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Let X be the binary representation of a number such that

$$23_{20} + 20_{23} + 23_{2023} + 2023_4 = X_2$$

How many times does the digit 1 appear in X ?

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Solution:

$23_{20} + 20_{23} + 23_{2023} + 2023_4 = 2(20) + 3 + 2(23) + 2(2023) + 3 + 2(64) + 2(4) + 3 = 43 + 46 + 4049 + 139 = 4277 = 4096 + 181 = 4096 + 128 + 32 + 16 + 4 + 1 = 1000010110101_2$ which has 6 ones.

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For all parts, $\theta = \operatorname{arccsc}\left(\frac{25}{7}\right)$ and $\alpha = \arccos\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)$.

Let $A = \sin(\theta)$

Let $B = \tan(\theta)$

Let $C = \cos(2\alpha)$

Let $D = \tan(\theta - \alpha)$

Find $A + 6B + C + 11D$.

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Solution:

Note that both θ is in $Q1$, α is in $Q2$.

$$A = \sin(\theta) = \frac{7}{25}.$$

$$B = \tan(\theta) = \frac{1}{\cot(\theta)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\csc^2(\theta)-1}} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{625-49}} = \frac{7}{24}.$$

$$C = \cos(2\alpha) = 2\cos^2(\alpha) - 1 = \frac{18}{25} - 1 = -\frac{7}{25}.$$

$$\text{We will need } \tan(\alpha) = \frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\cos(\alpha)} = \frac{\sqrt{1-\frac{9}{25}}}{\frac{3}{5}} = \frac{4}{3}. \quad D = \tan(\theta - \alpha) = \frac{\tan(\theta) - \tan(\alpha)}{1 + \tan(\theta)\tan(\alpha)} = \frac{\frac{7}{24} - \frac{4}{3}}{1 - \frac{28}{72}} = \frac{\frac{13}{24}}{\frac{11}{18}} = \frac{117}{44}.$$

The final answer is

$$\frac{7}{25} + \frac{7}{4} - \frac{7}{25} + \frac{117}{4} = \boxed{31}$$

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Let A be the sum of the real solutions to the relation $x = \log_2(x + \log_2(x + \log_2(x + \dots \log_2(x)) \dots))$

Let B be the number of values of θ in $[0, \pi)$ for which

$$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{1 + \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{1 + \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{1 + \dots}}}$$

Find $A + B$.

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Solution:

$$x = \log_2(x + \log_2(x + \log_2(x + \dots))) = \log_2(x + x) = \log_2(2x) \rightarrow 2^x = 2x \rightarrow x = 1, 2 \rightarrow A = 3.$$

$$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{1 + \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{1 + \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{1 + \dots}}} = \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{1 + \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}\right)} = \frac{\cos(2023\theta)}{\frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}} \rightarrow \cos(2023\theta) = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

This equivalent to asking for the number of solutions of

$$\cos(x) = \frac{1}{2}, x \in [0, 2023\pi)$$

This equation has a solution at $Q1, 4$ or one solution every π . Thus, there are 2023 solutions.

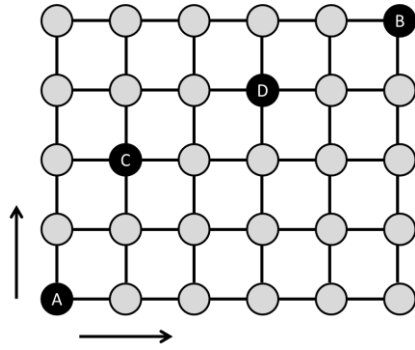
The final answer is

$$3 + 2023 = \boxed{2026}$$

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Tiger is moving along the above lattice from point A to point B using only steps upwards and to the right.

Let R be the total number of paths to get from point A to point B.

Let E be the total number of paths to get from point A to point B that passes through point D.

If a path is chosen uniformly at random, let N be the probability that the path goes through point D given that the chosen path goes through point C.

Find $R + EN$.

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Solution:

There will be nine total moves, of which four must be upward, so

$$R = \binom{9}{4} = \frac{9!}{4!5!} = \frac{9 * 8 * 7 * 6}{4 * 3 * 2} = 63 * 2 = 126$$

To pass through point D, first Tiger must go six moves of which three are upward, and then three moves of which one is upward. So

$$E = \binom{6}{3} \binom{3}{1} = 20 * 3 = 60$$

$$N = P(D|C) = \frac{P(C\&D)}{P(C)} = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{3}{1} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{3}{1} \binom{6}{2}} = \frac{27}{45} = \frac{3}{5}$$

The final answer is

$$126 + (60) \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = 126 + 36 = \boxed{162}$$

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Note that the domain of all variables in this question are all real numbers.

