

4. Determine the maximum integer  $n$  such that for each  $k \leq \frac{n}{2}$  there are two positive divisors of  $n$  with difference  $k$ .

**Solution.** The answer is 24. This number obviously satisfies the condition:  $1 = 2 - 1$ ,  $2 = 4 - 2$ ,  $3 = 6 - 3$ ,  $4 = 8 - 4$ ,  $5 = 8 - 3$ ,  $6 = 8 - 2$ ,  $7 = 8 - 1$ ,  $8 = 12 - 4$ ,  $9 = 12 - 3$ ,  $10 = 12 - 2$ ,  $11 = 12 - 1$ ,  $12 = 24 - 12$ .

Suppose  $n > 24$  satisfies the condition. If  $n$  is odd, it has no divisors between  $n$  and  $\frac{n}{3}$ , therefore  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  must have the form  $n - d$ , where  $d$  divides  $n$ . But then  $d = \frac{n+1}{2}$  clearly does not divide  $n$ . Thus  $n$  is even.

If  $\frac{n}{3} \leq k < \frac{n}{2}$  and  $k = d_1 - d_2$ , where  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  divide  $n$ , then  $d_1 = \frac{n}{2}$  (since obviously  $d_1 > \frac{n}{3}$ , and for  $d_1 = n$  the number  $d_2$  must be greater than  $\frac{n}{2}$ ). Therefore, for every such  $k$  the number  $\frac{n}{2} - k$  divides  $n$ . This means that  $n$  is divisible by all positive integers not exceeding  $\frac{n}{6}$ . Since  $n > 24$ , it is divisible by 3 and 4 and therefore by 12.

The numbers  $\frac{n}{6}$  and  $\frac{n}{6} - 1$  are coprime and divide  $n$ . Therefore their product also divides  $n$ , and  $n \geq \frac{n}{6}(\frac{n}{6} - 1)$ , that is,  $n \leq 42$ . Since  $12|n$ , it remains to check the number 36, which is not divisible by  $5 < \frac{36}{6}$  and therefore does not satisfy the condition.

5. Let  $A_n$  be the set of partitions of the sequence  $1, 2, \dots, n$  into several subsequences such that every two neighbouring terms of each subsequence have different parity, and  $B_n$  the set of partitions of the sequence  $1, 2, \dots, n$  into several subsequences such that all the terms of each subsequence have the same parity (for example, the partition  $\{(1, 4, 5, 8), (2, 3), (6, 9), (7)\}$  is an element of  $A_9$ , and the partition  $\{(1, 3, 5), (2, 4), (6)\}$  is an element of  $B_6$ ).

Prove that for every positive integer  $n$  the sets  $A_n$  and  $B_{n+1}$  contain the same number of elements.

**Solution.** To prove that  $|A_n| = |B_{n+1}|$  we construct a bijection between the two types of partitions.

Let  $A$  be a partition of the first type, that is, the elements of each subsequence in  $A$  have alternating parities. We map this partition to the partition  $B$  defined by the following rule:

*Two numbers  $x < y$  are adjacent in some subsequence in  $A$  if and only if  $x$  and  $y + 1$  are adjacent in some subsequence in  $B$ .*

For example, the partition  $\{(1, 4, 7, 8), (2, 5, 10), (3, 6), (9)\} \in A_{10}$  is mapped to the partition  $\{(1, 5, 11), (2, 6), (4, 8), (3, 7, 9), (10)\} \in B_{11}$ .

It follows immediately that all the terms of each subsequence in  $B$  have the same parity, that is,  $B \in B_{n+1}$ .

Transforming each pair  $(x, z)$  of consecutive terms in any partition  $B \in B_{n+1}$  into pair  $(x, z - 1)$  (where obviously  $x < z - 1$  and the numbers  $x$  and  $z - 1$  have different parity) we construct the unique  $A \in A_n$  which maps to  $B$ . Thus our mapping is a bijection.

