



## Problem 1

If we list all the natural numbers below 10 that are multiples of 3 or 5, we get 3, 5, 6 and 9. The sum of these multiples is 23.

Find the sum of all the multiples of 3 or 5 below 1000.

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## Problem 2

Each new term in the Fibonacci sequence is generated by adding the previous two terms. By starting with 1 and 2, the first 10 terms will be:

1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...

Find the sum of all the even-valued terms in the sequence which do not exceed four million.

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## Problem 3

The prime factors of 13195 are 5, 7, 13 and 29.

What is the largest prime factor of the number 600851475143 ?

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## Problem 4

A palindromic number reads the same both ways. The largest palindrome made from the product of two 2-digit numbers is 9009 = 91 × 99.

Find the largest palindrome made from the product of two 3-digit numbers.

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## Problem 5

2520 is the smallest number that can be divided by each of the numbers from 1 to 10 without any remainder.

What is the smallest number that is evenly divisible by all of the numbers from 1 to 20?

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## Problem 6

The sum of the squares of the first ten natural numbers is,

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + 10^2 = 385$$

The square of the sum of the first ten natural numbers is,

$$(1 + 2 + \dots + 10)^2 = 55^2 = 3025$$

Hence the difference between the sum of the squares of the first ten natural numbers and the square of the sum is  $3025 - 385 = 2640$ .

Find the difference between the sum of the squares of the first one hundred natural numbers and the square of the sum.

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## Problem 7

By listing the first six prime numbers: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, and 13, we can see that the 6<sup>th</sup> prime is 13.

What is the 10001<sup>st</sup> prime number?

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## Problem 8

Find the greatest product of five consecutive digits in the 1000-digit number.

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73167176531330624919225119674426574742355349194934
96983520312774506326239578318016984801869478851843
85861560789112949495459501737958331952853208805511
12540698747158523863050715693290963295227443043557
66896648950445244523161731856403098711121722383113
62229893423380308135336276614282806444486645238749
30358907296290491560440772390713810515859307960866
70172427121883998797908792274921901699720888093776
65727333001053367881220235421809751254540594752243
52584907711670556013604839586446706324415722155397
53697817977846174064955149290862569321978468622482
83972241375657056057490261407972968652414535100474
82166370484403199890008895243450658541227588666881
16427171479924442928230863465674813919123162824586
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17866458359124566529476545682848912883142607690042  
24219022671055626321111109370544217506941658960408  
07198403850962455444362981230987879927244284909188  
84580156166097919133875499200524063689912560717606  
05886116467109405077541002256983155200055935729725  
71636269561882670428252483600823257530420752963450

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## Problem 9

A Pythagorean triplet is a set of three natural numbers,  $a < b < c$ , for which,

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

For example,  $3^2 + 4^2 = 9 + 16 = 25 = 5^2$ .

There exists exactly one Pythagorean triplet for which  $a + b + c = 1000$ .  
Find the product  $abc$ .

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## Problem 10

The sum of the primes below 10 is  $2 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 17$ .

Find the sum of all the primes below two million.

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## Problem 11

In the 20×20 grid below, four numbers along a diagonal line have been marked in red.

08	02	22	97	38	15	00	40	00	75	04	05	07	78	52	12	50	77	91	08
49	49	99	40	17	81	18	57	60	87	17	40	98	43	69	48	04	56	62	00
81	49	31	73	55	79	14	29	93	71	40	67	53	88	30	03	49	13	36	65
52	70	95	23	04	60	11	42	69	24	68	56	01	32	56	71	37	02	36	91
22	31	16	71	51	67	63	89	41	92	36	54	22	40	40	28	66	33	13	80
24	47	32	60	99	03	45	02	44	75	33	53	78	36	84	20	35	17	12	50
32	98	81	28	64	23	67	10	26	38	40	67	59	54	70	66	18	38	64	70
67	26	20	68	02	62	12	20	95	63	94	39	63	08	40	91	66	49	94	21
24	55	58	05	66	73	99	26	97	17	78	96	83	14	88	34	89	63	72	
21	36	23	09	75	00	76	44	20	45	35	14	00	61	33	97	34	31	33	95
78	17	53	28	22	75	31	67	15	94	03	80	04	62	16	14	09	53	56	92
16	39	05	42	96	35	31	47	55	58	88	24	00	17	54	24	36	29	85	57
86	56	00	48	35	71	89	07	05	44	44	37	44	60	21	58	51	54	17	58
19	80	81	68	05	94	47	69	28	73	92	13	86	52	17	77	04	89	55	40
04	52	08	83	97	35	99	16	07	97	57	32	16	26	26	79	33	27	98	66
88	36	68	87	57	62	20	72	03	46	33	67	46	55	12	32	63	93	53	69
04	42	16	73	38	25	39	11	24	94	72	18	08	46	29	32	40	62	76	36
20	69	36	41	72	30	23	88	34	62	99	69	82	67	59	85	74	04	36	16
20	73	35	29	78	31	90	01	74	31	49	71	48	86	81	16	23	57	05	54

01 70 54 71 83 51 54 69 16 92 33 48 61 43 52 01 89 19 67 48

The product of these numbers is  $26 \times 63 \times 78 \times 14 = 1788696$ .

What is the greatest product of four adjacent numbers in any direction (up, down, left, right, or diagonally) in the 20×20 grid?

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## Problem 12

The sequence of triangle numbers is generated by adding the natural numbers. So the 7<sup>th</sup> triangle number would be  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 28$ . The first ten terms would be:

1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45, 55, ...

Let us list the factors of the first seven triangle numbers:

1: 1  
3: 1, 3  
6: 1, 2, 3, 6  
10: 1, 2, 5, 10  
15: 1, 3, 5, 15  
21: 1, 3, 7, 21  
28: 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 28

We can see that 28 is the first triangle number to have over five divisors.

What is the value of the first triangle number to have over five hundred divisors?

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## Problem 13

Work out the first ten digits of the sum of the following one-hundred 50-digit numbers.

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37107287533902102798797998220837590246510135740250
46376937677490009712648124896970078050417018260538
74324986199524741059474233309513058123726617309629
91942213363574161572522430563301811072406154908250
23067588207539346171171980310421047513778063246676
89261670696623633820136378418383684178734361726757
28112879812849979408065481931592621691275889832738
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47451445736001306439091167216856844588711603153276
70386486105843025439939619828917593665686757934951
62176457141856560629502157223196586755079324193331
64906352462741904929101432445813822663347944758178
92575867718337217661963751590579239728245598838407
58203565325359399008402633568948830189458628227828
80181199384826282014278194139940567587151170094390
35398664372827112653829987240784473053190104293586
86515506006295864861532075273371959191420517255829
71693888707715466499115593487603532921714970056938
54370070576826684624621495650076471787294438377604
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53282654108756828443191190634694037855217779295145  
36123272525000296071075082563815656710885258350721  
45876576172410976447339110607218265236877223636045  
17423706905851860660448207621209813287860733969412  
81142660418086830619328460811191061556940512689692  
51934325451728388641918047049293215058642563049483  
62467221648435076201727918039944693004732956340691  
15732444386908125794514089057706229429197107928209  
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80386287592878490201521685554828717201219257766954  
78182833757993103614740356856449095527097864797581  
16726320100436897842553539920931837441497806860984  
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87086987551392711854517078544161852424320693150332  
59959406895756536782107074926966537676326235447210  
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35829035317434717326932123578154982629742552737307  
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88902802571733229619176668713819931811048770190271  
25267680276078003013678680992525463401061632866526  
36270218540497705585629946580636237993140746255962  
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91430288197103288597806669760892938638285025333403  
34413065578016127815921815005561868836468420090470  
23053081172816430487623791969842487255036638784583  
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63783299490636259666498587618221225225512486764533  
67720186971698544312419572409913959008952310058822  
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76085327132285723110424803456124867697064507995236  
37774242535411291684276865538926205024910326572967  
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38298203783031473527721580348144513491373226651381  
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86188088225875314529584099251203829009407770775672  
11306739708304724483816533873502340845647058077308  
82959174767140363198008187129011875491310547126581  
97623331044818386269515456334926366572897563400500  
42846280183517070527831839425882145521227251250327  
55121603546981200581762165212827652751691296897789  
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75506164965184775180738168837861091527357929701337  
62177842752192623401942399639168044983993173312731  
32924185707147349566916674687634660915035914677504  
99518671430235219628894890102423325116913619626622  
73267460800591547471830798392868535206946944540724  
76841822524674417161514036427982273348055556214818  
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71329612474782464538636993009049310363619763878039
62184073572399794223406235393808339651327408011116
66627891981488087797941876876144230030984490851411
60661826293682836764744779239180335110989069790714
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64913982680032973156037120041377903785566085089252
16730939319872750275468906903707539413042652315011
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44889911501440648020369068063960672322193204149535
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22918802058777319719839450180888072429661980811197
77158542502016545090413245809786882778948721859617
72107838435069186155435662884062257473692284509516
20849603980134001723930671666823555245252804609722
53503534226472524250874054075591789781264330331690
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## Problem 14

The following iterative sequence is defined for the set of positive integers:

$$\begin{aligned}n &\rightarrow n/2 \text{ (} n \text{ is even)} \\n &\rightarrow 3n + 1 \text{ (} n \text{ is odd)}\end{aligned}$$

Using the rule above and starting with 13, we generate the following sequence:

$$13 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$$

It can be seen that this sequence (starting at 13 and finishing at 1) contains 10 terms. Although it has not been proved yet (Collatz Problem), it is thought that all starting numbers finish at 1.

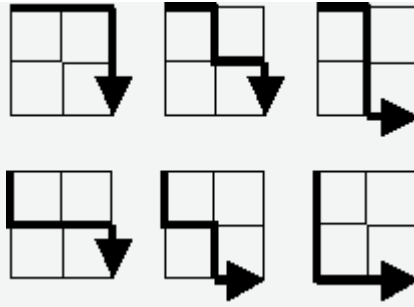
Which starting number, under one million, produces the longest chain?

**NOTE:** Once the chain starts the terms are allowed to go above one million.

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## Problem 15

Starting in the top left corner of a  $2 \times 2$  grid, there are 6 routes (without backtracking) to the bottom right corner.



How many routes are there through a  $20 \times 20$  grid?

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## Problem 16

$2^{15} = 32768$  and the sum of its digits is  $3 + 2 + 7 + 6 + 8 = 26$ .

What is the sum of the digits of the number  $2^{1000}$ ?

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## Problem 17

If the numbers 1 to 5 are written out in words: one, two, three, four, five, then there are  $3 + 3 + 5 + 4 + 4 = 19$  letters used in total.

If all the numbers from 1 to 1000 (one thousand) inclusive were written out in words, how many letters would be used?

**NOTE:** Do not count spaces or hyphens. For example, 342 (three hundred and forty-two) contains 23 letters and 115 (one hundred and fifteen) contains 20 letters. The use of "and" when writing out numbers is in compliance with British usage.

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## Problem 18

By starting at the top of the triangle below and moving to adjacent numbers on the row below, the maximum total from top to bottom is 23.

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      3
     7 5
    2 4 6
   8 5 9 3

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That is,  $3 + 7 + 4 + 9 = 23$ .

Find the maximum total from top to bottom of the triangle below:

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      75
     95 64

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17 47 82
18 35 87 10
20 04 82 47 65
19 01 23 75 03 34
88 02 77 73 07 63 67
99 65 04 28 06 16 70 92
41 41 26 56 83 40 80 70 33
41 48 72 33 47 32 37 16 94 29
53 71 44 65 25 43 91 52 97 51 14
70 11 33 28 77 73 17 78 39 68 17 57
91 71 52 38 17 14 91 43 58 50 27 29 48
63 66 04 68 89 53 67 30 73 16 69 87 40 31
04 62 98 27 23 09 70 98 73 93 38 53 60 04 23

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**NOTE:** As there are only 16384 routes, it is possible to solve this problem by trying every route. However, [Problem 67](#), is the same challenge with a triangle containing one-hundred rows; it cannot be solved by brute force, and requires a clever method! ;o)

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## Problem 19

You are given the following information, but you may prefer to do some research for yourself.

- 1 Jan 1900 was a Monday.
- Thirty days has September,  
April, June and November.  
All the rest have thirty-one,  
Saving February alone,  
Which has twenty-eight, rain or shine.  
And on leap years, twenty-nine.
- A leap year occurs on any year evenly divisible by 4, but not on a century unless it is divisible by 400.

How many Sundays fell on the first of the month during the twentieth century (1 Jan 1901 to 31 Dec 2000)?

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## Problem 20

$n!$  means  $n \times (n - 1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$

Find the sum of the digits in the number  $100!$

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## Problem 21

Let  $d(n)$  be defined as the sum of proper divisors of  $n$  (numbers less than  $n$  which divide evenly into  $n$ ).

If  $d(a) = b$  and  $d(b) = a$ , where  $a \neq b$ , then  $a$  and  $b$  are an amicable pair and each of  $a$  and



$b$  are called amicable numbers.

For example, the proper divisors of 220 are 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 20, 22, 44, 55 and 110; therefore  $d(220) = 284$ . The proper divisors of 284 are 1, 2, 4, 71 and 142; so  $d(284) = 220$ .

Evaluate the sum of all the amicable numbers under 10000.

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## Problem 22

Using [names.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 46K text file containing over five-thousand first names, begin by sorting it into alphabetical order. Then working out the alphabetical value for each name, multiply this value by its alphabetical position in the list to obtain a name score.

For example, when the list is sorted into alphabetical order, COLIN, which is worth  $3 + 15 + 12 + 9 + 14 = 53$ , is the 938th name in the list. So, COLIN would obtain a score of  $938 \times 53 = 49714$ .

What is the total of all the name scores in the file?

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## Problem 23

A perfect number is a number for which the sum of its proper divisors is exactly equal to the number. For example, the sum of the proper divisors of 28 would be  $1 + 2 + 4 + 7 + 14 = 28$ , which means that 28 is a perfect number.

A number whose proper divisors are less than the number is called deficient and a number whose proper divisors exceed the number is called abundant.

As 12 is the smallest abundant number,  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 6 = 16$ , the smallest number that can be written as the sum of two abundant numbers is 24. By mathematical analysis, it can be shown that all integers greater than 28123 can be written as the sum of two abundant numbers. However, this upper limit cannot be reduced any further by analysis even though it is known that the greatest number that cannot be expressed as the sum of two abundant numbers is less than this limit.

Find the sum of all the positive integers which cannot be written as the sum of two abundant numbers.

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## Problem 24

A permutation is an ordered arrangement of objects. For example, 3124 is one possible permutation of the digits 1, 2, 3 and 4. If all of the permutations are listed numerically or alphabetically, we call it lexicographic order. The lexicographic permutations of 0, 1 and 2 are:

What is the millionth lexicographic permutation of the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9?

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## Problem 25

The Fibonacci sequence is defined by the recurrence relation:

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, \text{ where } F_1 = 1 \text{ and } F_2 = 1.$$

Hence the first 12 terms will be:

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_2 = 1$$

$$F_3 = 2$$

$$F_4 = 3$$

$$F_5 = 5$$

$$F_6 = 8$$

$$F_7 = 13$$

$$F_8 = 21$$

$$F_9 = 34$$

$$F_{10} = 55$$

$$F_{11} = 89$$

$$F_{12} = 144$$

The 12th term,  $F_{12}$ , is the first term to contain three digits.

What is the first term in the Fibonacci sequence to contain 1000 digits?

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## Problem 26

A unit fraction contains 1 in the numerator. The decimal representation of the unit fractions with denominators 2 to 10 are given:

$$1/2 = 0.5$$

$$1/3 = 0.(3)$$

$$1/4 = 0.25$$

$$1/5 = 0.2$$

$$1/6 = 0.1(6)$$

$$1/7 = 0.(142857)$$

$$1/8 = 0.125$$

$$1/9 = 0.(1)$$

$$1/10 = 0.1$$

Where  $0.1(6)$  means  $0.166666\dots$ , and has a 1-digit recurring cycle. It can be seen that  $1/7$  has a 6-digit recurring cycle.

Find the value of  $d < 1000$  for which  $1/d$  contains the longest recurring cycle in its decimal fraction part.

## Problem 27

Euler published the remarkable quadratic formula:

$$n^2 + n + 41$$

It turns out that the formula will produce 40 primes for the consecutive values  $n = 0$  to 39. However, when  $n = 40$ ,  $40^2 + 40 + 41 = 40(40 + 1) + 41$  is divisible by 41, and certainly when  $n = 41$ ,  $41^2 + 41 + 41$  is clearly divisible by 41.

Using computers, the incredible formula  $n^2 - 79n + 1601$  was discovered, which produces 80 primes for the consecutive values  $n = 0$  to 79. The product of the coefficients,  $-79$  and  $1601$ , is  $-126479$ .

Considering quadratics of the form:

$$n^2 + an + b, \text{ where } |a| < 1000 \text{ and } |b| < 1000$$

where  $|n|$  is the modulus/absolute value of  $n$   
e.g.  $|11| = 11$  and  $|-4| = 4$

Find the product of the coefficients,  $a$  and  $b$ , for the quadratic expression that produces the maximum number of primes for consecutive values of  $n$ , starting with  $n = 0$ .

## Problem 28

Starting with the number 1 and moving to the right in a clockwise direction a 5 by 5 spiral is formed as follows:

21	22	23	24	25
20	7	8	9	10
19	6	1	2	11
18	5	4	3	12
17	16	15	14	13

It can be verified that the sum of both diagonals is 101.

What is the sum of both diagonals in a 1001 by 1001 spiral formed in the same way?

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## Problem 29

Consider all integer combinations of  $a^b$  for  $2 \leq a \leq 5$  and  $2 \leq b \leq 5$ :

$$2^2=4, 2^3=8, 2^4=16, 2^5=32$$

$$3^2=9, 3^3=27, 3^4=81, 3^5=243$$

$$4^2=16, 4^3=64, 4^4=256, 4^5=1024$$

$$5^2=25, 5^3=125, 5^4=625, 5^5=3125$$

If they are then placed in numerical order, with any repeats removed, we get the following sequence of 15 distinct terms:

$$4, 8, 9, 16, 25, 27, 32, 64, 81, 125, 243, 256, 625, 1024, 3125$$

How many distinct terms are in the sequence generated by  $a^b$  for  $2 \leq a \leq 100$  and  $2 \leq b \leq 100$ ?

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## Problem 30

Surprisingly there are only three numbers that can be written as the sum of fourth powers of their digits:

$$1634 = 1^4 + 6^4 + 3^4 + 4^4$$

$$8208 = 8^4 + 2^4 + 0^4 + 8^4$$

$$9474 = 9^4 + 4^4 + 7^4 + 4^4$$

As  $1 = 1^4$  is not a sum it is not included.

The sum of these numbers is  $1634 + 8208 + 9474 = 19316$ .

Find the sum of all the numbers that can be written as the sum of fifth powers of their digits.

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## Problem 31

In England the currency is made up of pound, £, and pence, p, and there are eight coins in general circulation:

1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 (100p) and £2 (200p).

It is possible to make £2 in the following way:

$$1 \times £1 + 1 \times 50p + 2 \times 20p + 1 \times 5p + 1 \times 2p + 3 \times 1p$$

How many different ways can £2 be made using any number of coins?

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## Problem 32

We shall say that an  $n$ -digit number is pandigital if it makes use of all the digits 1 to  $n$  exactly once; for example, the 5-digit number, 15234, is 1 through 5 pandigital.

The product 7254 is unusual, as the identity,  $39 \times 186 = 7254$ , containing multiplicand, multiplier, and product is 1 through 9 pandigital.

Find the sum of all products whose multiplicand/multiplier/product identity can be written as a 1 through 9 pandigital.

HINT: Some products can be obtained in more than one way so be sure to only include it once in your sum.

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## Problem 33

The fraction  $^{49}/_{98}$  is a curious fraction, as an inexperienced mathematician in attempting to simplify it may incorrectly believe that  $^{49}/_{98} = ^4/_8$ , which is correct, is obtained by cancelling the 9s.

We shall consider fractions like,  $^{30}/_{50} = ^3/_5$ , to be trivial examples.

There are exactly four non-trivial examples of this type of fraction, less than one in value, and containing two digits in the numerator and denominator.

If the product of these four fractions is given in its lowest common terms, find the value of the denominator.

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## Problem 34

145 is a curious number, as  $1! + 4! + 5! = 1 + 24 + 120 = 145$ .

Find the sum of all numbers which are equal to the sum of the factorial of their digits.

Note: as  $1! = 1$  and  $2! = 2$  are not sums they are not included.

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## Problem 35

The number, 197, is called a circular prime because all rotations of the digits: 197, 971, and 719, are themselves prime.

There are thirteen such primes below 100: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 31, 37, 71, 73, 79, and 97.

How many circular primes are there below one million?

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## Problem 36

The decimal number,  $585 = 1001001001_2$  (binary), is palindromic in both bases.

Find the sum of all numbers, less than one million, which are palindromic in base 10 and base 2.

(Please note that the palindromic number, in either base, may not include leading zeros.)

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## Problem 37

The number 3797 has an interesting property. Being prime itself, it is possible to continuously remove digits from left to right, and remain prime at each stage: 3797, 797, 97, and 7. Similarly we can work from right to left: 3797, 379, 37, and 3.

Find the sum of the only eleven primes that are both truncatable from left to right and right to left.

NOTE: 2, 3, 5, and 7 are not considered to be truncatable primes.

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## Problem 38

Take the number 192 and multiply it by each of 1, 2, and 3:

$$192 \times 1 = 192$$

$$192 \times 2 = 384$$

$$192 \times 3 = 576$$

By concatenating each product we get the 1 to 9 pandigital, 192384576. We will call 192384576 the concatenated product of 192 and (1,2,3)

The same can be achieved by starting with 9 and multiplying by 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, giving the pandigital, 918273645, which is the concatenated product of 9 and (1,2,3,4,5).

What is the largest 1 to 9 pandigital 9-digit number that can be formed as the concatenated product of an integer with (1,2, ...,  $n$ ) where  $n > 1$ ?

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## Problem 39

If  $p$  is the perimeter of a right angle triangle with integral length sides,  $\{a,b,c\}$ , there are exactly three solutions for  $p = 120$ .

$$\{20,48,52\}, \{24,45,51\}, \{30,40,50\}$$

For which value of  $p \leq 1000$ , is the number of solutions maximised?

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## Problem 40

An irrational decimal fraction is created by concatenating the positive integers:

$$0.12345678910\textcolor{red}{1}112131415161718192021\dots$$

It can be seen that the 12<sup>th</sup> digit of the fractional part is 1.

If  $d_n$  represents the  $n^{\text{th}}$  digit of the fractional part, find the value of the following expression.

$$d_1 \times d_{10} \times d_{100} \times d_{1000} \times d_{10000} \times d_{100000} \times d_{1000000}$$

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## Problem 41

We shall say that an  $n$ -digit number is pandigital if it makes use of all the digits 1 to  $n$  exactly once. For example, 2143 is a 4-digit pandigital and is also prime.

What is the largest  $n$ -digit pandigital prime that exists?

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## Problem 42

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the sequence of triangle numbers is given by,  $t_n = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ ; so the first ten triangle numbers are:

1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45, 55, ...

By converting each letter in a word to a number corresponding to its alphabetical position and adding these values we form a word value. For example, the word value for SKY is  $19 + 11 + 25 = 55 = t_{10}$ . If the word value is a triangle number then we shall call the word a triangle word.

Using [words.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 16K text file containing nearly two-thousand common English words, how many are triangle words?

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## Problem 43

The number, 1406357289, is a 0 to 9 pandigital number because it is made up of each of the digits 0 to 9 in some order, but it also has a rather interesting sub-string divisibility property.

Let  $d_1$  be the 1<sup>st</sup> digit,  $d_2$  be the 2<sup>nd</sup> digit, and so on. In this way, we note the following:

- $d_2d_3d_4=406$  is divisible by 2
- $d_3d_4d_5=063$  is divisible by 3
- $d_4d_5d_6=635$  is divisible by 5
- $d_5d_6d_7=357$  is divisible by 7
- $d_6d_7d_8=572$  is divisible by 11
- $d_7d_8d_9=728$  is divisible by 13
- $d_8d_9d_{10}=289$  is divisible by 17

Find the sum of all 0 to 9 pandigital numbers with this property.

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## Problem 44

Pentagonal numbers are generated by the formula,  $P_n = n(3n-1)/2$ . The first ten pentagonal numbers are:

1, 5, 12, 22, 35, 51, 70, 92, 117, 145, ...

It can be seen that  $P_4 + P_7 = 22 + 70 = 92 = P_8$ . However, their difference,  $70 - 22 = 48$ , is not pentagonal.



Find the pair of pentagonal numbers,  $P_j$  and  $P_k$ , for which their sum and difference is pentagonal and  $D = |P_k - P_j|$  is minimised; what is the value of  $D$ ?

