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PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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Let $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$ be a function satisfying the following conditions:

1. f(0,k) = 1 if k = 0, 1. 2. f(0,k) = 0 if $k \neq 0$ and $k \neq 1$. 3. f(n,k) = f(n-1,k) + f(n-1,k-2n) for all $n \ge 1$ and k.

Determine $\sum_{k=0}^{\binom{2009}{2}} f(2008, k).$