



## The Number Of $i^{\text{th}}$ Smallest Parts Of $r\text{-}M_i$ Partitions Of $N$

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### Abstract:

In this paper, we derive the generating functions for the number of  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest parts of  $r\text{-}M_i$  partitions of  $n$ . We obtained results for even and odd partitions.

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### 1. Introduction

Ahlgren, Brnringmann and lovejoy [1] defined  $M_2\text{spt}(n)$  to be the number of smallest parts in the partitions of  $n$  without repeating the odd numbers and smallest part even. Hanumareddy defined [3]  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest part and derived the relation between  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest parts and  $i^{\text{th}}$  greatest parts of partitions and over partitions of  $n$  in general form. In this paper derivation of generating functions for the number of  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest parts of  $r\text{-}M_i$  partitons of  $n$ . For more details on partitions see [2,4,5,6,7].

We first obtain a formula for the generating function of  $r$ -partitions of  $n$  whose  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest part is the first part.

**Definition and notations:**

- A  $r$ - $j^{\text{th}}$  partition over of  $n$  whose  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest parts are of the form  $a^{k-1}$  is denoted by  $r$ - $j^{\text{th}}$  partition.
  - A  $M1$  partition of  $n$  is a partition with unrepeated even number and smallest part odd number.
  - A  $M2$  partition of  $n$  is a partition with unrepeated odd number and with even smallest parts.
  - A  $M1_i$  partition of  $n$  is a partition with unrepeated odd numbers and  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest part even.
  - A  $M2_i$  partition of  $n$  is one with unrepeated odd numbers and  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest part even. As usual  $M2_i\xi(n)$  stands for the set of such partitions and  $M2_i p(n)$ , for the cardinality of this set.
  - A  $M1_i\xi(n)$  stand for the set of  $M1_i$  partitions and  $M1_i p(n)$  for the cardinality of this set.

For  $r$ -partitions, the corresponding  $MJ_i\xi_r(n)$ ,  $MJ_i p_r(n)$  can be defined similarly for  $J = 1$  and  $J = 2$ .

If  $J \in \{1,2\}$ ,  $MJ_i \text{spt}_j(n)$  denotes the number of  $j^{\text{th}}$  smallest parts including repetitions in all  $MJ_i$  partitions of  $n$  and sum  $MJ_i \text{spt}_j(n)$  denotes the sum of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  smallest parts.

If  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $I \in \{1,2\}$  write  $f_{r,s}(I,N)$  for the number of  $r - MI$  partitions of  $n$  with least part  $s$ .

Let us write  $r - \xi_e(n)$  for the set of all  $r$ -partitions of  $n$  with unrepeated even numbers as parts and  $p_{r,e}(n)$  for the cardinality of this set. Similarly let  $r - \xi_o(n)$  stand for the set of all  $r$ -partitions of  $n$  with unrepeated odd numbers as parts and  $p_{r,o}(n)$  for the cardinality of this set. Also, write  $r - \text{spt}\xi_e(n)$  for the set of all  $r$ -partitions of  $n$  with smallest part even and  $r - \text{spt}\xi_o(n)$  for that of all  $r$ -partitions of  $n$  with smallest part odd. Then

$$r - M2\xi(n) = r - M2\xi_o(n) \cap r - \text{spt}\xi_o(n)$$

$$\text{and } r - M1\xi(n) = r - M2\xi_e(n) \cap r - \text{spt}\xi_e(n)$$

**Examples**

(i)  $(7,5,4,4,3,2,2)$  is 7-M2 partition of 27

this is  $7 - M2_3$ , partition but not  $7 - M2_4$  partition nor  $7 - M2_5$  partition.

(ii)  $(6,5,5,4,3,3)$  is 6-M1 partition, which is also  $6 - M1_i$ , partition for  $i = 1$  and 3 but not for  $i = 2$  and 4.

The sets  $r - MI\xi(n)$ ,  $I=1,2$ :

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1** If  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r} \right\rfloor$  then the number  $f_{r,2}(2k, n)$  of  $r - M2$  partitions of  $n$  with least part  $2k$  is

$$f_{r,2}(2k, n) = p_{r-1,0}(n - 2kr).$$

**Proof.** let  $n = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r)$  be a  $r - M2$  partition of  $n$  with least part  $2k$   
i.e,  $n = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{r-1}, \lambda_{2k})$

By reducing each part by  $2k - 2$  we get

$$n - (2k - 2)r = (\lambda_1 - (2k - 2), \lambda_2 - (2k - 2), \dots, \lambda_{r-1} - (2k - 2), 2) \text{ and}$$

