

(B3) The **key** in this problem is to note the following algebraic identity:

$$\frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{1007}}{x - 1007} + \frac{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{1007}}{1007 - x} = \frac{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{x}}{1007 - x}$$

which holds **true** with $\sqrt{2014-x}$ must be **real** in which case

Combining ① and ② ~~the identity holds~~ The identity holds ~~if~~ when:

- (i) x is a **positive integer**
- (ii) $x \leq 2014$
- (iii) $x \neq 1007$

it must be a "square root of a ~~positive~~ **non-negative** integers" (because we are only interested in **positive integer** solutions for x):

~~that~~ $2014 - x \geq 0$
 or $x \leq 2014$, x a **positive integer**

② Denominator of any fraction above $\neq 0$ because **division by 0 is not defined**.

So $x - 1007 \neq 0$ or $x \neq 1007$
 That is, when $x = 1, 2, 3 \dots 1006, 1008, \dots 2014$
 (excluding ~~1007~~ 1007 from 1 to 2014)

Thus we have found **2013** solutions which satisfy the algebraic identity above. Next, we show that the algebraic identity above is equivalent to the equation for our question ($x \neq 1007$). For this note that (we begin with our equation):

① $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{1007}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{1007}} \times \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{1007}}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{1007}} = \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{1007}}{x - 1007}$ All these are equal to 1

② $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2014-x} + \sqrt{1007}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2014-x} + \sqrt{1007}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{1007}}{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{1007}} = \frac{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{1007}}{1007 - x}$

③ $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2014-x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2014-x}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{x}} = \frac{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{x}}{1007 - x}$

④ Adding ~~the~~ **first two** of our LHS and RHS respectively, and writing **only** the leftmost and rightmost ~~side~~ terms as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{1007}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2014-x} + \sqrt{1007}} = \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{1007}}{x - 1007} + \frac{\sqrt{2014-x} - \sqrt{1007}}{1007 - x}$$

Noting that our equation in the question requires the LHS = ③ \rightarrow at Leftmost and ~~the~~ similarly the RHS of our last equation is such that RHS = ③ \rightarrow at Rightmost (because of the algebraic identity at the start).

We have, our equation = algebraic identity (for all x , except $x \neq 1007$)

This means our equation holds true or is satisfied by the **2013** integers (1 to 1006 and 1008 to 2014)

Now our equation does not have the restriction $x \neq 1007$ simply because its denominators do not become 0 when $x = 1007$. So we check for this particular value (by putting $x = 1007$ in our equation)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1007} + \sqrt{1007}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2014-1007} + \sqrt{1007}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1007} + \sqrt{2014-1007}}$$

Thus $x = 1007$ also satisfies our equation. We have found our 2014 positive integer solutions all **Answers: All integers from 1 to 2014**

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