Let A be the maximum value of $6 \sin(2023x) + 8 \cos(2023x)$

Let B be the maximum value of $2023 + 18x - 3x^2$

Let C be the maximum value of xyz given that $20x + 2y + 3z = 6$ and $x, y, z > 0$

Let D be the maximum value of $3x + 6y + 22z$ given that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$

Find $(A + B + D)C$.

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Solution:

For A , the amplitude is $\sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = 10$.

For B , the maximum occurs at the vertex which is $-\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{18}{-6} = 3$. That makes the maximum value $2023 + 18 * 3 - 27 = 2050$

For C , we use AM-GM so $(xyz)^{\frac{1}{3}} \leq \frac{x+y+z}{3} \rightarrow 20x * 2y * 3z \leq \frac{(20x+2y+3z)^3}{3^3} = 8 \rightarrow xyz \leq \frac{1}{15}$

For D , we use Cauchy-Schwartz so $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \rightarrow 3x + 6y + 22z = \langle x, y, z \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 6, 22 \rangle \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \sqrt{3^2 + 6^2 + 22^2} = 5 * 23 = 115$

So, the answer is

$$\frac{10 + 2050 + 115}{15} = \boxed{145}$$

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The polynomial $f(x) = 7x^3 - 119x^2 + 289x - 2023$ has distinct roots $r_1, r_2,$ and r_3

Let $A = r_1 + r_2 + r_3$

Let $B = r_1 \cdot r_2 \cdot r_3$

Let $C = \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} + \frac{1}{r_3}$

Let $D = r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2$

Find $AC + \frac{D}{B}$.

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Solution:

$$A = -\frac{-119}{7} = 17$$

$$B = -\frac{-2023}{7} = 289$$

$$C = \frac{r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3}{r_1r_2r_3} = \frac{289}{2023} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$(r_1 + r_2 + r_3)^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2 + 2(r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3) \rightarrow$$

$$D = r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2 = (17)^2 - 2\left(\frac{289}{7}\right) = 289 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)$$

The final answer is

$$(17)\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) + \frac{289\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)}{289} = \boxed{\frac{22}{7}}$$

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Let A be the number of positive integral factors of 2023.

Let B be the number of positive integers less than 2023 that are relatively prime to 2023.

Let C be the remainder when 23^{3266} is divided by 2023.

Find $A + B + C$.

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Solution:

$$2023 = 7 * 17^2 \rightarrow A = 2 * 3 = 6.$$

$$\varphi(2023) = 7^0(7 - 1)17^1(17 - 1) = 6 * 17 * 16 = 1632 = B.$$

Since $\gcd(23, 2023) = 1$, we can write $23^{3266} \equiv (23^{1632})^2 23^2 \pmod{2023} \equiv (1)^2 23^2 \pmod{2023}$ by Euler's Totient Theorem. Therefore $C = 23^2 = 529$.

$$A + B + C = 6 + 1632 + 529 = \boxed{2167}$$

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Let $A = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)^{2023}$

Let B be the smallest real part that a solution to $x^3 = 8i$ can have.

Let

$$C = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{6}\right)}{(\sqrt{3})^n}$$

Hint: $\sin(x) = \text{Im}(e^{ix})$

Let D be the sum of the 2023rd roots of unity which have non-zero imaginary parts.

Find $10(Ai + B + C + D)$, expressed a complex number in the form $a + bi$ where a, b are real.

