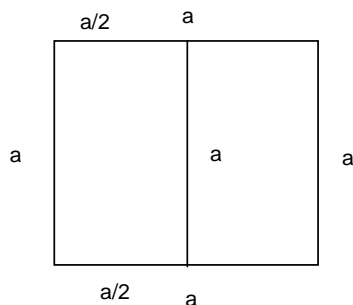


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## Solutions

1. A square is cut into two equal rectangles, each with perimeter 36. Find the area of the square.

- A 36    B 64    C 100    D 144    E 196



*Solution.* The perimeter of a rectangle is  $36 = 2a + 2\frac{a}{2} \equiv 3a$ . So that  $a = 12$ , and the required area is  $a^2 = 144$

Answer - D

2. Last year, the cost of milk was 150% of the cost of bread. If the cost of milk has risen by 20% and the cost of bread has risen by 25%, what percentage of the current cost of bread is the current cost of milk?

- A 120    B 135    C 144    D 160    E 175

*Solution.* Denote by  $m_0, b_0$  the last year costs of milk and bread. Then  $m_0 = 1.5b_0$ . This year the cost of milk is  $m_1 = 1.2m_0$ , the cost of bread is  $b_1 = 1.25b_0$ , and  $\frac{m_1}{b_1} = \frac{1.2m_0}{1.25b_0} = \frac{1.2 \cdot 1.5b_0}{1.25b_0} = \frac{1.2 \cdot 1.5}{1.25} = 1.44 = 144\%$

Answer - C

3. Angles are complements if they add to  $90^\circ$ . Let  $\angle A$  be nine times  $\angle B$  and the complement of  $\angle B$  is nine times the complement of  $\angle A$ . Find  $\angle B$

- A  $6^\circ$     B  $8^\circ$     C  $9^\circ$     D  $10^\circ$     E  $12^\circ$

*Solution.* By the condition of the problem,  $\angle A = 9\angle B$  and  $90 - \angle B = 9(90 - \angle A)$ . Substituting the expression for  $\angle A$  from the first equation to the second, we receive  $90 - \angle B = 9(90 - 9\angle B)$ . Solving this equation, find that  $\angle B = 9^\circ$

Answer - C

4. Find the product of all values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2-10x-24}$  is undefined.

- A -72    B -24    C 18    D 24    E 72

*Solution.* The function  $f(x)$  is undefined for all values of  $x$  where the denominator is 0, that is at all solutions of the equation  $x^2 - 10x - 24 = 0$ . The product of the zeros for any quadratic function with leading coefficient of 1 is the constant term, in our case  $-24$

Answer - B

5. If you roll three fair dice, what is the probability that the product of the three numbers rolled is even.

A  $\frac{1}{8}$    B  $\frac{1}{6}$    C  $\frac{1}{2}$    D  $\frac{5}{6}$    E  $\frac{7}{8}$

*Solution.* The total number of outcomes is  $N = 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = 216$ . Any unfavorable outcome will have all three odd rolled numbers. The number of unfavorable outcomes is  $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$ . The number of favorable outcomes is  $216 - 27 = 189$ . The probability of a favorable outcome is  $\frac{189}{216} = \frac{7}{8}$

Answer - E

6. If  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $f(-1) = 10$ ,  $f(0) = 5$ , and  $f(1) = 4$ , find  $f(2)$

A 7   B 8   C 9   D 10   E 11

*Solution.* Note that  $c = f(0) = 5$ . Then  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + 5$ , and  $f(-x) = ax^2 - bx + 5$ . Adding, and then subtracting these equalities, we get  $a = \frac{f(x)+f(-x)-10}{2x^2}$ ,  $b = \frac{f(x)-f(-x)}{2x}$ . Taking here  $x = 1$ , we will receive  $a = \frac{4+10-10}{2 \cdot 1^2} = 2$ , and  $b = \frac{4-10}{2 \cdot 1} = -3$ . Then  $f(2) = 2(2)^2 - 3(2) + 5 = 7$

Answer - A

7. A lattice point is a point with both coordinates integers. How many lattice points lie on or inside the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(10, 0)$ ,  $(0, 8)$ ?

