

FRACTULUM MATHATHON

Fractals Community

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God made the natural numbers; all else
is the work of man.

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1. Given two integers, define an operation $*$ such that if a and b are integers, then $a * b$ is an integer. The operation $*$ has the following properties:
 - $a * a = 0$ for all integers a ;
 - $(ka + b) * a = b * a$ for all integers a, b , and k ;
 - $0 \leq b * a < a$.
 - $0 \leq b < a$ then $b * a = b$.

Find $2021 * 16$

2. It's currently 6 : 00 on a 12 hour clock. What time will be shown on the clock 100 hours from now? Express your answer in the form $hh : mm$.
3. We call a positive integer *binary-okay* if at least half of the digits in its binary (base 2) representation are 1's, but no two 1s are consecutive. For example, $10_{10} = 1010_2$ and $5_{10} = 101_2$ are both binary-okay, but $16_{10} = 10000_2$ and $11_{10} = 1011_2$ are not. Compute the number of binary-okay positive integers less than or equal to 2021 (in base 10).
4. Let n be an integer such that $n^4 - 2n^3 - n^2 + 2n + 2$ is a prime number. What's the sum of all possible n ?
5. Find the number of subsets S of $\{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ such that no two of the elements in S are consecutive
6. Can an 8×8 board be covered by 15 1×4 rectangles and only one 2×2 square without overlapping? prove your answer.

