

The partition problem is a special case of the subset sum problem. Given $S \subset \mathbb{N}$, is there an $S' \subseteq S$ for which

$$\sum_{a \in S'} a = \sum_{a \in S \setminus S'} a,$$

The solution here is to reduce the problem to subset sum.

Pick $k = \sum_{a \in S} a$. If k is odd, there is no solution.

Otherwise the solution to subset sum with S and $\frac{k}{2}$ gives the correct partition.