A 51   B 52   C 53   D 54   E 55

*Solution.* An equation of the line through points  $(10, 0)$ ,  $(0, 8)$  is  $y = 8 - \frac{4}{5}x$ . Thus, for a lattice points  $(x, y)$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 8 - \frac{4}{5}x$ , with  $x \in [0, 10]$ . Denote by  $[u]$  the greatest integer less or equal to  $u$ . Then for any integer  $x \in [0, 10]$ , the number of lattice points with fixed  $x$  is  $n(x) = [8 - \frac{4}{5}x] + 1$ , or  $n(x) = [9 - \frac{4}{5}x]$ . Calculate

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$n(x)$	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	3	2	1	1

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total  $\sum n(x) = 51$

Answer - A

8. The perimeter of a rectangle is 52 and its diagonal is 20. Find its area.

A 134   B 138   C 142   D 144   E 148

*Solution.* Denote the sides of the rectangle by  $a, b$ , and its diagonal by  $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . By the conditions,  $2(a + b) = 52$ ,  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = 20$ , or  $a + b = 26$ ,  $a^2 + b^2 = 400$ . Subtract the second equation from the squared first equation to obtain,  $2ab = 26^2 - 400$ , or  $ab = 138$

Answer - B

9. The consecutive even numbers are written side-by-side to form the infinite decimal  $0.24681023141618\dots$ . Find the digit in the  $2010^{th}$  decimal place.

A 2   B 4   C 5   D 6   E 7

*Solution.* The smallest positive integer with  $m$  digits is  $10^{m-1}$ . The largest positive integer with  $m$  digits is  $10^m - 1$ . The total number positive integers with  $m$  digits is  $(10^m - 1) - 10^{m-1} + 1 = 9 \cdot 10^{m-1}$ . The total number positive even integers with  $m$  digits is  $9 \cdot 10^{m-1} / 2 = 45 \cdot 10^{m-2}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ .

Denote by  $N(m)$  the last decimal position taken by positive even integers with  $m$  digits in the decimal constructed in the problem. Then the following recurrence equality holds  $N(m) = N(m-1) + m \cdot 45 \cdot 10^{m-2}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ . Find manually  $N(1) = 4$ . By the recurrence equation,  $N(2) = N(1) + 2 \cdot 45 \cdot 10^0 = 94$ ,  $N(3) = N(2) + 3 \cdot 45 \cdot 10^{3-2} = 1444$ ,  $N(4) = N(3) + 4 \cdot 45 \cdot 10^{4-2} = 19444$ .

Between 1445 position and 2010 position there are  $2010 - 1444 = 566$  positions taken by four-digit positive even integers. Since  $566 = 4 \cdot 141 + 2$ , then 2010<sup>th</sup> position is occupied by the 2<sup>nd</sup> digit of 142<sup>th</sup> four-digit positive even integer. This integer is  $999 + 2(142 - 1) + 1 = 1282$ . The digit at 2010<sup>th</sup> place is 2.

Answer - A

**10.** When *AMATYCY* is transformed into a 6-digit number by replacing identical letters with identical digits and different letters with different digits, the result is divisible by 35. Find the final 2 digits for the least such number.

A 25    B 35    C 45    D 65    E 75

*Solution.* The factors of 35 are 5, 7, so that *AMATYCY* is divisible by both 5, 7. The divisibility by 5 indicates that  $C = 0$ , or 5. Find the conditions imposed on the rest of the digits by divisibility by 7. Write  $AMATYCY = A \cdot 10^5 + M \cdot 10^4 + A \cdot 10^3 + T \cdot 10^2 + Y \cdot 10 + C = A(10^5 + 10^3) + M \cdot 10^4 + T \cdot 10^2 + Y \cdot 10 + C$ . Calculate  $10^5 + 10^3 = 14428 \cdot 7 + 4$ ,  $10^4 = 1428 \cdot 7 + 4$ ,  $10^2 = 14 \cdot 7 + 2$ ,  $10 = 7 + 3$ . Then  $AMATYCY = 7(14428A + 1428M + 14T + Y) + (4A + 4M + 2T + 3Y + C)$ . Since the first expression here on the right is divisible by 7, then  $N_1(A, M, T, Y, C) = 4A + 4M + 2T + 3Y + C$  must also be divisible by 7.

