

Q21

Given S be a finite set of positive integers.

Assume that there are precisely 2023 ordered pairs (m, y) in $S \times S$ such that my is a perfect square.

for example

$$S = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$\Rightarrow S \times S = \left\{ (1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,1), (2,2), (2,4), (4,1), (4,2), (4,4) \right\}$$

\Rightarrow in $S \times S$

$$\left\{ (1,1), (1,4), (2,2), (4,1), (4,4) \right\}$$

\Rightarrow are exactly 5 pairs with my is a perfect square and 4 are non-perfect square.

let $|S| = n$

$$\text{then } |S \times S| = n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 > 2023$$

\Rightarrow minimum $n > 45$

to get 2023 ordered pairs to get perfect squares of xy .

and $2023 = 7 \times 17^2$

let S has n elements in that k are non perfect squares and

$(n-k)$ are perfect squares.

so perfect squares with perfect squares always gives a pair which is perfect square and (non-perfect) with it self is a perfect square

i.e. $(n-k, n-k)$ is always a perfect squares and (k, k) is always

perfect squares.

\Rightarrow According to question

$$(n-k)^2 + k^2 = 2023$$

which leads k should be greater than

4.