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## Problem 45

Triangle, pentagonal, and hexagonal numbers are generated by the following formulae:

$$\text{Triangle} \quad T_n = n(n+1)/2 \quad 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, \dots$$

$$\text{Pentagonal} \quad P_n = n(3n-1)/2 \quad 1, 5, 12, 22, 35, \dots$$

$$\text{Hexagonal} \quad H_n = n(2n-1) \quad 1, 6, 15, 28, 45, \dots$$

It can be verified that  $T_{285} = P_{165} = H_{143} = 40755$ .

Find the next triangle number that is also pentagonal and hexagonal.

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## Problem 46

It was proposed by Christian Goldbach that every odd composite number can be written as the sum of a prime and twice a square.

$$9 = 7 + 2 \times 1^2$$

$$15 = 7 + 2 \times 2^2$$

$$21 = 3 + 2 \times 3^2$$

$$25 = 7 + 2 \times 3^2$$

$$27 = 19 + 2 \times 2^2$$

$$33 = 31 + 2 \times 1^2$$

It turns out that the conjecture was false.

What is the smallest odd composite that cannot be written as the sum of a prime and twice a square?

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## Problem 47

The first two consecutive numbers to have two distinct prime factors are:

$$14 = 2 \times 7$$

$$15 = 3 \times 5$$

The first three consecutive numbers to have three distinct prime factors are:

$$644 = 2^2 \times 7 \times 23$$

$$645 = 3 \times 5 \times 43$$

$$646 = 2 \times 17 \times 19.$$

Find the first four consecutive integers to have four distinct primes factors. What is the first of these numbers?

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## Problem 48

The series,  $1^1 + 2^2 + 3^3 + \dots + 10^{10} = 10405071317$ .

Find the last ten digits of the series,  $1^1 + 2^2 + 3^3 + \dots + 1000^{1000}$ .

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## Problem 49

The arithmetic sequence, 1487, 4817, 8147, in which each of the terms increases by 3330, is unusual in two ways: (i) each of the three terms are prime, and, (ii) each of the 4-digit numbers are permutations of one another.

There are no arithmetic sequences made up of three 1-, 2-, or 3-digit primes, exhibiting this property, but there is one other 4-digit increasing sequence.

What 12-digit number do you form by concatenating the three terms in this sequence?

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## Problem 50

The prime 41, can be written as the sum of six consecutive primes:

$$41 = 2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 11 + 13$$

This is the longest sum of consecutive primes that adds to a prime below one-hundred.

The longest sum of consecutive primes below one-thousand that adds to a prime, contains 21 terms, and is equal to 953.

Which prime, below one-million, can be written as the sum of the most consecutive primes?

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## Problem 51

By replacing the 1<sup>st</sup> digit of \*57, it turns out that six of the possible values: 157, 257, 457, 557, 757, and 857, are all prime.

By replacing the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> digits of 56\*\*3 with the same digit, this 5-digit number is the

first example having seven primes, yielding the family: 56003, 56113, 56333, 56443, 56663, 56773, and 56993. Consequently 56003, being the first member of this family, is the smallest prime with this property.

Find the smallest prime which, by replacing part of the number (not necessarily adjacent digits) with the same digit, is part of an eight prime value family.

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## Problem 52

It can be seen that the number, 125874, and its double, 251748, contain exactly the same digits, but in a different order.

Find the smallest positive integer,  $x$ , such that  $2x$ ,  $3x$ ,  $4x$ ,  $5x$ , and  $6x$ , contain the same digits.

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## Problem 53

There are exactly ten ways of selecting three from five, 12345:

123, 124, 125, 134, 135, 145, 234, 235, 245, and 345

In combinatorics, we use the notation,  ${}^5C_3 = 10$ .

In general,

$${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}, \text{ where } r \leq n, n! = n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1, \text{ and } 0! = 1.$$

It is not until  $n = 23$ , that a value exceeds one-million:  ${}^{23}C_{10} = 1144066$ .

How many, not necessarily distinct, values of  ${}^nC_r$ , for  $1 \leq n \leq 100$ , are greater than one-million?

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## Problem 54

In the card game poker, a hand consists of five cards and are ranked, from lowest to highest, in the following way:

- **High Card:** Highest value card.
- **One Pair:** Two cards of the same value.
- **Two Pairs:** Two different pairs.
- **Three of a Kind:** Three cards of the same value.
- **Straight:** All cards are consecutive values.
- **Flush:** All cards of the same suit.

- **Full House:** Three of a kind and a pair.
- **Four of a Kind:** Four cards of the same value.
- **Straight Flush:** All cards are consecutive values of same suit.
- **Royal Flush:** Ten, Jack, Queen, King, Ace, in same suit.

The cards are valued in the order:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Jack, Queen, King, Ace.

If two players have the same ranked hands then the rank made up of the highest value wins; for example, a pair of eights beats a pair of fives (see example 1 below). But if two ranks tie, for example, both players have a pair of queens, then highest cards in each hand are compared (see example 4 below); if the highest cards tie then the next highest cards are compared, and so on.

Consider the following five hands dealt to two players:

Hand	Player 1	Player 2	Winner
1	5H 5C 6S 7S KD Pair of Fives	2C 3S 8S 8D TD Pair of Eights	Player 2
2	5D 8C 9S JS AC Highest card Ace	2C 5C 7D 8S QH Highest card Queen	Player 1
3	2D 9C AS AH AC Three Aces	3D 6D 7D TD QD Flush with Diamonds	Player 2
4	4D 6S 9H QH QC Pair of Queens Highest card Nine	3D 6D 7H QD QS Pair of Queens Highest card Seven	Player 1
5	2H 2D 4C 4D 4S Full House With Three Fours	3C 3D 3S 9S 9D Full House with Three Threes	Player 1

The file, [poker.txt](#), contains one-thousand random hands dealt to two players. Each line of the file contains ten cards (separated by a single space): the first five are Player 1's cards and the last five are Player 2's cards. You can assume that all hands are valid (no invalid characters or repeated cards), each player's hand is in no specific order, and in each hand there is a clear winner.

How many hands does Player 1 win?

## Problem 55

If we take 47, reverse and add,  $47 + 74 = 121$ , which is palindromic.

Not all numbers produce palindromes so quickly. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} 349 + 943 &= 1292, \\ 1292 + 2921 &= 4213 \\ 4213 + 3124 &= 7337 \end{aligned}$$

That is, 349 took three iterations to arrive at a palindrome.

Although no one has proved it yet, it is thought that some numbers, like 196, never produce a palindrome. A number that never forms a palindrome through the reverse and

add process is called a Lychrel number. Due to the theoretical nature of these numbers, and for the purpose of this problem, we shall assume that a number is Lychrel until proven otherwise. In addition you are given that for every number below ten-thousand, it will either (i) become a palindrome in less than fifty iterations, or, (ii) no one, with all the computing power that exists, has managed so far to map it to a palindrome. In fact, 10677 is the first number to be shown to require over fifty iterations before producing a palindrome: 4668731596684224866951378664 (53 iterations, 28-digits).

Surprisingly, there are palindromic numbers that are themselves Lychrel numbers; the first example is 4994.

How many Lychrel numbers are there below ten-thousand?

NOTE: Wording was modified slightly on 24 April 2007 to emphasise the theoretical nature of Lychrel numbers.

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## Problem 56

A googol ( $10^{100}$ ) is a massive number: one followed by one-hundred zeros;  $100^{100}$  is almost unimaginably large: one followed by two-hundred zeros. Despite their size, the sum of the digits in each number is only 1.

Considering natural numbers of the form,  $a^b$ , where  $a, b < 100$ , what is the maximum digital sum?

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## Problem 57

It is possible to show that the square root of two can be expressed as an infinite continued fraction.

$$\sqrt{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \dots}}} = 1.414213\dots$$

By expanding this for the first four iterations, we get:

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{7}{5} = 1.4$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{17}{12} = 1.41666\dots$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}}}} = \frac{41}{29} = 1.41379\dots$$

The next three expansions are 99/70, 239/169, and 577/408, but the eighth expansion, 1393/985, is the first example where the number of digits in the numerator exceeds the number of digits in the denominator.

In the first one-thousand expansions, how many fractions contain a numerator with more digits than denominator?

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## Problem 58

Starting with 1 and spiralling anticlockwise in the following way, a square spiral with side length 7 is formed.

37	36	35	34	33	32	31
38	17	16	15	14	13	30
39	18	5	4	3	12	29
40	19	6	1	2	11	28
41	20	7	8	9	10	27
42	21	22	23	24	25	26
43	44	45	46	47	48	49

It is interesting to note that the odd squares lie along the bottom right diagonal, but what is more interesting is that 8 out of the 13 numbers lying along both diagonals are prime; that is, a ratio of  $8/13 \approx 62\%$ .

If one complete new layer is wrapped around the spiral above, a square spiral with side length 9 will be formed. If this process is continued, what is the side length of the square spiral for which the ratio of primes along both diagonals first falls below 10%?

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## Problem 59

Each character on a computer is assigned a unique code and the preferred standard is ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange). For example, uppercase A = 65, asterisk (\*) = 42, and lowercase k = 107.

A modern encryption method is to take a text file, convert the bytes to ASCII, then XOR each byte with a given value, taken from a secret key. The advantage with the XOR function is that using the same encryption key on the cipher text, restores the plain text; for example,  $65 \text{ XOR } 42 = 107$ , then  $107 \text{ XOR } 42 = 65$ .

For unbreakable encryption, the key is the same length as the plain text message, and the key is made up of random bytes. The user would keep the encrypted message and the encryption key in different locations, and without both "halves", it is impossible to decrypt the message.

Unfortunately, this method is impractical for most users, so the modified method is to use a password as a key. If the password is shorter than the message, which is likely, the key is repeated cyclically throughout the message. The balance for this method is using a sufficiently long password key for security, but short enough to be memorable.

Your task has been made easy, as the encryption key consists of three lower case characters. Using [cipher1.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a file containing the encrypted ASCII codes, and the knowledge that the plain text must contain common English words, decrypt the message and find the sum of the ASCII values in the original text.

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## Problem 60

The primes 3, 7, 109, and 673, are quite remarkable. By taking any two primes and concatenating them in any order the result will always be prime. For example, taking 7 and 109, both 7109 and 1097 are prime. The sum of these four primes, 792, represents the lowest sum for a set of four primes with this property.

Find the lowest sum for a set of five primes for which any two primes concatenate to produce another prime.

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## Problem 61

Triangle, square, pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal, and octagonal numbers are all figurate (polygonal) numbers and are generated by the following formulae:

Triangle	$P_{3,n} = n(n+1)/2$	1, 3, 6, 10, 15, ...
Square	$P_{4,n} = n^2$	1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ...
Pentagonal	$P_{5,n} = n(3n-1)/2$	1, 5, 12, 22, 35, ...
Hexagonal	$P_{6,n} = n(2n-1)$	1, 6, 15, 28, 45, ...
Heptagonal	$P_{7,n} = n(5n-3)/2$	1, 7, 18, 34, 55, ...
Octagonal	$P_{8,n} = n(3n-2)$	1, 8, 21, 40, 65, ...

The ordered set of three 4-digit numbers: 8128, 2882, 8281, has three interesting properties.

1. The set is cyclic, in that the last two digits of each number is the first two digits of the next number (including the last number with the first).
2. Each polygonal type: triangle ( $P_{3,127}=8128$ ), square ( $P_{4,91}=8281$ ), and pentagonal ( $P_{5,44}=2882$ ), is represented by a different number in the set.
3. This is the only set of 4-digit numbers with this property.

Find the sum of the only ordered set of six cyclic 4-digit numbers for which each polygonal type: triangle, square, pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal, and octagonal, is represented by a different number in the set.

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## Problem 62

The cube, 41063625 ( $345^3$ ), can be permuted to produce two other cubes: 56623104 ( $384^3$ ) and 66430125 ( $405^3$ ). In fact, 41063625 is the smallest cube which has exactly three permutations of its digits which are also cube.

Find the smallest cube for which exactly five permutations of its digits are cube.

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## Problem 63

The 5-digit number,  $16807=7^5$ , is also a fifth power. Similarly, the 9-digit number,  $134217728=8^9$ , is a ninth power.

How many  $n$ -digit positive integers exist which are also an  $n$ th power?

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## Problem 64

All square roots are periodic when written as continued fractions and can be written in the form:

$$\sqrt{N} = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \dots}}}$$

For example, let us consider  $\sqrt{23}$ :

$$\sqrt{23} = 4 + \sqrt{23} - 4 = 4 + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{23}-4}}} = 4 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\sqrt{23}-3}{7}}$$

If we continue we would get the following expansion:

$$\sqrt{23} = 4 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{8 + \dots}}}}$$

The process can be summarised as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 4, \frac{1}{\sqrt{23}-4} = \frac{\sqrt{23}+4}{7} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{23}-3}{7} \\ a_1 &= 1, \frac{7}{\sqrt{23}-3} = \frac{7(\sqrt{23}+3)}{14} = 3 + \frac{\sqrt{23}-3}{2} \\ a_2 &= 3, \frac{2}{\sqrt{23}-3} = \frac{2(\sqrt{23}+3)}{14} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{23}-4}{7} \\ a_3 &= 1, \frac{7}{\sqrt{23}-4} = \frac{7(\sqrt{23}+4)}{7} = 8 + \sqrt{23}-4 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
a_4 &= 8, \frac{1}{\sqrt{23}-4} = \frac{\sqrt{23}+4}{7} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{23}-3}{7} \\
a_5 &= 1, \frac{7}{\sqrt{23}-3} = \frac{7(\sqrt{23}+3)}{14} = 3 + \frac{\sqrt{23}-3}{2} \\
a_6 &= 3, \frac{2}{\sqrt{23}-3} = \frac{2(\sqrt{23}+3)}{14} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{23}-4}{7} \\
a_7 &= 1, \frac{7}{\sqrt{23}-4} = \frac{7(\sqrt{23}+4)}{7} = 8 + \sqrt{23}-4
\end{aligned}$$

It can be seen that the sequence is repeating. For conciseness, we use the notation  $\sqrt{23} = [4;(1,3,1,8)]$ , to indicate that the block (1,3,1,8) repeats indefinitely.

The first ten continued fraction representations of (irrational) square roots are:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{2} &= [1;(2)], \text{ period}=1 \\
\sqrt{3} &= [1;(1,2)], \text{ period}=2 \\
\sqrt{5} &= [2;(4)], \text{ period}=1 \\
\sqrt{6} &= [2;(2,4)], \text{ period}=2 \\
\sqrt{7} &= [2;(1,1,1,4)], \text{ period}=4 \\
\sqrt{8} &= [2;(1,4)], \text{ period}=2 \\
\sqrt{10} &= [3;(6)], \text{ period}=1 \\
\sqrt{11} &= [3;(3,6)], \text{ period}=2 \\
\sqrt{12} &= [3;(2,6)], \text{ period}=2 \\
\sqrt{13} &= [3;(1,1,1,1,6)], \text{ period}=5
\end{aligned}$$

Exactly four continued fractions, for  $N \leq 13$ , have an odd period.

How many continued fractions for  $N \leq 10000$  have an odd period?

## Problem 65

The square root of 2 can be written as an infinite continued fraction.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{2} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \dots}}}}
\end{aligned}$$

The infinite continued fraction can be written,  $\sqrt{2} = [1;(2)]$ , (2) indicates that 2 repeats *ad infinitum*. In a similar way,  $\sqrt{23} = [4;(1,3,1,8)]$ .

It turns out that the sequence of partial values of continued fractions for square roots provide the best rational approximations. Let us consider the convergents for  $\sqrt{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
1 + \frac{1}{2} &= 3/2 \\
1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}} &= 7/5 \\
1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}}} &= 17/12
\end{aligned}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}}}} = 41/29$$

Hence the sequence of the first ten convergents for  $\sqrt{2}$  are:

1, 3/2, 7/5, 17/12, 41/29, 99/70, 239/169, 577/408, 1393/985, 3363/2378, ...

What is most surprising is that the important mathematical constant,  
 $e = [2; 1, 2, 1, 1, 4, 1, 1, 6, 1, \dots, 1, 2k, 1, \dots]$ .

The first ten terms in the sequence of convergents for  $e$  are:

2, 3, 8/3, 11/4, 19/7, 87/32, 106/39, 193/71, 1264/465, 1457/536, ...

The sum of digits in the numerator of the 10<sup>th</sup> convergent is 1+4+5+7=17.

Find the sum of digits in the numerator of the 100<sup>th</sup> convergent of the continued fraction for  $e$ .

## Problem 66

Consider quadratic Diophantine equations of the form:

$$x^2 - Dy^2 = 1$$

For example, when  $D=13$ , the minimal solution in  $x$  is  $649^2 - 13 \times 180^2 = 1$ .

It can be assumed that there are no solutions in positive integers when  $D$  is square.

By finding minimal solutions in  $x$  for  $D = \{2, 3, 5, 6, 7\}$ , we obtain the following:

$$3^2 - 2 \times 2^2 = 1$$

$$2^2 - 3 \times 1^2 = 1$$

$$9^2 - 5 \times 4^2 = 1$$

$$5^2 - 6 \times 2^2 = 1$$

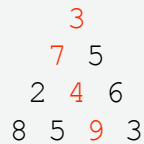
$$8^2 - 7 \times 3^2 = 1$$

Hence, by considering minimal solutions in  $x$  for  $D \leq 7$ , the largest  $x$  is obtained when  $D=5$ .

Find the value of  $D \leq 1000$  in minimal solutions of  $x$  for which the largest value of  $x$  is obtained.

## Problem 67

By starting at the top of the triangle below and moving to adjacent numbers on the row below, the maximum total from top to bottom is 23.



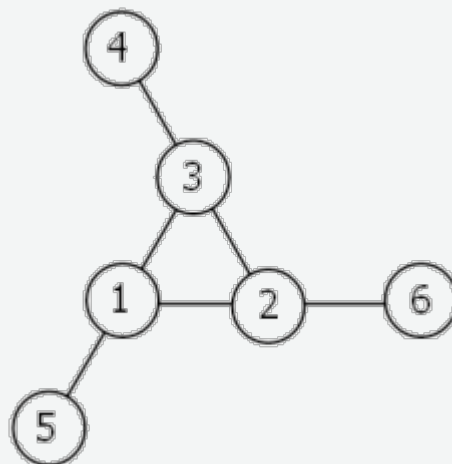
That is,  $3 + 7 + 4 + 9 = 23$ .

Find the maximum total from top to bottom in [triangle.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 15K text file containing a triangle with one-hundred rows.

**NOTE:** This is a much more difficult version of [Problem 18](#). It is not possible to try every route to solve this problem, as there are  $2^{99}$  altogether! If you could check one trillion ( $10^{12}$ ) routes every second it would take over twenty billion years to check them all. There is an efficient algorithm to solve it. ;o)

## Problem 68

Consider the following "magic" 3-gon ring, filled with the numbers 1 to 6, and each line adding to nine.



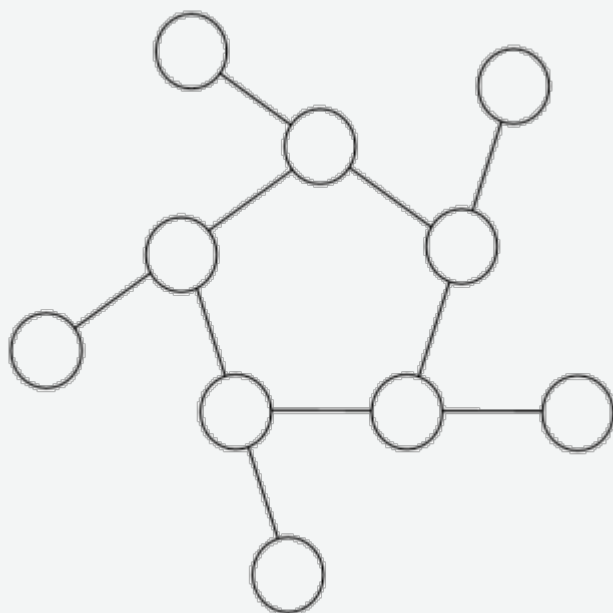
Working **clockwise**, and starting from the group of three with the numerically lowest external node (4,3,2 in this example), each solution can be described uniquely. For example, the above solution can be described by the set: 4,3,2; 6,2,1; 5,1,3.

It is possible to complete the ring with four different totals: 9, 10, 11, and 12. There are eight solutions in total.

Total	Solution Set
9	4,2,3; 5,3,1; 6,1,2
9	4,3,2; 6,2,1; 5,1,3
10	2,3,5; 4,5,1; 6,1,3
10	2,5,3; 6,3,1; 4,1,5
11	1,4,6; 3,6,2; 5,2,4
11	1,6,4; 5,4,2; 3,2,6
12	1,5,6; 2,6,4; 3,4,5
12	1,6,5; 3,5,4; 2,4,6

By concatenating each group it is possible to form 9-digit strings; the maximum string for a 3-gon ring is 432621513.

Using the numbers 1 to 10, and depending on arrangements, it is possible to form 16- and 17-digit strings. What is the maximum **16-digit** string for a "magic" 5-gon ring?



## Problem 69

Euler's Totient function,  $\varphi(n)$  [sometimes called the phi function], is used to determine the number of numbers less than  $n$  which are relatively prime to  $n$ . For example, as 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8, are all less than nine and relatively prime to nine,  $\varphi(9)=6$ .

$n$	Relatively Prime	$\varphi(n)$	$n/\varphi(n)$
2	1	1	2
3	1,2	2	1.5
4	1,3	2	2
5	1,2,3,4	4	1.25
6	1,5	2	3
7	1,2,3,4,5,6	6	1.1666...
8	1,3,5,7	4	2
9	1,2,4,5,7,8	6	1.5
10	1,3,7,9	4	2.5

It can be seen that  $n=6$  produces a maximum  $n/\varphi(n)$  for  $n \leq 10$ .

Find the value of  $n \leq 1,000,000$  for which  $n/\varphi(n)$  is a maximum.

## Problem 70

Euler's Totient function,  $\varphi(n)$  [sometimes called the phi function], is used to determine the number of positive numbers less than or equal to  $n$  which are relatively prime to  $n$ . For example, as 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8, are all less than nine and relatively prime to nine,  $\varphi(9)=6$ . The number 1 is considered to be relatively prime to every positive number, so  $\varphi(1)=1$ .

Interestingly,  $\varphi(87109)=79180$ , and it can be seen that 87109 is a permutation of 79180.

Find the value of  $n$ ,  $1 < n < 10^7$ , for which  $\varphi(n)$  is a permutation of  $n$  and the ratio  $n/\varphi(n)$  produces a minimum.

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## Problem 71

Consider the fraction,  $n/d$ , where  $n$  and  $d$  are positive integers. If  $n < d$  and  $\text{HCF}(n,d)=1$ , it is called a reduced proper fraction.

If we list the set of reduced proper fractions for  $d \leq 8$  in ascending order of size, we get:

1/8, 1/7, 1/6, 1/5, 1/4, 2/7, 1/3, 3/8, 2/5, 3/7, 1/2, 4/7, 3/5, 5/8, 2/3, 5/7, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 7/8

It can be seen that 2/5 is the fraction immediately to the left of 3/7.

By listing the set of reduced proper fractions for  $d \leq 1,000,000$  in ascending order of size, find the numerator of the fraction immediately to the left of 3/7.

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## Problem 72

Consider the fraction,  $n/d$ , where  $n$  and  $d$  are positive integers. If  $n < d$  and  $\text{HCF}(n,d)=1$ , it is called a reduced proper fraction.

If we list the set of reduced proper fractions for  $d \leq 8$  in ascending order of size, we get:

1/8, 1/7, 1/6, 1/5, 1/4, 2/7, 1/3, 3/8, 2/5, 3/7, 1/2, 4/7, 3/5, 5/8, 2/3, 5/7, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 7/8

It can be seen that there are 21 elements in this set.

How many elements would be contained in the set of reduced proper fractions for  $d \leq 1,000,000$ ?

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## Problem 73

Consider the fraction,  $n/d$ , where  $n$  and  $d$  are positive integers. If  $n < d$  and  $\text{HCF}(n,d)=1$ , it is called a reduced proper fraction.

If we list the set of reduced proper fractions for  $d \leq 8$  in ascending order of size, we get:

$1/8, 1/7, 1/6, 1/5, 1/4, 2/7, 1/3, 3/8, 2/5, 3/7, 1/2, 4/7, 3/5, 5/8, 2/3, 5/7, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 7/8$

It can be seen that there are 3 fractions between  $1/3$  and  $1/2$ .

How many fractions lie between  $1/3$  and  $1/2$  in the sorted set of reduced proper fractions for  $d \leq 10,000$ ?

