

Some Results on Partitions Inspired by Schur

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Let $f_{(6)}(n)$ denote the number of partitions of the natural number n into parts co-prime to 6. (This function was originally studied by Schur.) We derive two explicit formulas for $f_{(6)}(n)$, one of them in terms of the partition function, $p(n)$. We also derive two recurrences for $f_{(6)}(n)$.