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Solution:

$$A = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)^{2023} = \left(e^{-\frac{i\pi}{3}}\right)^{2023} = \left(e^{-\frac{i\pi}{3}}\right)^{2022} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{3}} = e^{-674\pi i} e^{-\frac{i\pi}{3}} = e^{-\frac{i\pi}{3}} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i.$$

$x^3 = 8i = 8e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}} e^{2\pi i n} \rightarrow x = 2e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}} e^{\frac{2\pi i n}{3}} = \left\{2e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}, 2e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}, 2e^{\frac{3\pi i}{2}}\right\}$. Of these, $2e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}} = 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i\right)$ has the smallest real part, so $B = -\sqrt{3}$

$$C = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{6}\right)}{(\sqrt{3})^n} = \text{Im}\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\frac{n\pi i}{6}}}{(\sqrt{3})^n}\right) = \text{Im}\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^n\right) = \text{Im}\left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}}{\sqrt{3}}}\right) = \text{Im}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i}\right) = \text{Im}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i}\right) =$$

$$\text{Im}\left(\sqrt{3}e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}\right) = \sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

The solutions to $z^{2023} - 1 = 0$ obviously add to zero by Vieta's formula. It is also clear that $z = 1$ will be a solution to this equation, but not $z = -1$. Therefore, all solutions with non-zero imaginary parts will add to $D = -1$.

The final answer is

$$10\left(\frac{1}{2}i + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \sqrt{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1\right) = \boxed{-10 + 5i}$$

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The values a_1 and a_3 are chosen uniformly at random with replacement from the set $\{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3\}$

Let A be the probability that the graph of $a_1x^2 + 4xy + a_3y^2 = 2023$ is a non-degenerate ellipse. (In other words, when graphed on the Cartesian plane, the graph is an ellipse with positive area).

Let B be the probability that the area contained by the graph of $a_1x^2 + 4xy + a_3y^2 = 2023$ is less than or equal to 2023π , given that the graph of $a_1x^2 + 4xy + a_3y^2 = 2023$ is a non-degenerate ellipse.

Find $\frac{1}{A} + B$.

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Solution:

A: To be an ellipse, the discriminant $B^2 - 4AC = 16 - 4a_1a_3 < 0 \rightarrow 4 < a_1a_3$. To avoid imaginary ellipses, we also need $\delta \cdot a_3 = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & a_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2023 \end{vmatrix} \cdot a_3 = -2023a_3(a_1a_3 - 4) < 0$. Since $a_1a_3 - 4 > 0$ this means $a_3 > 0 \rightarrow a_1 > 0$ since $0 < 4 < a_1a_3$. The only possible values that fit these criteria are $a_1 = a_3 = 3$, $a_1 = 2$ & $a_3 = 3$, or $a_1 = 3$ & $a_3 = 2$. The probability is therefore $\frac{3}{6^2} = \frac{1}{12} = A$.

B: The area enclosed by $Lx^2 + Mxy + Ny^2 = 1$ is $\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{4LN - M^2}}$. Therefore the area in this curve is $\frac{2023\pi}{\sqrt{a_1a_3 - 4}}$. The maximum value this could ever attain is 2023π , so the area will always be less than or equal to 2023π and the probability is thus $1 = B$.

Final Answer: $\frac{1}{A} + B = 12 + 1 = \boxed{13}$.

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If $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is an arithmetic sequence with a fifth term of 23 and a fifty-fifth term of 2023, let $A = a_1$.

If $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a geometric sequence with a first term of 2023 and a fifth term of 7, let $B = b_3$.

The sequence has each term c_n defined by a cubic polynomial $P(n) = c_n$. Given $c_1 = 7, c_2 = 23, c_3 = 63, c_4 = 139$, let $C = P(6)$.

If $M_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n$, let $D = \det(M_{2023})$

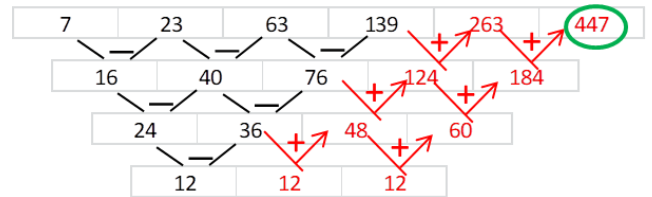
Find $A + B + C + D$.