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## Problem 74

The number 145 is well known for the property that the sum of the factorial of its digits is equal to 145:

$$1! + 4! + 5! = 1 + 24 + 120 = 145$$

Perhaps less well known is 169, in that it produces the longest chain of numbers that link back to 169; it turns out that there are only three such loops that exist:

$$169 \rightarrow 363601 \rightarrow 1454 \rightarrow 169$$

$$871 \rightarrow 45361 \rightarrow 871$$

$$872 \rightarrow 45362 \rightarrow 872$$

It is not difficult to prove that EVERY starting number will eventually get stuck in a loop. For example,

$$69 \rightarrow 363600 \rightarrow 1454 \rightarrow 169 \rightarrow 363601 (\rightarrow 1454)$$

$$78 \rightarrow 45360 \rightarrow 871 \rightarrow 45361 (\rightarrow 871)$$

$$540 \rightarrow 145 (\rightarrow 145)$$

Starting with 69 produces a chain of five non-repeating terms, but the longest non-repeating chain with a starting number below one million is sixty terms.

How many chains, with a starting number below one million, contain exactly sixty non-repeating terms?

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## Problem 75

It turns out that 12 cm is the smallest length of wire that can be bent to form an integer sided right angle triangle in exactly one way, but there are many more examples.

12 cm: (3,4,5)

24 cm: (6,8,10)

30 cm: (5,12,13)

36 cm: (9,12,15)

40 cm: (8,15,17)

48 cm: (12,16,20)

In contrast, some lengths of wire, like 20 cm, cannot be bent to form an integer sided right angle triangle, and other lengths allow more than one solution to be found; for example, using 120 cm it is possible to form exactly three different integer sided right angle triangles.

**120 cm:** (30,40,50), (20,48,52), (24,45,51)

Given that  $L$  is the length of the wire, for how many values of  $L \leq 2,000,000$  can exactly one integer sided right angle triangle be formed?

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## Problem 76

It is possible to write five as a sum in exactly six different ways:

4 + 1  
3 + 2  
3 + 1 + 1  
2 + 2 + 1  
2 + 1 + 1 + 1  
1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1

How many different ways can one hundred be written as a sum of at least two positive integers?

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## Problem 77

It is possible to write ten as the sum of primes in exactly five different ways:

7 + 3  
5 + 5  
5 + 3 + 2  
3 + 3 + 2 + 2  
2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2

What is the first value which can be written as the sum of primes in over five thousand different ways?

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## Problem 78

Let  $p(n)$  represent the number of different ways in which  $n$  coins can be separated into piles. For example, five coins can be separated into piles in exactly seven different ways, so  $p(5)=7$ .

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Find the least value of  $n$  for which  $p(n)$  is divisible by one million.

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## Problem 79

A common security method used for online banking is to ask the user for three random characters from a passcode. For example, if the passcode was 531278, they may asked for the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th characters; the expected reply would be: 317.

The text file, [keylog.txt](#), contains fifty successful login attempts.

Given that the three characters are always asked for in order, analyse the file so as to determine the shortest possible secret passcode of unknown length.

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## Problem 80

It is well known that if the square root of a natural number is not an integer, then it is irrational. The decimal expansion of such square roots is infinite without any repeating pattern at all.

The square root of two is 1.41421356237309504880..., and the digital sum of the first one hundred decimal digits is 475.

For the first one hundred natural numbers, find the total of the digital sums of the first one hundred decimal digits for all the irrational square roots.

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## Problem 81

In the 5 by 5 matrix below, the minimal path sum from the top left to the bottom right, by **only moving to the right and down**, is indicated in red and is equal to 2427.



131	673	234	103	18
201	96	342	965	150
630	803	746	422	111
537	699	497	121	956
805	732	524	37	331

Find the minimal path sum, in [matrix.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 31K text file containing a 80 by 80 matrix, from the top left to the bottom right by only moving right and down.

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## Problem 82

NOTE: This problem is a more challenging version of [Problem 81](#).

The minimal path sum in the 5 by 5 matrix below, by starting in any cell in the left column and finishing in any cell in the right column, and only moving up, down, and right, is indicated in red; the sum is equal to 994.

131	673	234	103	18
201	96	342	965	150
630	803	746	422	111
537	699	497	121	956
805	732	524	37	331

Find the minimal path sum, in [matrix.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 31K text file containing a 80 by 80 matrix, from the left column to the right column.

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## Problem 83

NOTE: This problem is a significantly more challenging version of [Problem 81](#).

In the 5 by 5 matrix below, the minimal path sum from the top left to the bottom right, by moving left, right, up, and down, is indicated in red and is equal to 2297.

131	673	234	103	18
201	96	342	965	150
630	803	746	422	111
537	699	497	121	956
805	732	524	37	331

Find the minimal path sum, in [matrix.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 31K text file containing a 80 by 80 matrix, from the top left to the bottom right by moving left, right, up, and down.

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## Problem 84

In the game, *Monopoly*, the standard board is set up in the following way:

GO	A1	CC1	A2	T1	R1	B1	CH1	B2	B3	JAIL
H2										C1
T2										U1
H1										C2
CH3										C3
R4										R2
G3										D1
CC3										CC2
G2										D2
G1										D3
G2J	F3	U2	F2	F1	R3	E3	E2	CH2	E1	FP

A player starts on the GO square and adds the scores on two 6-sided dice to determine the number of squares they advance in a clockwise direction. Without any further rules we would expect to visit each square with equal probability: 2.5%. However, landing on G2J (Go To Jail), CC (community chest), and CH (chance) changes this distribution.

In addition to G2J, and one card from each of CC and CH, that orders the player to go to directly jail, if a player rolls three consecutive doubles, they do not advance the result of their 3rd roll. Instead they proceed directly to jail.

At the beginning of the game, the CC and CH cards are shuffled. When a player lands on CC or CH they take a card from the top of the respective pile and, after following the instructions, it is returned to the bottom of the pile. There are sixteen cards in each pile, but for the purpose of this problem we are only concerned with cards that order a movement; any instruction not concerned with movement will be ignored and the player will remain on the CC/CH square.

- Community Chest (2/16 cards):
  1. Advance to GO
  2. Go to JAIL
- Chance (10/16 cards):
  1. Advance to GO
  2. Go to JAIL
  3. Go to C1
  4. Go to E3
  5. Go to H2
  6. Go to R1
  7. Go to next R (railway company)
  8. Go to next R
  9. Go to next U (utility company)
  10. Go back 3 squares.

The heart of this problem concerns the likelihood of visiting a particular square. That is, the probability of finishing at that square after a roll. For this reason it should be clear that, with the exception of G2J for which the probability of finishing on it is zero, the CH squares will have the lowest probabilities, as 5/8 request a movement to another square, and it is the final square that the player finishes at on each roll that we are interested in.

We shall make no distinction between "Just Visiting" and being sent to JAIL, and we shall also ignore the rule about requiring a double to "get out of jail", assuming that they pay to get out on their next turn.

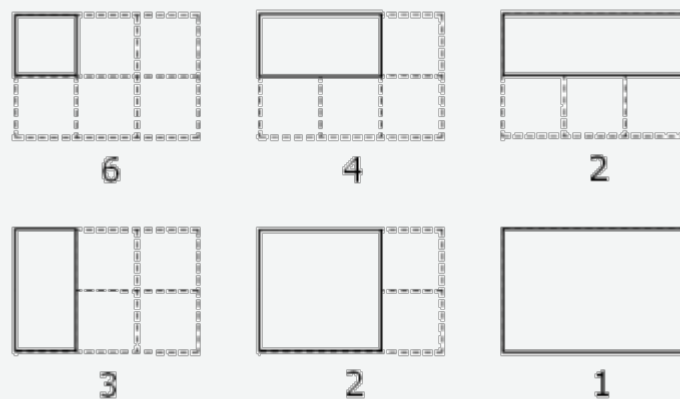
By starting at GO and numbering the squares sequentially from 00 to 39 we can concatenate these two-digit numbers to produce strings that correspond with sets of squares.

Statistically it can be shown that the three most popular squares, in order, are JAIL (6.24%) = Square 10, E3 (3.18%) = Square 24, and GO (3.09%) = Square 00. So these three most popular squares can be listed with the six-digit modal string: 102400.

If, instead of using two 6-sided dice, two 4-sided dice are used, find the six-digit modal string.

## Problem 85

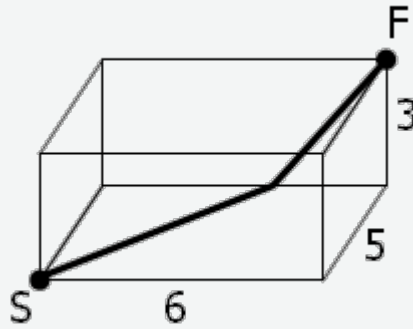
By counting carefully it can be seen that a rectangular grid measuring 3 by 2 contains eighteen rectangles:



Although there exists no rectangular grid that contains exactly two million rectangles, find the area of the grid with the nearest solution.

## Problem 86

A spider, S, sits in one corner of a cuboid room, measuring 6 by 5 by 3, and a fly, F, sits in the opposite corner. By travelling on the surfaces of the room the shortest "straight line" distance from S to F is 10 and the path is shown on the diagram.



However, there are up to three "shortest" path candidates for any given cuboid and the shortest route is not always integer.

By considering all cuboid rooms up to a maximum size of  $M$  by  $M$  by  $M$ , there are exactly 2060 cuboids for which the shortest distance is integer when  $M=100$ , and this is the least value of  $M$  for which the number of solutions first exceeds two thousand; the number of solutions is 1975 when  $M=99$ .

Find the least value of  $M$  such that the number of solutions first exceeds one million.

## Problem 87

The smallest number expressible as the sum of a prime square, prime cube, and prime fourth power is 28. In fact, there are exactly four numbers below fifty that can be expressed in such a way:

$$28 = 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4$$

$$33 = 3^2 + 2^3 + 2^4$$

$$49 = 5^2 + 2^3 + 2^4$$

$$47 = 2^2 + 3^3 + 2^4$$

How many numbers below fifty million can be expressed as the sum of a prime square, prime cube, and prime fourth power?

## Problem 88

A natural number,  $N$ , that can be written as the sum and product of a given set of at least two natural numbers,  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  is called a product-sum number:  $N = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k = a_1 \times a_2 \times \dots \times a_k$ .

For example,  $6 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 1 \times 2 \times 3$ .

For a given set of size,  $k$ , we shall call the smallest  $N$  with this property a minimal product-sum number. The minimal product-sum numbers for sets of size,  $k = 2, 3, 4, 5$ , and 6 are as follows.

$$k=2: 4 = 2 \times 2 = 2 + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
k=3: 6 &= 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 1 + 2 + 3 \\
k=4: 8 &= 1 \times 1 \times 2 \times 4 = 1 + 1 + 2 + 4 \\
k=5: 8 &= 1 \times 1 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 \\
k=6: 12 &= 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 2 \times 6 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 6
\end{aligned}$$

Hence for  $2 \leq k \leq 6$ , the sum of all the minimal product-sum numbers is  $4+6+8+12 = 30$ ; note that 8 is only counted once in the sum.

In fact, as the complete set of minimal product-sum numbers for  $2 \leq k \leq 12$  is  $\{4, 6, 8, 12, 15, 16\}$ , the sum is 61.

What is the sum of all the minimal product-sum numbers for  $2 \leq k \leq 12000$ ?

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## Problem 89

The rules for writing Roman numerals allow for many ways of writing each number (see FAQ: [Roman Numerals](#)). However, there is always a "best" way of writing a particular number.

For example, the following represent all of the legitimate ways of writing the number sixteen:

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IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
VIIIIIIIIII
VVIIIIII
XIIIIII
VVVI
XVI

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The last example being considered the most efficient, as it uses the least number of numerals.

The 11K text file, [roman.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), contains one thousand numbers written in valid, but not necessarily minimal, Roman numerals; that is, they are arranged in descending units and obey the subtractive pair rule (see [FAQ](#) for the definitive rules for this problem).

Find the number of characters saved by writing each of these in their minimal form.

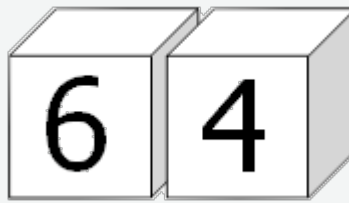
Note: You can assume that all the Roman numerals in the file contain no more than four consecutive identical units.

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## Problem 90

Each of the six faces on a cube has a different digit (0 to 9) written on it; the same is done to a second cube. By placing the two cubes side-by-side in different positions we can form a variety of 2-digit numbers.

For example, the square number 64 could be formed:



In fact, by carefully choosing the digits on both cubes it is possible to display all of the square numbers below one-hundred: 01, 04, 09, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, and 81.

For example, one way this can be achieved is by placing  $\{0, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  on one cube and  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9\}$  on the other cube.

However, for this problem we shall allow the 6 or 9 to be turned upside-down so that an arrangement like  $\{0, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  and  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7\}$  allows for all nine square numbers to be displayed; otherwise it would be impossible to obtain 09.

In determining a distinct arrangement we are interested in the digits on each cube, not the order.

$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  is equivalent to  $\{3, 6, 4, 1, 2, 5\}$

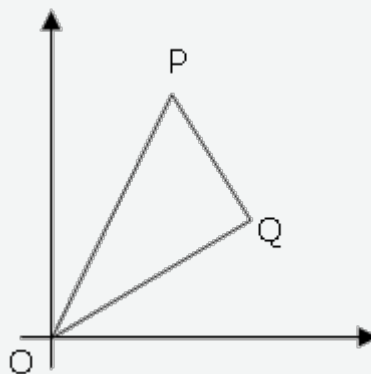
$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  is distinct from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9\}$

But because we are allowing 6 and 9 to be reversed, the two distinct sets in the last example both represent the extended set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9\}$  for the purpose of forming 2-digit numbers.

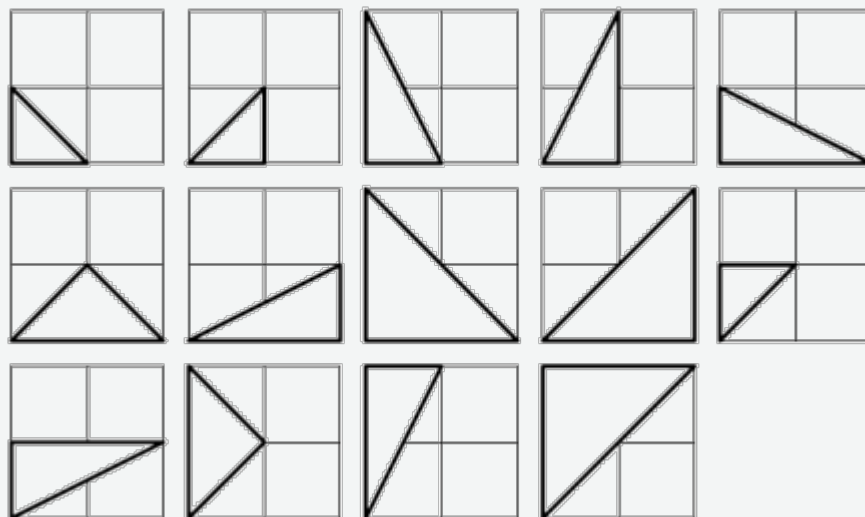
How many distinct arrangements of the two cubes allow for all of the square numbers to be displayed?

## Problem 91

The points  $P(x_1, y_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2)$  are plotted at integer co-ordinates and are joined to the origin,  $O(0,0)$ , to form  $\triangle OPQ$ .



There are exactly fourteen triangles containing a right angle that can be formed when each co-ordinate lies between 0 and 2 inclusive; that is,  
 $0 \leq x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2 \leq 2$ .



Given that  $0 \leq x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2 \leq 50$ , how many right triangles can be formed?

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## Problem 92

A number chain is created by continuously adding the square of the digits in a number to form a new number until it has been seen before.

For example,

$$44 \rightarrow 32 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$85 \rightarrow 89 \rightarrow 145 \rightarrow 42 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 37 \rightarrow 58 \rightarrow 89$$

Therefore any chain that arrives at 1 or 89 will become stuck in an endless loop. What is most amazing is that EVERY starting number will eventually arrive at 1 or 89.

How many starting numbers below ten million will arrive at 89?

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## Problem 93

By using each of the digits from the set,  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , exactly once, and making use of the four arithmetic operations  $(+, -, *, /)$  and brackets/parentheses, it is possible to form different positive integer targets.

For example,

$$8 = (4 * (1 + 3)) / 2$$

$$14 = 4 * (3 + 1 / 2)$$

$$19 = 4 * (2 + 3) - 1$$

$$36 = 3 * 4 * (2 + 1)$$

Note that concatenations of the digits, like  $12 + 34$ , are not allowed.

Using the set,  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , it is possible to obtain thirty-one different target numbers of which 36 is the maximum, and each of the numbers 1 to 28 can be obtained before



encountering the first non-expressible number.

Find the set of four distinct digits,  $a < b < c < d$ , for which the longest set of consecutive positive integers, 1 to  $n$ , can be obtained, giving your answer as a string:  $abcd$ .

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## Problem 94

It is easily proved that no equilateral triangle exists with integral length sides and integral area. However, the *almost equilateral triangle* 5-5-6 has an area of 12 square units.

We shall define an *almost equilateral triangle* to be a triangle for which two sides are equal and the third differs by no more than one unit.

Find the sum of the perimeters of all *almost equilateral triangles* with integral side lengths and area and whose perimeters do not exceed one billion (1,000,000,000).

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## Problem 95

The proper divisors of a number are all the divisors excluding the number itself. For example, the proper divisors of 28 are 1, 2, 4, 7, and 14. As the sum of these divisors is equal to 28, we call it a perfect number.

Interestingly the sum of the proper divisors of 220 is 284 and the sum of the proper divisors of 284 is 220, forming a chain of two numbers. For this reason, 220 and 284 are called an amicable pair.

Perhaps less well known are longer chains. For example, starting with 12496, we form an amicable chain of five numbers:

$$12496 \rightarrow 14288 \rightarrow 15472 \rightarrow 14536 \rightarrow 14264 (\rightarrow 12496 \rightarrow \dots)$$

Find the smallest member of the longest amicable chain with no element exceeding one million.

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## Problem 96

Su Doku (Japanese meaning *number place*) is the name given to a popular puzzle concept. Its origin is unclear, but credit must be attributed to Leonhard Euler who invented a similar, and much more difficult, puzzle idea called Latin Squares. The objective of Su Doku puzzles, however, is to replace the blanks (or zeros) in a 9 by 9 grid in such that each row, column, and 3 by 3 box contains each of the digits 1 to 9. Below is an example of a typical starting puzzle grid and its solution grid.

0	0	3	0	2	0	6	0	0	4	8	3	9	2	1	6	5	7
9	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	1	9	6	7	3	4	5	8	2	1

0	0	1	8	0	6	4	0	0	2	5	1	8	7	6	4	9	3
0	0	8	1	0	2	9	0	0	5	4	8	1	3	2	9	7	6
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	2	9	5	6	4	1	3	8
0	0	6	7	0	8	2	0	0	1	3	6	7	9	8	2	4	5
0	0	2	6	0	9	5	0	0	3	7	2	6	8	9	5	1	4
8	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	9	8	1	4	2	5	3	7	6	9
0	0	5	0	1	0	3	0	0	6	9	5	4	1	7	3	8	2

A well constructed Su Doku puzzle has a unique solution and can be solved by logic, although it may be necessary to employ "guess and test" methods in order to eliminate options (there is much contested opinion over this). The complexity of the search determines the difficulty of the puzzle; the example above is considered *easy* because it can be solved by straight forward direct deduction.

The 6K text file, [sudoku.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), contains fifty different Su Doku puzzles ranging in difficulty, but all with unique solutions (the first puzzle in the file is the example above).

By solving all fifty puzzles find the sum of the 3-digit numbers found in the top left corner of each solution grid; for example, 483 is the 3-digit number found in the top left corner of the solution grid above.

## Problem 97

The first known prime found to exceed one million digits was discovered in 1999, and is a Mersenne prime of the form  $2^{6972593}-1$ ; it contains exactly 2,098,960 digits. Subsequently other Mersenne primes, of the form  $2^p-1$ , have been found which contain more digits.

However, in 2004 there was found a massive non-Mersenne prime which contains 2,357,207 digits:  $28433 \times 2^{7830457} + 1$ .

Find the last ten digits of this prime number.

## Problem 98

By replacing each of the letters in the word CARE with 1, 2, 9, and 6 respectively, we form a square number:  $1296 = 36^2$ . What is remarkable is that, by using the same digital substitutions, the anagram, RACE, also forms a square number:  $9216 = 96^2$ . We shall call CARE (and RACE) a square anagram word pair and specify further that leading zeroes are not permitted, neither may a different letter have the same digital value as another letter.

Using [words.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 16K text file containing nearly two-thousand common English words, find all the square anagram word pairs (a palindromic word is NOT considered to be an anagram of itself).

What is the largest square number formed by any member of such a pair?

NOTE: All anagrams formed must be contained in the given text file.

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## Problem 99

Comparing two numbers written in index form like  $2^{11}$  and  $3^7$  is not difficult, as any calculator would confirm that  $2^{11} = 2048 < 3^7 = 2187$ .

However, confirming that  $632382^{518061} > 519432^{525806}$  would be much more difficult, as both numbers contain over three million digits.

Using [base\\_exp.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 22K text file containing one thousand lines with a base/exponent pair on each line, determine which line number has the greatest numerical value.

NOTE: The first two lines in the file represent the numbers in the example given above.

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## Problem 100

If a box contains twenty-one coloured discs, composed of fifteen blue discs and six red discs, and two discs were taken at random, it can be seen that the probability of taking two blue discs,  $P(BB) = (15/21) \times (14/20) = 1/2$ .

The next such arrangement, for which there is exactly 50% chance of taking two blue discs at random, is a box containing eighty-five blue discs and thirty-five red discs.

By finding the first arrangement to contain over  $10^{12} = 1,000,000,000,000$  discs in total, determine the number of blue discs that the box would contain.

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## Problem 101

If we are presented with the first  $k$  terms of a sequence it is impossible to say with certainty the value of the next term, as there are infinitely many polynomial functions that can model the sequence.

As an example, let us consider the sequence of cube numbers. This is defined by the generating function,  $u_n = n^3$ : 1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, ...

Suppose we were only given the first two terms of this sequence. Working on the principle that "simple is best" we should assume a linear relationship and predict the next term to be 15 (common difference 7). Even if we were presented with the first three terms, by the same principle of simplicity, a quadratic relationship should be assumed.

We shall define  $OP(k, n)$  to be the  $n$ th term of the optimum polynomial generating function for the first  $k$  terms of a sequence. It should be clear that  $OP(k, n)$  will accurately generate the terms of the sequence for  $n \leq k$ , and potentially the *first incorrect term* (FIT) will be  $OP(k, k+1)$ ; in which case we shall call it a *bad OP* (BOP).

As a basis, if we were only given the first term of sequence, it would be most sensible to assume constancy; that is, for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $OP(1, n) = u_1$ .

Hence we obtain the following OPs for the cubic sequence:

$OP(1, n) = 1$	1, 1, 1, 1, ...
$OP(2, n) = 7n-6$	1, 8, 15, ...
$OP(3, n) = 6n^2-11n+6$	1, 8, 27, 58, ...
$OP(4, n) = n^3$	1, 8, 27, 64, 125, ...

Clearly no BOPs exist for  $k \geq 4$ .

By considering the sum of FITs generated by the BOPs (indicated in red above), we obtain  $1 + 15 + 58 = 74$ .

Consider the following tenth degree polynomial generating function:

$$u_n = 1 - n + n^2 - n^3 + n^4 - n^5 + n^6 - n^7 + n^8 - n^9 + n^{10}$$

Find the sum of FITs for the BOPs.

## Problem 102

Three distinct points are plotted at random on a Cartesian plane, for which  $-1000 \leq x, y \leq 1000$ , such that a triangle is formed.

Consider the following two triangles:

$$A(-340, 495), B(-153, -910), C(835, -947)$$

$$X(-175, 41), Y(-421, -714), Z(574, -645)$$

It can be verified that triangle ABC contains the origin, whereas triangle XYZ does not.

Using [triangles.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 27K text file containing the co-ordinates of one thousand "random" triangles, find the number of triangles for which the interior contains the origin.

NOTE: The first two examples in the file represent the triangles in the example given above.

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## Problem 103

Let  $S(A)$  represent the sum of elements in set  $A$  of size  $n$ . We shall call it a special sum set if for any two non-empty disjoint subsets,  $B$  and  $C$ , the following properties are true:

- i.  $S(B) \neq S(C)$ ; that is, sums of subsets cannot be equal.
- ii. If  $B$  contains more elements than  $C$  then  $S(B) > S(C)$ .

If  $S(A)$  is minimised for a given  $n$ , we shall call it an optimum special sum set. The first five optimum special sum sets are given below.

$n = 1: \{1\}$   
 $n = 2: \{1, 2\}$   
 $n = 3: \{2, 3, 4\}$   
 $n = 4: \{3, 5, 6, 7\}$   
 $n = 5: \{6, 9, 11, 12, 13\}$

It *seems* that for a given optimum set,  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ , the next optimum set is of the form  $B = \{b, a_1+b, a_2+b, \dots, a_n+b\}$ , where  $b$  is the "middle" element on the previous row.

