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Abstract

Two infinite sequences A and B of nonnegative integers are called additive complements, if their sum contains all sufficiently large integers. We also say that B is an additive complement of A if A and B are additive complements. In this paper, we consider a problem of Ben Green on additive complements of the squares: $S = \{1^2, 2^2, \dots\}$. The following result is proved: if $B = \{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with $b_n \geq \frac{\pi^2}{16}n^2 - 0.57n^{\frac{1}{2}}\log n - \beta n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for all positive integers n and any given constant β , then B is not an additive complement of S. In particular, $B = \left\{ \left| \frac{\pi^2}{16}n^2 \right| \mid n = 1, 2, \dots \right\}$ is not an additive complement of S.

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1. Introduction

Two infinite sequences A and B of nonnegative integers are called additive complements, if their sum contains all sufficiently large integers. We also say that B is an additive complement of A if A and B are additive complements. Let $R_{A,B}(n)$ be the number of solutions of $n=a+b, a\in A, b\in B$. Hence, if A and B are called additive complements, then $R_{A,B}(n)\geq 1$ for all sufficiently large integers n. Let $\lfloor x \rfloor$ be the integral part of x and let |A| be the cardinality of A. Given an integer N>1. Two subsets A,B of $\{0,1,\ldots,N\}$ are called additive complements on $\{0,1,\ldots,N\}$ if every integer n with $0\leq n\leq N$ can

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