHER
NUMBER THEORETIC FUNCTIONS**

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Introduction. Let A be a subset of N , the set of all natural numbers. If n belongs to N , let $p_A(n)$ denote the number of partitions of n into parts belonging to A . Let $\sigma_A(n)$ denote the sum of the divisors of n that belong to A . In particular, if $A = N$, then $p_A(n) = p(n)$, the unrestricted partition function, and $\sigma_A(n) = \sigma(n)$; if A is the set of odd natural numbers, then $p_A(n) = q(n)$, the number of partitions of n into odd parts, and $\sigma_A(n) = \sigma^0(n)$, our notation for the sum of the odd divisors of n . Let $q_0(n)$ denote the number of partitions of n into distinct odd parts. Let $E(n) = n(3n-1)/2$. The integers $E(\pm n)$, where $n \geq 0$, are known as the pentagonal numbers. Let $T(n) = n(n+1)/2$. The integers $T(n)$, where $n \geq 0$, are known as the triangular numbers. Consider the following general theorem:

Theorem X. *Let $f : A \rightarrow N$ be a function such that both*

$$F_A(x) = \prod_{n \in A} (1 - x^n)^{-f(n)/n} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_{A,f}(n)x^n$$

and

$$G_A(x) = \sum_{n \in A} \frac{f(n)}{n} x^n$$

converge absolutely and represent analytic functions in the unit disk: $|x| < 1$. Let $p_{A,f}(0) = 1$ and $f_A(k) = \sum \{f(d) : d \mid k, d \in A\}$. Then

$$(1) \quad np_{A,f}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n p_{A,f}(n-k)f_A(k).$$

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