By applying this "rule" we would expect the optimum set for  $n = 6$  to be  $A = \{11, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24\}$ , with  $S(A) = 117$ . However, this is not the optimum set, as we have merely applied an algorithm to provide a near optimum set. The optimum set for  $n = 6$  is  $A = \{11, 18, 19, 20, 22, 25\}$ , with  $S(A) = 115$  and corresponding set string: 111819202225.

Given that  $A$  is an optimum special sum set for  $n = 7$ , find its set string.

NOTE: This problem is related to problems [105](#) and [106](#).

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## Problem 104

The Fibonacci sequence is defined by the recurrence relation:

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, \text{ where } F_1 = 1 \text{ and } F_2 = 1.$$

It turns out that  $F_{541}$ , which contains 113 digits, is the first Fibonacci number for which the last nine digits are 1-9 pandigital (contain all the digits 1 to 9, but not necessarily in order). And  $F_{2749}$ , which contains 575 digits, is the first Fibonacci number for which the first nine digits are 1-9 pandigital.

Given that  $F_k$  is the first Fibonacci number for which the first nine digits AND the last nine digits are 1-9 pandigital, find  $k$ .

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## Problem 105

Let  $S(A)$  represent the sum of elements in set  $A$  of size  $n$ . We shall call it a special sum set if for any two non-empty disjoint subsets,  $B$  and  $C$ , the following properties are true:

- i.  $S(B) \neq S(C)$ ; that is, sums of subsets cannot be equal.
- ii. If  $B$  contains more elements than  $C$  then  $S(B) > S(C)$ .

For example,  $\{81, 88, 75, 42, 87, 84, 86, 65\}$  is not a special sum set because  $65 + 87 + 88 = 75 + 81 + 84$ , whereas  $\{157, 150, 164, 119, 79, 159, 161, 139, 158\}$  satisfies both rules for all possible subset pair combinations and  $S(A) = 1286$ .

Using [sets.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 4K text file with one-hundred sets containing seven to twelve elements (the two examples given above are the first two sets in the file), identify all the special sum sets,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$ , and find the value of  $S(A_1) + S(A_2) + \dots + S(A_k)$ .

NOTE: This problem is related to problems [103](#) and [106](#).

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## Problem 106

Let  $S(A)$  represent the sum of elements in set  $A$  of size  $n$ . We shall call it a special sum set if for any two non-empty disjoint subsets,  $B$  and  $C$ , the following properties are true:

- i.  $S(B) \neq S(C)$ ; that is, sums of subsets cannot be equal.
- ii. If  $B$  contains more elements than  $C$  then  $S(B) > S(C)$ .

For this problem we shall assume that a given set contains  $n$  strictly increasing elements and it already satisfies the second rule.

Surprisingly, out of the 25 possible subset pairs that can be obtained from a set for which  $n = 4$ , only 1 of these pairs need to be tested for equality (first rule). Similarly, when  $n = 7$ , only 70 out of the 966 subset pairs need to be tested.

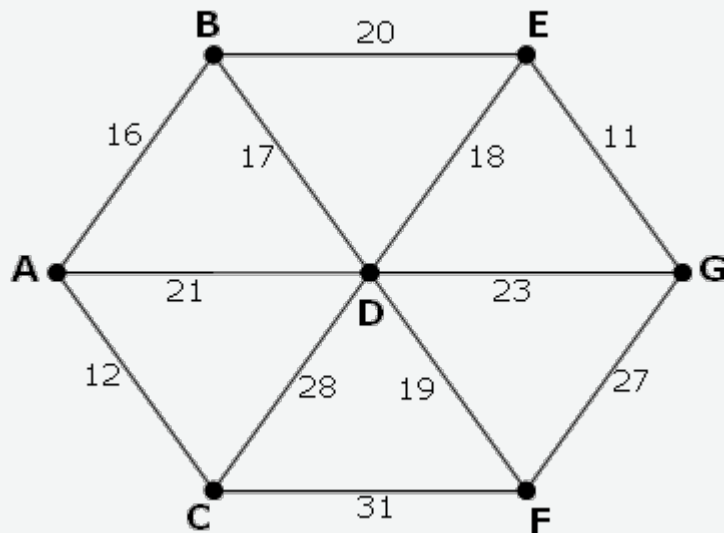
For  $n = 12$ , how many of the 261625 subset pairs that can be obtained need to be tested for equality?

NOTE: This problem is related to problems [103](#) and [105](#).

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## Problem 107

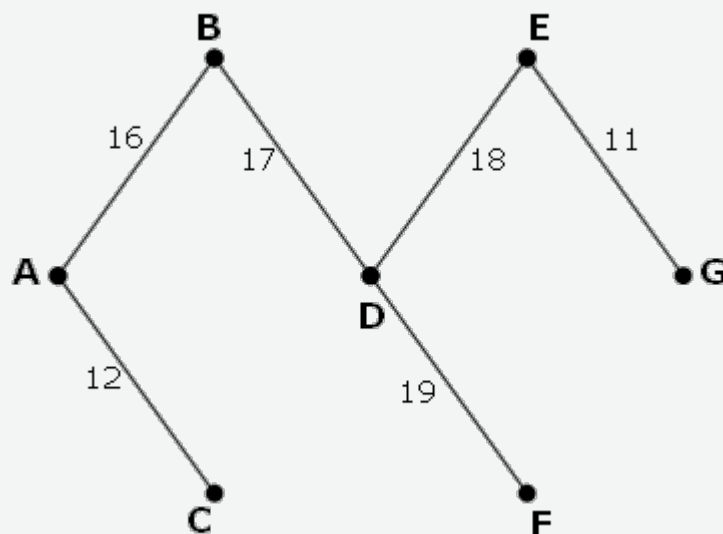
The following undirected network consists of seven vertices and twelve edges with a total weight of 243.



The same network can be represented by the matrix below.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A	-	16	12	21	-	-	-
B	16	-	-	17	20	-	-
C	12	-	-	28	-	31	-
D	21	17	28	-	18	19	23
E	-	20	-	18	-	-	11
F	-	-	31	19	-	-	27
G	-	-	-	23	11	27	-

However, it is possible to optimise the network by removing some edges and still ensure that all points on the network remain connected. The network which achieves the maximum saving is shown below. It has a weight of 93, representing a saving of  $243 - 93 = 150$  from the original network.



Using [network.txt](#) (right click and 'Save Link/Target As...'), a 6K text file containing a

network with forty vertices, and given in matrix form, find the maximum saving which can be achieved by removing redundant edges whilst ensuring that the network remains connected.

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## Problem 108

In the following equation  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $n$  are positive integers.

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{n}$$

For  $n = 4$  there are exactly three distinct solutions:

$$\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

What is the least value of  $n$  for which the number of distinct solutions exceeds one-thousand?

NOTE: This problem is an easier version of problem [110](#); it is strongly advised that you solve this one first.

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## Problem 109

In the game of darts a player throws three darts at a target board which is split into twenty equal sized sections numbered one to twenty.





The score of a dart is determined by the number of the region that the dart lands in. A dart landing outside the red/green outer ring scores zero. The black and cream regions inside this ring represent single scores. However, the red/green outer ring and middle ring score double and treble scores respectively.

At the centre of the board are two concentric circles called the bull region, or bulls-eye. The outer bull is worth 25 points and the inner bull is a double, worth 50 points.

There are many variations of rules but in the most popular game the players will begin with a score 301 or 501 and the first player to reduce their running total to zero is a winner. However, it is normal to play a "doubles out" system, which means that the player must land a double (including the double bulls-eye at the centre of the board) on their final dart to win; any other dart that would reduce their running total to one or lower means the score for that set of three darts is "bust".

When a player is able to finish on their current score it is called a "checkout" and the highest checkout is 170: T20 T20 D25 (two treble 20s and double bull).

There are exactly eleven distinct ways to checkout on a score of 6:

D3		
D1	D2	
S2	D2	
D2	D1	
S4	D1	
S1	S1	D2
S1	T1	D1
S1	S3	D1

D1	D1	D1
D1	S2	D1
S2	S2	D1

Note that D1 D2 is considered **different** to D2 D1 as they finish on different doubles. However, the combination S1 T1 D1 is considered the **same** as T1 S1 D1.

In addition we shall not include misses in considering combinations; for example, D3 is the **same** as 0 D3 and 0 0 D3.

Incredibly there are 42336 distinct ways of checking out in total.

How many distinct ways can a player checkout with a score less than 100?

## Problem 110

In the following equation  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $n$  are positive integers.

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{n}$$

It can be verified that when  $n = 1260$  there are 113 distinct solutions and this is the least value of  $n$  for which the total number of distinct solutions exceeds one hundred.

What is the least value of  $n$  for which the number of distinct solutions exceeds four million?

NOTE: This problem is a much more difficult version of problem [108](#) and as it is well beyond the limitations of a brute force approach it requires a clever implementation.

## Problem 111

Considering 4-digit primes containing repeated digits it is clear that they cannot all be the same: 1111 is divisible by 11, 2222 is divisible by 22, and so on. But there are nine 4-digit primes containing three ones:

1117, 1151, 1171, 1181, 1511, 1811, 2111, 4111, 8111

We shall say that  $M(n, d)$  represents the maximum number of repeated digits for an  $n$ -digit prime where  $d$  is the repeated digit,  $N(n, d)$  represents the number of such primes, and  $S(n, d)$  represents the sum of these primes.

So  $M(4, 1) = 3$  is the maximum number of repeated digits for a 4-digit prime where one is the repeated digit, there are  $N(4, 1) = 9$  such primes, and the sum of these primes is  $S(4, 1) = 22275$ . It turns out that for  $d = 0$ , it is only possible to have  $M(4, 0) = 2$  repeated digits, but there are  $N(4, 0) = 13$  such cases.

In the same way we obtain the following results for 4-digit primes.

Digit, $d$	$M(4, d)$	$N(4, d)$	$S(4, d)$
0	2	13	67061
1	3	9	22275
2	3	1	2221
3	3	12	46214
4	3	2	8888
5	3	1	5557
6	3	1	6661
7	3	9	57863
8	3	1	8887
9	3	7	48073

For  $d = 0$  to  $9$ , the sum of all  $S(4, d)$  is 273700.

Find the sum of all  $S(10, d)$ .

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## Problem 112

Working from left-to-right if no digit is exceeded by the digit to its left it is called an increasing number; for example, 134468.

Similarly if no digit is exceeded by the digit to its right it is called a decreasing number; for example, 66420.

We shall call a positive integer that is neither increasing nor decreasing a "bouncy" number; for example, 155349.

Clearly there cannot be any bouncy numbers below one-hundred, but just over half of the numbers below one-thousand (525) are bouncy. In fact, the least number for which the proportion of bouncy numbers first reaches 50% is 538.

Surprisingly, bouncy numbers become more and more common and by the time we reach 21780 the proportion of bouncy numbers is equal to 90%.

Find the least number for which the proportion of bouncy numbers is exactly 99%.

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## Problem 113

Working from left-to-right if no digit is exceeded by the digit to its left it is called an increasing number; for example, 134468.

Similarly if no digit is exceeded by the digit to its right it is called a decreasing number;

for example, 66420.

We shall call a positive integer that is neither increasing nor decreasing a "bouncy" number; for example, 155349.

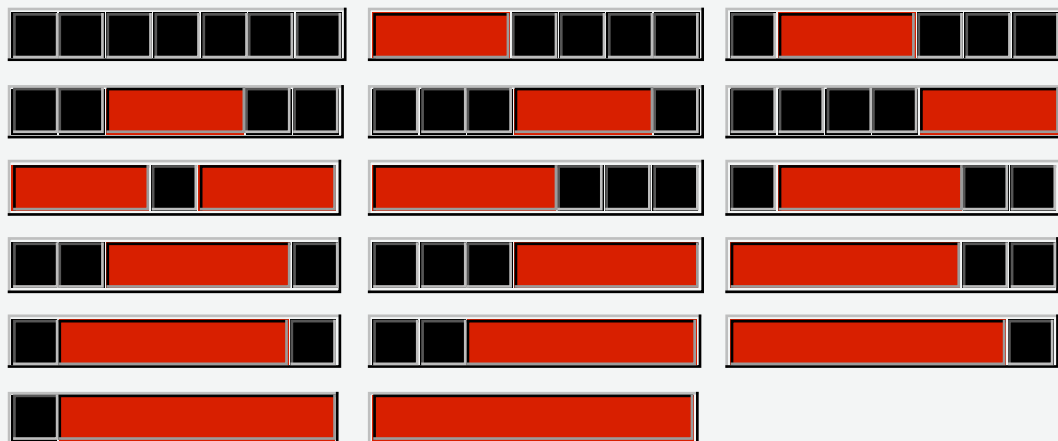
As  $n$  increases, the proportion of bouncy numbers below  $n$  increases such that there are only 12951 numbers below one-million that are not bouncy and only 277032 non-bouncy numbers below  $10^{10}$ .

How many numbers below a googol ( $10^{100}$ ) are not bouncy?

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## Problem 114

A row measuring seven units in length has red blocks with a minimum length of three units placed on it, such that any two red blocks (which are allowed to be different lengths) are separated by at least one black square. There are exactly seventeen ways of doing this.



How many ways can a row measuring fifty units in length be filled?

NOTE: Although the example above does not lend itself to the possibility, in general it is permitted to mix block sizes. For example, on a row measuring eight units in length you could use red (3), black (1), and red (4).

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## Problem 115

NOTE: This is a more difficult version of problem [114](#).

A row measuring  $n$  units in length has red blocks with a minimum length of  $m$  units placed on it, such that any two red blocks (which are allowed to be different lengths) are separated by at least one black square.

Let the fill-count function,  $F(m, n)$ , represent the number of ways that a row can be filled.

For example,  $F(3, 29) = 673135$  and  $F(3, 30) = 1089155$ .

That is, for  $m = 3$ , it can be seen that  $n = 30$  is the smallest value for which the fill-count function first exceeds one million.

In the same way, for  $m = 10$ , it can be verified that  $F(10, 56) = 880711$  and  $F(10, 57) = 1148904$ , so  $n = 57$  is the least value for which the fill-count function first exceeds one million.

For  $m = 50$ , find the least value of  $n$  for which the fill-count function first exceeds one million.

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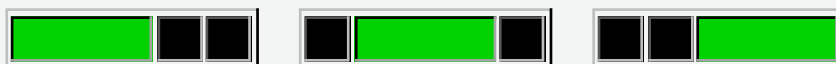
## Problem 116

A row of five black square tiles is to have a number of its tiles replaced with coloured oblong tiles chosen from red (length two), green (length three), or blue (length four).

If red tiles are chosen there are exactly seven ways this can be done.



If green tiles are chosen there are three ways.



And if blue tiles are chosen there are two ways.



Assuming that colours cannot be mixed there are  $7 + 3 + 2 = 12$  ways of replacing the black tiles in a row measuring five units in length.

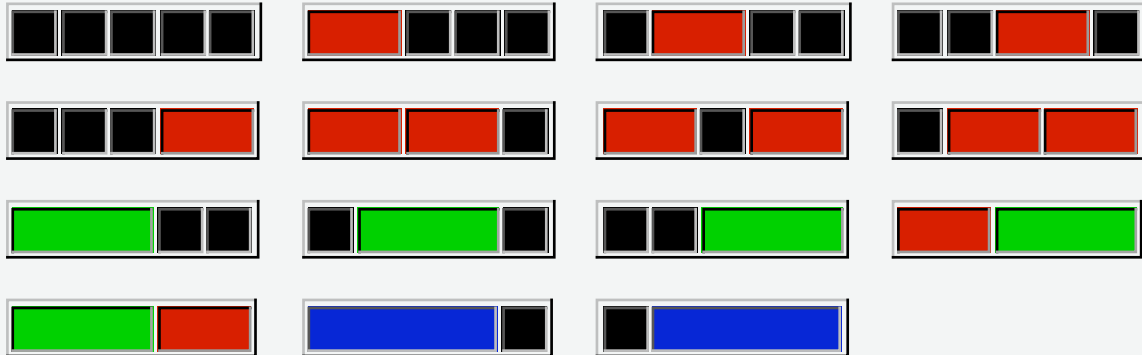
How many different ways can the black tiles in a row measuring fifty units in length be replaced if colours cannot be mixed and at least one coloured tile must be used?

NOTE: This is related to problem [117](#).

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## Problem 117

Using a combination of black square tiles and oblong tiles chosen from: red tiles measuring two units, green tiles measuring three units, and blue tiles measuring four units, it is possible to tile a row measuring five units in length in exactly fifteen different ways.



How many ways can a row measuring fifty units in length be tiled?

NOTE: This is related to problem 116.

## Problem 118

Using all of the digits 1 through 9 and concatenating them freely to form decimal integers, different sets can be formed. Interestingly with the set  $\{2, 5, 47, 89, 631\}$ , all of the elements belonging to it are prime.

How many distinct sets containing each of the digits one through nine exactly once contain only prime elements?

## Problem 119

The number 512 is interesting because it is equal to the sum of its digits raised to some power:  $5 + 1 + 2 = 8$ , and  $8^3 = 512$ . Another example of a number with this property is  $614656 = 28^4$ .

We shall define  $a_n$  to be the  $n$ th term of this sequence and insist that a number must contain at least two digits to have a sum.

You are given that  $a_2 = 512$  and  $a_{10} = 614656$ .

Find  $a_{30}$ .

## Problem 120

Let  $r$  be the remainder when  $(a-1)^n + (a+1)^n$  is divided by  $a^2$ .

For example, if  $a = 7$  and  $n = 3$ , then  $r = 42$ :  $6^3 + 8^3 = 728 \equiv 42 \pmod{49}$ . And as  $n$  varies, so too will  $r$ , but for  $a = 7$  it turns out that  $r_{\max} = 42$ .

For  $3 \leq a \leq 1000$ , find  $\sum r_{\max}$ .

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## Problem 121

A bag contains one red disc and one blue disc. In a game of chance a player takes a disc at random and its colour is noted. After each turn the disc is returned to the bag, an extra red disc is added, and another disc is taken at random.

The player pays £1 to play and wins if they have taken more blue discs than red discs at the end of the game.

If the game is played for four turns, the probability of a player winning is exactly  $11/120$ , and so the maximum prize fund the banker should allocate for winning in this game would be £10 before they would expect to incur a loss. Note that any payout will be a whole number of pounds and also includes the original £1 paid to play the game, so in the example given the player actually wins £9.

Find the maximum prize fund that should be allocated to a single game in which fifteen turns are played.

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## Problem 122

The most naive way of computing  $n^{15}$  requires fourteen multiplications:

$$n \times n \times \dots \times n = n^{15}$$

But using a "binary" method you can compute it in six multiplications:

$$\begin{aligned} n \times n &= n^2 \\ n^2 \times n^2 &= n^4 \\ n^4 \times n^4 &= n^8 \\ n^8 \times n^4 &= n^{12} \\ n^{12} \times n^2 &= n^{14} \\ n^{14} \times n &= n^{15} \end{aligned}$$

However it is yet possible to compute it in only five multiplications:

$$n \times n = n^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 \times n &= n^3 \\n^3 \times n^3 &= n^6 \\n^6 \times n^6 &= n^{12} \\n^{12} \times n^3 &= n^{15}\end{aligned}$$

We shall define  $m(k)$  to be the minimum number of multiplications to compute  $n^k$ ; for example  $m(15) = 5$ .

For  $1 \leq k \leq 200$ , find  $\sum m(k)$ .

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## Problem 123

Let  $p_n$  be the  $n$ th prime: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, ..., and let  $r$  be the remainder when  $(p_n - 1)^n + (p_n + 1)^n$  is divided by  $p_n^2$ .

For example, when  $n = 3$ ,  $p_3 = 5$ , and  $4^3 + 6^3 = 280 \equiv 5 \pmod{25}$ .

The least value of  $n$  for which the remainder first exceeds  $10^9$  is 7037.

Find the least value of  $n$  for which the remainder first exceeds  $10^{10}$ .

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## Problem 124



The radical of  $n$ ,  $\text{rad}(n)$ , is the product of distinct prime factors of  $n$ . For example,  $504 = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 7$ , so  $\text{rad}(504) = 2 \times 3 \times 7 = 42$ .

If we calculate  $\text{rad}(n)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 10$ , then sort them on  $\text{rad}(n)$ , and sorting on  $n$  if the radical values are equal, we get:

Unsorted		Sorted		
$n$	$\text{rad}(n)$	$n$	$\text{rad}(n)$	$k$
1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2
3	3	4	2	3
4	2	8	2	4
5	5	3	3	5
6	6	9	3	6
7	7	5	5	7
8	2	6	6	8
9	3	7	7	9
10	10	10	10	10

Let  $E(k)$  be the  $k$ th element in the sorted  $n$  column; for example,  $E(4) = 8$  and  $E(6) = 9$ .

If  $\text{rad}(n)$  is sorted for  $1 \leq n \leq 100000$ , find  $E(10000)$ .

## Problem 125

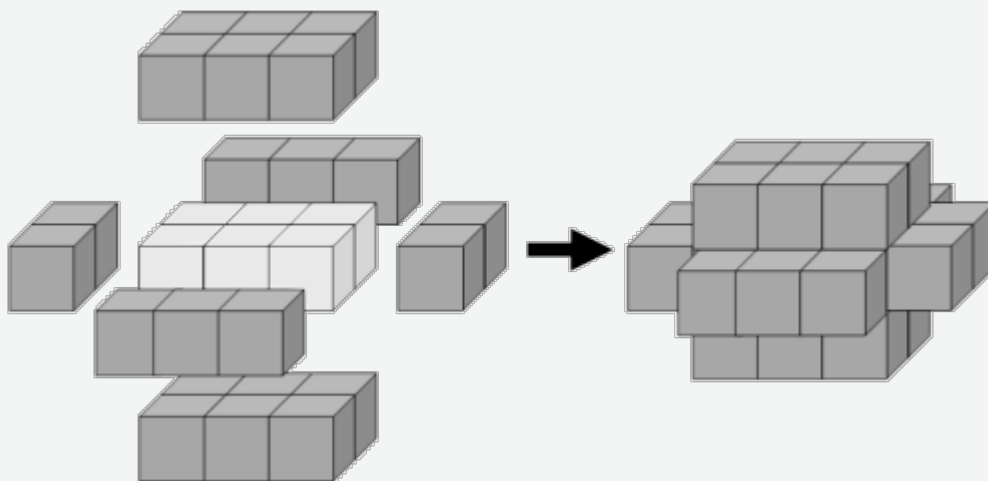
The palindromic number 595 is interesting because it can be written as the sum of consecutive squares:  $6^2 + 7^2 + 8^2 + 9^2 + 10^2 + 11^2 + 12^2$ .

There are exactly eleven palindromes below one-thousand that can be written as consecutive square sums, and the sum of these palindromes is 4164. Note that  $1 = 0^2 + 1^2$  has not been included as this problem is concerned with the squares of positive integers.

Find the sum of all the numbers less than  $10^8$  that are both palindromic and can be written as the sum of consecutive squares.

## Problem 126

The minimum number of cubes to cover every visible face on a cuboid measuring  $3 \times 2 \times 1$  is twenty-two.



If we then add a second layer to this solid it would require forty-six cubes to cover every visible face, the third layer would require seventy-eight cubes, and the fourth layer would require one-hundred and eighteen cubes to cover every visible face.

However, the first layer on a cuboid measuring  $5 \times 1 \times 1$  also requires twenty-two cubes; similarly the first layer on cuboids measuring  $5 \times 3 \times 1$ ,  $7 \times 2 \times 1$ , and  $11 \times 1 \times 1$  all contain forty-six cubes.

We shall define  $C(n)$  to represent the number of solids that contain  $n$  cubes in one of its layers. So  $C(22) = 2$ ,  $C(46) = 4$ ,  $C(78) = 5$ , and  $C(118) = 8$ .

It turns out that 154 is the least value of  $n$  for which  $C(n) = 10$ .

Find the least value of  $n$  for which  $C(n) = 1000$ .

## Problem 127

The radical of  $n$ ,  $\text{rad}(n)$ , is the product of distinct prime factors of  $n$ . For example,  $504 = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 7$ , so  $\text{rad}(504) = 2 \times 3 \times 7 = 42$ .

We shall define the triplet of positive integers  $(a, b, c)$  to be an abc-hit if:

1.  $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(a, c) = \text{GCD}(b, c) = 1$
2.  $a < b$
3.  $a + b = c$
4.  $\text{rad}(abc) < c$

For example,  $(5, 27, 32)$  is an abc-hit, because:

1.  $\text{GCD}(5, 27) = \text{GCD}(5, 32) = \text{GCD}(27, 32) = 1$
2.  $5 < 27$
3.  $5 + 27 = 32$
4.  $\text{rad}(4320) = 30 < 32$

It turns out that abc-hits are quite rare and there are only thirty-one abc-hits for  $c < 1000$ , with  $\sum c = 12523$ .