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Solution:

If $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is an arithmetic sequence, then in general $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$. Therefore $a_5 = 23 = a_1 + 4d$ and $a_{55} = 2023 = a_1 + 54d$. Subtracting these equations gives $2000 = 50d \rightarrow d = 40 \rightarrow a_1 = 23 - 160 = -137 = A$

If $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a geometric sequence with a first term of 2023 then $b_n = 2023r^{n-1}$. So $b_5 = 7 = 2023r^4 \rightarrow \frac{1}{289} = r^4 \rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \rightarrow b_3 = 2023 \left(\frac{1}{17}\right) = 119$



Polynomial sequences are defined via finite differences:

So $C = 447$

Since $\det(M^n) = (\det(M))^n = (-1)^n, D = (-1)^{2023} = -1$

The final answer is

$$-137 + 119 + 447 - 1 = \boxed{428}$$

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Consider the following lines in three-dimensional Cartesian space:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Line } \mathcal{L}_1: x + 1 &= \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-3}{2} \\ \text{Line } \mathcal{L}_2: \frac{x-1}{2} &= \frac{y-3}{3} = \frac{z+2}{6}\end{aligned}$$

Let D_1 be the minimum distance between the point $(2,2,3)$ and \mathcal{L}_1 .
 $D_1^2 = \frac{m}{n}$ in simplest form, $A = m + n$.

Let D_2 be the minimum distance between \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 .
 $D_2^2 = \frac{m}{n}$ in simplest form. $B = m + n$.

Find $A + B$.

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Solution:

\mathcal{L}_1 goes through the point $P_1: (-1,1,3)$ and has directional vector $\vec{v}_1 = \langle 1,2,2 \rangle$. \mathcal{L}_2 goes through the point $P_2(1,3,-2)$ and has directional vector $\vec{v}_2 = \langle 2,3,6 \rangle$.

If we define $Q: (2,2,3)$ then the distance A is given by $d = \frac{\|\vec{v}_1 \times \overrightarrow{P_1Q}\|}{\|\vec{v}_1\|} = \frac{\|(1,2,2) \times (-3,-1,0)\|}{\|(1,2,2)\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \frac{\|(2,-6,5)\|}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{65}}{3}. \text{ So } A^2 = \frac{65}{9}$$

The distance between these lines is given by $d = \frac{|(\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2) \cdot \overrightarrow{P_1P_2}|}{\|\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2\|}$. $\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 6, -2, -1 \rangle$.

$\overrightarrow{P_1P_2} = \langle -2, -2, 5 \rangle$. So $d = \frac{|-12+4-5|}{\sqrt{36+4+1}} = \frac{13}{\sqrt{41}}$ and $B^2 = \frac{169}{41}$

Therefore, the final answer is

$$65 + 9 + 169 + 41 = \boxed{284}$$

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The below table gives a numerical value assign to each listed kind of plane curve:

Circle	10	Limaçon with Inner Loop	20	Lemniscate	8
Non-Circular Ellipse	11	Cardioid	3	Rose with n Petals	n
Hyperbola	4	Dimpled Limaçon	6	Line	1
Parabola	7	Convex Limaçon	2	Any Other Curve	0

Find the sum of the values of the polar graphs of the following twelve equations:

$$r(\theta) = 2023 \cos(\theta)$$

$$r(\theta) = 3\theta + 1$$

$$r(\theta) = 2023 + 2024\sin(\theta)$$

$$r(\theta) = 289 \sin(3\theta)$$

$$r^2(\theta) = 289 \sin(2\theta)$$

$$r(\theta) = \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta)$$

$$r(\theta) = -\csc(\theta)$$

$$r(\theta) = 7$$

$$r(\theta) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$r(\theta) = \frac{4}{2+\cos(\theta)}$$

$$r(\theta) = \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \cos(2\theta) \cos(4\theta)$$

Values can be used more than once or not at all.

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Solution:

$$r(\theta) = 2023 \cos(\theta)$$

Circle: 10

$$r(\theta) = 3\theta + 1$$

Spiral: 0

$$r(\theta) = 2023 + 2024\sin(\theta)$$

$\frac{2023}{2024} < 1 \rightarrow$ Inner Loop: 20

$$r(\theta) = 289 \sin(3\theta)$$

Rose with 3 petals: 3

$$r^2(\theta) = 289 \sin(2\theta)$$

Lemniscate: 8

$$r(\theta) = \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta)$$

$$r = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos^2(\theta)} \rightarrow r^2 \cos^2(\theta) = r \sin(\theta) \rightarrow$$

$$x^2 = y \rightarrow$$
 Parabola: 7

$$r(\theta) = -\csc(\theta)$$

Line: 1

$$r(\theta) = 7$$

Circle: 10

$$r(\theta) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\theta) \rightarrow$$
 Cardioid: 3

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$r(\theta) = \frac{4}{2+\cos(\theta)}$$

