# State High School Mathematics Tournament

University of South Carolina

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By the Hardy-Ramanujan formula

$$p(n) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k(n) \sqrt{k} \frac{d}{dn} \left( \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi}{k}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}(n-\frac{1}{24})}\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}(n-\frac{1}{24})}} \right),$$

### Tiebreaker 2

How many integers  $n \le 202020$  can be written in the form

$$n = a^3 + b^3 + c^3$$
,

where a, b, c are positive integers?

### Tiebreaker 2 Answer

**Answer.** 21581.