

1. Let  $a$  be the base 10 integer equivalent to  $2021_{20}$  and let  $b$  the base 10 integer equivalent to  $2021_{21}$ . Compute  $b - a$ .

**Answer: 2524**

**Solution:** Converting to base 10,

$$\begin{aligned} b - a &= (2 \cdot 21^3 + 2 \cdot 21 + 1) - (2 \cdot 20^3 + 2 \cdot 20 + 1) \\ &= 2(21^3 - 20^3) + 2(21 - 20) \\ &= 2(1261) + 2(1) \\ &= \boxed{2524}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $f$  be a function such that for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $f(n)$  is equal to the median of the positive factors of  $n$ . Compute the sum of all positive integers  $n$  such that  $20 < f(n) < 21$ .

**Answer: 2856**

**Solution:** Bash pairs that sum to 41 to get the solution set  $\{148, 310, 348, 390, 408, 414, 418, 420\}$  which sums to 2856.

3. Let  $k$  be a randomly chosen positive divisor of  $20!$ . What is the probability that  $k$  can be written as  $a^2 + b^2$  for some integers  $a$  and  $b$ ?

**Answer:  $\frac{5}{54}$**

**Solution:** The choice  $k$  can be written as the sum of two squares if and only if every prime  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  appears to an even power in the prime factorization of  $k$ . The primes  $p \leq 20$  with  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  are 3, 7, 11, and 19. Also,  $20! = 3^8 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^1 \cdot 19^1 \cdot k$  where  $k$  is not divisible by any of these primes. Therefore, a randomly positive divisor of  $20!$  has prime factorization  $3^a \cdot 7^b \cdot 11^c \cdot 19^d \cdot l$  where  $l$  is not divisible by any of these primes,  $a \in [0, 8]$ ,  $a \in [0, 2]$ ,  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,  $a \in [0, 1]$ . Furthermore  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  take on the possible values with equally likelihood and independently of each other. It suffices to compute the probability that  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  are all even

which is  $\left(\frac{5}{9}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \boxed{\frac{5}{54}}$ .