

# Introduction to Combinatorics

## Problems

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1. In every vertex of a  $2n$ -gon there is a set of two real numbers. Prove that we can choose one number in every vertex so that no two adjacent vertices have the same number chosen.
2. (Cauchy-Davenport theorem) Let  $p$  be a prime number and let  $A$  and  $B$  be two subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Prove that  $|A + B| \geq \min(p, |A| + |B| - 1)$ , where  $A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ .
3. (Erdős-Ginzburg-Ziv theorem — special case) Let  $p$  be a prime number. Prove that for every set of  $2p - 1$  integers we can find  $p$  of them whose sum is divisible by  $p$ .
4. Let  $k$  be a positive integer. Determine the coefficient of  $x_1^{k-1} \dots x_k^{k-1}$  in  $\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (x_i - x_j)^2$ .
5. Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $k$  a positive integer such that  $k < p$ . Let  $a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_k$  be integers so that  $b_1, \dots, b_k$  are pairwise different modulo  $p$ . Prove that there exists a permutation  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  of  $b_1, \dots, b_k$  so that  $a_1 + c_1, \dots, a_k + c_k$  are pairwise different modulo  $p$ .