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The paper consists of two disconnected parts. In the first part the authors investigate the maximal number f(p) of residues  $\mod p$  so that sums of different number of distinct elements of our set are distinct  $\mod p$ . They prove

$$(4p)^{1/3} + o(p^{1/3}) < f(p) < (288p)^{1/3} + o(p^{1/3}).$$

It is conjectured that the lower bound gives the correct order of magnitude. In the second part they investigate the irrationality of series of the form

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{u_n}{a_1, a_2 \dots a_n}, a_1 \le a_2 \le \dots$$

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11J72 Irrationality

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