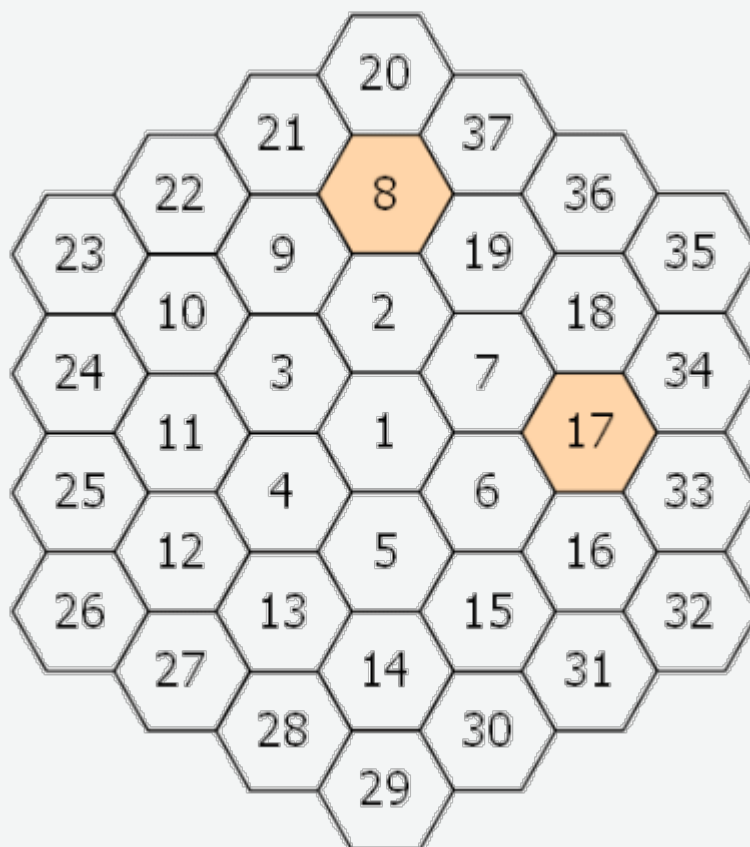
Find  $\sum c$  for  $c < 110000$ .

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## Problem 128

A hexagonal tile with number 1 is surrounded by a ring of six hexagonal tiles, starting at "12 o'clock" and numbering the tiles 2 to 7 in an anti-clockwise direction.

New rings are added in the same fashion, with the next rings being numbered 8 to 19, 20 to 37, 38 to 61, and so on. The diagram below shows the first three rings.



By finding the difference between tile  $n$  and each its six neighbours we shall define  $PD(n)$  to be the number of those differences which are prime.

For example, working clockwise around tile 8 the differences are 12, 29, 11, 6, 1, and 13. So  $PD(8) = 3$ .

In the same way, the differences around tile 17 are 1, 17, 16, 1, 11, and 10, hence  $PD(17) = 2$ .

It can be shown that the maximum value of  $PD(n)$  is 3.

If all of the tiles for which  $PD(n) = 3$  are listed in ascending order to form a sequence, the 10th tile would be 271.

Find the 2000th tile in this sequence.

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## Problem 129

A number consisting entirely of ones is called a repunit. We shall define  $R(k)$  to be a repunit of length  $k$ ; for example,  $R(6) = 111111$ .

Given that  $n$  is a positive integer and  $\text{GCD}(n, 10) = 1$ , it can be shown that there always exists a value,  $k$ , for which  $R(k)$  is divisible by  $n$ , and let  $A(n)$  be the least such value of  $k$ ; for example,  $A(7) = 6$  and  $A(41) = 5$ .

The least value of  $n$  for which  $A(n)$  first exceeds ten is 17.

Find the least value of  $n$  for which  $A(n)$  first exceeds one-million.

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## Problem 130

A number consisting entirely of ones is called a repunit. We shall define  $R(k)$  to be a repunit of length  $k$ ; for example,  $R(6) = 111111$ .

Given that  $n$  is a positive integer and  $\text{GCD}(n, 10) = 1$ , it can be shown that there always exists a value,  $k$ , for which  $R(k)$  is divisible by  $n$ , and let  $A(n)$  be the least such value of  $k$ ; for example,  $A(7) = 6$  and  $A(41) = 5$ .

You are given that for all primes,  $p > 5$ , that  $p - 1$  is divisible by  $A(p)$ . For example, when  $p = 41$ ,  $A(41) = 5$ , and 40 is divisible by 5.

However, there are rare composite values for which this is also true; the first five examples being 91, 259, 451, 481, and 703.

Find the sum of the first twenty-five composite values of  $n$  for which  $\text{GCD}(n, 10) = 1$  and  $n - 1$  is divisible by  $A(n)$ .

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## Problem 131

There are some prime values,  $p$ , for which there exists a positive integer,  $n$ , such that the expression  $n^3 + n^2p$  is a perfect cube.

For example, when  $p = 19$ ,  $8^3 + 8^2 \times 19 = 12^3$ .

What is perhaps most surprising is that for each prime with this property the value of  $n$  is unique, and there are only four such primes below one-hundred.

How many primes below one million have this remarkable property?

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## Problem 132

A number consisting entirely of ones is called a repunit. We shall define  $R(k)$  to be a repunit of length  $k$ .

For example,  $R(10) = 1111111111 = 11 \times 41 \times 271 \times 9091$ , and the sum of these prime factors is 9414.

Find the sum of the first forty prime factors of  $R(10^9)$ .

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### Problem 133

A number consisting entirely of ones is called a repunit. We shall define  $R(k)$  to be a repunit of length  $k$ ; for example,  $R(6) = 111111$ .

Let us consider repunits of the form  $R(10^n)$ .

Although  $R(10)$ ,  $R(100)$ , or  $R(1000)$  are not divisible by 17,  $R(10000)$  is divisible by 17. Yet there is no value of  $n$  for which  $R(10^n)$  will divide by 19. In fact, it is remarkable that 11, 17, 41, and 73 are only four primes below one-hundred that can ever be a factor of  $R(10^n)$ .

Find the sum of all the primes below one-hundred thousand that will never be a factor of  $R(10^n)$ .

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### Problem 134

Consider the consecutive primes  $p_1 = 19$  and  $p_2 = 23$ . It can be verified that 1219 is the smallest number such that the last digits are formed by  $p_1$  whilst also being divisible by  $p_2$ .

In fact, with the exception of  $p_1 = 3$  and  $p_2 = 5$ , for every pair of consecutive primes,  $p_2 > p_1$ , there exist values of  $n$  for which the last digits are formed by  $p_1$  and  $n$  is divisible by  $p_2$ . Let  $S$  be the smallest of these values of  $n$ .

Find  $\sum S$  for every pair of consecutive primes with  $5 \leq p_1 \leq 1000000$ .

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### Problem 135

Given the positive integers,  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , are consecutive terms of an arithmetic progression, the least value of the positive integer,  $n$ , for which the equation,  $x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = n$ , has exactly two solutions is  $n = 27$ :

$$34^2 - 27^2 - 20^2 = 12^2 - 9^2 - 6^2 = 27$$

It turns out that  $n = 1155$  is the least value which has exactly ten solutions.

How many values of  $n$  less than one million have exactly ten distinct solutions?

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## Problem 136

The positive integers,  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , are consecutive terms of an arithmetic progression. Given that  $n$  is a positive integer, the equation,  $x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = n$ , has exactly one solution when  $n = 20$ :

$$13^2 - 10^2 - 7^2 = 20$$

In fact there are twenty-five values of  $n$  below one hundred for which the equation has a unique solution.

How many values of  $n$  less than fifty million have exactly one solution?

## Problem 137

Consider the infinite polynomial series  $A_F(x) = xF_1 + x^2F_2 + x^3F_3 + \dots$ , where  $F_k$  is the  $k$ th term in the Fibonacci sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ... ; that is,  $F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2}$ ,  $F_1 = 1$  and  $F_2 = 1$ .

For this problem we shall be interested in values of  $x$  for which  $A_F(x)$  is a positive integer.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Surprisingly } A_F(1/2) &= (1/2) \cdot 1 + (1/2)^2 \cdot 1 + (1/2)^3 \cdot 2 + (1/2)^4 \cdot 3 + (1/2)^5 \cdot 5 + \dots \\ &= 1/2 + 1/4 + 2/8 + 3/16 + 5/32 + \dots \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding values of  $x$  for the first five natural numbers are shown below.

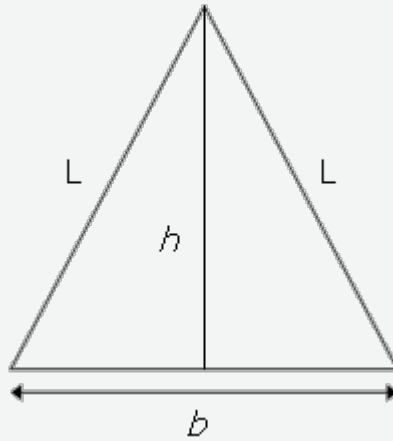
$x$	$A_F(x)$
$\sqrt{2}-1$	1
$1/2$	2
$(\sqrt{13}-2)/3$	3
$(\sqrt{89}-5)/8$	4
$(\sqrt{34}-3)/5$	5

We shall call  $A_F(x)$  a golden nugget if  $x$  is rational, because they become increasingly rarer; for example, the 10th golden nugget is 74049690.

Find the 15th golden nugget.

## Problem 138

Consider the isosceles triangle with base length,  $b = 16$ , and legs,  $L = 17$ .



By using the Pythagorean theorem it can be seen that the height of the triangle,  $h = \sqrt{(17^2 - 8^2)} = 15$ , which is one less than the base length.

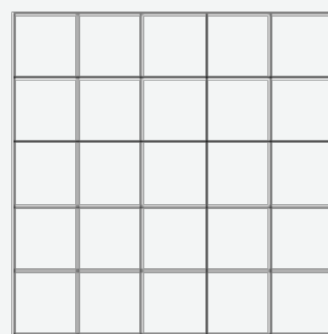
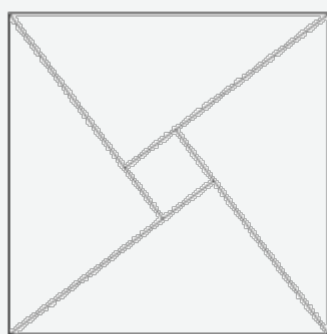
With  $b = 272$  and  $L = 305$ , we get  $h = 273$ , which is one more than the base length, and this is the second smallest isosceles triangle with the property that  $h = b \pm 1$ .

Find  $\sum L$  for the twelve smallest isosceles triangles for which  $h = b \pm 1$  and  $b, L$  are positive integers.

## Problem 139

Let  $(a, b, c)$  represent the three sides of a right angle triangle with integral length sides. It is possible to place four such triangles together to form a square with length  $c$ .

For example,  $(3, 4, 5)$  triangles can be placed together to form a 5 by 5 square with a 1 by 1 hole in the middle and it can be seen that the 5 by 5 square can be tiled with twenty-five 1 by 1 squares.



However, if  $(5, 12, 13)$  triangles were used then the hole would measure 7 by 7 and these could not be used to tile the 13 by 13 square.

Given that the perimeter of the right triangle is less than one-hundred million, how many Pythagorean triangles would allow such a tiling to take place?

## Problem 140

Consider the infinite polynomial series  $A_G(x) = xG_1 + x^2G_2 + x^3G_3 + \dots$ , where  $G_k$  is the  $k$ th term of the second order recurrence relation  $G_k = G_{k-1} + G_{k-2}$ ,  $G_1 = 1$  and  $G_2 = 4$ ; that is, 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 23, ... .

For this problem we shall be concerned with values of  $x$  for which  $A_G(x)$  is a positive integer.

The corresponding values of  $x$  for the first five natural numbers are shown below.

$x$	$A_G(x)$
$(\sqrt{5}-1)/4$	1
$2/5$	2
$(\sqrt{22}-2)/6$	3
$(\sqrt{137}-5)/14$	4
$1/2$	5

We shall call  $A_G(x)$  a golden nugget if  $x$  is rational, because they become increasingly rarer; for example, the 20th golden nugget is 211345365.

Find the sum of the first thirty golden nuggets.

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## Problem 141

A positive integer,  $n$ , is divided by  $d$  and the quotient and remainder are  $q$  and  $r$  respectively. In addition  $d$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are consecutive positive integer terms in a geometric sequence, but not necessarily in that order.

For example, 58 divided by 6 has quotient 9 and remainder 4. It can also be seen that 4, 6, 9 are consecutive terms in a geometric sequence (common ratio  $3/2$ ).

We will call such numbers,  $n$ , progressive.

Some progressive numbers, such as 9 and  $10404 = 102^2$ , happen to also be perfect squares. The sum of all progressive perfect squares below one hundred thousand is 124657.

Find the sum of all progressive perfect squares below one trillion ( $10^{12}$ ).

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## Problem 142

Find the smallest  $x + y + z$  with integers  $x > y > z > 0$  such that  $x + y$ ,  $x - y$ ,  $x + z$ ,  $x - z$ ,  $y + z$ ,  $y - z$  are all perfect squares.

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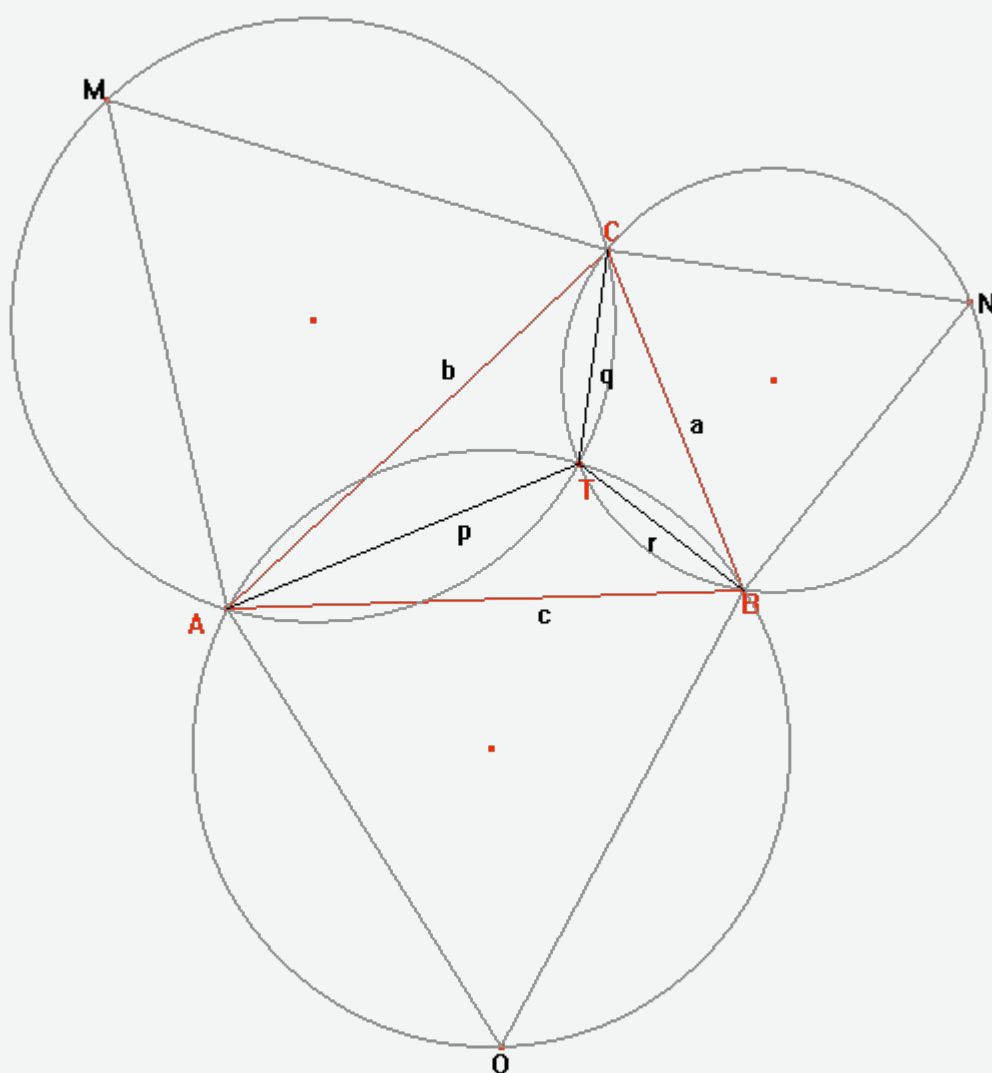


## Problem 143

Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with all interior angles being less than 120 degrees. Let  $X$  be any point inside the triangle and let  $XA = p$ ,  $XB = q$ , and  $XC = r$ .

Fermat challenged Torricelli to find the position of  $X$  such that  $p + q + r$  was minimised.

Torricelli was able to prove that if equilateral triangles  $AOB$ ,  $BNC$  and  $AMC$  are constructed on each side of triangle  $ABC$ , the circumscribed circles of  $AOB$ ,  $BNC$ , and  $AMC$  will intersect at a single point,  $T$ , inside the triangle. Moreover he proved that  $T$ , called the Torricelli/Fermat point, minimises  $p + q + r$ . Even more remarkable, it can be shown that when the sum is minimised,  $AN = BM = CO = p + q + r$  and that  $AN$ ,  $BM$  and  $CO$  also intersect at  $T$ .



If the sum is minimised and  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  are all positive integers we shall call triangle  $ABC$  a Torricelli triangle. For example,  $a = 399$ ,  $b = 455$ ,  $c = 511$  is an example of a Torricelli triangle, with  $p + q + r = 784$ .

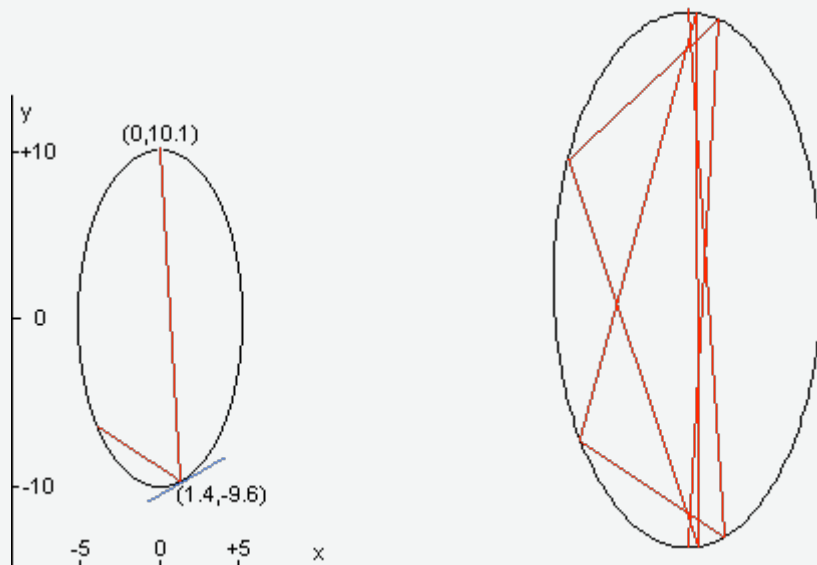
Find the sum of all distinct values of  $p + q + r \leq 110000$  for Torricelli triangles.

## Problem 144

In laser physics, a "white cell" is a mirror system that acts as a delay line for the laser beam. The beam enters the cell, bounces around on the mirrors, and eventually works its way back out.

The specific white cell we will be considering is an ellipse with the equation  $4x^2 + y^2 = 100$

The section corresponding to  $-0.01 \leq x \leq +0.01$  at the top is missing, allowing the light to enter and exit through the hole.



The light beam in this problem starts at the point (0.0,10.1) just outside the white cell, and the beam first impacts the mirror at (1.4,-9.6).

Each time the laser beam hits the surface of the ellipse, it follows the usual law of reflection "angle of incidence equals angle of reflection." That is, both the incident and reflected beams make the same angle with the normal line at the point of incidence.

In the figure on the left, the red line shows the first two points of contact between the laser beam and the wall of the white cell; the blue line shows the line tangent to the ellipse at the point of incidence of the first bounce.

The slope  $m$  of the tangent line at any point  $(x,y)$  of the given ellipse is:  $m = -4x/y$

The normal line is perpendicular to this tangent line at the point of incidence.

The animation on the right shows the first 10 reflections of the beam.

How many times does the beam hit the internal surface of the white cell before exiting?

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## Problem 145

Some positive integers  $n$  have the property that the sum  $[n + \text{reverse}(n)]$  consists entirely of odd (decimal) digits. For instance,  $36 + 63 = 99$  and  $409 + 904 = 1313$ . We will call such numbers *reversible*; so 36, 63, 409, and 904 are reversible. Leading zeroes are not allowed

in either  $n$  or  $\text{reverse}(n)$ .

There are 120 reversible numbers below one-thousand.

How many reversible numbers are there below one-billion ( $10^9$ )?

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## Problem 146

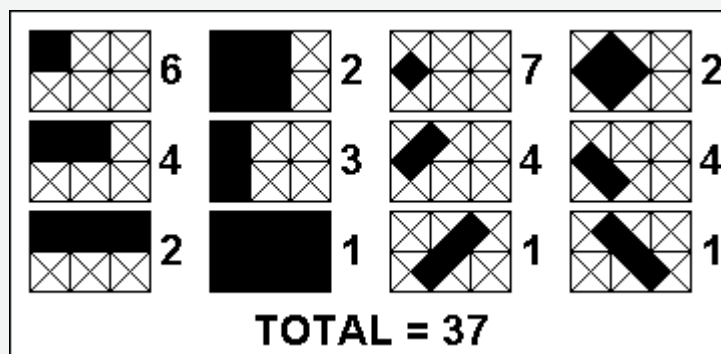
The smallest positive integer  $n$  for which the numbers  $n^2+1$ ,  $n^2+3$ ,  $n^2+7$ ,  $n^2+9$ ,  $n^2+13$ , and  $n^2+27$  are consecutive primes is 10. The sum of all such integers  $n$  below one-million is 1242490.

What is the sum of all such integers  $n$  below 150 million?

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## Problem 147

In a  $3 \times 2$  cross-hatched grid, a total of 37 different rectangles could be situated within that grid as indicated in the sketch.



There are 5 grids smaller than  $3 \times 2$ , vertical and horizontal dimensions being important, i.e.  $1 \times 1$ ,  $2 \times 1$ ,  $3 \times 1$ ,  $1 \times 2$  and  $2 \times 2$ . If each of them is cross-hatched, the following number of different rectangles could be situated within those smaller grids:

$1 \times 1$ : 1  
 $2 \times 1$ : 4  
 $3 \times 1$ : 8  
 $1 \times 2$ : 4  
 $2 \times 2$ : 18

Adding those to the 37 of the  $3 \times 2$  grid, a total of 72 different rectangles could be situated within  $3 \times 2$  and smaller grids.

How many different rectangles could be situated within  $47 \times 43$  and smaller grids?

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## Problem 148

We can easily verify that none of the entries in the first seven rows of Pascal's triangle are divisible by 7:

				1					
			1		1				
		1		2		1			
	1		3		3		1		
	1	4		6		4		1	
	1	5	10		10		5		1
1	6	15	20		15	6		1	

However, if we check the first one hundred rows, we will find that only 2361 of the 5050 entries are *not* divisible by 7.

Find the number of entries which are *not* divisible by 7 in the first one billion ( $10^9$ ) rows of Pascal's triangle.

## Problem 149

Looking at the table below, it is easy to verify that the maximum possible sum of adjacent numbers in any direction (horizontal, vertical, diagonal or anti-diagonal) is 16 (= 8 + 7 + 1).

-2	5	3	2
9	-6	5	1
3	2	7	3
-1	8	-4	8

Now, let us repeat the search, but on a much larger scale:

First, generate four million pseudo-random numbers using a specific form of what is known as a "Lagged Fibonacci Generator":

For  $1 \leq k \leq 55$ ,  $s_k = [100003 - 200003k + 300007k^3] \pmod{1000000} - 500000$ .

For  $56 \leq k \leq 4000000$ ,  $s_k = [s_{k-24} + s_{k-55} + 1000000] \pmod{1000000} - 500000$ .

Thus,  $s_{10} = -393027$  and  $s_{100} = 86613$ .

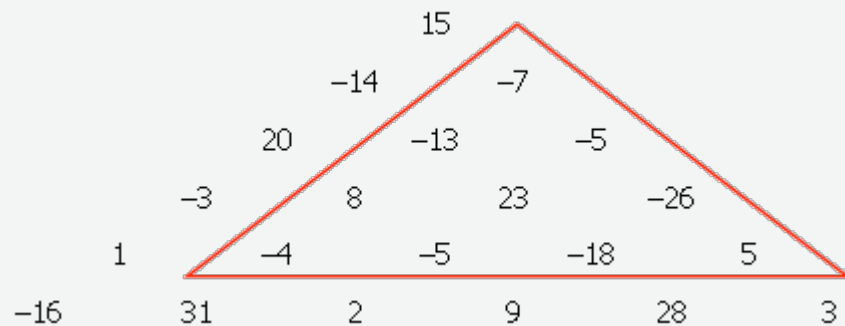
The terms of  $s$  are then arranged in a  $2000 \times 2000$  table, using the first 2000 numbers to fill the first row (sequentially), the next 2000 numbers to fill the second row, and so on.

