

Problem 2-test?

$$n \neq \frac{2^a - 2^b}{2^c - 2^d}$$

solution if n even

then $\frac{n}{v_2(n)}$ can't be written

as $\frac{2^a - 2^b}{2^c - 2^d} \quad \hookrightarrow \quad n \text{ odd}$

w.l.o.g $b=d=0$

$$1 = \frac{2^1 - 1}{2^1 - 1}, \quad 3 = \frac{2^2 - 1}{2^1 - 1}, \quad 5 = \frac{2^3 - 1}{2^2 - 1},$$

$$7 = \frac{2^3 - 1}{2 - 1} ; 9 = \frac{2^6 - 1}{2^1 - 1}$$

$$|| = \frac{2^a - 1}{2^c - 1} \Rightarrow || \mid 2^a - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 \mid a ; \text{ if } c = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow || = 2^a - 1 \leq$$

$$\Rightarrow c > 1 \Rightarrow || = \frac{2^a - 1}{2^c - 1} = \frac{1}{-1}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \boxed{n = 17} \cong 1 [4] \leq$$



Problem 3-test 3 | $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$n^2 - 1 \leq f(n)f(f(n)) \leq n^2 + n$$

$\forall n$ $n=1: \quad 0 \leq f(1)f(f(1)) \leq 2$

$$\Rightarrow f(1)f(f(1)) = 1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\text{if } f(1)=2 \Rightarrow f(f(1))=1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(2)=1$$

$$\Rightarrow n=2: \quad 3 \leq \underset{1}{f(2)}\underset{2}{f(f(2))} \leq 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f(1)=1}$$

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if $f(a) = f(b)$ for some
 $a < b$ then for

$$T = f(a)f(b) = f(b)f(f(b))$$

we have

$$T \leq a^2 + a < a^2 + 2a = (a+1)^2 - 1 \\ \leq b^2 - 1 \leq T$$

\Rightarrow f injective

Now we prove by induction
that $f(n) = n \quad \forall n$.

the base case $n=1$ is proved

suppose $f(k)=k \quad \forall k < n$

$\Rightarrow f(m) \geq n \quad \forall m \geq n$

$\therefore f(m) \notin \{f(1), \dots, f(n-1)\}$
 $= \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$

by injectivity]

Now $f(n) \geq n$ \Rightarrow $f(f(n)) \geq n$

but $f(n) f(f(n)) \leq n(n+1)$

$\Rightarrow f(n) \leq n+1 ; f(f(n)) \leq n+1$

$$\text{i.e. } f(n) = n+1 \Rightarrow f(f(n)) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n+1) = n$$

\Rightarrow

$$n^2 + 2n \leq f(n+1)f(f(n+1))$$

$$= n^2 + n < n^2 + 2n \quad \text{✓}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = n \quad \text{as claimed}$$

So, the only solution is

$$f(n) = n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \blacksquare$$

Problem 4