$n - (2k - 2)r - 2 = (\lambda_1 - (2k - 2), \lambda_2 - (2k - 2), \dots, \lambda_{r-1} - (2k - 2))$  is  $(r - 1) - M2$  partition of  $n - (2k - 2)r - 2$  with unrepeatd odd parts hence,  $\in (r - 1)\xi_0(n)$

In this way we get a  $(r - 1) - M2$  partition of  $n - (2k - 2)r - 2$  from a  $(r - 1) - M2$  partition of  $n$ .

coversely let  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_{r-1}) \in (r - 1)\xi_0(n - 2kr)$

Then,  $(\mu_1 + 2k, \mu_2 + 2k, \dots, \mu_{r-1} + 2k, 2k) \in r - M2\xi(n)$

The correspondence

$$n = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{r-1}, \lambda_{2k}) \Leftrightarrow (\lambda_1 - 2k, \dots, \lambda_{r-1} - 2k)$$

is one - one and onto from  $r - M2\xi(n)$  to  $(r - 1)\xi_0(n - 2kr)$

Hence  $f_{r,2}(2k, n) = p_{r-1,0}(n - 2kr)$ .

In a similar way we can prove Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2r-1} \right\rfloor$  then the number  $f_{r,1}(2k - 1, n)$  of  $n$  with least part  $2k - 1$  is  
 $f_{r,1}(2k - 1, n) = p_{r,e}(n - (2k - 1)r)$ .

Proof. The correspondance

$$(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{r-1}, \lambda_r = 2k - 1) \leftrightarrow (\lambda_1 - (2k - 1), \dots, \lambda_{r-1} - (2k - 1))$$

can easily be verified as above, to be one-one and onto between  $r - M1\xi(n)$  and  $(r - 1) - \xi_e(n - (2k - 1)r)$ .

The following theorem is well known. However, we present the proof for completeness.

**Theorem 2.3.** The generating function for the number of divisors of  $n$  is  $\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^r}{1-q^r}$ .

Proof. Since  $\frac{n}{r} = t \Leftrightarrow n = tr$ ,  $d(n)$  = the number of partition of  $n$  with equal parts, so the generating function is  
(ref: [mathword.wolfform.com](http://mathword.wolfform.com))

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} q^{tr} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} [q^r + q^{2r} + q^{3r} + \dots] \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} [q^r(1 + q^r + q^{2r} + q^{3r} + \dots)] \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{q^r}{1-q^r} \right] \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.4.** If  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$  and  $\frac{n-a}{r} = 1$ , then  $\sum q^n = \sum q^{a+tr}$

**Proof.** Since  $\frac{n-a}{r} = n - a = tr = a + tr$

Therefore  $\sum q^n = \sum q^{a+tr}$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** There is a one one correspondence between  $r$ -partition of  $n$  and  $r$ -partition of  $n+r$  with smallest part  $\geq 2$ . Under this correspondence  $r - M2$ , partition of  $n$  correspond to  $r - M1$ , partition of  $n+r$ .

**Proof.** Associate with each  $r$ -partition  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r)$  of  $n$  the  $r$ -partition  $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r)$  where  $\mu_i = \lambda_i + 1 \forall i$ . This correspondence is one one and onto between the sets mentioned. Since  $\lambda_i$  is even(odd) iff  $\lambda_i + 1$  is odd(even) this stands  $r - M2$  partitions onto  $r - M1$  partitions and  $r - M2_i$  partitions onto  $r - M_i$  partitions and vice-versa.

**Theorem:2.6:** Given  $n$ ,  $r \leq n$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_l$  there is a one-one correspondence between decreasing

$l$ -tuples  $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_l)$  such that  $\alpha_1 \mu_1 + \dots + \alpha_l \mu_l = n$  and  $l$ -tuples

$(a_1, \dots, a_l)$  such that  $\mu_{j-1} = \mu_j + a_{l-j}$  and  $(\mu_1^{\alpha_1}, \mu_2^{\alpha_2}, \dots, \mu_l^{\alpha_l})$  can be reduced to  $(a_1^{\alpha_1})$  by successive subtraction method.

Given  $\mu_1 > \mu_2 > \dots > \mu_l$  write  $\mu_j = \mu_{j+1} + a_{j+1}$  for  $j < l$  and  $a_l = \mu_l$

apply successive subtraction method to  $(\mu_1^{\alpha_1}, \mu_2^{\alpha_2}, \dots, \mu_l^{\alpha_l})$ . Subtract  $\mu_l$  from each part. Since zero cannot be a part we get  $r_1$  partition  $(\mu_1^{(1)\alpha_1}, \dots, \mu_{l-1}^{(1)\alpha_{l-1}})$  of  $n_1$  where

$r_1 = r - \alpha_l, n_1 = n - \alpha_l \mu_l$  and  $\mu_j^{(1)} = \mu_j - \mu_l$ . Subtract  $\mu_{l-1}^{(1)}$  from each part of this partition and get  $r_2$  partition

$n_2 = (\mu_1^{(2)\alpha_1}, \dots, \mu_{l-2}^{(2)\alpha_{l-2}})$  where

$$\mu_j^{(2)} = \mu_j^{(1)} - \mu_{j+1}^{(1)} = \mu_j - \mu_{j+1} \quad \forall j,$$

$r_2 = r_1 - \alpha_{l-1} = r - (\alpha_l + \alpha_{l-1})$  and  $n_2 = n_1 - \alpha_{l-1} \mu_{l-1}^{(1)} = n_1 - \alpha_{l-1} (\mu_{l-1} - \mu_l)$ .