We use trials and error to find the smallest number *AMATYCY* in which  $N_1$  is divisible by 7. Since  $A \neq 0$ , put  $A = 1$ . Then set  $M = 0$ . This leaves  $C = 5$ . Thus,  $N_1(1, 0, T, Y, 5) = 4 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 0 + 2T + 3Y + 5 = 9 + 2T + 3Y$ . As  $9 = 7 + 2$ , then  $N_1(1, 0, T, Y, 5) = 9 + 2T + 3Y = 7 + (2 + 2T + 3Y)$ . It follows that  $N_2(T, Y) = 2 + 2T + 3Y$  must be divisible by 7, where and  $T, Y$  are the digits from the set  $\{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . Tentatively, set  $T = 2$ . Thus,  $N_2(2, Y) = 6 + 3Y$ . Trying all  $Y \in \{3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ , we find that  $N_2(2, Y)$  is not divisible by 7. Tentatively, set  $T = 3$ , so that  $N_2(3, Y) = 8 + 3Y$  and  $Y \in \{2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . We find that  $N_2(3, 2) = 14$ , being divisible by 7.

Concluding, the smallest possible value of *AMATYCY* = 101325

Answer - A

**11.** Let  $f(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{1 + x^2})$ . Find  $f^{-1}(\ln 7)$

A  $\frac{11}{7}$     B  $\frac{24}{7}$     C  $\frac{7}{2}$     D  $\frac{7}{24}$     E  $\frac{7}{11}$

*Solution.* Denote  $f^{-1}(\ln 7) = x$ . Then  $f(x) \equiv \ln(x + \sqrt{1 + x^2}) = \ln 7$ , and  $x + \sqrt{1 + x^2} = 7$ . Simplifying this equation by eliminating the radical, we will get  $x = \frac{24}{7}$ .

Answer - B

**12.** If  $\sin(30^\circ + \arctan x) = \frac{13}{14}$ , and  $0 < x < 1$ , the value of  $x$  is  $\frac{a}{b}\sqrt{3}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers with no common prime factors. Find  $a + b$ .

*Solution.*  $\sin(30^\circ + \arctan x) = \frac{13}{14} \Leftrightarrow 30^\circ + \arctan x = \arcsin \frac{13}{14} \Leftrightarrow \arctan x = \arcsin \frac{13}{14} - 30^\circ \Leftrightarrow x = \tan(\arcsin \frac{13}{14} - 30^\circ) \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{\tan \arcsin \frac{13}{14} - \tan 30^\circ}{1 + \tan \arcsin \frac{13}{14} \cdot \tan 30^\circ}$ . Since  $\tan \arcsin t = \pm \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$ , then  $\tan \arcsin \frac{13}{14} = \pm \frac{13}{3\sqrt{3}}$ . Also  $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Thus  $x = \left(\pm \frac{13}{3\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \div \left(1 \pm \frac{13}{3\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pm 13 - 3}{3\sqrt{3}} \div \left(1 \pm \frac{13}{9}\right) = \frac{(\pm 13 - 3)9}{3\sqrt{3}(9 \pm 13)} = \frac{\pm 13 - 3}{9 \pm 13} \sqrt{3}$ . Because  $0 < x < 1$ , in the last expression for  $x$  in  $\pm$  only  $+$  sign fits. So  $x = \frac{13-3}{9+13} \sqrt{3} = \frac{10}{22} \sqrt{3} = \frac{5}{11} \sqrt{3}$ , and  $a = 5, b = 1, a + b = 16$

Answer - A

**13.** The equation  $a^5 + b^2 + c^2 = 2010$  ( $a, b, c$  positive integers), has a solution in which  $b$  and  $c$  have a common factor  $d > 1$ . Find  $d$ .

A 2 B 3 C 5 D 7 E 11

*Solution.* From the equation,  $a^5 = 2010 - (b^2 + c^2) < 2010$ , or  $a < \sqrt[5]{2010} < 4.6$ . So that  $a \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Consider  $b^2 + c^2 = 2010 - a^5$ . Because  $b, c$  have a common factor, denote by  $d$  their the greatest common factor. So  $b = dp, c = dq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  have no common factors. Then the equality  $b^2 + c^2 = 2010 - a^5$  transforms into  $p^2 + q^2 = \frac{2010 - a^5}{d^2}$

*Case  $a = 1$ .*  $2010 - a^5 = 2009$ . Factoring  $2009 = 41 \cdot 7^2$ , and we can take  $d = 7$ . Then  $\frac{2010 - a^5}{d^2} = 41$ , and the equation  $p^2 + q^2 = 41$  has a solution  $(p, q) = (4, 5)$

*Case  $a = 2$ .*  $2010 - a^5 = 1978$ . Factoring  $1978 = 2 \cdot 23 \cdot 43$  and among the factors there is no repeating ones.

*Case  $a = 3$ .*  $2010 - a^5 = 1767$ . Factoring  $1767 = 3 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$  and among the factors there is no repeating ones.

