

1. If x is even then $x^2 + bx + c \equiv 0 + 0 + 1 = 1 \mod 2$, so it cannot be a root. If x is odd then $x^2 + bx + c \equiv 1 + b + 1 \equiv b \mod 2$, so it cannot be a root unless b is even. Therefore in order for the polynomial to have an integer root, b must be an even prime and thus equal to 2.

Next we write $x^2 + 2x + c = (x+1)^2 + (c-1)$, which is never zero for $c \ge 2$, so c = 1 and x = -1. Thus the only solution is (x, b, c) = (-1, 2, 1).

2. The three circles C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 must have the same radius.

Suppose that we only draw circles D and E, marking the points where C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 are tangent to E as T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 , respectively. We also draw radii from the common center of D and E (call it O) to T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 . Suppose that the radii intersect circle D at P_1 , P_2 , and P_3 , respectively.



If we were to draw the tangent lines to circle E at T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 , then $\overline{OT_1}$, $\overline{OT_2}$, and $\overline{OT_3}$ would be perpendicular to the tangent line. The same applies for the radii of circles C_1 , C_2 and C_3 drawn to T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 , respectively. Hence the centers of C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 must lie on $\overline{OT_1}$, $\overline{OT_2}$, and $\overline{OT_3}$, respectively. Since the point of tangency between C_1 and D must lie on the line connecting the centers of the two circles, we see that P_1 must be the point of tangency between the two circles. It follows that $\overline{P_1T_1}$ is a diameter of circle C_1 , and similarly, $\overline{P_2T_2}$ and $\overline{P_3T_3}$ are diameters of C_2 and C_3 , respectively. If the radius of E is R and the radius of D is r, then $P_1T_1 = P_2T_2 = P_3T_3 = R - r$, so the three circles must have the same diameter, which implies that they must have the same radius.

Note: Our diagram is not to scale—it turns out that circle D needs to be smaller. In fact, if the radius of circle D is 1, then C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 must have radius $3 + 2\sqrt{3}$, so E has radius $7 + 4\sqrt{3}$. The following picture shows a to-scale diagram.





3. Solution 1: It is impossible to assign a number to each point in the plane such that the property is true. Given *any* two distinct points A and B in the plane, let M be the midpoint of \overline{AB} . We can construct points C and D on the perpendicular bisector of \overline{AB} , such that $CM = MD = \frac{AM}{\sqrt{3}}$. Note that $\triangle ACD$ and $\triangle BCD$ are congruent equilateral triangles.



If such a function exists, then as $\triangle ACD$ and $\triangle BCD$ have the same perimeter, we know that

f(A) + f(C) + f(D) = f(B) + f(C) + f(D).

Hence f(A) = f(B) for all distinct points A and B, so f must be equal to a constant for all points in the plane. If f(P) = k for all points P in the plane, then it follows that f(P) + f(Q) + f(R) = 3k for every equilateral triangle PQR. Hence the perimeter of every equilateral triangle in the plane is 3k, an obvious contradiction. We conclude that the requested task is impossible.

Solution 2: Suppose for sake of contradiction that it is possible to make such an assignment. Let PQR be an equilateral triangle with side length 2, and let A, B, and C be the midpoints of \overline{PQ} , \overline{QR} , and \overline{RP} , respectively.





Note that $\triangle PAC$, $\triangle QBA$, $\triangle RCB$ and $\triangle ABC$ are equilateral triangles with side length 1. Then f(P) + f(Q) + f(R) = 6 and

$$(f(P) + f(A) + f(C)) = 3$$

(f(Q) + f(B) + f(A)) = 3
(f(R) + f(C) + f(B)) = 3
(f(A) + f(B) + f(C)) = 3

Adding these equations, and subtracting f(P) + f(Q) + f(R) = 6, we find

3(f(A) + f(B) + f(C)) = 6.

which implies that f(A) + f(B) + f(C) = 2. But the perimeter of $\triangle ABC$ is 3, so

$$f(A) + f(B) + f(C) = 3,$$

and we have a contradiction. Thus no such assignment exists.

4. Solution 1: The answer is that $P_c(2021)$ is a multiple of 3 if and only if $c \equiv 2 \mod 3$.

First, scale the problem so that cows only have two legs and ostriches have one, and the number of animals on day n is equal to the number of legs on day n - 1. Then, the number of animals Georgia adds on day n is simply the number of cows on day n - 1, since they have one excess leg.

The possible numbers of cows on day 2 are $c, c + 1, c + 2, \dots, 2c$. Thus, we have the recursion

$$P_c(n) = \sum_{i=c}^{2c} P_i(n-1)$$

for $n \ge 2$, with the initial condition $P_c(1) = 1$ for all c.