Line: 1

$$\frac{4}{2+\cos(\theta)} = \frac{2}{1+0.5\cos(\theta)} \rightarrow e = 0.5 \rightarrow$$
 Ellipse: 11

$$r(\theta) = \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \cos(2\theta) \cos(4\theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \cos(2\theta) \cos(4\theta) =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sin(4\theta) \cos(4\theta) = \frac{1}{8} \sin(8\theta) \rightarrow$$
 Rose

with 16 petals: 16

The total is $10 + 0 + 20 + 3 + 8 + 7 + 1 + 10 + 3 + 1 + 11 + 16 = \boxed{90}$

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$$\text{Let } A = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 12}{x^2 + x - 12}$$

$$\text{Let } B = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 3x^3 + 4x - 12}{x^2 + x^3 - 12}$$

$$\text{Let } C = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + 2023x)^{\frac{2}{x}}$$

$$\text{Let } D = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x-9}{\sqrt{x}-3}$$

Find $70A + B + \ln(C) + D$

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Solution:

$$A = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 12}{x^2 + x - 12} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x^2+4)}{(x-3)(x+4)} = \frac{13}{7}.$$

$$B = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 3x^3 + 4x - 12}{x^2 + x^3 - 12} = -3.$$

$$C = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + 2023x)^{\frac{2}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2023}{x}\right)^{2x} = e^{4046}.$$

$$D = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x-9}{\sqrt{x}-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{(\sqrt{x}-3)(\sqrt{x}+3)}{\sqrt{x}-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} (\sqrt{x} + 3) = 6.$$

The final answer is $70 \left(\frac{13}{7}\right) - 3 + 4046 + 6 = \boxed{4179}$

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$$\text{Let } A = \sum_{n=1}^K 2023$$

$$\text{Let } B = \sum_{n=1}^{2023} n$$

$$\text{Let } C = \sum_{n=1}^{2023} n^2$$

$$\text{Let } D = \sum_{n=1}^{2023} n^3$$

Find the smallest positive integer value of K so that $\gcd\left(A, \frac{BC}{D}\right) > 1$.

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Solution:

$$A = \sum_{n=1}^K 2023 = 2023K = 7 \cdot 17^2 \cdot K.$$

$$B = \sum_{n=1}^{2023} n = \frac{2023(2024)}{2}.$$

$$C = \sum_{n=1}^{2023} n^2 = \frac{2023(2024)(4047)}{6}.$$

$$D = \sum_{n=1}^{2023} n^3 = \frac{2023^2 2024^2}{4}.$$

Since $\frac{BC}{D} = \frac{\left(\frac{2023(2024)}{2}\right)\left(\frac{2023(2024)(4047)}{6}\right)}{\frac{2023^2 2024^2}{4}} = \frac{4047}{3} = 1349 = 19 * 71$, $K = \boxed{19}$ will be the smallest positive value of K so that A is not relatively prime to $\frac{BC}{D}$.

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The partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{25}{(x-2)^2(x^2+1)}$ is $\frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{C}{x-2} + \frac{D}{(x-2)^2}$.

Find $A + B + C + D$.

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Solution:

$$\frac{25}{(x-2)^2(x^2+1)} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{C}{x-2} + \frac{D}{(x-2)^2} \rightarrow 25 = (Ax+B)(x-2)^2 + C(x-2)(x^2+1) + D(x^2+1)$$

When $x = 2$, $25 = 5D \rightarrow D = 5$. When $x = 0$, $25 = 4B - 2C + 5 \rightarrow C = 2B - 10$. When $x = 1$, $25 = A + B + (2B - 10)(-1)(2) + 5(2) \rightarrow 25 = A - 3B + 30 \rightarrow -5 = A - 3B \rightarrow -35 = 7A - 21B$. When $x = 3$, $25 = 3A + B + (2B - 10)(1)(10) + 5(10) \rightarrow 25 = 3A + 21B - 50 \rightarrow 75 = 3A + 21B$.

Adding the last two together gives $40 = 10A \rightarrow A = 4$ which gives $-5 = 4 - 3B \rightarrow B = 3$ which gives $C = -4$. Adding them together results in

$$4 + 3 - 4 + 5 = \boxed{8}$$

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0. 6

1. 31

2. 2026

3. 162

4. 145

5. $\frac{22}{7}$

6. 2167

7. $-10 + 5i$

8. 13

9. 428

10. 284

11. 90

12. 4179

13. 19

14. 8