

1. **Answer: \$88**

Let  $x$  be the amount of money he invests each year. We make the following table about the amount of money he has:

Year	Money on Jan 1	Money on Dec 31
8	$x$	$2x$
9	$2x + x$	$2^2x + 2x$
10	$2^2x + 2x + x$	$2^3x + 2^2x + 2x$
...	...	...
17	$2^9x + 2^8x + \dots + 2x + x$	$2^{10}x + 2^9x + \dots + 2x$

Sammy needs  $4 \times \$45000 = \$180000$ . Then  $180000 = 2^{10}x + 2^9x + \dots + 2x = 2(2^9 + 2^8 + \dots + 2 + 1)x = 2(2^{10} - 1)x = 2046x \Rightarrow x = 180000/2046 \simeq 87.97$  so the least integer amount of money he needs to invest is \$88.

2. **Answer:  $(-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$** 

From the first equation, we get that  $y^2 = 1 - x^2$ . Plugging this into the second one, we are left with

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 \pm 2x\sqrt{1-x^2} + 1 - x^2 - 2x \mp 2\sqrt{1-x^2} &= 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)^2 = \mp 2\sqrt{1-x^2}(x-1) \\ &\Rightarrow x-1 = \mp 2\sqrt{1-x^2} \text{ assuming } x \neq 1 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 1 = 4 - 4x^2 \Rightarrow 5x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The quadratic formula yields that  $x = \frac{2 \pm 8}{10} = 1, -\frac{3}{5}$  (we said that  $x \neq 1$  above but we see that it is still valid). If  $x = 1$ , the first equation forces  $y = 0$  and we easily see that this solves the second equation. If  $x = -\frac{3}{5}$ , then clearly  $y$  must be positive or else the second equation will sum five positive terms.

Therefore  $y = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}} = \frac{4}{5}$ . Hence the other point is  $(-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$ .

3. **Answer:  $x = -1, 0, 2$** 

There are four intervals to consider, each with their own restrictions. Consider the case in which  $x > \sqrt{2}$ . Then the equation becomes  $(x-1)(x^2-2) - 2 = x(x-2)(x+1) = 0$ . Thus,  $x = 2$  is the only rational root for  $x > \sqrt{2}$ . Consider the case in which  $-\sqrt{2} < x < 1$ . Then the equation becomes  $(x-1)(x^2-2) - 2 = x(x-2)(x+1) = 0$ . Thus,  $x = 0$  and  $x = -1$  are the rational roots for  $-\sqrt{2} < x < 1$ . Consider the case in which  $x < -\sqrt{2}$  or the case in which  $1 < x < \sqrt{2}$ . In these cases, the equation becomes  $(1-x)(x^2-2) - 2 = -x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 4$ . By the rational root theorem, the rational roots of this polynomial can only be  $\pm 4, \pm 2, \pm 1$  and a quick check shows that none of these are roots, so this polynomial has no rational roots.

4. **Answer:  $\frac{9}{4}$** 

First notice that the polynomial

$$g(x) = x^4 \left( \frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{3}{x^3} + \frac{3}{x} + 2 \right) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x + 1$$

is a polynomial with roots  $\frac{1}{r}, \frac{1}{s}, \frac{1}{t}, \frac{1}{u}$ . Therefore, it is sufficient to find the sum of the squares of the roots of  $g(x)$ , which we will denote as  $r_1$  through  $r_4$ . Now, note that

$$r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2 + r_4^2 = (r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + r_4)^2 - (r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_1r_4 + r_2r_3 + r_2r_4 + r_3r_4) = \left(-\frac{a_3}{a_4}\right)^2 - \frac{a_2}{a_4}$$

by Vieta's Theorem, where  $a_n$  denotes the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $g(x)$ . Plugging in values, we get that our answer is  $(-\frac{3}{2})^2 - 0 = \frac{9}{4}$ .

5. **Answer:**  $\frac{33}{2}$

Note that  $\frac{7n+32}{n(n+2)} = \frac{16}{n} - \frac{9}{n+2}$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(7n+32)3^n}{n(n+2)4^n} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16 \cdot 3^n}{n \cdot 4^n} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9 \cdot 3^n}{n+2 \cdot 4^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16 \cdot 3^n}{n \cdot 4^n} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16 \cdot 3^{n+2}}{n+2 \cdot 4^{n+2}} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16 \cdot 3^n}{n \cdot 4^n} - \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{16 \cdot 3^n}{n \cdot 4^n} \\ &= \frac{16 \cdot 3}{1 \cdot 4} + \frac{16 \cdot 9}{2 \cdot 16} = \frac{33}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

6. **Answer:**  $(-3^{1005} - 1)x + (-2 \cdot 3^{1005} - 1)$

The standard method is to use the third root of unity  $\omega$ ,  $\omega^2 + \omega + 1 = 0$ . Let  $(x+2)^{2011} - (x+1)^{2011} = (x^2 + x + 1)Q(x) + ax + b$  and substitute  $x = \omega$ . Then  $a\omega + b = (\omega+2)^{2011} - (\omega+1)^{2011}$ . Note that  $\omega+2$  has size  $\sqrt{3}$  and argument  $\pi/6$ , so  $(\omega+2)^6 = -3^3$ . Also  $\omega+1$  has magnitude 1 and argument  $\pi/3$ , so  $(\omega+1)^6 = 1$ . Using this and  $2011 = 6 \cdot 335 + 1$ , we get that  $a\omega + b = (-3^{1005} - 1)\omega + (-2 \cdot 3^{1005} - 1)$ .

