

Non-Rascoe partitions and a rank parity function associated with the Rogers-Ramanujan partitions

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- Enumeration of partitions belonging to a particular class based on the parity of their rank is often useful, for, their generating functions often turn out to be important in combinatorics and modular forms.

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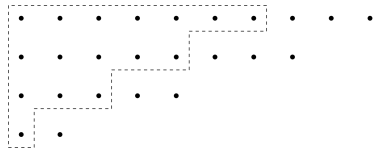
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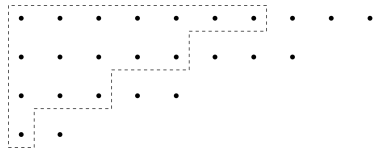
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Another proof using MacMahon's Ω -operator method:

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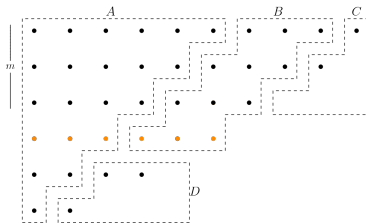
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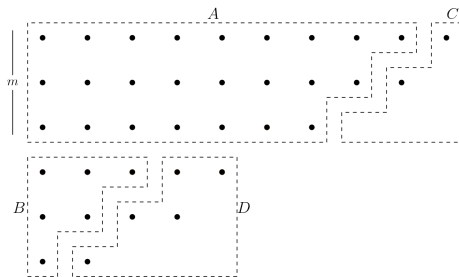
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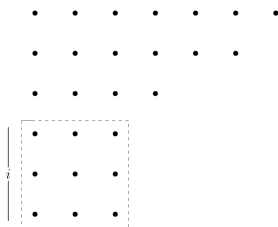
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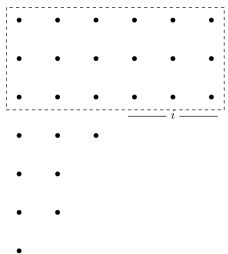
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- **Conjecture:** Let $b(n)$ denote the number of non-Rascoe partitions of an integer n . For $k \geq 1$ and k not a multiple of 29, the following congruence holds:

$$b(29k + 21) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

- This conjecture has been verified for the first 10^5 values in $\{b(n)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$.
- If k is a multiple of 29, say, $k = 29m$, then $b(29k + 21)$ may or may not be divisible by 4.
- For eg., for $0 \leq m \leq 118$, $b(29 \cdot 29m + 21)$ is divisible by 4 when $m = 0, 1, 7, 8, 13, 19, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, 37, 41, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 57, 64, 67, 69, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 89, 95, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 109, 115, 116, 117$ and 118.
- It is not divisible by 4 for the remaining values of m for $0 \leq m \leq 118$.

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In[42]:= For[i = 1, i ≤ 3447, i++,  
  Print["i=", i, ", v[", 29 * i + 22, "]/4->", Part[v / 4, 29 * i + 22]]  
  
i=1, v[51]/4->610  
i=2, v[80]/4->11752  
i=3, v[109]/4->142685  
i=4, v[138]/4->1292884  
i=5, v[167]/4->9520703  
i=6, v[196]/4->59915930  
i=7, v[225]/4->332934022  
i=8, v[254]/4->1670900892  
i=9, v[283]/4->7699747703  
i=10, v[312]/4->32986689459  
i=11, v[341]/4->132659038514  
i=12, v[370]/4->504675790149  
i=13, v[399]/4->1827582396612  
i=14, v[428]/4->6332375280317  
i=15, v[457]/4->21083951124723  
i=16, v[486]/4->67704349034656  
i=17, v[515]/4->210336744474961  
i=18, v[544]/4->633895496144200  
i=19, v[573]/4->1857559541768440
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i=20, v[602]/4->5 303 759 392 595 666
i=21, v[631]/4->14 781 881 135 541 676
i=22, v[660]/4->40 279 220 804 471 241
i=23, v[689]/4->107 464 142 278 707 666
i=24, v[718]/4->281 085 728 617 730 780
i=25, v[747]/4->721 627 327 214 380 656
i=26, v[776]/4->1 820 306 056 914 286 117
i=27, v[805]/4->4 515 955 297 041 751 515
i=28, v[834]/4->11 028 298 139 173 296 985
i=29, v[863]/4->26 531 915 178 401 943 905
i=30, v[892]/4->62 928 731 974 381 123 826
i=31, v[921]/4->147 245 934 756 486 123 493
i=32, v[950]/4->340 112 541 538 682 434 878
i=33, v[979]/4->775 957 215 788 017 863 330
i=34, v[1008]/4->1 749 529 642 389 000 991 807
i=35, v[1037]/4->3 900 223 048 751 474 083 499
i=36, v[1066]/4->8 600 893 847 126 824 048 132
i=37, v[1095]/4->18 770 320 895 889 141 280 840
i=38, v[1124]/4->40 555 478 458 970 247 818 128
i=39, v[1153]/4->86 784 410 177 740 670 779 704
i=40, v[1182]/4->183 993 605 392 779 312 110 388
i=41, v[1211]/4->386 614 145 041 143 360 535 458
i=42, v[1240]/4->805 384 710 731 945 224 993 991

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i=43, v[1269] / 4 → 1 663 828 046 866 705 733 662 796
i=44, v[1298] / 4 → 3 409 686 715 761 266 480 881 367
i=45, v[1327] / 4 → 6 933 242 266 107 579 247 137 022
i=46, v[1356] / 4 → 13 992 098 393 915 947 106 757 979
i=47, v[1385] / 4 → 28 032 181 780 224 036 688 022 552
i=48, v[1414] / 4 → 55 764 295 956 197 855 156 468 750
i=49, v[1443] / 4 → 110 172 597 235 272 160 058 211 254
i=50, v[1472] / 4 → 216 220 654 083 780 952 074 672 305
i=51, v[1501] / 4 → 421 609 996 593 875 079 031 862 795
i=52, v[1530] / 4 → 816 948 493 306 785 102 876 551 773
i=53, v[1559] / 4 → 1 573 347 656 836 679 488 992 878 101
i=54, v[1588] / 4 → 3 012 129 690 212 181 557 085 158 048
i=55, v[1617] / 4 → 5 733 383 834 212 005 676 222 597 301
i=56, v[1646] / 4 → 10 851 833 379 685 187 366 607 353 378
i=57, v[1675] / 4 → 20 427 416 900 015 535 853 888 124 274
i=58, v[1704] / 4 → $\frac{152\,989\,912\,130\,680\,123\,609\,695\,048\,519}{4}$

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- What can be said about the exceptions to the condition $k \neq 29m$?

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- The number of Rascoe partitions $a(n)$ and its generalization $a_\ell(n)$ also warrant a serious study.

Thank You!!