We now claim that for all $n \ge 2$ we have $P_c(n) \equiv c+1 \pmod{3}$. We prove this by induction. The base case is day 2, on which Georgia can add $0, 1, 2, \ldots c$ cows, which gives c+1 possibilities. Now suppose that $P_c(n) \equiv c+1 \pmod{3}$ for all c; we show that $P_c(n+1) \equiv c+1 \mod{3}$ as well. Working mod 3, we have

$$P_{c}(n+1) \equiv \sum_{i=c}^{2c} (i+1)$$

$$\equiv c+1 + \sum_{i=c}^{2c} i$$

$$\equiv c+1 + \frac{2c(2c+1)}{2} - \frac{c(c-1)}{2}$$

$$\equiv c+1 + \frac{3c^{2}+3c}{2}$$

$$\equiv c+1 \pmod{3}.$$



This completes the induction. It follows that $P_c(2021) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ if and only if $c \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$.

Solution 2: Extend $P_c(n)$ to the case c = 0 for convenience (in this case there are 0 cows always, so $P_c(n) = 1$ for all n). We first observe that for $c \ge 0$, $n \ge 1$, $P_c(n)$ is equivalently the number of sequences c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_n where $c_1 = 1$ and $c_{i+1} \in [c_i, 2c_i]$ for all i. Here c_i is the number of cows on day i, and the number of ostriches on day i is derived as $2c_{i-1} - c_i$.

Then for $c \ge 1$ and $n \ge 1$, we have the recurrence

$$P_{c}(n+1) = P_{c-1}(n+1) - P_{c-1}(n) + P_{2c-1}(n) + P_{2c}(n),$$

by the following bijection: take a sequence starting with c and subtract 1 from the first number. Either it is a valid sequence starting with c - 1, or the second number is 2c - 1, or the second number is 2c. In the first case, this covers all valid sequence starting with c - 1 other than those where the second number is c - 1, so the number of such sequences is $P_{c-1}(n + 1) - P_{c-1}(n)$.

From the above recurrence, we now claim that $P_c(n) \equiv c+1 \mod 3$ for all $n \geq 2$. (For n = 1, $P_c(1) = 1$ so it doesn't hold.) Induct on n. For the base case, $P_c(2)$ counting valid sequences of length 2, of which there are exactly c+1. For the inductive step, using the recurrence:

 $P_{c}(n+1) \equiv P_{c-1}(n+1) - (c) + (2c) + (2c+1) \equiv P_{c-1}(n+1) + 1,$

and since $P_0(n+1) = 1$, the result follows.

5. We claim that each player has a strategy that prevents them from losing, hence if both players play optimally, then the game will go on infinitely. The strategy to prevent yourself from losing is simple: if you have 0 or 1 stones on your turn, then gain a stone (this is forced); otherwise if you have $n \ge 2$ stones, then always give away as many stones as possible $(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$ to the opponent.

We argue that this strategy works for Gog; the argument that it works for Magog is identical. Suppose that it is our turn and we have not lost yet; then we have at most 19 stones, and after giving as many as possible away (or gaining one in the case of 0 or 1), we will have at most 10 stones. Then either the opponent loses immediately, or on their turn they can give us at most 9 stones. Since that leaves us with at most 10 + 9 = 19 stones again on our turn, we do not lose and by induction, we can never lose.

6. Let the prime factorization of n! be $p_1^{x_1}p_2^{x_2}p_3^{x_3}\cdots p_k^{x_k}$, where $p_1 = 2$, $p_2 = 3$, and so on are all the prime numbers between 1 and n, inclusive. The number of divisors of n! is $(x_1 + 1)(x_2 + 1)(x_3 + 1)\cdots(x_k + 1)$.

We consider the following algorithm which assigns each value $x_i + 1$ with a distinct number between 1 and 2n. Visit the prime numbers in order, starting with p_1 and ending with p_k . For each p_i , assign $(x_i + 1)$ to a multiple of $(x_i + 1)$ that has not yet been assigned. Assuming such a multiple always exists, in the end we have that each $(x_i + 1)$ divides the number it is assigned to, and the product of all assigned numbers divides $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (2n - 1) \cdot (2n) = (2n)!$. Thus, it remains to show that at each step there is a multiple of $x_i + 1$ between 1 and 2n that is not assigned.



The number of factors of p_i going into n! is given by the formula

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p_i^j} \right\rfloor,\,$$

so it can be bounded above:

$$<\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{p_i^j} = n \frac{(1/p_i)}{1 - (1/p_i)} = \frac{n}{p_i - 1}.$$

Therefore,

$$x_i + 1 < \frac{n + p_i - 1}{p_i - 1} \le \frac{2n - 1}{p_i - 1} < \frac{2n}{p_i - 1},$$

which implies there are at least $p_i - 1$ multiples of $(x_i + 1)$ between 1 and 2n. On the other hand, the number of primes so far $(p_1 \text{ through } p_{i-1})$ is at most $p_i - 2$, since 1 is not prime. So this completes the proof that there is always a multiple of $(x_i + 1)$ available.