Repeating this process we get a finite sequence of  $(l-k)$  partitions

$(\mu_1^{(k)\alpha_1}, \dots, \mu_{l-2}^{(k)\alpha_{l-2}})$  where

$$r_k = r_{k-1} - \alpha_k = r - (\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k) \text{ and } n_k = n_{k-1} - \alpha_{l-k+1} \mu_{l-k+1}^{(k-1)} \text{ and } \mu_j^{(k)} = \mu_j^{(k-1)} - \mu_{l-k+1}^{(k-1)}$$

when  $k = l-1$  we get  $r_{l-1} = (\alpha_1)$  partition of  $n$ .  $n_{l-1} = (\mu_1^{(l-1)\alpha_1})$  where

$$n_{l-1} = n_{l-2} - \alpha_2 \mu_2^{(l-2)} = \mu_1 - \mu_2.$$

Thus the given  $r$ -partition of  $n$  reduces to the partition

$(a_1^{\alpha_1})$ . write  $a_1 = \mu_1 - \mu_2, a_2 = \mu_2 - \mu_3, \dots, a_{l-1} = \mu_{l-1} - \mu_l$  and  $a_l = \mu_l$

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_l = \mu_1.$$

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_l) \in N^l \text{ and } \sum \alpha_i (a_i + a_{l-1} + \dots + a_{l-i}) = n$$

Conversely assume that  $\mu_l = a_l$  and  $\mu_{l-j} = \mu_{l-j+1} + a_{l-j} = a_{l-j} + a_{l-(j-1)} + \dots + a_l$  write  $r_0 = r = \sum \alpha_i$

$$n_0 = n, \mu_j^0 = \mu_l, \mu_k^j = \mu_j^{(k-1)} - \mu_{l-k+1}^{(j-1)} \quad 1 \leq j \leq k-1, n_j = n_{j-1} - \alpha_{l-j+1} \mu_{l-j+1}^{(j-1)}$$

We apply the successive subtraction method for  $(\mu_1^{\alpha_1}, \mu_2^{\alpha_2}, \dots, \mu_l^{\alpha_l})$  using the above notation and finally get the

$\alpha_1$  partition  $((\mu_1 - \mu_2)^{\alpha_1}) = (a_1^{\alpha_1})$ .

**2.7. Corollary:** The number of  $r-M2$  partitions of  $n$  with  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest part coinciding with the first is equal to the number of  $\alpha$ -partitions of  $m$  with equal parts  $\alpha$  being the frequency of the smallest part of the  $r$ -partition of  $n$ .

## 2.8. Example:

List of  $6I_3$  : partitions of 20:(34)

$$(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 6)$$

$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$
14	2	1 <sup>4</sup>	11 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>
6 <sup>2</sup>	4	1 <sup>4</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>
10	6	1 <sup>4</sup>	13 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>
6 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	11 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>
10 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	11	2 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>
4 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	7	3 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	13	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>
5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	6	4 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>			

List of  $6 - M1_3$  partitions:(12)

odd	even	even	odd	odd	odd	odd	even	odd	odd	odd	even
7 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	13 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	nil		
			11 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>						
			9 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>						
			11 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>						
			7 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>						
			7 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>						
			9 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>						
			5 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>						
			7 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>						
			5 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>						

List of  $6 - M2_3$  partitions:(3)

even	even	even	even	odd	odd	even	even	odd	even	odd	even
6 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>									
8 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	nil		nil			

number of 6 partitions that are not  $6 - M1_3$  partitions ;  $34 - 15 = 19$

The remaining 19 partitions are listed below:

List of remaining  $6I_3$  : partitions of 20:

$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$	$\mu_1^{\alpha_1}$	$\mu_2^{\alpha_2}$	$\mu_3^{\alpha_3}$
14	2	1 <sup>4</sup>							9 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>			
6 <sup>2</sup>	4	1 <sup>4</sup>							8 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>
10	6	1 <sup>4</sup>	13 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>				5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>
6 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>							4 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>
10 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	9 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>3</sup>	11	2 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>				5 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>
			7 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	6	4 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>			

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