*Case  $a = 4$ .*  $2010 - a^5 = 986$ . Factoring  $986 = 2 \cdot 17 \cdot 29$  and among the factors there is no repeating ones.

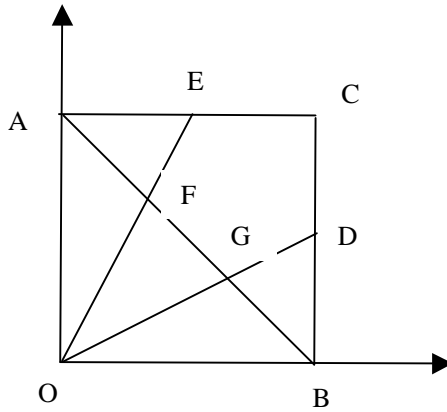
The only common factor  $d = 7$

Answer - D

**14.** Two real numbers are chosen independently at random from the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Find the probability that their sum  $< 1$  AND one is at least twice the other.

A  $\frac{1}{5}$  B  $\frac{1}{4}$  C  $\frac{1}{3}$  D  $\frac{2}{5}$  E  $\frac{1}{2}$

*Solution.* The random space for the pair  $(x, y)$  of independent uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$  random variables is the square  $S = \{(x, y) | 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$ . The probability of any region  $R \subset S$  is the area of  $R$ . The region defined in the problem is  $R = \{(x, y) | x + y < 1 \text{ AND } (y \geq 2x \text{ OR } x \geq 2y)\}$



In the picture the sample square is represented by the square  $OACB$ . The line  $x + y = 1$  is represented by the segment  $AB$ , the line  $y = 2x$  is represented by the segment  $OE$ , and the line  $x = 2y$  is represented by the segment  $OD$ . The region  $R = \triangle OAF \cup \triangle OGB$ . The  $Area(R) = Area(\triangle OAF) + Area(\triangle OGB) = 2Area(\triangle OGB)$ .

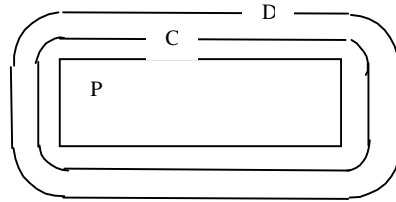
To find the  $y$  coordinate  $y_G$  of the point  $G$  solve the equations  $x + y = 1$ ,  $x = 2y$  to obtain  $y_G = \frac{1}{3}$ .  $Area(\triangle OGB) = \frac{1}{2}y_G|OB| = \frac{1}{6}$ .  $Area(R) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

Answer - C

**15.** A rectangle  $R$  has width 4 and length 6. The curve  $C$  consists of all points outside of  $R$  whose distance to the nearest point of  $R$  is 1, and  $D$  consists of all points of  $C$  whose distance to the nearest point of  $C$  is 1. Find the area enclosed by  $D$ , rounded to the nearest square unit.

A 71    B 73    C 75    D 77    E 79

*Solution.*



As follows from the picture, the area inside the curve  $D$  is the sum of the areas of several rectangles and the areas of four quarter-circles of radius 2. Meticulously calculating the total area of the rectangles, we obtain the value of 64. Calculating the total area of quarter-circles, we come to value of 12.57. The total area inside the curve  $D$  is  $64 + 12.57 \approx 77$

Answer - C

**16.** Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1}}{x}$ . Find the set of all real values of  $x$  for which  $f(f(x))$  exists.

A  $|x| > 1$     B  $|x| \geq 1$     C  $x = \pm 1$     D  $|x| \leq 1, x \neq 0$     E no value of  $x$

*Solution.* For a function  $g(x)$ , denote by  $D(g)$  and  $R(g)$  the domain and the range of  $g(x)$ . Then  $D(f * f) = D(f) \cap R(f)$ .  $D(f) = \{x : |x| \geq 1\}$ . For  $x \in D(f)$ ,  $|f(x)| = \frac{|x|\sqrt{1-1/x^2}}{|x|} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}} < 1$ , so that  $R(f) \subset \{y : |y| < 1\}$ . It follows that  $D(f) \cap R(f) \subset \{x : |x| \geq 1\} \cap \{y : |y| < 1\} = \emptyset$

Answer - E

**17.** The integer  $r > 1$  is both the common ratio of an integer geometric sequence and the common difference of an integer arithmetic sequence. Summing resulting terms of the sequences yields 7, 26, 90, .... The value of  $r$  is

