

# Generating Functions and the Residue Theorem

## Treinamento IMO

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1. (HMMT 2007) Let  $S$  denote the set of all triples  $(i, j, k)$  of positive integers where  $i + j + k = 17$ . Compute

$$\sum_{(i,j,k) \in S} ijk$$

2. Is it possible to partition the set of positive integers into a finite number of (more than one) distinct arithmetic progressions?
3. (IMO Shortlist 1998) Let  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  be an increasing sequence of nonnegative integers such that every nonnegative integer can be expressed uniquely in the form  $a_i + 2a_j + 4a_k$ , where  $i, j$  and  $k$  are not necessarily distinct. Determine  $a_{1998}$ .
4. For  $n \geq 0$ , compute

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{n}{k} \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^k$$

5. (Putnam 2003) For a set  $S$  of nonnegative integers, let  $r_S(n)$  denote the number of ordered pairs  $(s_1, s_2)$  such that  $s_1 \in S$ ,  $s_2 \in S$ ,  $s_1 \neq s_2$ , and  $s_1 + s_2 = n$ . Is it possible to partition the nonnegative integers into two sets  $A$  and  $B$  in such a way that  $r_A(n) = r_B(n)$  for all  $n$ ?
6. (IMO 1995) Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. How many  $p$ -element subsets  $A$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2p\}$  are there such that the sums of its elements are divisible by  $p$ ?
7. (PUMaC 2015). Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Prove that  $p^2 | 2^p - 2$  if and only if

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{(p-2)(p-1)} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

8. Let  $b(n)$  be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Bell number, i.e.,  $b(n)$  is the number of ways of partitioning the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  into disjoint subsets. Find its exponential generating function and use it to find a recurrence formula for the Bell numbers.
9. (IMO Shortlist 2014 N6) Let  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$  be pairwise coprime positive integers with  $a_1$  being prime and  $a_1 \geq n + 2$ . On the segment  $I = [0, a_1 a_2 \dots a_n]$  of the real line, mark all integers that are divisible by at least one of the numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . These points split  $I$  into a number of smaller segments. Prove that the sum of the squares of the lengths of these segments is divisible by  $a_1$ .
10. (Putnam 2018) Let  $S$  be the set of sequences of length 2018 whose terms are in the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10\}$  and sum to 3860. Prove that the cardinality of  $S$  is at most

$$2^{3860} \cdot \left(\frac{2018}{2048}\right)^{2018}.$$