

### Hints for exercise 2.2.33

1. Don't look for an explicit formula for  $p_m(n)$ . There isn't one.
2. Interpret in words what  $p_m(n+1)$ ,  $p_m(n)$ , and  $p_{m-1}(n)$  mean in the recursive formula given in the exercise.
3. Index the elements of the set  $1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . For easier visualization, pretend they are lottery balls and your job is to put these in  $m$  boxes.
4. If you are puzzled by what the  $p_{m-1}(n)$  is doing in the formula, recall the subsets of a partition are not supposed to be empty.