

1. Longest side 999, other sides (999,1) to (500,500): total 500. Longest side 998, other sides (998,3) to (501,500): total 498. Longest side 997, other sides (997,5) to (501,501): total 497. Longest side 996, other sides (996,7) to (502,501): total 495. Go on ... Longest side 667, other sides (667,665) to (666,666): total 2. There are 333 possible longest sides, and the total in each case decreases in a pattern 2,1,2,1, ... . The required total is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 + 3 + 5 + 6 + \dots + 497 + 498 + 500 \\ &= (2 + 498) + (3 + 497) + (5 + 495) + \dots + (249 + 251) + 500 \\ &= 167 \times 500 = 83500. \end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $s$  be the side of the square and  $\theta = \angle PAD$ . Then

$$\sin \theta = \frac{s}{AB}, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{s}{CD},$$

giving

$$\tan \theta = \frac{CD}{AB}.$$

So construct  $BE$  and  $CF$  perpendicular to  $AD$  so that  $BE = CD$  and  $CF = AB$ , then  $P$  is at the intersection of  $AE$  and  $DF$  (produced if necessary) and draw parallels to  $PD$  through  $C$  and  $PA$  through  $B$ .

3. The case  $AB = AD$  is trivial since  $C$ ,  $K$  and  $L$  then coincide, so assume wlg  $AB > AD$ . Then  $K$  is between  $C$  and  $D$  and  $C$  is between  $B$  and  $L$ . Do some angle-chasing to find  $\angle BAK = \angle DAK = \angle DKA = \angle CKL = \angle CLK$ . Hence  $DK = AD = BC$  and  $BL = AB = DC$ . Let the circle through  $C$ ,  $L$  and  $K$  have centre  $O$  and radius  $r$ . By the power of a point theorem,  $DO^2 - r^2 = DC \cdot DK = BL \cdot BC = BO^2 - r^2$ . So  $DO = BO$ . Triangles  $DKO$  and  $BCO$  are congruent (three sides), giving  $\angle OBC = \angle ODK = \angle ODC$ . Therefore  $OCBD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral as required.
4. Note first that the result is true for  $p = 2$ . Using standard techniques as in the case of Fibonacci numbers, we find  $L_n = a^n + b^n$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are the roots of  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ , so that  $a + b = 1$  and  $ab = -1$ . Now write  $L_n - 1$  in the form  $L_n - 1 = a^n + b^n - (a + b)^n$ . Expanding the last term, obtain in the case of  $n = 2k + 1$  (which includes all primes  $n = p > 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} L_n - 1 &= -\binom{n}{1}ab^{n-1} - \binom{n}{2}a^2b^{n-2} - \dots - \binom{n}{n-1}a^{n-1}b \\ &= -\binom{n}{1}(ab^{n-1} + a^{n-1}b) - \binom{n}{2}(a^2b^{n-2} + a^{n-2}b^2) - \dots \\ &\quad - \binom{n}{k}(a^kb^{n-k} + a^{n-k}b^k) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\binom{n}{j} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-j+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots j}.$$

It is therefore sufficient to show that  $a^jb^{n-j} + a^{n-j}b^j$  is an integer for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , since when  $n = p$  the factor  $p$  in  $\binom{p}{j}$  cannot cancel. This follows because

$$a^jb^{n-j} + a^{n-j}b^j = (ab)^j(a^{n-2j} + b^{n-2j}) = (-1)^jL_{n-2j}.$$

5. We examine first the case  $x = 0$ . Then  $f(0) = af(0)$ , which gives  $f(0) = 0$  except when  $a = 1$ , in which case  $f(0)$  is arbitrary. Similarly, when  $x = 1$  we get  $f(1) = 0$  except when  $c = 1$ , in which case  $f(1)$  is arbitrary. We now express  $f(x)$  when  $0 < x < 1$  in terms of these values (zero or arbitrary) of  $f(0)$  and  $f(1)$ .

Let the base 3 representation of  $x$  be

$$x = 0.u_1u_2u_3 \dots u_k$$

with  $u_k \neq 0$ . Then

$$3x = u_1.u_2u_3 \dots u_k.$$

When  $k = 1$ , so that  $x = 0.u$ , only the arguments  $3x - u = 0$  and  $3x - (u - 1) = 1$  fall in  $[0, 1]$ , and therefore

$$f(0.u) = (d_u f(0) + d_{u-1} f(1)),$$

where  $d_0 = a$ ,  $d_1 = b$  and  $d_2 = c$ .

When  $k > 1$ , only the argument  $3x - u_1$  falls in  $[0, 1]$ , and we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(0.u_1u_2u_3 \dots u_k) &= d_{u_1} f(0.u_2u_3 \dots u_k) \\ &= d_{u_1} d_{u_2} f(0.u_3u_4 \dots u_k) \\ &\dots \\ &= d_{u_1} d_{u_2} \dots d_{u_{k-1}} f(0.u_k) \\ &= d_{u_1} d_{u_2} \dots d_{u_{k-1}} (d_{u_k} f(0) + d_{u_k-1} f(1)). \end{aligned}$$

6. By embedding a rectangle with opposite corners at  $(0,0)$  and  $(m,n)$  in Pascal's triangle, it is obvious that there are  $\binom{m+n}{n}$  paths to  $(m,n)$  from  $(0,0)$ . Hence without the restriction on the line  $x = y$  (hereafter called the *river*) there would be  $\binom{c-a+b-d}{b-d}$  paths. We now count the number of forbidden paths.

Take any forbidden path  $P$  and let  $(t,t)$  be the last point at which it crosses the river, so that the subpath from  $(t,t)$  to  $(c,d)$  lies entirely below the river. Now consider a path obtained from  $P$  by reflecting only that last subpath in the river. This gives us a path  $P'$  from  $(a,b)$  to  $(d,c)$  and it is clear that two forbidden paths  $P$  and  $Q$  are different if and only if  $P'$  and  $Q'$  are different. Moreover, there is no path from  $(a,b)$  to  $(d,c)$  that cannot be obtained in this way, since  $(a,b)$  and  $(d,c)$  lie on opposite sides of the river and any path between them must cross the river.

The number of forbidden paths therefore equals the number of all paths between  $(a,b)$  and  $(d,c)$ . By subtracting this number from the preceding total, we find that there are  $\binom{c-a+b-d}{b-d} - \binom{d-a+b-c}{b-c}$  different paths.