

1.3 Starry, Starry Night, E03

- [EMCC 2015/Guts22] Define a sequence of positive integers s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{10} to be *terrible* if the following conditions are satisfied for any pair of positive integers i and j satisfying $1 \leq i < j \leq 10$: $s_i > s_j$ and $j - i + 1$ divides the quantity $s_i + s_{i+1} + \dots + s_j$. Determine the minimum possible value of $s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_{10}$ over all terrible sequences.

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(Continuation) Find the second minimum possible value of $s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_{10}$, given that $s_{10} = 1$.

- [CMIMC 2018/A8]

Suppose $P(x)$ is a cubic polynomial with real coefficients satisfying $P(0) = 3$ and

$$(x^3 - 2x + 1 - P(x))(2x^3 - 5x^2 + 4 - P(x)) \leq 0$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Determine all possible values of $P(-1)$.

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- [AIME2 2019/11] Triangle ABC has side lengths $AB = 7$, $BC = 8$, and $CA = 9$. Circle ω_1 passes through B and is tangent to line AC at A . Circle ω_2 passes through C and is tangent to line AB at A . Let K be the intersection of circles ω_1 and ω_2 not equal to A . Find the length of AK .

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- [COMC 2016] Alice plays the following game: on each move, she may add a stone to an initial empty pile, or she may add the number of stones currently in the pile to her score. She wants a score of exactly 2020. What is the minimum number of moves she needs to make to achieve this score?

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