James A. Sellers* (sellersj@math.psu.edu), Department of Mathematics, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802. Infinite Families of Divisibility Properties Modulo 4 for Non-Squashing Partitions into Distinct Parts.
In 2005, Sloane and Sellers defined a function $b(n)$ which denotes the number of non-squashing partitions of $n$ into distinct parts. In their 2005 paper, Sloane and Sellers also proved various congruence properties modulo 2 satisfied by $b(n)$. In this note, we extend their results by proving two infinite families of congruence properties modulo 4 for $b(n)$. In particular, we prove that for all $k \geq 3$ and all $n \geq 0$,

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\begin{aligned}
b\left(2^{2 k+1} n+2^{2 k-2}\right) & \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 4) \quad \text { and } \\
b\left(2^{2 k+1} n+3 \cdot 2^{2 k-2}+1\right) & \equiv 0 \quad(\bmod 4)
\end{aligned}
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