Finally, find the greatest sum of (any number of) adjacent entries in any direction (horizontal, vertical, diagonal or anti-diagonal).

## Problem 150

In a triangular array of positive and negative integers, we wish to find a sub-triangle such that the sum of the numbers it contains is the smallest possible.

In the example below, it can be easily verified that the marked triangle satisfies this condition having a sum of  $-42$ .



We wish to make such a triangular array with one thousand rows, so we generate 500500 pseudo-random numbers  $s_k$  in the range  $\pm 2^{19}$ , using a type of random number generator (known as a Linear Congruential Generator) as follows:

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t := 0
for k = 1 up to k = 500500:
  t := (615949*t + 797807) modulo 220
  sk := t-219
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Thus:  $s_1 = 273519$ ,  $s_2 = -153582$ ,  $s_3 = 450905$  etc

Our triangular array is then formed using the pseudo-random numbers thus:

$$\begin{array}{c} s_1 \\ s_2 \ s_3 \\ s_4 \ s_5 \ s_6 \\ s_7 \ s_8 \ s_9 \ s_{10} \\ \dots \end{array}$$

Sub-triangles can start at any element of the array and extend down as far as we like (taking-in the two elements directly below it from the next row, the three elements directly below from the row after that, and so on).

The "sum of a sub-triangle" is defined as the sum of all the elements it contains. Find the smallest possible sub-triangle sum.

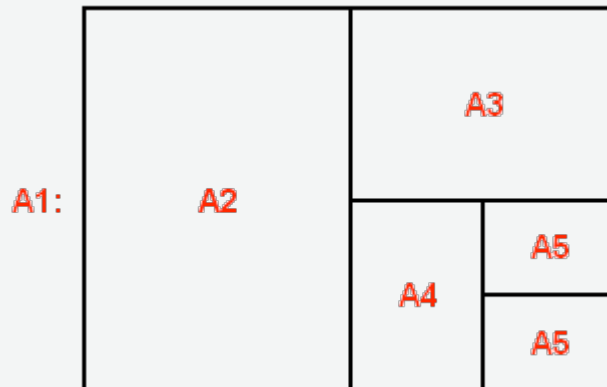
## Problem 151

A printing shop runs 16 batches (jobs) every week and each batch requires a sheet of special colour-proofing paper of size A5.

Every Monday morning, the foreman opens a new envelope, containing a large sheet of the special paper with size A1.

He proceeds to cut it in half, thus getting two sheets of size A2. Then he cuts one of them in half to get two sheets of size A3 and so on until he obtains the A5-size sheet needed for the first batch of the week.

All the unused sheets are placed back in the envelope.



At the beginning of each subsequent batch, he takes from the envelope one sheet of paper at random. If it is of size A5, he uses it. If it is larger, he repeats the 'cut-in-half' procedure until he has what he needs and any remaining sheets are always placed back in the envelope.

Excluding the first and last batch of the week, find the expected number of times (during each week) that the foreman finds a single sheet of paper in the envelope.

Give your answer rounded to six decimal places using the format x.xxxxxx .

## Problem 152

There are several ways to write the number  $1/2$  as a sum of inverse squares using *distinct* integers.

For instance, the numbers  $\{2,3,4,5,7,12,15,20,28,35\}$  can be used:

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{12^2} + \frac{1}{15^2} + \frac{1}{20^2} + \frac{1}{28^2} + \frac{1}{35^2}$$

In fact, only using integers between 2 and 45 inclusive, there are exactly three ways to do it, the remaining two being:  $\{2,3,4,6,7,9,10,20,28,35,36,45\}$  and  $\{2,3,4,6,7,9,12,15,28,30,35,36,45\}$ .

How many ways are there to write the number  $1/2$  as a sum of inverse squares using distinct integers between 2 and 80 inclusive?

## Problem 153

As we all know the equation  $x^2 = -1$  has no solutions for real  $x$ .

If we however introduce the imaginary number  $i$  this equation has two solutions:  $x=i$  and  $x=-i$ .

If we go a step further the equation  $(x-3)^2=-4$  has two complex solutions:  $x=3+2i$  and  $x=3-2i$ .

$x=3+2i$  and  $x=3-2i$  are called each others' complex conjugate.

Numbers of the form  $a+bi$  are called complex numbers.

In general  $a+bi$  and  $a-bi$  are each other's complex conjugate.

A Gaussian Integer is a complex number  $a+bi$  such that both  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

The regular integers are also Gaussian integers (with  $b=0$ ).

To distinguish them from Gaussian integers with  $b \neq 0$  we call such integers "rational integers."

A Gaussian integer is called a divisor of a rational integer  $n$  if the result is also a Gaussian integer.

If for example we divide 5 by  $1+2i$  we can simplify  $\frac{5}{1+2i}$  in the following manner:

Multiply numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of  $1+2i$ :  $1-2i$ .

The result is  $\frac{5}{1+2i} = \frac{5}{1+2i} \frac{1-2i}{1-2i} = \frac{5(1-2i)}{1-(2i)^2} = \frac{5(1-2i)}{1-(-4)} = \frac{5(1-2i)}{5} = 1-2i$ .

So  $1+2i$  is a divisor of 5.

Note that  $1+i$  is not a divisor of 5 because  $\frac{5}{1+i} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{2}i$ .

Note also that if the Gaussian Integer  $(a+bi)$  is a divisor of a rational integer  $n$ , then its complex conjugate  $(a-bi)$  is also a divisor of  $n$ .

In fact, 5 has six divisors such that the real part is positive:  $\{1, 1+2i, 1-2i, 2+i, 2-i, 5\}$ .

The following is a table of all of the divisors for the first five positive rational integers:

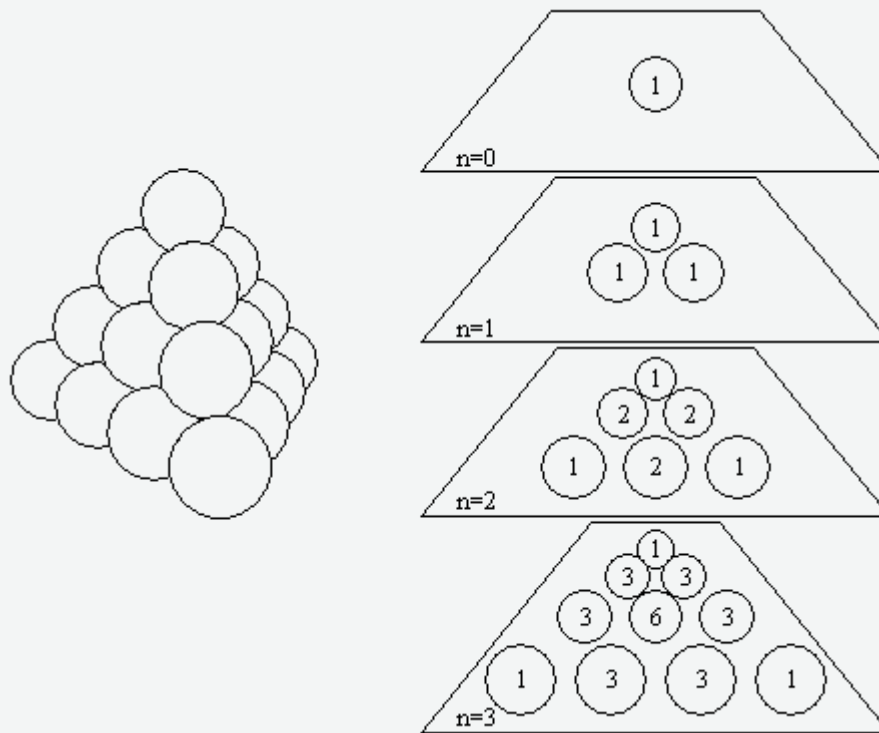
$n$	Gaussian integer divisors with positive real part	Sum $s(n)$ of these divisors
1	1	1
2	1, $1+i$ , $1-i$ , 2	5
3	1, 3	4
4	1, $1+i$ , $1-i$ , 2, $2+2i$ , $2-2i$ , 4	13
5	1, $1+2i$ , $1-2i$ , $2+i$ , $2-i$ , 5	12

For divisors with positive real parts, then, we have:  $\sum_{n=1}^5 s(n) = 35$ .

For  $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$ ,  $\sum s(n) = 17924657155$ .

What is  $\sum s(n)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 10^8$ ?

A triangular pyramid is constructed using spherical balls so that each ball rests on exactly three balls of the next lower level.



Then, we calculate the number of paths leading from the apex to each position:

A path starts at the apex and progresses downwards to any of the three spheres directly below the current position.

Consequently, the number of paths to reach a certain position is the sum of the numbers immediately above it (depending on the position, there are up to three numbers above it).

The result is *Pascal's pyramid* and the numbers at each level  $n$  are the coefficients of the trinomial expansion  $(x + y + z)^n$ .

How many coefficients in the expansion of  $(x + y + z)^{200000}$  are multiples of  $10^{12}$ ?

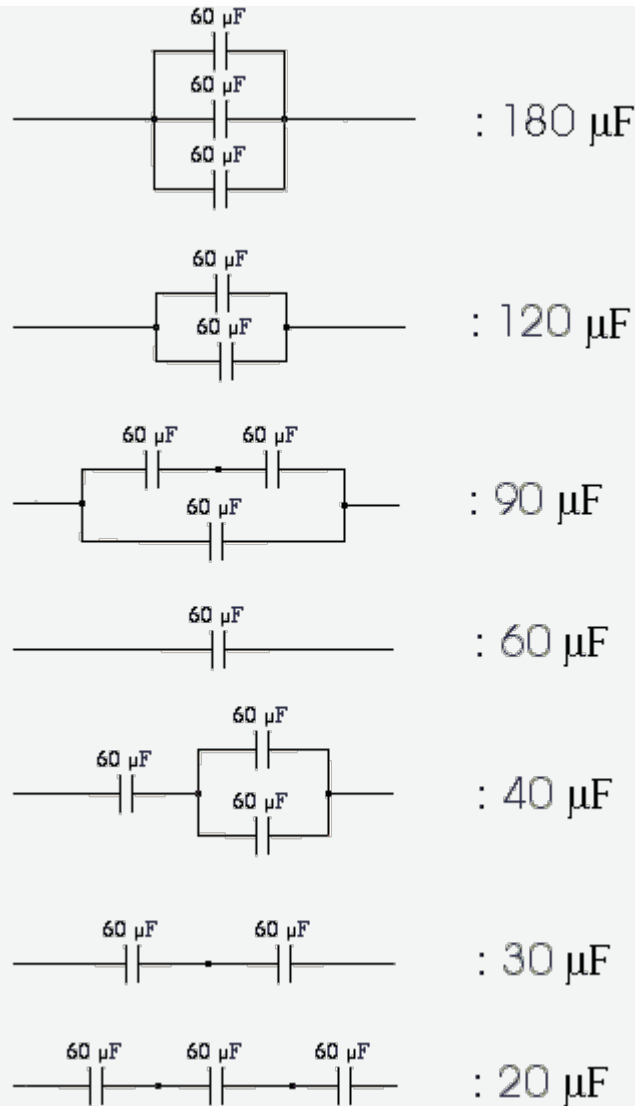
## Problem 155

An electric circuit uses exclusively identical capacitors of the same value  $C$ .

The capacitors can be connected in series or in parallel to form sub-units, which can then be connected in series or in parallel with other capacitors or other sub-units to form larger sub-units, and so on up to a final circuit.

Using this simple procedure and up to  $n$  identical capacitors, we can make circuits having a range of different total capacitances. For example, using up to  $n=3$  capacitors of  $60 \mu\text{F}$  each, we can obtain the following 7 distinct total capacitance values:





If we denote by  $D(n)$  the number of distinct total capacitance values we can obtain when using up to  $n$  equal-valued capacitors and the simple procedure described above, we have:  $D(1)=1$ ,  $D(2)=3$ ,  $D(3)=7$  ...

Find  $D(18)$ .

*Reminder :* When connecting capacitors  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  etc in parallel, the total capacitance is

$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + \dots,$$

whereas when connecting them in series, the overall capacitance is given by:

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots$$

## Problem 156

Starting from zero the natural numbers are written down in base 10 like this:

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12....

Consider the digit  $d=1$ . After we write down each number  $n$ , we will update the number of ones that have occurred and call this number  $f(n,1)$ . The first values for  $f(n,1)$ , then, are

as follows:

$n$	$f(n,1)$
0	0
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	1
8	1
9	1
10	2
11	4
12	5

Note that  $f(n,1)$  never equals 3.

So the first two solutions of the equation  $f(n,1)=n$  are  $n=0$  and  $n=1$ . The next solution is  $n=199981$ .

In the same manner the function  $f(n,d)$  gives the total number of digits  $d$  that have been written down after the number  $n$  has been written.

In fact, for every digit  $d \neq 0$ , 0 is the first solution of the equation  $f(n,d)=n$ .

Let  $s(d)$  be the sum of all the solutions for which  $f(n,d)=n$ .

You are given that  $s(1)=22786974071$ .

Find  $\sum s(d)$  for  $1 \leq d \leq 9$ .

Note: if, for some  $n$ ,  $f(n,d)=n$  for more than one value of  $d$  this value of  $n$  is counted again for every value of  $d$  for which  $f(n,d)=n$ .

## Problem 157

Consider the diophantine equation  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{p}{10^n}$  with  $a, b, p, n$  positive integers and  $a \leq b$ .

For  $n=1$  this equation has 20 solutions that are listed below:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{20}{10} & \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{15}{10} & \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{12}{10} & \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{11}{10} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{10}{10} \\
 \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{7}{10} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{6}{10} & \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{10} & \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{15} = \frac{4}{10} & \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{10} \\
 \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{3}{10} & \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{10} & \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{3}{10} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{30} = \frac{2}{10} & \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{2}{10} \\
 \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{110} = \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{60} = \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{35} = \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{30} = \frac{1}{10} & \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{1}{10}
 \end{array}$$

How many solutions has this equation for  $1 \leq n \leq 9$ ?

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## Problem 158

Taking three different letters from the 26 letters of the alphabet, character strings of length three can be formed.

Examples are 'abc', 'hat' and 'zyx'.

When we study these three examples we see that for 'abc' two characters come lexicographically after its neighbour to the left.

For 'hat' there is exactly one character that comes lexicographically after its neighbour to the left. For 'zyx' there are zero characters that come lexicographically after its neighbour to the left.

In all there are 10400 strings of length 3 for which exactly one character comes lexicographically after its neighbour to the left.

We now consider strings of  $n \leq 26$  different characters from the alphabet.

For every  $n$ ,  $p(n)$  is the number of strings of length  $n$  for which exactly one character comes lexicographically after its neighbour to the left.

What is the maximum value of  $p(n)$ ?

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## Problem 159

A composite number can be factored many different ways. For instance, not including multiplication by one, 24 can be factored in 7 distinct ways:

$$24 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$$

$$24 = 2 \times 3 \times 4$$

$$24 = 2 \times 2 \times 6$$

$$24 = 4 \times 6$$

$$24 = 3 \times 8$$

$$24 = 2 \times 12$$

$$24 = 24$$

Recall that the digital root of a number, in base 10, is found by adding together the digits of that number, and repeating that process until a number is arrived at that is less than 10. Thus the digital root of 467 is 8.

We shall call a Digital Root Sum (DRS) the sum of the digital roots of the individual factors of our number.

The chart below demonstrates all of the DRS values for 24.

Factorisation	Digital Root Sum
$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$	9
$2 \times 3 \times 4$	9
$2 \times 2 \times 6$	10

4x6	10
3x8	11
2x12	5
24	6

The maximum Digital Root Sum of 24 is 11.

The function  $\text{mdrs}(n)$  gives the maximum Digital Root Sum of  $n$ . So  $\text{mdrs}(24)=11$ .

Find  $\sum \text{mdrs}(n)$  for  $1 < n < 1,000,000$ .

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## Problem 160

For any  $N$ , let  $f(N)$  be the last five digits before the trailing zeroes in  $N!$ .

For example,

$$9! = 362880 \text{ so } f(9)=36288$$

$$10! = 3628800 \text{ so } f(10)=36288$$

$$20! = 2432902008176640000 \text{ so } f(20)=17664$$

Find  $f(1,000,000,000,000)$

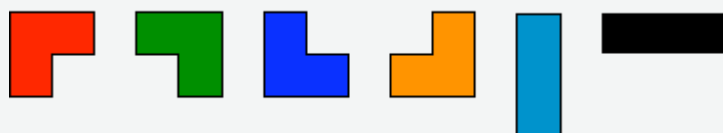
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## Problem 161

A triomino is a shape consisting of three squares joined via the edges. There are two basic forms:



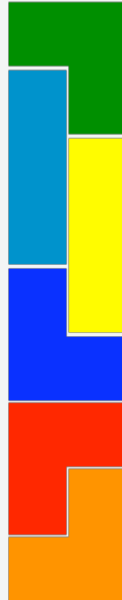
If all possible orientations are taken into account there are six:



Any  $n$  by  $m$  grid for which  $n \times m$  is divisible by 3 can be tiled with triominoes.

If we consider tilings that can be obtained by reflection or rotation from another tiling as different there are 41 ways a 2 by 9 grid can be tiled with triominoes:

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In how many ways can a 9 by 12 grid be tiled in this way by triominoes?

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## Problem 162

In the hexadecimal number system numbers are represented using 16 different digits:

0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F

The hexadecimal number AF when written in the decimal number system equals  $10 \times 16 + 15 = 175$ .

In the 3-digit hexadecimal numbers 10A, 1A0, A10, and A01 the digits 0,1 and A are all present.

Like numbers written in base ten we write hexadecimal numbers without leading zeroes.

How many hexadecimal numbers containing at most sixteen hexadecimal digits exist with all of the digits 0,1, and A present at least once?

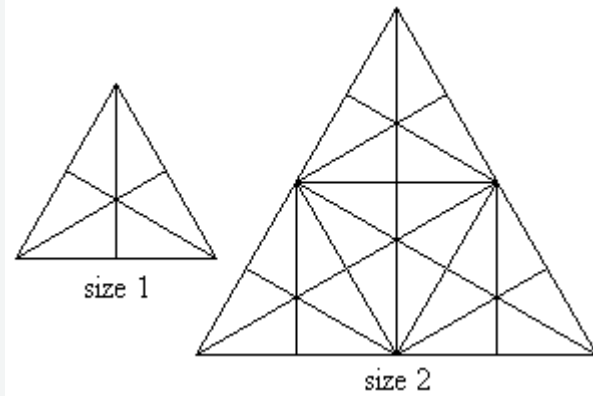
Give your answer as a hexadecimal number.

(A,B,C,D,E and F in upper case, without any leading or trailing code that marks the number as hexadecimal and without leading zeroes, e.g. 1A3F and not: 1a3f and not 0x1a3f and not \$1A3F and not #1A3F and not 0000001A3F)

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## Problem 163

Consider an equilateral triangle in which straight lines are drawn from each vertex to the middle of the opposite side, such as in the *size 1* triangle in the sketch below.



Sixteen triangles of either different shape or size or orientation or location can now be observed in that triangle. Using *size 1* triangles as building blocks, larger triangles can be formed, such as the *size 2* triangle in the above sketch. One-hundred and four triangles of either different shape or size or orientation or location can now be observed in that *size 2* triangle.

It can be observed that the *size 2* triangle contains 4 *size 1* triangle building blocks. A *size 3* triangle would contain 9 *size 1* triangle building blocks and a *size n* triangle would thus contain  $n^2$  *size 1* triangle building blocks.

If we denote  $T(n)$  as the number of triangles present in a triangle of *size n*, then

$$T(1) = 16$$

$$T(2) = 104$$

Find  $T(36)$ .

## Problem 164

How many 20 digit numbers  $n$  (without any leading zero) exist such that no three consecutive digits of  $n$  have a sum greater than 9?

## Problem 165

A segment is uniquely defined by its two endpoints.

By considering two line segments in plane geometry there are three possibilities: the segments have zero points, one point, or infinitely many points in common.

Moreover when two segments have exactly one point in common it might be the case that that common point is an endpoint of either one of the segments or of both. If a common point of two segments is not an endpoint of either of the segments it is an interior point of both segments.

We will call a common point  $T$  of two segments  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  a true intersection point of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  if  $T$  is the only common point of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and  $T$  is an interior point of both segments.

Consider the three segments  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_3$ :

$L_1$ : (27, 44) to (12, 32)

$L_2$ : (46, 53) to (17, 62)

$L_3$ : (46, 70) to (22, 40)

It can be verified that line segments  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  have a true intersection point. We note that as the one of the end points of  $L_3$ : (22,40) lies on  $L_1$  this is not considered to be a true point of intersection.  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  have no common point. So among the three line segments, we find one true intersection point.

Now let us do the same for 5000 line segments. To this end, we generate 20000 numbers using the so-called "Blum Blum Shub" pseudo-random number generator.

$$s_0 = 290797$$

$$s_{n+1} = s_n \times s_n \text{ (modulo 50515093)}$$

$$t_n = s_n \text{ (modulo 500)}$$

To create each line segment, we use four consecutive numbers  $t_n$ . That is, the first line segment is given by:

$(t_1, t_2)$  to  $(t_3, t_4)$

The first four numbers computed according to the above generator should be: 27, 144, 12 and 232. The first segment would thus be (27,144) to (12,232).

How many distinct true intersection points are found among the 5000 line segments?

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## Problem 166

A 4x4 grid is filled with digits  $d$ ,  $0 \leq d \leq 9$ .

It can be seen that in the grid

6 3 3 0  
5 0 4 3

0	7	1	4
1	2	4	5

the sum of each row and each column has the value 12. Moreover the sum of each diagonal is also 12.

In how many ways can you fill a 4x4 grid with the digits  $d$ ,  $0 \leq d \leq 9$  so that each row, each column, and both diagonals have the same sum?

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## Problem 167

For two positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , the Ulam sequence  $U(a,b)$  is defined by  $U(a,b)_1 = a$ ,  $U(a,b)_2 = b$  and for  $k > 2$ ,  $U(a,b)_k$  is the smallest integer greater than  $U(a,b)_{(k-1)}$  which can be written in exactly one way as the sum of two distinct previous members of  $U(a,b)$ .

For example, the sequence  $U(1,2)$  begins with

1, 2, 3 = 1 + 2, 4 = 1 + 3, 6 = 2 + 4, 8 = 2 + 6, 11 = 3 + 8;

5 does not belong to it because  $5 = 1 + 4 = 2 + 3$  has two representations as the sum of two previous members, likewise  $7 = 1 + 6 = 3 + 4$ .

Find  $\sum U(2,2n+1)_k$  for  $2 \leq n \leq 10$ , where  $k = 10^{11}$ .

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## Problem 168

Consider the number 142857. We can right-rotate this number by moving the last digit (7) to the front of it, giving us 714285.

It can be verified that  $714285 = 5 \times 142857$ .

This demonstrates an unusual property of 142857: it is a divisor of its right-rotation.

Find the last 5 digits of the sum of all integers  $n$ ,  $10 < n < 10^{100}$ , that have this property.

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## Problem 169

Define  $f(0)=1$  and  $f(n)$  to be the number of different ways  $n$  can be expressed as a sum of integer powers of 2 using each power no more than twice.

For example,  $f(10)=5$  since there are five different ways to express 10:

$$1 + 1 + 8$$

$$1 + 1 + 4 + 4$$

$$1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 4$$

$$2 + 4 + 4$$

$$2 + 8$$



What is  $f(10^{25})$ ?

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## Problem 170

Take the number 6 and multiply it by each of 1273 and 9854:

$$6 \times 1273 = 7638$$

$$6 \times 9854 = 59124$$

By concatenating these products we get the 1 to 9 pandigital 763859124. We will call 763859124 the "concatenated product of 6 and (1273,9854)". Notice too, that the concatenation of the input numbers, 612739854, is also 1 to 9 pandigital.

The same can be done for 0 to 9 pandigital numbers.

What is the largest 0 to 9 pandigital 10-digit concatenated product of an integer with two or more other integers, such that the concatenation of the input numbers is also a 0 to 9 pandigital 10-digit number?

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## Problem 171

For a positive integer  $n$ , let  $f(n)$  be the sum of the squares of the digits (in base 10) of  $n$ , e.g.

$$f(3) = 3^2 = 9,$$

$$f(25) = 2^2 + 5^2 = 4 + 25 = 29,$$

$$f(442) = 4^2 + 4^2 + 2^2 = 16 + 16 + 4 = 36$$

Find the last nine digits of the sum of all  $n$ ,  $0 < n < 10^{20}$ , such that  $f(n)$  is a perfect square.