A 2    B 4    C 8    D 12    E 16

*Solution.* Denoting by  $g$  and  $a$  the terms of geometric and arithmetic sequences for which the sum is 7, we will have the system of three equations

$$\begin{aligned} g + a &= 7, \\ gr + a + r &= 26, \\ gr^2 + a + 2r &= 90. \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting the first equation from the second, and the second equation from the third, we will have

$$\begin{aligned} g(r - 1) + r &= 19, \\ gr(r - 1) + r &= 64. \end{aligned}$$

From the first equation of the last system find  $g(r - 1) = 19 - r$  and plug this expression into the second system to obtain  $r(19 - r) + r = 64$ . This is a quadratic equation with the solutions  $r = 16$  and  $r = 4$ . From the first equation of the last system we get  $g = \frac{19-r}{r-1}$

*Case*  $r = 16$ . Then  $g = \frac{19-16}{16-1}$  which is not an integer. Value  $r = 16$  is not a solution of the problem

*Case*  $r = 4$ . Then  $g = \frac{19-4}{4-1} = 5$ . From the first equation of the first system we find  $a = 7 - g = 7 - 5 = 2$ . Thus,  $r = 4$  is the solution of the problem.

Answer - B

**18.** In a certain sequence, the first two terms are prime, and each term after the second is the product of the previous two terms. If seventh term is 12,500,000, find the eighth term divided by the seventh term

A 1000    B 2500    C 5000    D 10000    E 25000

*Solution.* In the sequence  $\{a_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $a_m = a_{m-2}a_{m-1}$ ,  $m = 3, 4, \dots$  Denote  $a_1 = p, a_2 = q$ . Using the recurrence relation, we can find the first several terms of the sequence:  $a_3 = a_1a_2 = pq$ ,  $a_4 = a_2a_3 = pq^2$ ,  $a_5 = a_3a_4 = p^2q^3$ , and similarly,  $a_6 = p^3q^5$ ,  $a_7 = p^5q^8$ ,  $a_8 = p^8q^{13}$ . Since  $a_7 = 12,500,000$ , then  $p^5q^8 = 12,500,000$ . Factoring  $12,500,000 = 2^55^8$ , we find  $p^5q^8 = 2^55^8$ , and  $p = 2, q = 5$ . Thus,  $a_8/a_7 = p^3q^5 = 2^35^5 = 25000$

Answer - E

**19.** Let  $P(x)$  be a polynomial with nonnegative integer coefficients. If  $P(2) = 77$  and  $P(P(2)) = 1874027$ , find the sum of its coefficients.

A 11    B 13    C 15    D 17    E 19

*Solution.* In all estimates for coefficients of  $P(x)$  below, I liberally use the fact that coefficients of  $P(x)$  are nonnegative integers.

Let the degree of  $P(x)$  be  $n$ . Since  $P(77) = P(P(2)) = 1874027$ , then  $77^n \leq P(77) = 1874027$ , and  $n \leq \log_{77} 1874027 < 3.4$ . That is  $n \leq 3$ .

For  $P(x) = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$ ,  $P(77) = a_377^3 + a_277^2 + a_177 + a_0 = 1874027$ , and

$$P(2) = a_32^3 + a_22^2 + a_12 + a_0 = 77 \quad (1)$$

Then  $1873950 = P(77) - P(2) = a_3(77^3 - 2^3) + a_2(77^2 - 2^2) + a_1(77 - 2)$ , or  $a_375 \cdot 6087 + a_275 \cdot 79 + a_175 = 1873950$ . Dividing both sides by 75, we get

$$6087a_3 + 79a_2 + a_1 = 24986 \quad (2)$$

From (2),  $6087a_3 \leq 6087a_3 + 79a_2 + a_1 = 24986$ . Thus  $a_3 \leq \frac{24986}{6087} < 4.11$  and

$$0 \leq a_3 \leq 4 \quad (3)$$

From (2),  $79a_2 + a_1 = 24986 - 6087a_3$ ,  $79a_2 \leq 79a_2 + a_1 = 24986 - 6087a_3$ , and

$$a_2 \leq \frac{24986 - 6087a_3}{79} \quad (4)$$

From (1), it follows that  $a_1 + a_2 = \frac{1}{2}(2a_1 + 2a_2) \leq \frac{1}{2}(2a_1 + 4a_2) = \frac{1}{2}(77 - 8a_3 - a_0) \leq \frac{1}{2}77 = 38.5$ . So that

$$a_1 + a_2 \leq 38 \quad (5)$$

From (2), it follows that  $a_1 = 24986 - (6087a_3 + 79a_2)$  and from (5)  $38 \geq 24986 - (6087a_3 + 79a_2) + a_2 = 24986 - 6087a_3 - 78a_2$ , or  $78a_2 \geq 24986 - 38 - 6087a_3 = 24948 - 6087a_3$ , or

$$a_2 \geq \frac{24948 - 6087a_3}{78} \quad (6)$$

Comparing (4) and (6), we find

$$\frac{24948 - 6087a_3}{78} \leq a_2 \leq \frac{24986 - 6087a_3}{79} \quad (7)$$

