

Next Selection Test: 4 hours 30 minutes

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1. Let n be a positive integer. A sequence of n positive integers (not necessarily distinct) is called *full* if it satisfies the following condition: for each positive integer $k \geq 2$, if the number k appears in the sequence then so does $k - 1$, and moreover the first occurrence of $k - 1$ comes before the last occurrence of k . For each n , how many full sequences are there?
2. Is there a positive integer m such that the equation

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{abc} = \frac{m}{a + b + c}$$

has infinitely many solutions in positive integers a, b, c ?

3. For any set S of five points in the plane, no three of which are colinear, let $M(S)$ and $m(S)$ denote the greatest and smallest areas, respectively, of triangles determined by three points from S . What is the minimum possible value of $M(S)/m(S)$?