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Day 1

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- 1 How many subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$ do not contain two numbers with sum $2n + 1$?
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- 2 The diagonals of a convex pentagon divide it into a small pentagon and ten triangles. What is the largest number of the triangles that can have the same area?
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- 3 Let p be a prime number, and define a sequence by: $x_i = i$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p - 1$ and $x_n = x_{n-1} + x_{n-p}$ for $n \geq p$. Find the remainder when x_{p^3} is divided by p .
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Day 2

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- 1 The positive reals x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n have harmonic mean 1. Find the smallest possible value of $x_1 + \frac{x_2^2}{2} + \frac{x_3^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{x_n^n}{n}$.
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- 2 An urn contains n balls labeled $1, 2, \dots, n$. We draw the balls out one by one (without replacing them) until we obtain a ball whose number is divisible by k . Find all k such that the expected number of balls removed is k .
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- 3 PA, PB, PC are three rays in space. Show that there is just one pair of points B', C' with B' on the ray PB and C' on the ray PC such that $PC' + B'C' = PA + AB'$ and $PB' + B'C' = PA + AC'$.
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