From (7),  $\frac{24948 - 6087a_3}{78} \leq \frac{24986 - 6087a_3}{79}$ , or  $a_3 \geq 3.61$ . Comparing this with (3), we find that

$$a_3 = 4 \quad (8)$$

From (7) and (8),  $\frac{24948 - 6087 \cdot 4}{78} \leq a_2 \leq \frac{24986 - 6087 \cdot 4}{79}$ , or  $7.6923 \leq a_2 \leq 8.0760$ . So

$$a_2 = 8 \quad (9)$$

From (2),  $a_1 = 24986 - (6087a_3 + 79a_2) = 24986 - (6087 \cdot 4 + 79 \cdot 8)$ . Calculating, find

$$a_1 = 6 \quad (10)$$

From (1),  $a_0 = 77 - (a_32^3 + a_22^2 + a_12) = 77 - (4 \cdot 8 + 8 \cdot 4 + 6 \cdot 2)$ , and

$$a_0 = 1 \quad (11)$$

The total  $a_3 + a_2 + a_1 + a_0 = 4 + 8 + 6 + 1 = 19$

Answer - E

**20.** If  $|x - 1| + |x - 2| + \dots + |x - 2010| \geq m$  for every real number  $x$ , find the maximum possible value for  $m$ .

A 1004·1005    B 1005<sup>2</sup>    C 1004·1006    D 1006<sup>2</sup>    E 1005 · 1006

*Solution.* Denote  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{2010} |x - k|$ . We have to find the value  $x_0$  such that  $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$  for all real  $x$ . Then  $f(x_0) = m$ .

Let  $x = y + 1005.5$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
g(y) &= f(x) = f(y + 1005.5) = \sum_{k=1}^{2010} |y + 0.5 - (k - 1005)| \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{1005} |y + 0.5 - (k - 1005)| + \sum_{k=1006}^{2010} |y + 0.5 - (k - 1005)| \\
&= \sum_{m=-1004}^0 |y + 0.5 - m| + \sum_{m=1}^{1005} |y + 0.5 - m| \\
&= \sum_{m=-1005}^{-1} |y - 0.5 - m| + \sum_{m=1}^{1005} |y + 0.5 - m| \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{1005} |y - 0.5 + m| + \sum_{m=1}^{1005} |y + 0.5 - m| = \sum_{m=1}^{1005} (|y - 0.5 + m| + |y + 0.5 - m|)
\end{aligned}$$

Show that the function  $g(y)$  is even.

Really,

$$\begin{aligned}
g(-y) &= \sum_{m=1}^{1005} (|-y - 0.5 + m| + |-y + 0.5 - m|) \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^{1005} (|y + 0.5 - m| + |y - 0.5 + m|) \\
&= g(y).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\min g(y)$  can be located at  $y \geq 0$ .

For  $y \geq 0$  rewrite

$$\begin{aligned}
g(y) &= \sum_{m=1}^{1005} (y - 0.5 + m + |y + 0.5 - m|) \\
&= \sum_{m \leq y+0.5} (y - 0.5 + m + y + 0.5 - m) + \sum_{m > y+0.5} ((y - 0.5 + m) - (y + 0.5 - m))
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{m \leq y+0.5} 2y + \sum_{m > y+0.5} (2m - 1), \quad y \geq 0.$$

For a fixed  $y \neq \text{integer} + 0.5$  and in a small neighborhood of  $y$  the sums on the right in the last equation have a fixed number of terms and are non-decreasing functions of  $y$ . Since  $g(y)$  is a continuous function, then  $g(y)$  is non-decreasing for  $y \geq 0$ , and attains its minimum value at  $y = 0$ . Thus  $\min g(y) = g(0) =$

$$\sum_{m > 0.5} (2m - 1) = \sum_{m=1}^{1005} (2m - 1) = \frac{1+2009}{2} 1005 = 1005^2$$

Answer - B