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Solution for problem 511

We claim that the minima is 94 which is attained when $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{40}) = (\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{22}, \underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_{18})$.

If the minima occurs for some other tuplet where r twos have become one and k ones have increased, like

$$(\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_k, \underbrace{2, 2, \dots, 2}_r) \longrightarrow (1 + x_1, 1 + x_2, \dots, 1 + x_k, \underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_r)$$

where $x_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i = r$ then:

Original sum(S_1): $k \cdot 1^2 + r \cdot 2^2 = 4r + k$

Changed Sum(S_2): $\sum_{i=1}^k (1 + x_i)^2 + r \cdot 1^2 = k + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k x_i + \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 + r$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore S_2 - S_1 &= k + 3r + \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \right) - 4r - k \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \right) - r \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 \right) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i \right) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

In the penultimate step we have replaced r by $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i$.

$\therefore 94$ is indeed the minima.

We claim that maxima is 400 which is attained when $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{40}) = (\underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{39}, 19)$

If any other tuplet achieves maxima like

$$(1 + x_1, 1 + x_2, \dots, 1 + x_k, 19 - r)$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^k x_i = r$ and $r \leq 18$ then:

Original sum(S_1): $k \cdot 1^2 + 19^2 = k + 361$

Changed Sum(S_2): $\sum_{i=1}^k (1 + x_i)^2 + (19 - r)^2 = k + \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k x_i + 361 + r^2 - 38r$

$\therefore S_2 - S_1 = 361 + k + \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 + r^2 - 36r - 361 - k = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 + r^2 - 36r = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i^2 + (\sum_{i=1}^k x_i)^2 - 36r < 2(\sum_{i=1}^k x_i)^2 - 36r = 2r(r - 18) \leq 0$

$\therefore 400$ is indeed the maxima.