

Research highlight:

Modular Forms and k-Colored Generalized Frobenius Partitions

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A partition of a positive integer n is a sequence of non-increasing positive integers which add up to n. The number of partitions of n is denoted by p(n). Around 1984, G.E. Andrews discovered several generalizations of the usual partition of a positive integer n. He called one of these generalizations the k-colored generalized Frobenius partition of n and studied the number of such partitions of n.

The present article is about studying the properties satisfied by k-colored generalized Frobenius partition function using the theory of modular forms. Several new identities and congruences satisfied by Andrews' k-colored Frobenius partition function were discovered. In particular, we found that Ramanujan's congruences, which state that 5 divides p(5m+4), 7 divides p(7m+5) and 11 divides p(11m+6), follow from the facts that p(4)=5, p(5)=7 and p(6)=11.

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