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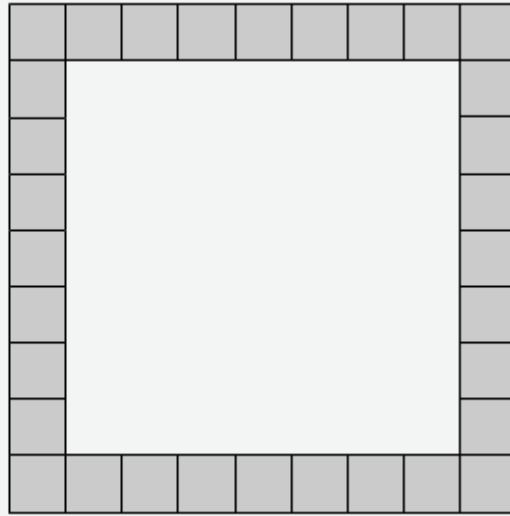
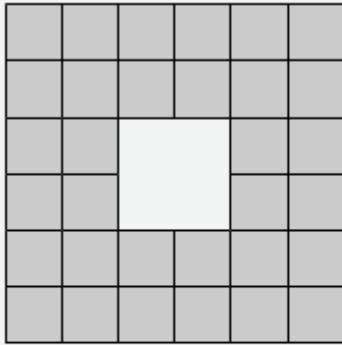
## Problem 172

How many 18-digit numbers  $n$  (without leading zeros) are there such that no digit occurs more than three times in  $n$ ?

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## Problem 173

We shall define a square lamina to be a square outline with a square "hole" so that the shape possesses vertical and horizontal symmetry. For example, using exactly thirty-two square tiles we can form two different square laminae:



With one-hundred tiles, and not necessarily using all of the tiles at one time, it is possible to form forty-one different square laminae.

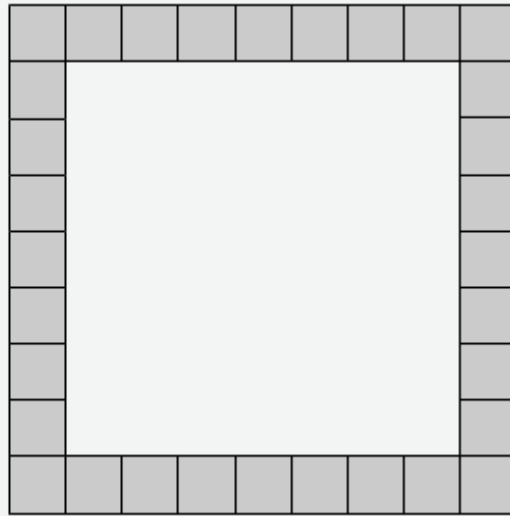
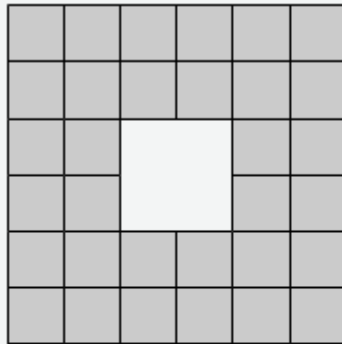
Using up to one million tiles how many different square laminae can be formed?

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## Problem 174

We shall define a square lamina to be a square outline with a square "hole" so that the shape possesses vertical and horizontal symmetry.

Given eight tiles it is possible to form a lamina in only one way: 3x3 square with a 1x1 hole in the middle. However, using thirty-two tiles it is possible to form two distinct laminae.



If  $t$  represents the number of tiles used, we shall say that  $t = 8$  is type L(1) and  $t = 32$  is type L(2).

Let  $N(n)$  be the number of  $t \leq 1000000$  such that  $t$  is type L( $n$ ); for example,  $N(15) = 832$ .

What is  $\sum N(n)$  for  $1 \leq n \leq 10$ ?

## Problem 175

Define  $f(0)=1$  and  $f(n)$  to be the number of ways to write  $n$  as a sum of powers of 2 where no power occurs more than twice.

For example,  $f(10)=5$  since there are five different ways to express 10:

$$10 = 8+2 = 8+1+1 = 4+4+2 = 4+2+2+1+1 = 4+4+1+1$$

It can be shown that for every fraction  $p/q$  ( $p>0$ ,  $q>0$ ) there exists at least one integer  $n$  such that

$$f(n)/f(n-1)=p/q.$$

For instance, the smallest  $n$  for which  $f(n)/f(n-1)=13/17$  is 241.

The binary expansion of 241 is 11110001.

Reading this binary number from the most significant bit to the least significant bit there are 4 one's, 3 zeroes and 1 one. We shall call the string 4,3,1 the *Shortened Binary Expansion* of 241.

Find the Shortened Binary Expansion of the smallest  $n$  for which

$$f(n)/f(n-1)=123456789/987654321.$$

Give your answer as comma separated integers, without any whitespaces.

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## Problem 176

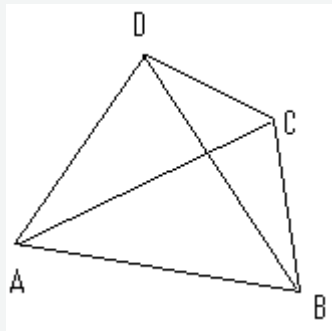
The four rectangular triangles with sides (9,12,15), (12,16,20), (5,12,13) and (12,35,37) all have one of the shorter sides (catheti) equal to 12. It can be shown that no other integer sided rectangular triangle exists with one of the catheti equal to 12.

Find the smallest integer that can be the length of a cathetus of exactly 47547 different integer sided rectangular triangles.

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## Problem 177

Let ABCD be a convex quadrilateral, with diagonals AC and BD. At each vertex the diagonal makes an angle with each of the two sides, creating eight corner angles.



For example, at vertex A, the two angles are CAD, CAB.

We call such a quadrilateral for which all eight corner angles have integer values when measured in degrees an "integer angled quadrilateral". An example of an integer angled quadrilateral is a square, where all eight corner angles are  $45^\circ$ . Another example is given by  $DAC = 20^\circ$ ,  $BAC = 60^\circ$ ,  $ABD = 50^\circ$ ,  $CBD = 30^\circ$ ,  $BCA = 40^\circ$ ,  $DCA = 30^\circ$ ,  $CDB = 80^\circ$ ,  $ADB = 50^\circ$ .

What is the total number of non-similar integer angled quadrilaterals?

Note: In your calculations you may assume that a calculated angle is integral if it is within a tolerance of  $10^{-9}$  of an integer value.

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## Problem 178

Consider the number 45656.

It can be seen that each pair of consecutive digits of 45656 has a difference of one.

A number for which every pair of consecutive digits has a difference of one is called a step number.

A pandigital number contains every decimal digit from 0 to 9 at least once.

How many pandigital step numbers less than  $10^{40}$  are there?

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## Problem 179

Find the number of integers  $1 < n < 10^7$ , for which  $n$  and  $n + 1$  have the same number of positive divisors. For example, 14 has the positive divisors 1, 2, 7, 14 while 15 has 1, 3, 5, 15.

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## Problem 180

For any integer  $n$ , consider the three functions

$$f_{1,n}(x,y,z) = x^{n+1} + y^{n+1} - z^{n+1}$$

$$f_{2,n}(x,y,z) = (xy + yz + zx)(x^{n-1} + y^{n-1} - z^{n-1})$$

$$f_{3,n}(x,y,z) = xyz(x^{n-2} + y^{n-2} - z^{n-2})$$

and their combination

$$f_n(x,y,z) = f_{1,n}(x,y,z) + f_{2,n}(x,y,z) - f_{3,n}(x,y,z)$$

We call  $(x,y,z)$  a golden triple of order  $k$  if  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are all rational numbers of the form  $a/b$  with

$0 < a < b \leq k$  and there is (at least) one integer  $n$ , so that  $f_n(x,y,z) = 0$ .

Let  $s(x,y,z) = x + y + z$ .

Let  $t = u/v$  be the sum of all distinct  $s(x,y,z)$  for all golden triples  $(x,y,z)$  of order 35.

All the  $s(x,y,z)$  and  $t$  must be in reduced form.

Find  $u + v$ .

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## Problem 181

Having three black objects B and one white object W they can be grouped in 7 ways like this:

(BBBW)   (B,BBW)   (B,B,BW)   (B,B,B,W)   (B,BB,W)   (BBB,W)   (BB,BW)

In how many ways can sixty black objects B and forty white objects W be thus grouped?

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## Problem 182

The RSA encryption is based on the following procedure:

Generate two distinct primes  $p$  and  $q$ .

Compute  $n=pq$  and  $\varphi=(p-1)(q-1)$ .

Find an integer  $e$ ,  $1 < e < \varphi$ , such that  $\gcd(e, \varphi) = 1$ .

A message in this system is a number in the interval  $[0, n-1]$ .

A text to be encrypted is then somehow converted to messages (numbers in the interval  $[0, n-1]$ ).

To encrypt the text, for each message,  $m$ ,  $c = m^e \bmod n$  is calculated.

To decrypt the text, the following procedure is needed: calculate  $d$  such that  $ed = 1 \bmod \varphi$ , then for each encrypted message,  $c$ , calculate  $m = c^d \bmod n$ .

There exist values of  $e$  and  $m$  such that  $m^e \bmod n = m$ .

We call messages  $m$  for which  $m^e \bmod n = m$  unconcealed messages.

An issue when choosing  $e$  is that there should not be too many unconcealed messages.

For instance, let  $p=19$  and  $q=37$ .

Then  $n=19 \cdot 37=703$  and  $\varphi=18 \cdot 36=648$ .

If we choose  $e=181$ , then, although  $\gcd(181, 648)=1$  it turns out that all possible messages  $m$  ( $0 \leq m \leq n-1$ ) are unconcealed when calculating  $m^e \bmod n$ .

For any valid choice of  $e$  there exist some unconcealed messages.

It's important that the number of unconcealed messages is at a minimum.

Choose  $p=1009$  and  $q=3643$ .

Find the sum of all values of  $e$ ,  $1 < e < \varphi(1009, 3643)$  and  $\gcd(e, \varphi)=1$ , so that the number of unconcealed messages for this value of  $e$  is at a minimum.

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## Problem 183

Let  $N$  be a positive integer and let  $N$  be split into  $k$  equal parts,  $r = N/k$ , so that  $N = r + r + \dots + r$ .

Let  $P$  be the product of these parts,  $P = r \times r \times \dots \times r = r^k$ .

For example, if 11 is split into five equal parts,  $11 = 2.2 + 2.2 + 2.2 + 2.2 + 2.2$ , then  $P = 2.2^5 = 51.53632$ .

Let  $M(N) = P_{\max}$  for a given value of  $N$ .

It turns out that the maximum for  $N = 11$  is found by splitting eleven into four equal parts which leads to  $P_{\max} = (11/4)^4$ ; that is,  $M(11) = 14641/256 = 57.19140625$ , which is a terminating decimal.

However, for  $N = 8$  the maximum is achieved by splitting it into three equal parts, so  $M(8) =$

512/27, which is a non-terminating decimal.

Let  $D(N) = N$  if  $M(N)$  is a non-terminating decimal and  $D(N) = -N$  if  $M(N)$  is a terminating decimal.

For example,  $\Sigma D(N)$  for  $5 \leq N \leq 100$  is 2438.

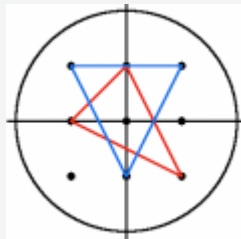
Find  $\Sigma D(N)$  for  $5 \leq N \leq 10000$ .

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## Problem 184

Consider the set  $I_r$  of points  $(x,y)$  with integer co-ordinates in the interior of the circle with radius  $r$ , centered at the origin, i.e.  $x^2 + y^2 < r^2$ .

For a radius of 2,  $I_2$  contains the nine points  $(0,0)$ ,  $(1,0)$ ,  $(1,1)$ ,  $(0,1)$ ,  $(-1,1)$ ,  $(-1,0)$ ,  $(-1,-1)$ ,  $(0,-1)$  and  $(1,-1)$ . There are eight triangles having all three vertices in  $I_2$  which contain the origin in the interior. Two of them are shown below, the others are obtained from these by rotation.



For a radius of 3, there are 360 triangles containing the origin in the interior and having all vertices in  $I_3$  and for  $I_5$  the number is 10600.

How many triangles are there containing the origin in the interior and having all three vertices in  $I_{105}$ ?

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## Problem 185

The game Number Mind is a variant of the well known game Master Mind.

Instead of coloured pegs, you have to guess a secret sequence of digits. After each guess you're only told in how many places you've guessed the correct digit. So, if the sequence was 1234 and you guessed 2036, you'd be told that you have one correct digit; however, you would NOT be told that you also have another digit in the wrong place.

For instance, given the following guesses for a 5-digit secret sequence,

90342 ;2 correct  
70794 ;0 correct  
39458 ;2 correct  
34109 ;1 correct

51545 ;2 correct  
12531 ;1 correct

The correct sequence 39542 is unique.

Based on the following guesses,

5616185650518293 ;2 correct  
3847439647293047 ;1 correct  
5855462940810587 ;3 correct  
9742855507068353 ;3 correct  
4296849643607543 ;3 correct  
3174248439465858 ;1 correct  
4513559094146117 ;2 correct  
7890971548908067 ;3 correct  
8157356344118483 ;1 correct  
2615250744386899 ;2 correct  
8690095851526254 ;3 correct  
6375711915077050 ;1 correct  
6913859173121360 ;1 correct  
6442889055042768 ;2 correct  
2321386104303845 ;0 correct  
2326509471271448 ;2 correct  
5251583379644322 ;2 correct  
1748270476758276 ;3 correct  
4895722652190306 ;1 correct  
3041631117224635 ;3 correct  
1841236454324589 ;3 correct  
2659862637316867 ;2 correct

Find the unique 16-digit secret sequence.

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## Problem 186

Here are the records from a busy telephone system with one million users:

RecNr	Caller	Called
1	200007	100053
2	600183	500439
3	600863	701497
...	...	...

The telephone number of the caller and the called number in record  $n$  are  $\text{Caller}(n) = S_{2n-1}$  and  $\text{Called}(n) = S_{2n}$  where  $S_{1,2,3,\dots}$  come from the "Lagged Fibonacci Generator":

For  $1 \leq k \leq 55$ ,  $S_k = [100003 - 200003k + 300007k^3]$  (modulo 1000000)

For  $56 \leq k$ ,  $S_k = [S_{k-24} + S_{k-55}]$  (modulo 1000000)

If  $\text{Caller}(n) = \text{Called}(n)$  then the user is assumed to have misdialled and the call fails;



otherwise the call is successful.

From the start of the records, we say that any pair of users  $X$  and  $Y$  are friends if  $X$  calls  $Y$  or vice-versa. Similarly,  $X$  is a friend of a friend of  $Z$  if  $X$  is a friend of  $Y$  and  $Y$  is a friend of  $Z$ ; and so on for longer chains.

The Prime Minister's phone number is 524287. After how many successful calls, not counting misdials, will 99% of the users (including the PM) be a friend, or a friend of a friend etc., of the Prime Minister?

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## Problem 187

A composite is a number containing at least two prime factors. For example,  $15 = 3 \times 5$ ;  $9 = 3 \times 3$ ;  $12 = 2 \times 2 \times 3$ .

There are ten composites below thirty containing precisely two, not necessarily distinct, prime factors: 4, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 21, 22, 25, 26.

How many composite integers,  $n < 10^8$ , have precisely two, not necessarily distinct, prime factors?

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## Problem 188

The *hyperexponentiation* or *tetration* of a number  $a$  by a positive integer  $b$ , denoted by  $a \uparrow\uparrow b$  or  ${}^b a$ , is recursively defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} a \uparrow\uparrow 1 &= a, \\ a \uparrow\uparrow (k+1) &= a^{(a \uparrow\uparrow k)}. \end{aligned}$$

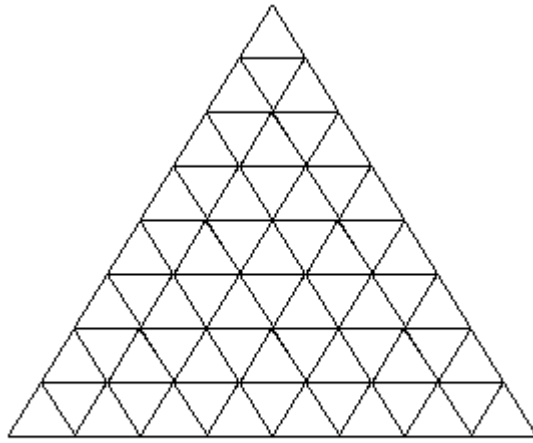
Thus we have e.g.  $3 \uparrow\uparrow 2 = 3^3 = 27$ , hence  $3 \uparrow\uparrow 3 = 3^{27} = 7625597484987$  and  $3 \uparrow\uparrow 4$  is roughly  $10^{3.6383346400240996 \times 10^{12}}$ .

Find the last 8 digits of  $1777 \uparrow\uparrow 1855$ .

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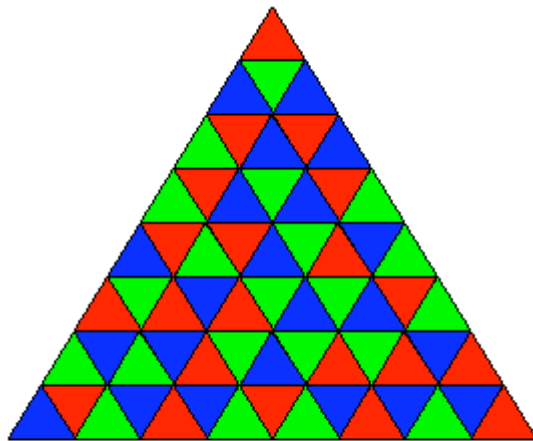
## Problem 189

Consider the following configuration of 64 triangles:



We wish to colour the interior of each triangle with one of three colours: red, green or blue, so that no two neighbouring triangles have the same colour. Such a colouring shall be called valid. Here, two triangles are said to be neighbouring if they share an edge. Note: if they only share a vertex, then they are not neighbours.

For example, here is a valid colouring of the above grid:



A colouring  $C'$  which is obtained from a colouring  $C$  by rotation or reflection is considered *distinct* from  $C$  unless the two are identical.

How many distinct valid colourings are there for the above configuration?

## Problem 190

Let  $S_m = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$  be the  $m$ -tuple of positive real numbers with  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m = m$  for which  $P_m = x_1 \cdot x_2^2 \cdot \dots \cdot x_m^m$  is maximised.

For example, it can be verified that  $[P_{10}] = 4112$  ( $[ ]$  is the integer part function).

Find  $\Sigma[P_m]$  for  $2 \leq m \leq 15$ .

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## Problem 191

A particular school offers cash rewards to children with good attendance and punctuality. If they are absent for three consecutive days or late on more than one occasion then they forfeit their prize.

During an  $n$ -day period a trinary string is formed for each child consisting of L's (late), O's (on time), and A's (absent).

Although there are eighty-one trinary strings for a 4-day period that can be formed, exactly forty-three strings would lead to a prize:

OOOO OOOA OOO L OOA O OAL O OLO OOLA OAO OAOA  
OAO L OAA O AAL OALO OALA OLOO OLOA OLAO OLAA AOOO  
AOOA AOOL AOAO AOAA AOAL AOLO AOLA AAOO AAOA AAOL  
AALO AALA ALOO ALOA ALAO ALAA LOOO LOOA LOAO LOAA  
LAOO LAOA LAAO

How many "prize" strings exist over a 30-day period?

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## Problem 192

Let  $x$  be a real number.

A *best approximation* to  $x$  for the *denominator bound*  $d$  is a rational number  $r/s$  in *reduced form*, with  $s \leq d$ , such that any rational number which is closer to  $x$  than  $r/s$  has a denominator larger than  $d$ :

$$|p/q - x| < |r/s - x| \Rightarrow q > d$$

For example, the best approximation to  $\sqrt{13}$  for the denominator bound 20 is  $18/5$  and the best approximation to  $\sqrt{13}$  for the denominator bound 30 is  $101/28$ .

Find the sum of all denominators of the best approximations to  $\sqrt{n}$  for the denominator bound  $10^{12}$ , where  $n$  is not a perfect square and  $1 < n \leq 100000$ .

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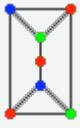
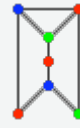
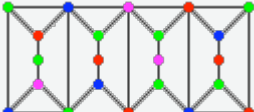
## Problem 193

A positive integer  $n$  is called squarefree, if no square of a prime divides  $n$ , thus 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 are squarefree, but not 4, 8, 9, 12.

How many squarefree numbers are there below  $2^{50}$ ?

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## Problem 194

Consider graphs built with the units A:  and B: , where the units are glued along the vertical edges as in the graph .

A configuration of type  $(a, b, c)$  is a graph thus built of  $a$  units A and  $b$  units B, where the graph's vertices are coloured using up to  $c$  colours, so that no two adjacent vertices have the same colour.

The compound graph above is an example of a configuration of type  $(2, 2, 6)$ , in fact of type  $(2, 2, c)$  for all  $c \geq 4$ .

Let  $N(a, b, c)$  be the number of configurations of type  $(a, b, c)$ .

For example,  $N(1, 0, 3) = 24$ ,  $N(0, 2, 4) = 92928$  and  $N(2, 2, 3) = 20736$ .

Find the last 8 digits of  $N(25, 75, 1984)$ .

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## Problem 195

Let's call an integer sided triangle with exactly one angle of 60 degrees a 60-degree triangle.

Let  $r$  be the radius of the inscribed circle of such a 60-degree triangle.

There are 1234 60-degree triangles for which  $r \leq 100$ .

Let  $T(n)$  be the number of 60-degree triangles for which  $r \leq n$ , so

$T(100) = 1234$ ,  $T(1000) = 22767$ , and  $T(10000) = 359912$ .

Find  $T(1053779)$ .

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## Problem 196

Build a triangle from all positive integers in the following way:

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1
2 3
4 5 6

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7   8   9  10
11  12 13  14 15
16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36
37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45
46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66
. . .

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Each positive integer has up to eight neighbours in the triangle.

A set of three primes is called a *prime triplet* if one of the three primes has the other two as neighbours in the triangle.

For example, in the second row, the prime numbers 2 and 3 are elements of some prime triplet.

If row 8 is considered, it contains two primes which are elements of some prime triplet, i.e. 29 and 31.

If row 9 is considered, it contains only one prime which is an element of some prime triplet: 37.

Define  $S(n)$  as the sum of the primes in row  $n$  which are elements of any prime triplet. Then  $S(8)=60$  and  $S(9)=37$ .

You are given that  $S(10000)=950007619$ .

Find  $S(5678027) + S(7208785)$ .

## Problem 197

Given is the function  $f(x) = \lfloor 2^{30.403243784 \cdot x^2} \rfloor \times 10^{-9}$  ( $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the floor-function), the sequence  $u_n$  is defined by  $u_0 = -1$  and  $u_{n+1} = f(u_n)$ .

Find  $u_n + u_{n+1}$  for  $n = 10^{12}$ .

Give your answer with 9 digits after the decimal point.

## Problem 198

A best approximation to a real number  $x$  for the denominator bound  $d$  is a rational number  $r/s$  (in reduced form) with  $s \leq d$ , so that any rational number  $p/q$  which is closer to  $x$  than  $r/s$  has  $q > d$ .

Usually the best approximation to a real number is uniquely determined for all denominator bounds. However, there are some exceptions, e.g.  $9/40$  has the two best approximations  $1/4$  and  $1/5$  for the denominator bound 6. We shall call a real number  $x$  *ambiguous*, if there is at least one denominator bound for which  $x$  possesses two best

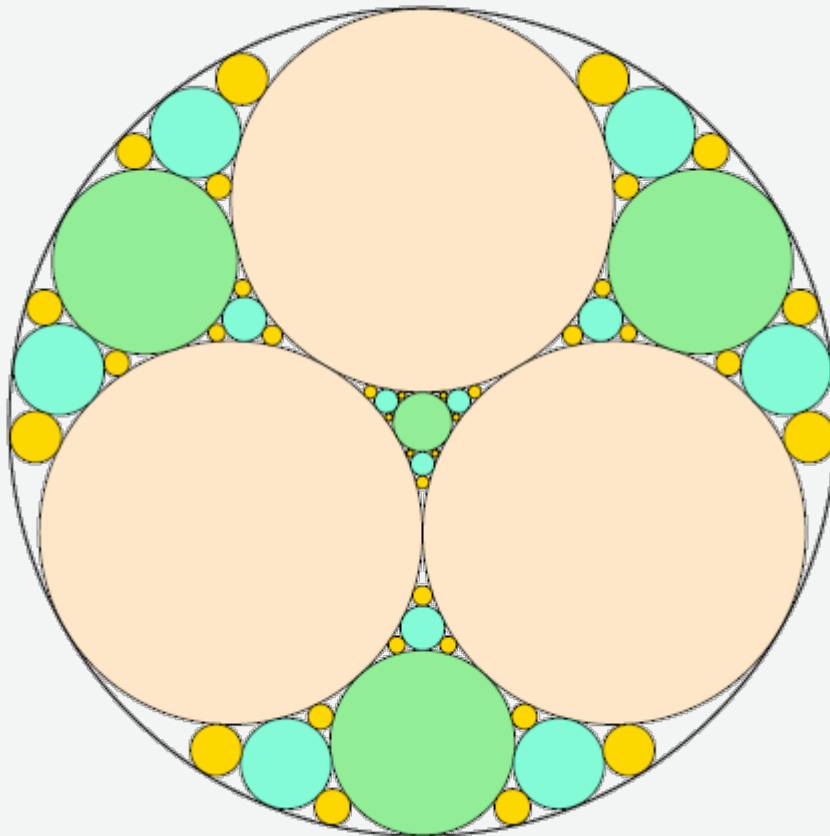
approximations. Clearly, an ambiguous number is necessarily rational.