Another solution is to note that  $(x+2)^2 \equiv x^2 + 4x + 4 \equiv -3x^2 \pmod{x^2 + x + 1}$  and  $(x+1)^2 \equiv x^2 + 2x + 1 \equiv x \pmod{x^2 + x + 1}$ . Then we have  $x^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{x^2 + x + 1}$  and we can proceed by using periodicity.

7. **Answer:**  $\frac{8045}{2012}$

Let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{2010}$  be the 2010 numbers distinct from  $x$ . Then  $y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{2010} = 2012 - x$  and  $\frac{1}{y_1} + \frac{1}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{y_{2010}} = 2012 - \frac{1}{x}$ . Applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality gives

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{2010} y_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2010} \frac{1}{y_i} \right) = (2012 - x) \left( 2012 - \frac{1}{x} \right) \geq 2010^2$$

so  $2012^2 - 2012(x + x^{-1}) + 1 - 2010^2 \geq 0$ ,  $x + x^{-1} \leq 8045/2012$ .

8. **Answer:**  $2 - \frac{1}{2^{2010}}$

We analyze  $Q(x) = P(2x) - P(x)$ . One can observe that  $Q(x) - 1$  has the powers of 2 starting from 1, 2, 4,  $\dots$ , up to  $2^{2010}$  as roots. Since  $Q$  has degree 2011,  $Q(x) - 1 = A(x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-2^{2010})$  for some  $A$ . Meanwhile  $Q(0) = P(0) - P(0) = 0$ , so

$$Q(0) - 1 = -1 = A(-1)(-2)\dots(-2^{2010}) = -2^{(2010 \cdot 2011)/2} A.$$

Therefore  $A = 2^{-(1005 \cdot 2011)}$ . Finally, note that the coefficient of  $x$  is same for  $P$  and  $Q - 1$ , so it equals  $A(-2^0)(-2^1)\dots(-2^{2010})((-2^0) + (-2^{-1}) + \dots + (-2^{-2010})) = \frac{A \cdot 2^{1005 \cdot 2011} (2^{2011} - 1)}{2^{2010}} = 2 - \frac{1}{2^{2010}}$ .

9. **Answer:**  $-665$

Since the equation

$$P_k(x) = P_k(x-1) + x^k$$

has all integers  $\geq 2$  as roots, the equation is an identity, so it holds for all  $x$ . Now we can substitute  $x = -1, -2, -3, -4, \dots$  to prove

$$P_k(-n) = - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-i)^k$$

so  $P_7(-3) + P_6(-4) = -(-1)^6 - (-2)^6 - (-3)^6 - (-1)^7 - (-2)^7 = -665$ .

10. **Answer: 10**

Note that if  $r$  is a root of  $P$  then  $r^2$  is also a root. Therefore  $r, r^2, r^4, r^8, \dots$ , are all roots of  $P$ . Since  $P$  has a finite number of roots, two of these roots should be equal. Therefore, either  $r = 0$  or  $r^N = 1$  for some  $N > 0$ .

If all roots are equal to 0 or 1, then  $P$  is of the form  $ax^b(x-1)^{(4-b)}$  for  $b = 0, \dots, 4$ .

Now suppose this is not the case. For such a polynomial, let  $q$  denote the largest integer such that  $r = e^{2\pi i \cdot p/q}$  is a root for some integer  $p$  coprime to  $q$ . We claim that the only suitable  $q > 1$  are  $q = 3$  and  $q = 5$ .

First note that if  $r$  is a root then one of  $\sqrt{r}$  or  $-\sqrt{r}$  is also a root. So if  $q$  is even, then one of  $e^{2\pi i \cdot p/2q}$  or  $e^{2\pi i \cdot p+q/2q}$  should also be root of  $p$ , and both  $p/q$  and  $(p+q)/2q$  are irreducible fractions. This contradicts the assumption that  $q$  is maximal. Therefore  $q$  must be odd. Now, if  $q > 6$ , then  $r^{-2}, r^{-1}, r, r^2, r^4$  should be all distinct, so  $q \leq 6$ . Therefore  $q = 5$  or  $3$ .

If  $q = 5$ , then the value of  $p$  is not important as  $P$  has the complex fifth roots of unity as its roots, so  $P = a(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ . If  $q = 3$ , then  $P$  is divisible by  $x^2 + x + 1$ . In this case we let  $P(x) = a(x^2 + x + 1)Q(x)$  and repeating the same reasoning we can show that  $Q(x) = x^2 + x + 1$  or  $Q(x)$  is of form  $x^b(x-1)^{2-b}$ .

Finally, we can show that exactly one member of all 10 resulting families of polynomials fits the desired criteria. Let  $P(x) = a(x-r)(x-s)(x-t)(x-u)$ . Then,  $P(x)P(-x) = a^2(x^2-r^2)(x^2-s^2)(x^2-t^2)(x^2-u^2)$ . We now claim that  $r^2, s^2, t^2$ , and  $u^2$  equal  $r, s, t$ , and  $u$  in some order. We can prove this noting that the mapping  $f(x) = x^2$  maps 0 and 1 to themselves and maps the third and fifth roots of unity to another distinct third or fifth root of unity, respectively. Hence, for these polynomials,  $P(x)P(-x) = a^2(x^2-r)(x^2-s)(x^2-t)(x^2-u) = aP(x^2)$ , so there exist exactly 10 polynomials that fit the desired criteria, namely the ones from the above 10 families with  $a = 1$ .