6. The area of a convex pentagon  $ABCDE$  is  $S$ , and the circumradii of the triangles  $ABC$ ,  $BCD$ ,  $CDE$ ,  $DEA$ ,  $EAB$  are  $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5$ . Prove the inequality

$$R_1^4 + R_2^4 + R_3^4 + R_4^4 + R_5^4 \geq \frac{4}{5 \sin^2 108^\circ} S^2.$$

**Solution.** First we prove the following

Lemma 1. In a convex  $n$ -gon  $A_1A_2 \dots A_n$  with area  $S$  we have

$$4S \leq A_nA_2 \cdot R_1 + A_1A_3 \cdot R_2 + \dots + A_{n-1}A_1 \cdot R_n,$$

where  $R_i$  is the circumradius of the triangle  $A_{i-1}A_iA_{i+1}$ ,  $A_0 = A_n$ ,  $A_{n+1} = A_1$ .

Let  $M_i$  be the midpoint of  $A_iA_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . For each  $i$  we consider the quadrilateral formed by the segments  $A_iM_i$  and  $A_iM_{i-1}$  and the perpendiculars to this segments drawn through  $M_i$  and  $M_{i-1}$ , respectively. We claim that these  $n$  quadrilaterals cover the  $n$ -gon. Indeed, let  $P$  be a point inside the  $n$ -gon. Let  $PA_k$  be the minimum among the distances  $PA_1, PA_2, \dots, PA_n$ . We have  $PA_k \leq PA_{k+1}$  and  $PA_k \leq PA_{k-1}$ , therefore  $P$  belongs to the  $n$ -gon and to each of the two half-planes containing  $A_k$  and bounded by the perpendicular bisectors to  $A_kA_{k+1}$  and  $A_kA_{k-1}$ , that is, to the  $k$ -th quadrilateral. To complete the proof it remains to note that the area of the  $i$ -th quadrilateral does not exceed  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{A_{i-1}A_{i+1}}{2} \cdot R_i$ .

For our problem it follows that  $4S \leq 2R_1^2 \sin \angle A_1 + 2R_2^2 \sin \angle A_2 + \dots + 2R_5^2 \sin \angle A_5$ . Applying Cauchy-Buniakowsky inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2S &\leq R_1^2 \sin \angle A_1 + R_2^2 \sin \angle A_2 + \dots + R_5^2 \sin \angle A_5 \leq \sqrt{(R_1^4 + \dots + R_5^4)(\sin^2 \angle A_1 + \dots + \sin^2 \angle A_5)} \leq \\ &\leq \sqrt{5(R_1^4 + \dots + R_5^4) \sin^2 108^\circ}, \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\frac{4S^2}{5 \sin^2 108^\circ} \leq R_1^4 + R_2^4 + \dots + R_5^4.$$

In the above inequality we made use of the following

Lemma 2. If  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_5$  are angles of a convex pentagon, then  $\sin^2 \alpha_1 + \dots + \sin^2 \alpha_5 \leq 5 \sin^2 108^\circ$ .

The sum in question does not depend on the order of the angles, therefore we may assume  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_5$ .

If  $\alpha_1 = 108^\circ$ , then  $\alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_5 = 108^\circ$ , and the inequality turns to equality.

If  $\alpha_1 < 108^\circ$ , then  $\alpha_5 > 108^\circ$ . Note that  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_5 < 270^\circ$  (if  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_5 \geq 270^\circ$ , then  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 \leq 270^\circ$ , therefore  $\alpha_2 \leq 90^\circ$ , a fortiori  $\alpha_1 \leq 90^\circ$  and thus  $\alpha_5 \geq 180^\circ$ , a contradiction). Then we have

$$\sin^2 108^\circ + \sin^2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_5 - 108^\circ) - \sin^2 \alpha_1 - \sin^2 \alpha_5 = 2 \cos(\alpha_1 + \alpha_5) \sin(\alpha_1 - 108^\circ) \sin(\alpha_5 - 108^\circ) > 0.$$

It means that changing the angles  $\alpha_1$  by  $108^\circ$  and  $\alpha_5$  by  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_5 - 108^\circ$  increases the sum of squares of the sines. Iterating this operation, we shall make all the angles equal to  $108^\circ$ , thus proving the inequality.