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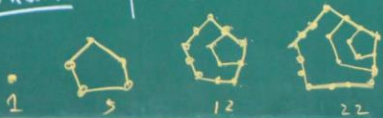
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$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	...	100
$p(n)$	1	2	3	5	7	11	15	22	30	42	...	190569292

Let  $p(n|P)$  denote the number of partitions of  $n$  which satisfy the property  $P$ .

For example,  $p(n | \text{each part is distinct})$   
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