

## Problems

1. How many 0's does  $400!$  end with?
2. Find the smallest positive integer having exactly 100 positive divisors.
3. Define  $a_1 = 1$ , and for every  $n > 1$ , define  $a_{n+1} = a_n + \frac{1}{a_n}$ . Prove that  $20 < a_{200} < 24$ .
4. If  $S$  is a set of real numbers let  $S + S$  be the set of all sums of the form  $a + b$  where  $a \in S$  and  $b \in S$  (where  $a, b$  are allowed to be the same number). For each positive integer  $n$ , how should you choose  $S$  of size  $n$  if you want to minimize the size of  $S + S$ ?
5. Among all lists of positive integers that sum to 1000, what is the most their product can be?
6. Find all integers  $a, b$  such that  $a^b = b^a$ .
7. Determine all polynomials  $P(x)$  that satisfy the equations  $P(x^2 + 1) = (P(x))^2 + 1$  and  $P(0) = 0$ .
8. Let us say that a positive real number  $x$  is a *Fermat number* if there are three distinct positive integers  $a, b, c$  such that  $a^x + b^x = c^x$ . Prove that there exist arbitrarily large Fermat numbers (which means that for every real number  $M$  there is a Fermat number  $x$  that is bigger than  $M$ ).
9. Suppose we define the *linear size* of a box  $B$ , denote  $LS(B)$  to be the sum of its length, width and height. Is it possible to construct two boxes  $B, C$  where  $LS(B) < LS(C)$  and  $C$  fits inside of  $B$ ?
10. Given 6 points in the plane, show that the ratio of the maximum distance between two of them to the minimum distance between two of them is at least  $\sqrt{3}$ .
11. Suppose we color the points of the  $x$ - $y$  plane with three colors. Prove that there must be two points at distance one from each other that get the same color.
12. Evaluate  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}^{\dots}}}$ . (More formally, let  $x_1 = \sqrt{2}$ , and let  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{2}^{x_n}$  for each  $n \geq 1$ . Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ , if it exists.)
13. Standard U.S. coins are pennies (1 cent), nickels (5 cents), dimes (10 cents), quarters (25 cents), half dollars (50 cents) and dollars (100 cents). Say that an integer  $k$  is *convertible* provided that it is possible to find a collection of  $k$  coins that adds up to a dollar. What is the smallest positive integer that is not convertible?
14. Evaluate the determinant of the  $n \times n$  matrix whose  $(i, j)$ th entry is  $a^{|i-j|}$ .
15. For a nonnegative integer  $n$ , let  $f(n)$  be the number of ways to express  $n$  as a sum of powers of 2, where each power of 2 is used at most twice. For example,  $f(6) = 3$  since  $6 = 4 + 2 = 4 + 1 + 1 = 2 + 2 + 1 + 1$ . (We define  $f(0) = 1$ ). For a positive integer  $n$ , let  $r(n) = f(n)/f(n-1)$ . The function  $r$  is a rather amazing function: it is a bijection from the set of positive integers to the set of the positive rational numbers! Prove this.