SVSM/Combinatorics Assignment 11 More Composite Games

1. The table below gives the Grundy values for all pairs of pile sizes from up to 10 per pile for Whytoff's game. For example, the Grundy value of the position (3, 10) is 8. Fill in the unfilled squares in order to determine the Grundy value for the initial position (11,11). Recall that in Whytoff's game, at each turn a player can either take any number of counters from **one** pile or the **same** number of counters from two piles.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	1	2	0	4	5	3	7	8	6	10	11	
2	2	0	1	5	3	4	8	6	7	11	9	
3	3	4	5	6	2	0	1	9	10	12	8	
4	4	5	3	2	7	6	9	0	1	8	13	
5	5	3	4	0	6	8	10	1	2	7	12	
6	6	7	8	1	9	10	3	4	5	13	0	
7	7	8	6	9	0	1	4	5	3	14	15	
8	8	6	7	10	1	2	5	3	4	15	16	
9	9	10	11	12	8	7	13	14	15	16	17	
10	10	11	9	8	13	12	0	15	16	17	14	
11	11	9	10	7	12	14	2	13	17	6	18	15
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2. Now consider the composite game $G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus G_3 \oplus W(12, 11) \oplus N(3, 5, 7, 9)$ where $G_1 = N(20; 1, 3, 5), G_2 = N(20; 1, 2, 5)$ and $G_3 = N(20; 1, 2, 6)$ are the games defined in assignment 5, and W(12, 11) is the game in problem 1 above. Of course, the game N(3, 5, 7, 9) is itself a composite of the four one pile nim games N(3), N(5), N(7) and N(9). That is, $N(3, 5, 7, 9) = N(3) \oplus N(5) \oplus N(7) \oplus N(9)$. This composite game is played as follows: at each turn a player selects one of the five component games and make a legal move in that game. For example, denoting the initial position by (20, 20, 20, (12, 11), 3, 5, 7, 9), the first player could move to (20, 20, 20, (11, 10), 3, 5, 7, 9), since that corresponds to taking one counter from each of the two Whytoff piles. Compute the Grundy value of the composite game. If it is positive, find a winning move. Find a winning rejoinder to the move that results in (20, 20, 20, (11, 10), 3, 5, 7, 9). Are there other winning moves?