

PALINDROMES AND MATH MAGIC

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1. PALINDROMES AND DIVISIBILITY BY 11

Problem 1.1. *A number like 12321 is called Palindrome because it reads the same backwards as forwards. A friend of mine claims that all palindromes with four digits are exactly divisible by 11. Are they?*

Hint : Think of some 4 digit palindromes and verify. Then try to prove it.

Fact

“If a and b are divisible by 11 then so is $a + b$.”

Problem 1.2. *Answer in “yes” or “no” with reasons.*

- (1) *Is $22 + 33$ divisible by 11?*
- (2) *Is $121 + 132$ divisible by 11?*

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