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QUIZ 10
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Problem 1. Determine, with proof, the number of ordered triples (A_1, A_2, A_3) of sets which have the property that

- (i) $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$, and
- (ii) $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 = \emptyset$.

Express your answer in the form $2^a 3^b 5^c 7^d$, where a, b, c, d are nonnegative integers. [Putnam Exam, 1985, A1]

Problem 2. What is the units (i.e., rightmost) digit of

$$\left\lfloor \frac{10^{20000}}{10^{100} + 3} \right\rfloor?$$

[Putnam Exam, 1986, A2]

Problem 3. If every point of the plane is painted one of three colors, do there necessarily exist two points of the same color exactly one inch apart? [Putnam Exam, 1988, A4(a)]

Problem 4. A dart, thrown at random, hits a square target. Assuming that any two parts of the target of equal area are equally likely to be hit, find the probability that the point hit is nearer to the center than to any edge. Express your answer in the form $(a\sqrt{b} + c)/d$, where a, b, c, d are integers. [Putnam Exam, 1989, B1]

Problem 5. Let

$$T_0 = 2, T_1 = 3, T_2 = 6,$$

and for $n \geq 3$,

$$T_n = (n + 4)T_{n-1} - 4nT_{n-2} + (4n - 8)T_{n-3}.$$

The first few terms are

$$2, 3, 6, 14, 40, 152, 784, 5168, 40576.$$

Find, with proof, a formula for T_n of the form $T_n = A_n + B_n$, where $\{A_n\}$ and $\{B_n\}$ are well-known sequences. [Putnam Exam, 1990, A1]

Problem 6. Suppose f and g are non-constant, differentiable, real-valued functions defined on $(-\infty, \infty)$. Furthermore, suppose that for each pair of real numbers x and y ,

$$\begin{aligned}f(x+y) &= f(x)f(y) - g(x)g(y), \\g(x+y) &= f(x)g(y) + g(x)f(y).\end{aligned}$$

If $f'(0) = 0$, prove that $(f(x))^2 + (g(x))^2 = 1$ for all x . [Putnam Exam, 1991, B2]