

# CS5319 ADVANCED DISCRETE STRUCTURE

Exam 2 – December 07, 2021 (13:20–15:10)

**Answer all questions. Total marks = 100. Maximum score = 100 (out of 100).**

1. Solve the following recurrence relations:

(a) (15%)  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2} + 25 \times 4^{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ , and  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 32$ .

(b) (15%)  $a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 9a_{n-2} = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ , and  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 15$ .

2. (20%) Solve the following recurrence relation for  $n \geq 0$ :

$$a_n a_{n-2} = (a_{n-1})^2 + 2a_{n-1}a_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

with initial conditions

$$a_0 = 2, \quad a_1 = 4.$$

3. (20%) Show that for any positive integer  $k$ ,  $2020^{2k} - 1$  is a multiple of 2021.

4. (20%) Show that when 16 distinct numbers are selected from 1 to 100, we must be able to find four distinct numbers  $w, x, y, z$  such that they can form two pairs, say  $(w, x)$  and  $(y, z)$ , such that for each pair, either the sum or the difference, is a multiple of 25.

5. (10%) Find four different ways to select five distinct integers from 1 to 9, such that the sum of their squares is a square number.

*Hint:* You may write a program if you have time.

4. if we divide any number by 25, there are 25 possible remainders

So we divide  $1 \sim 100$  into 25 groups, with their remainder of divided by 25 being the classifier

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|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 0   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 |
| 50  | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 |
| 75  | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 |
| 100 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

we pair up the groups so that the remainders add up to 25

(1, 24)

we now have

(2, 23)

0 (1, 24) (2, 23) (3, 22) .....

⋮

etc

if we pick one from the pairs.

e.g 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

then we have picked 13 elements

the remaining 3 elements will either come from existing picked groups, or their paired group is already picked. (pigeon hole)

① if the group is already picked, the difference will be a multiplier of 25

② if their paired group is picked, the sum will be a multiplier of 25

3.

$$2020^{2k} - 1 = 2021 \times n$$

$$\text{for } k=1$$

$$2020^{2k} - 1 = 4080399 = 2021 \times 2019$$

Suppose  $k=n$  is correct.

$$2020^{2n} - 1 = 2021 \cdot p \Rightarrow 2020^{2n} = 2021p + 1$$

$$\text{for } k=n+1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2020^{2(n+1)} - 1 &= 2020^{2n+2} - 1 \\ &= 2020^{2n} \cdot 4080400 - 1 \\ &= (2021p + 1) \cdot 4080400 - 1 \\ &= 2021p \cdot 4080400 + 4080399 \\ &= 2021p \cdot 4080400 + 2021 \cdot 2019 \end{aligned}$$

by induction, we find out

that  $2020^{2k} - 1$  for any positive integer  $k$ , is a multiple of 2021

5. Smallest possible

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 = 55$$

largest possible

$$5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2 + 8^2 + 9^2 = \frac{8 \cdot 8 \cdot 17}{6} - 30 = 174$$

we search for sum 64, 81, 121, 144, 169, 100

$$1 \quad 4 \quad 9 \quad 16 \quad \underline{25} \quad 36 \quad 49 \quad 64 \quad 81$$

$$169 = 64 + 49 + \underline{25} + 16 + 4 = 2^2 + 5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2 + 8^2$$

$$144 = 1 + 4 + 9 + 49 + 81$$

$$100 = 1 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 49$$

$$121 = 1 + 4 + 16 + 36 + 64$$

(c) make a smart guess  $C \cdot 4^n$  like the professor.

$$C4^n = 2C4^{n-1} + 3 \cdot C \cdot 4^{n-2} + 25 \cdot 4^{n-2}$$

$$16C = 8C + 3C + 25$$

$$16C = 11C + 25$$

$$5C = 25 \quad C = 5$$

$\Rightarrow$  homogenous solution  $A \cdot 3^n + B(-1)^n$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = (x+1)(x-3)$$

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$$a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 32$$

$$1 = A + B + 5 \quad -4 = A + B$$

$$32 = 3A - B + 20$$

$$12 = 3A - B$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 5 \cdot 4^n + 2 \cdot 3^n - 6 \cdot (-1)^n$$

(b) Make a smart guess  $a_n = 3^n (A + B)$

$$a_0 = 1 = B$$

$$a_1 = 3 \cdot (A + B) = 15$$

$$A + B = 5 \quad A = 4$$

$$\text{Solution : } 3^n (4n + 1)$$

2.  $a_0 = 2$ ,  $a_1 = 4$ ,  $a_2 = 16$ ,  $a_3 = 96$ ,  $a_4 = 168$

2  
4  
6  
8

$$a_n a_{n-2} = (a_{n-1})^2 + 2 a_{n-1} a_{n-2}$$

$$a_{n-1} a_{n-3} = (a_{n-2})^2 + 2 a_{n-2} a_{n-3}$$

$$a_n = \frac{(a_{n-1})^2}{a_{n-2}} + 2 a_{n-1}$$

$$= a_{n-1} \left( \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n-2}} + 2 \right)$$

$\hookrightarrow 2 \cdot (n-1)$

Guess:

$$a_n = a_{n-1} \cdot 2n$$

$$a_{n-1} = a_{n-2} \cdot 2(n-1)$$

$\vdots$

$$a_1 = a_0 \cdot 2$$

$$a_0 = 2$$

$$a_n = 2^{n+1} \cdot n!$$

guess is correct

$$a_0 = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$a_1 = 4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$a_2 = 16 = 2^3 \cdot 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$a_3 = 96 = 2^4 \cdot 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$a_4 = 168 = 2^5 \cdot 24 \quad \checkmark$$