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*On the sum-of-divisors function,*

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**Abstract**

For each integer  $n > 0$ ,  $\sigma(n)$  denotes the sum of all positive divisors of  $n$ ;  $b(n)$  denotes the exponent ( $\geq 0$ ) of the largest power of 2 dividing  $n$ , and then  $0d(n) := n2^{-b(n)}$ . For each integer  $n \geq 0$ ,  $q(n)$  denotes the number of partitions of  $n$  into distinct parts; and  $q_0(n)$  denotes the number of partitions of  $n$  into distinct odd parts. Conventionally,  $q(0) = q_0(0) := 1$ . It is here demonstrated that the composite function  $\sigma \circ 0d$  can be expressed additively in terms of the functions  $q, q_0$ .