

# Bernoulli Trials Problems for 2014

- 1:** We have  $\frac{(n^2)!}{(n!)^{n+1}} \in \mathbf{Z}$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ .
- 2:** There exists a right-angled triangle whose three side lengths are Fibonacci numbers.
- 3:** For all  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}$  with  $a \neq 0$ , the cubic polynomial  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  has one real root and two purely imaginary roots if and only if  $ad = bc$  and  $ac > 0$ .
- 4:** There exists a polynomial  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  such that  $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{n+2}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ .
- 5:** For every polynomial  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbf{Z}_5$  and for every  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_5$  and  $m \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ , if  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f(x)$  of multiplicity  $m$  then  $\alpha$  is a root of  $f'(x)$  of multiplicity  $m - 1$ .
- 6:** For every convex set  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}^3$  there exists a countable set  $C \subseteq S$  such that  $S$  is the smallest convex set containing  $C$ .
- 7:** Let  $S$  denote the set of lines in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  which do not pass through the origin and which are not parallel to any of the three coordinate planes. For a point  $p = (x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^3$ , let  $|p|_2 = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$  and let  $|p|_\infty = \max\{|x|, |y|, |z|\}$ . For a line  $L \in S$ , let  $p(L)$  be the point  $p \in L$  which minimizes  $|p|_2$  and let  $q(L)$  be the point  $q \in L$  which minimizes  $|q|_\infty$ . Then for every line  $L \in S$ , the points  $p(L)$  and  $q(L)$  lie in the same octant.
- 8:** For every differentiable function  $f : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$ , if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \infty$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f'(x) = -\infty$ .
- 9:** Define  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  $f(x) = \int_0^x \cos \frac{1}{t} dt$ . Then  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ .
- 10:**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{2k-1}{2k} = 0$ .
- 11:** There exists a commutative binary operation  $*$  on the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$  with the property that  $x * (x * y) = y$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .
- 12:** There exists a set of nine points  $P$  and a set of nine lines  $L$  in the Euclidean plane such that each point in  $P$  lies on exactly three of the lines in  $L$ , and each line in  $L$  contains exactly three of the points in  $P$ .
- 13:** There exists a finite set of at least two points  $P$  in the Euclidean plane with the property that the perpendicular bisector of each pair of points in  $P$  contains exactly two of the points in  $P$ .
- 14:** It is possible to design a pair of weighted six-sided dice such that when the dice are rolled, there is an equal probability of obtaining each of the possible sums from 2 to 12.