

# GTN EXCL Program

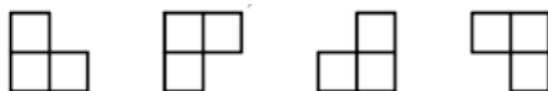
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## Problemas

### 1. Problemas

**Problema 1.1.** Find the number of rational numbers  $r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , such that when  $r$  is written as a fraction in the lowest terms, the numerator and the denominator have a sum of 1000.

**Problema 1.2.** Each unit square of  $4 \times 4$  square grid is colored either red, green or blue. Over all possible coloring of the grid, what is the maximum possible number of L-trominos that contain exactly one square of each color? (L-trominos are made up of three unit squares sharing a corner, as shown below.)



**Problema 1.3.** You see four statements. Select which of them are true.

- If the number  $2^n - 1$  is prime for some positive integer  $n$  then  $n$  is prime.
- Call positive integer number  $k$  *good* if for any integer  $a$  the number  $a^k - a$  is divisible by 1001. The smallest good number greater than 1 is 721.
- Given prime number  $p = 2017$ . Numbers  $0^{21}, 1^{21}, 2^{21}, \dots, (p-1)^{21}$  have distinct remainders modulo  $p$ .
- For any positive integer  $k$  there are infinitely prime numbers  $p$  such that  $k$  is a square residue modulo  $p$ .

**Problema 1.4.** Briefly tell what is wrong with this solution.

**Problem.** The residential area has the shape of a rectangle divided by  $a$  vertical and  $b$  horizontal lines into  $(a+1)(b+1)$  rectangular plots. The inspector can find out the area of any small rectangle. What is the smallest number of questions enough to find out the area of the entire area?

**Answer:**  $a + b + 1$ .

**Solution.** We are going to prove the following statement: For an integer  $n \geq 0$ , the following is true: for any non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  whose sum is  $n$ , at least  $n+1$  question is needed.

Base  $n = 0$ . We have only one small rectangle, we need to ask a question about its area.

Step  $n \rightarrow n+1$ . Let's take any  $a$  and  $b$  with the sum of  $n+1$ . Since  $n+1 > 0$ , then one of the numbers  $a$  or  $b$  is greater than zero. We can assume that  $a > 0$ . Consider the last column. Obviously, it is necessary to ask about at least one section from this column. Consider the remaining rectangle  $(a) \times (b+1)$ . According to the assumption of induction, it needs at least  $(a-1) + b + 1 = n$  questions. Another question is needed for the last column, so a total of  $n+1$  question is needed.

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**Problem 1.5.** Bob was given a problem. *Integer  $a$  and  $b$  satisfy  $(\sqrt{3} + 2)^n = a + b\sqrt{3}$ . Prove that  $a^2 - 3b^2 = 1$ .* Bob wrote the following solution. Denote  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  as integers satisfying  $(\sqrt{3} + 2)^n = a_n + b_n\sqrt{3}$ . We'll prove  $a_n^2 - 3b_n^2 = 1$  using induction. Base case for  $n = 1$  is obvious because  $a_1 = 2, b_1 = 1$ . For induction step you need to note that

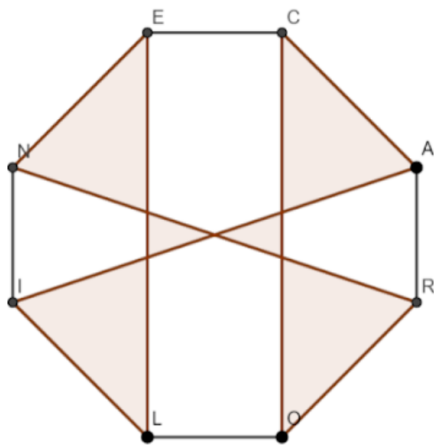
$$(\sqrt{3} + 2)^{n+1} = (a_n + b_n\sqrt{3})(2 + \sqrt{3}) = 2a_n + 3b_n + (a_n + 2b_n)\sqrt{3}.$$

Hence  $a_{n+1} = 2a_n + 3b_n$  and  $b_{n+1} = a_n + 2b_n$ . Let's prove that  $(2a_n + 3b_n)^2 - 3(a_n + 2b_n)^2 = 1$ .

$$(2a_n + 3b_n)^2 - 3(a_n + 2b_n)^2 = (4 - 3)a_n^2 + (9 - 12)b_n^2 + (12 - 12)a_nb_n = a_n^2 - 4b_n^2 = 1.$$

The teacher told that this solution is incomplete without lemma that  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are always unique. Is the teacher correct? Try to explain your answer briefly.

**Problem 1.6.** An equiangular octagon  $CAROLINE$ ,  $CA = RO = LI = NE = \sqrt{2}$  and  $AR = OL = IN = EC = 1$ . The self-intersecting octagon  $CORNELIA$  enclosed six non-overlapping triangular regions. Let  $K$  be the area enclosed by  $CORNELIA$ , that is, the total area of the six triangular regions. Then  $K = \frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find  $a + b$ .



**Problem 1.7.** Let  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$  be the three real roots of the equation  $\sqrt{2014}x^3 - 4029x^2 + 2 = 0$ . Find  $x_2(x_1 + x_3)$ .