How many ambiguous numbers  $x = p/q$ ,  $0 < x < 1/100$ , are there whose denominator  $q$  does not exceed  $10^8$ ?

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## Problem 199

Three circles of equal radius are placed inside a larger circle such that each pair of circles is tangent to one another and the inner circles do not overlap. There are four uncovered "gaps" which are to be filled iteratively with more tangent circles.



At each iteration, a maximally sized circle is placed in each gap, which creates more gaps for the next iteration. After 3 iterations (pictured), there are 108 gaps and the fraction of the area which is not covered by circles is 0.06790342, rounded to eight decimal places.

What fraction of the area is not covered by circles after 10 iterations?  
Give your answer rounded to eight decimal places using the format x.xxxxxxxx .

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## Problem 200

We shall define a scube to be a number of the form,  $p^2q^3$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes.

For example,  $200 = 5^2 \cdot 2^3$  or  $120072949 = 23^2 \cdot 61^3$ .

The first five squbes are 72, 108, 200, 392, and 500.

Interestingly, 200 is also the first number for which you cannot change any single digit to make a prime; we shall call such numbers, prime-proof. The next prime-proof sqube which contains the contiguous sub-string "200" is 1992008.

Find the 200th prime-proof sqube containing the contiguous sub-string "200".

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## Problem 201

For any set  $A$  of numbers, let  $\text{sum}(A)$  be the sum of the elements of  $A$ .

Consider the set  $B = \{1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11\}$ .

There are 20 subsets of  $B$  containing three elements, and their sums are:

$\text{sum}(\{1, 3, 6\}) = 10,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 3, 8\}) = 12,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 3, 10\}) = 14,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 3, 11\}) = 15,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 6, 8\}) = 15,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 6, 10\}) = 17,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 6, 11\}) = 18,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 8, 10\}) = 19,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 8, 11\}) = 20,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{1, 10, 11\}) = 22,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{3, 6, 8\}) = 17,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{3, 6, 10\}) = 19,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{3, 6, 11\}) = 20,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{3, 8, 10\}) = 21,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{3, 8, 11\}) = 22,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{3, 10, 11\}) = 24,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{6, 8, 10\}) = 24,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{6, 8, 11\}) = 25,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{6, 10, 11\}) = 27,$   
 $\text{sum}(\{8, 10, 11\}) = 29.$

Some of these sums occur more than once, others are unique.

For a set  $A$ , let  $U(A, k)$  be the set of unique sums of  $k$ -element subsets of  $A$ , in our example we find  $U(B, 3) = \{10, 12, 14, 18, 21, 25, 27, 29\}$  and  $\text{sum}(U(B, 3)) = 156$ .

Now consider the 100-element set  $S = \{1^2, 2^2, \dots, 100^2\}$ .

$S$  has 100891344545564193334812497256 50-element subsets.

Determine the sum of all integers which are the sum of exactly one of the 50-element subsets of  $S$ , i.e. find  $\text{sum}(U(S, 50))$ .

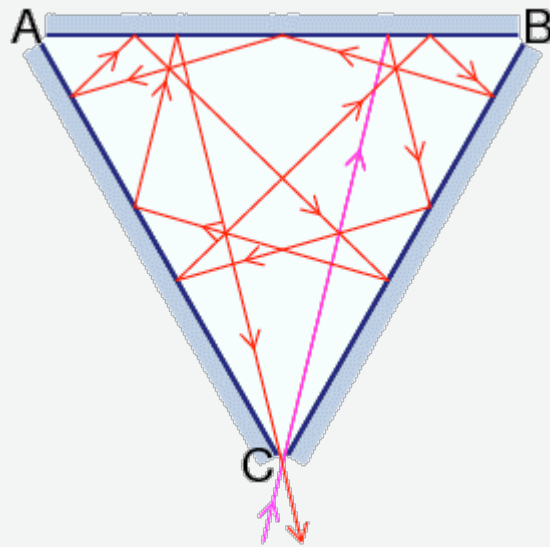
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## Problem 202

Three mirrors are arranged in the shape of an equilateral triangle, with their reflective surfaces pointing inwards. There is an infinitesimal gap at each vertex of the triangle

through which a laser beam may pass.

Label the vertices A, B and C. There are 2 ways in which a laser beam may enter vertex C, bounce off 11 surfaces, then exit through the same vertex: one way is shown below; the other is the reverse of that.



There are 80840 ways in which a laser beam may enter vertex C, bounce off 1000001 surfaces, then exit through the same vertex.

In how many ways can a laser beam enter at vertex C, bounce off 12017639147 surfaces, then exit through the same vertex?

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## Problem 203



The binomial coefficients  ${}^nC_k$  can be arranged in triangular form, Pascal's triangle, like this:

				1				
			1		1			
		1		2		1		
	1		3		3		1	
	1	4		6		4		1
	1	5	10		10	5		1
	1	6	15	20		15	6	1
	1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1
				.....				

It can be seen that the first eight rows of Pascal's triangle contain twelve distinct numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 15, 20, 21 and 35.

A positive integer  $n$  is called squarefree if no square of a prime divides  $n$ . Of the twelve distinct numbers in the first eight rows of Pascal's triangle, all except 4 and 20 are squarefree. The sum of the distinct squarefree numbers in the first eight rows is 105.

Find the sum of the distinct squarefree numbers in the first 51 rows of Pascal's triangle.

## Problem 204

A Hamming number is a positive number which has no prime factor larger than 5. So the first few Hamming numbers are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15.

There are 1105 Hamming numbers not exceeding  $10^8$ .

We will call a positive number a generalised Hamming number of type  $n$ , if it has no prime factor larger than  $n$ .

Hence the Hamming numbers are the generalised Hamming numbers of type 5.

How many generalised Hamming numbers of type 100 are there which don't exceed  $10^9$ ?

## Problem 205

Peter has nine four-sided (pyramidal) dice, each with faces numbered 1, 2, 3, 4. Colin has six six-sided (cubic) dice, each with faces numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Peter and Colin roll their dice and compare totals: the highest total wins. The result is a draw if the totals are equal.

What is the probability that Pyramidal Pete beats Cubic Colin? Give your answer rounded to seven decimal places in the form 0.abcdefg

## Problem 206

Find the unique positive integer whose square has the form  $1\_2\_3\_4\_5\_6\_7\_8\_9\_0$ , where each “\_” is a single digit.

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## Problem 207

For some positive integers  $k$ , there exists an integer partition of the form  $4^t = 2^t + k$ , where  $4^t$ ,  $2^t$ , and  $k$  are all positive integers and  $t$  is a real number.

The first two such partitions are  $4^1 = 2^1 + 2$  and  $4^{1.5849625\dots} = 2^{1.5849625\dots} + 6$ .

Partitions where  $t$  is also an integer are called *perfect*.

For any  $m \geq 1$  let  $P(m)$  be the proportion of such partitions that are perfect with  $k \leq m$ . Thus  $P(6) = 1/2$ .

In the following table are listed some values of  $P(m)$

$P(5) = 1/1$
$P(10) = 1/2$
$P(15) = 2/3$
$P(20) = 1/2$
$P(25) = 1/2$
$P(30) = 2/5$
...
$P(180) = 1/4$
$P(185) = 3/13$

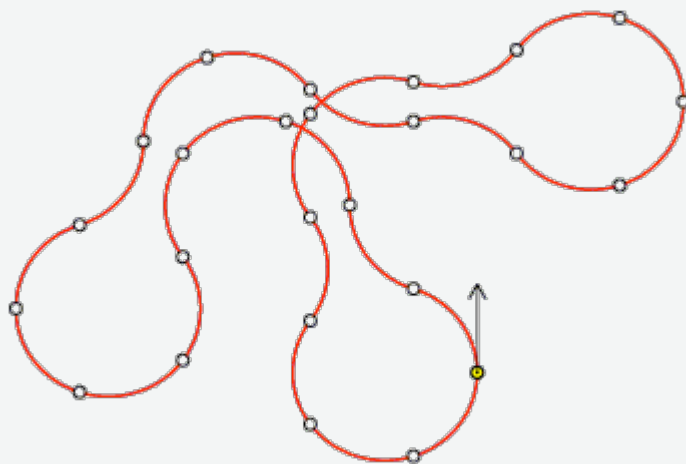
Find the smallest  $m$  for which  $P(m) < 1/12345$

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## Problem 208

A robot moves in a series of one-fifth circular arcs ( $72^\circ$ ), with a free choice of a clockwise or an anticlockwise arc for each step, but no turning on the spot.

One of 70932 possible closed paths of 25 arcs starting northward is



Given that the robot starts facing North, how many journeys of 70 arcs in length can it take that return it, after the final arc, to its starting position?  
(Any arc may be traversed multiple times.)

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## Problem 209

A  $k$ -input *binary truth table* is a map from  $k$  input bits (binary digits, 0 [false] or 1 [true]) to 1 output bit. For example, the 2-input binary truth tables for the logical AND and XOR functions are:

$x$	$y$	$x \text{ AND } y$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

$x$	$y$	$x \text{ XOR } y$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

How many 6-input binary truth tables,  $\tau$ , satisfy the formula

$$\tau(a, b, c, d, e, f) \text{ AND } \tau(b, c, d, e, f, a \text{ XOR } (b \text{ AND } c)) = 0$$

for all 6-bit inputs  $(a, b, c, d, e, f)$ ?

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## Problem 210

Consider the set  $S(r)$  of points  $(x, y)$  with integer coordinates satisfying  $|x| + |y| \leq r$ .

Let  $O$  be the point  $(0, 0)$  and  $C$  the point  $(r/4, r/4)$ .

Let  $N(r)$  be the number of points  $B$  in  $S(r)$ , so that the triangle  $OBC$  has an obtuse angle, i.e. the largest angle  $\alpha$  satisfies  $90^\circ < \alpha < 180^\circ$ .

So, for example,  $N(4)=24$  and  $N(8)=100$ .

What is  $N(1,000,000,000)$ ?

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## Problem 211

For a positive integer  $n$ , let  $\sigma_2(n)$  be the sum of the squares of its divisors. For example,

$$\sigma_2(10) = 1 + 4 + 25 + 100 = 130.$$

Find the sum of all  $n$ ,  $0 < n < 64,000,000$  such that  $\sigma_2(n)$  is a perfect square.

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## Problem 212

An *axis-aligned cuboid*, specified by parameters  $\{ (x_0, y_0, z_0), (dx, dy, dz) \}$ , consists of all points  $(X, Y, Z)$  such that  $x_0 \leq X \leq x_0 + dx$ ,  $y_0 \leq Y \leq y_0 + dy$  and  $z_0 \leq Z \leq z_0 + dz$ . The volume of the cuboid is the product,  $dx \times dy \times dz$ . The *combined volume* of a collection of cuboids is the volume of their union and will be less than the sum of the individual volumes if any cuboids overlap.

Let  $C_1, \dots, C_{50000}$  be a collection of 50000 axis-aligned cuboids such that  $C_n$  has parameters

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= S_{6n-5} \text{ modulo } 10000 \\y_0 &= S_{6n-4} \text{ modulo } 10000 \\z_0 &= S_{6n-3} \text{ modulo } 10000 \\dx &= 1 + (S_{6n-2} \text{ modulo } 399) \\dy &= 1 + (S_{6n-1} \text{ modulo } 399) \\dz &= 1 + (S_{6n} \text{ modulo } 399)\end{aligned}$$

where  $S_1, \dots, S_{300000}$  come from the "Lagged Fibonacci Generator":

$$\text{For } 1 \leq k \leq 55, S_k = [100003 - 200003k + 300007k^3] \text{ (modulo } 1000000)$$

$$\text{For } 56 \leq k, S_k = [S_{k-24} + S_{k-55}] \text{ (modulo } 1000000)$$

Thus,  $C_1$  has parameters  $\{(7, 53, 183), (94, 369, 56)\}$ ,  $C_2$  has parameters  $\{(2383, 3563, 5079), (42, 212, 344)\}$ , and so on.

The combined volume of the first 100 cuboids,  $C_1, \dots, C_{100}$ , is 723581599.

What is the combined volume of all 50000 cuboids,  $C_1, \dots, C_{50000}$ ?

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## Problem 213

A  $30 \times 30$  grid of squares contains 900 fleas, initially one flea per square.

When a bell is rung, each flea jumps to an adjacent square at random (usually 4 possibilities, except for fleas on the edge of the grid or at the corners).

What is the expected number of unoccupied squares after 50 rings of the bell? Give your answer rounded to six decimal places.

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## Problem 214

Let  $\varphi$  be Euler's totient function, i.e. for a natural number  $n$ ,  $\varphi(n)$  is the number of  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , for which  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ .

By iterating  $\varphi$ , each positive integer generates a decreasing chain of numbers ending in 1. E.g. if we start with 5 the sequence 5,4,2,1 is generated. Here is a listing of all chains with length 4:

5,4,2,1  
7,6,2,1  
8,4,2,1  
9,6,2,1  
10,4,2,1  
12,4,2,1  
14,6,2,1  
18,6,2,1

Only two of these chains start with a prime, their sum is 12.

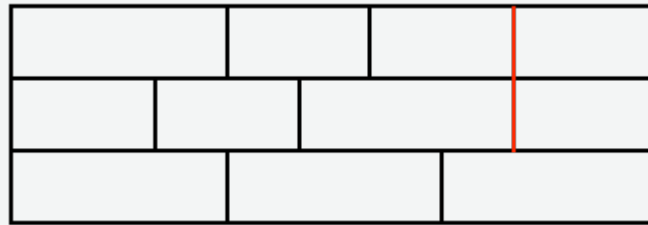
What is the sum of all primes less than 40000000 which generate a chain of length 25?

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## Problem 215

Consider the problem of building a wall out of  $2 \times 1$  and  $3 \times 1$  bricks (horizontal  $\times$  vertical dimensions) such that, for extra strength, the gaps between horizontally-adjacent bricks never line up in consecutive layers, i.e. never form a "running crack".

For example, the following  $9 \times 3$  wall is not acceptable due to the running crack shown in red:



There are eight ways of forming a crack-free  $9 \times 3$  wall, written  $W(9,3) = 8$ .

Calculate  $W(32,10)$ .

## Problem 216

Consider numbers  $t(n)$  of the form  $t(n) = 2n^2 - 1$  with  $n > 1$ .  
 The first such numbers are 7, 17, 31, 49, 71, 97, 127 and 161.  
 It turns out that only  $49 = 7 \cdot 7$  and  $161 = 7 \cdot 23$  are not prime.  
 For  $n \leq 10000$  there are 2202 numbers  $t(n)$  that are prime.

How many numbers  $t(n)$  are prime for  $n \leq 50,000,000$ ?

## Problem 217

A positive integer with  $k$  (decimal) digits is called balanced if its first  $\lceil k/2 \rceil$  digits sum to the same value as its last  $\lceil k/2 \rceil$  digits, where  $\lceil x \rceil$ , pronounced *ceiling* of  $x$ , is the smallest integer  $\geq x$ , thus  $\lceil \pi \rceil = 4$  and  $\lceil 5 \rceil = 5$ .

So, for example, all palindromes are balanced, as is 13722.

Let  $T(n)$  be the sum of all balanced numbers less than  $10^n$ .  
 Thus:  $T(1) = 45$ ,  $T(2) = 540$  and  $T(5) = 334795890$ .

Find  $T(47) \bmod 3^{15}$

## Problem 218

Consider the right angled triangle with sides  $a=7$ ,  $b=24$  and  $c=25$ . The area of this triangle is 84, which is divisible by the perfect numbers 6 and 28.  
 Moreover it is a primitive right angled triangle as  $\gcd(a,b)=1$  and  $\gcd(b,c)=1$ .  
 Also  $c$  is a perfect square.

We will call a right angled triangle perfect if

- it is a primitive right angled triangle
- its hypotenuse is a perfect square

We will call a right angled triangle super-perfect if

- it is a perfect right angled triangle and
- its area is a multiple of the perfect numbers 6 and 28.

How many perfect right-angled triangles with  $c \leq 10^{16}$  exist that are not super-perfect?

## Problem 219

Let **A** and **B** be bit strings (sequences of 0's and 1's).

If **A** is equal to the leftmost  $\text{length}(\mathbf{A})$  bits of **B**, then **A** is said to be a *prefix* of **B**.

For example, 00110 is a prefix of 001101001, but not of 00111 or 100110.

A *prefix-free code of size  $n$*  is a collection of  $n$  distinct bit strings such that no string is a prefix of any other. For example, this is a prefix-free code of size 6:

0000, 0001, 001, 01, 10, 11

Now suppose that it costs one penny to transmit a '0' bit, but four pence to transmit a '1'.  
 Then the total cost of the prefix-free code shown above is 35 pence, which happens to be the cheapest possible for the skewed pricing scheme in question.

In short, we write  $\text{Cost}(6) = 35$ .

What is  $\text{Cost}(10^9)$  ?

## Problem 220

Let  $D_0$  be the two-letter string "Fa". For  $n \geq 1$ , derive  $D_n$  from  $D_{n-1}$  by the string-rewriting rules:

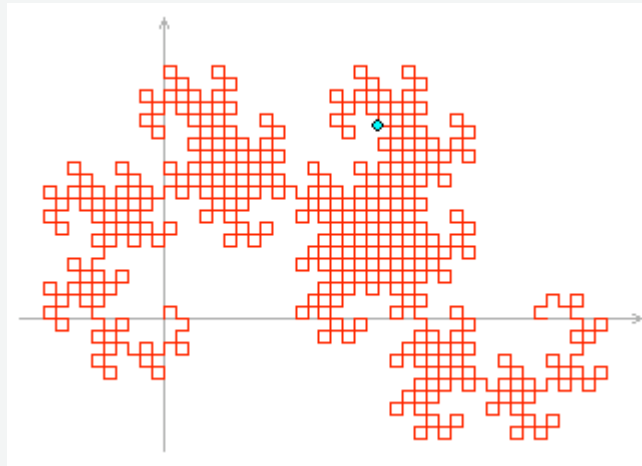
"a"  $\rightarrow$  "aRbFR"

"b"  $\rightarrow$  "LFaLb"

Thus,  $D_0 = \text{"Fa"}$ ,  $D_1 = \text{"FaRbFR"}$ ,  $D_2 = \text{"FaRbFRRLFaLbFR"}$ , and so on.

These strings can be interpreted as instructions to a computer graphics program, with "F" meaning "draw forward one unit", "L" meaning "turn left 90 degrees", "R" meaning "turn right 90 degrees", and "a" and "b" being ignored. The initial position of the computer cursor is (0,0), pointing up towards (0,1).

Then  $D_n$  is an exotic drawing known as the *Heighway Dragon* of order  $n$ . For example,  $D_{10}$  is shown below; counting each "F" as one step, the highlighted spot at (18,16) is the position reached after 500 steps.



What is the position of the cursor after  $10^{12}$  steps in  $D_{50}$  ?  
Give your answer in the form x,y with no spaces.

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## Problem 221

We shall call a positive integer  $A$  an "Alexandrian integer", if there exist integers  $p, q, r$  such that:

$$A = p \cdot q \cdot r \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{A} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r}$$

For example, 630 is an Alexandrian integer ( $p = 5, q = -7, r = -18$ ). In fact, 630 is the 6<sup>th</sup> Alexandrian integer, the first 6 Alexandrian integers being: 6, 42, 120, 156, 420 and 630.

Find the 150000<sup>th</sup> Alexandrian integer.

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## Problem 222

What is the length of the shortest pipe, of internal radius 50mm, that can fully contain 21 balls of radii 30mm, 31mm, ..., 50mm?

Give your answer in micrometres ( $10^{-6}$  m) rounded to the nearest integer.

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## Problem 223

Let us call an integer sided triangle with sides  $a \leq b \leq c$  *barely acute* if the sides satisfy



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2 + 1.$$

How many barely acute triangles are there with perimeter  $\leq 25,000,000$ ?

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## Problem 224

Let us call an integer sided triangle with sides  $a \leq b \leq c$  *barely obtuse* if the sides satisfy  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2 - 1$ .

How many barely obtuse triangles are there with perimeter  $\leq 75,000,000$ ?

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## Problem 225

The sequence 1, 1, 1, 3, 5, 9, 17, 31, 57, 105, 193, 355, 653, 1201 ... is defined by  $T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = 1$  and  $T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3}$ .

It can be shown that 27 does not divide any terms of this sequence. In fact, 27 is the first odd number with this property.

Find the 124<sup>th</sup> odd number that does not divide any terms of the above sequence.

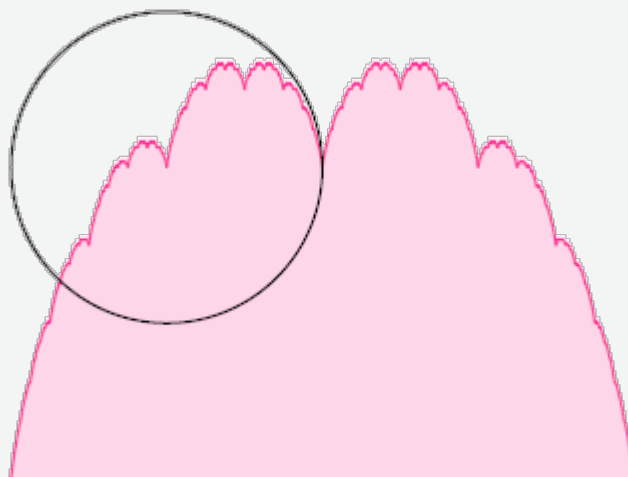
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## Problem 226

The *blancmange curve* is the set of points  $(x, y)$  such that  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{s(2^n x)}{2^n}$ ,

where  $s(x)$  = the distance from  $x$  to the nearest integer.

The area under the blancmange curve is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ , shown in pink in the diagram below.



Let  $C$  be the circle with centre  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  and radius  $\frac{1}{4}$ , shown in black in the diagram.

What area under the blancmange curve is enclosed by  $C$ ?

Give your answer rounded to eight decimal places in the form  $0.abcdefgh$

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## Problem 227

"The Chase" is a game played with two dice and an even number of players.

The players sit around a table; the game begins with two opposite players having one die each. On each turn, the two players with a die roll it.

If a player rolls a 1, he passes the die to his neighbour on the left; if he rolls a 6, he passes the die to his neighbour on the right; otherwise, he keeps the die for the next turn.

The game ends when one player has both dice after they have been rolled and passed, that player has then lost.

In a game with 100 players, what is the expected number of turns the game lasts?

Give your answer rounded to ten significant digits.

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## Problem 228

Let  $S_n$  be the regular  $n$ -sided polygon - or *shape* - whose vertices  $v_k$  ( $k=1,2,\dots,n$ ) have coordinates:

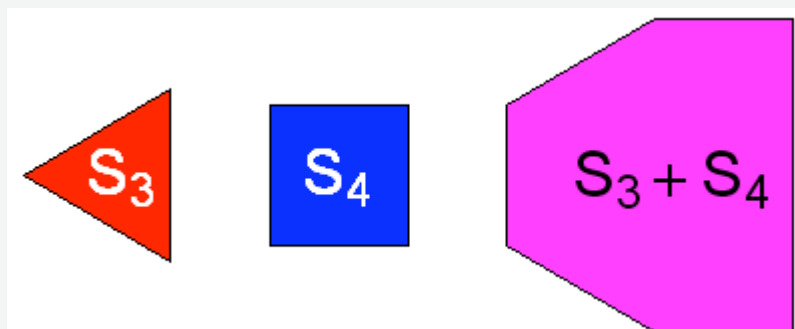
$$x_k = \cos\left(\frac{2k-1}{n} \times 180^\circ\right)$$

$$y_k = \sin\left(\frac{2k-1}{n} \times 180^\circ\right)$$

Each  $S_n$  is to be interpreted as a filled shape consisting of all points on the perimeter and in the interior.

The *Minkowski sum*,  $S+T$ , of two shapes  $S$  and  $T$  is the result of adding every point in  $S$  to every point in  $T$ , where point addition is performed coordinate-wise:  $(u, v) + (x, y) = (u+x, v+y)$ .

For example, the sum of  $S_3$  and  $S_4$  is the six-sided shape shown in pink below:



How many sides does  $S_{1864} + S_{1865} + \dots + S_{1909}$  have?

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