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PROBLEMS PROPOSED BY POLAND.

PL1 Let be given  $m$  positive integers  $a_1, \dots, a_m$ . Prove that there exist less than  $2^m$  positive integers  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  such that all sums of distinct  $b_k$ 's are distinct and all  $a_i$  ( $i \leq m$ ) occur among them.

PL2 Let  $ABC$  be an arbitrary triangle and let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_7$  be circles satisfying the following conditions :

$S_1$  is tangent to  $CA$  and  $AB$ ,

$S_2$  is tangent to  $S_1, AB$  and  $BC$ ,

$S_3$  is tangent to  $S_2, BC$  and  $CA$ ,

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$S_7$  is tangent to  $S_6, CA$  and  $AB$ .

Prove that the circles  $S_1$  and  $S_7$  coincide.

PL3 Let be given a real number  $\lambda > 1$  and a sequence  $(n_k)$  of positive integers such that

$$\frac{n_{k+1}}{n_k} > \lambda \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Prove that there exists a positive integer  $c$  such that every positive integer  $n$  cannot be presented in more than  $c$  ways in the form

$$n = n_k + n_j \quad \text{or} \quad n = n_r - n_s.$$

PL4 An infinite increasing sequence of positive integers  $n_j$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots$ ) has the property that for a certain  $C$  and every  $N > 0$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n_j \leq N} n_j \leq C.$$

Prove that there exist finitely many sequences  $m_j^{(i)}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ )

such that

$$\{n_1, n_2, \dots\} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k \{m_1^{(i)}, m_2^{(i)}, \dots\}$$

$$\text{and } m_{j+1}^{(i)} > 2m_j^{(i)} \quad / 1 \leq i \leq k, j=1, 2, \dots /.$$