Zonal Informatics Olympiad, 2021

Solutions

- 1. Number of good k-bounded lists of length n
 - (a) good(7,1) = 65
 - (b) good(7,3) = 15163
 - (c) good(20, 1) = 97229
- 2. Minimum number of signs to be flipped to have all prefix sums non-negative
 - (a) [3, -2, 3, -1, -2, -2, -4] 2 sign flips
 - (b) [-15, -12, -10, -13, -2, -3, -17, -19, -5, -9] 4 sign flips
 - (c) [-12, -2, -16, -19, -9, -3, -7, -11, -17, -3, -15, -10, -10, -15, -8] 5 sign flips
- 3. Find the n^{th} solid integer
 - (a) n = 100 121
 - (b) n = 2000 2662
 - (c) n = 100000 162151
- 4. Convert x to y using k in the minimum number of steps
 - (a) convert(3, 10, 2) = 3
 - (b) convert(4, 92, 3) = 7
 - (c) convert(11, 104250, 2) = 24

Marking

The question paper carries 80 marks, broken up into four questions of 20 marks each. Each question has three parts. If you solve all three parts correctly, you get 20 marks for that question. Otherwise, you get 5 marks for each part that you solve correctly.

Qualifying cutoff

- Std 12: 45
- Std 11: 40
- Std 10: 35
- Std 9 or below: 30