

# Problemen

| Problem Section

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## Problem A (folklore)

For a finite sequence  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$  of positive integers, denote by  $p(s)$  the number of ways to write  $s$  as a sum  $s = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i e_i + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} b_j (e_j + e_{j+1})$  with all  $a_i$  and  $b_j$  non-negative. Here  $e_i$  denotes the sequence of which the  $i$ -th term is 1 and of which all the other terms are 0. Show that there exists an integer  $B > 1$  such that for any product  $F$  of (positive) Fibonacci numbers, there exists a finite sequence  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$  with all  $s_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, B\}$  such that  $p(s) = F$ .

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## Problem B (folklore)

Let  $\ell$  be a prime number. For any group homomorphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$  between abelian groups and for any integer  $n \geq 0$ , denote by  $f_n$  the induced homomorphism  $A/\ell^n A \rightarrow B/\ell^n B$ . Let  $(k_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  and  $(c_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  be sequences of integers.

Show that there exist integers  $N, a, b \geq 0$  and a group homomorphism  $f: (\mathbb{Z}/\ell^N \mathbb{Z})^a \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/\ell^N \mathbb{Z})^b$  such that for all  $n \geq 0$  we have  $\#\ker f_n = \ell^{k_n}$  and  $\#\operatorname{coker} f_n = \ell^{c_n}$  if and only if  $k_0 = c_0 = 0$  and the sequences  $(k_{n+1} - k_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  and  $(c_{n+1} - c_n)_{n=0}^\infty$  are non-negative, non-increasing, eventually zero, and there is a constant  $C$  such that for all  $n$  such that  $k_{n+1} - k_n$  and  $c_{n+1} - c_n$  are not both zero, their difference is  $C$ .

(Recall that the *cokernel*  $\operatorname{coker} f$  of a group homomorphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$  between abelian groups is the quotient of  $B$  by the image of  $f$ .)

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## Problem C (folklore)

Let  $R$  be the polynomial ring over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with variables  $x_i, y_i, z_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $S$  be the polynomial ring over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with variables  $t_i$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\tau: R \rightarrow R$  be the isomorphism of rings given by  $x_i \mapsto x_{i+1}, y_i \mapsto y_{i+1}$  and  $z_i \mapsto z_{i+1}$ .

Consider the morphism  $f: R \rightarrow S$  of rings given by  $x_i \mapsto t_{i-1} t_i t_{i+1}, y_i \mapsto t_i^3$  and  $z_i \mapsto t_i^2$ . Does there exist a finite number of elements  $r_1, \dots, r_n \in R$  such that the kernel  $I$  of  $f$  is generated as an ideal in  $R$  by  $\{\tau^i r_j; i \in \mathbb{Z}, j = 1, \dots, n\}$ ?

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