

Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{51} be non-zero elements of a field. We simultaneously replace each element with the sum of the 50 remaining ones. In this way we get a sequence b_1, \dots, b_{51} . If this new sequence is a permutation of the original one, what can be the characteristic of the field? (The characteristic of a field is p , if p is the smallest positive integer such that $\underbrace{x + x + \dots + x}_p = 0$ for any element x of the field. If there exists no such p , the characteristic is 0.)