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On a problem in the elementary theory of numbers. (In English)

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The following two theorems are proved by elementary methods.

1. If a_1, \dots, a_n are different positive integers, and $n \geq 3 \cdot 2^{k-1}$, then the numbers $a_i + a_j$ ($i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$) cannot all be composed only of k given primes.

2. If $a_1 < \dots < a_{k+1}$ are positive integers, and $b > a_{k+1}^k$, then the numbers $a_i + b$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1$) cannot all be composed of only k given primes. On p.610, line 8 from below, read $p_k^{\alpha_k}$ for $p_{k-1}^{\alpha_{k-1}}$ on p.611, line 7, read "that each one" for "that one".

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