

• expansion $\rightarrow (a+b)(c+d) = ac+ad+bc+bd$

• factorisation \rightarrow opposite

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a+b)^2$$

$$= (a+b)(a+b)$$

$$\rightarrow a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b) \rightarrow \text{diff of squares}$$

$$\rightarrow n^2 - 1 = (n+1)(n-1)$$

TOPIC 1: BIG NUMBERS

1) $2024^2 - (2023)(2025)$

$2024 = m$

$m^2 - (m-1)(m+1)$

$= m^2 - [m^2 - 1]$

$= m^2 - m^2 + 1$

$= 1$

2) $111113^2 - 888888$

$111113 = m$

$888888 = 8m$

$(m+2)(m-2)$

$= m^2 - 2^2$

$= m^2 - 4$

$= 111109$

3) $499^2 + 999$

$m = 500$

$499 = m - 1$

$999 = 2m - 1$

$m = 499$

$499 = m$

$999 = 2m + 1$

$m^2 + 2m + 1$

$= (m+1)^2$

$= 500^2$

4) $2022 \times 2024 \times 2026 + 4 \times 2024$

5) OMK

$6666666 \times 4444445 - 3333333 \times 8888888$

$\rightarrow 6666 \times 4445 - 3333 \times 8888$

$m = 1111$

$n = 1111$

$6m(4m+1) - 3n(8n)$

$= 24m^2 + 6m - 24n^2$

$= 6n$

$\frac{6m}{6n} = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{1111}{1111} = 1000$

3/4 var. ✓

m n p q

TOPIC 2: SUMS n PRODUCTS

1) $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 2023 + 2024$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & & & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ 2024 & 2023 & + & 2022 & + & \dots & + & 2023 & + & 2024 \\ \hline 2025 & 2025 & & & 2025 & & & 2025 & & \end{array} = 5$$

$2024 \times 2025 = 2S$

$S = \frac{2024 \times 2025}{2}$

$S = 1012 \times 2025$

general: $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2024 = 2[1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 1012]$

$= 2 \left(\frac{1012(1012+1)}{2} \right)$

$= 1012 \times 1013$

note: arithmetic progression

$2, 5, 8, 11$

$3, 8, 13$

n terms

$\frac{n(a+l)}{2}$

2) $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = \frac{n(1+(2n-1))}{2}$

$= \frac{n(2n)}{2} = n^2$

$1 = 1^2$

$1 + 3 = 4 = 2^2$

$1 + 3 + 5 = 9 = 3^2$

\vdots

$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$

3) $(1-2)(3-4)(5-6) + \dots + (2023-2024)$

$-1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad \dots \quad -1$

$2024 = 1012 \text{ pairs}$

each pair $= -1$

$\rightarrow 1012 \times (-1) = -1012$

6) $\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{2024}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \left(\frac{6}{5}\right) \dots \left(\frac{2024}{2023}\right) \left(\frac{2025}{2024}\right)$

$= \frac{2025}{2}$

$\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{n+1}{n(n+1)}$

$= \frac{n+1}{n(n+1)}$

geometric prog. (\times / \div)

$1 \quad 3 \quad 9 \quad 27 \quad 81 \quad \dots$

4) $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^n = S$

$2(1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^n) = 2S$

$= 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots + 2^{n+1}$

$S = 2S - S$

$= (2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{n+1}) - (1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^n)$

$\therefore S = 2^{n+1} - 1$

5) $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \dots = S$

$2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots\right) = 2S$

$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$

$= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 2S$

$S = 2S - S$

$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots\right)$

$= 1$

$\therefore \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = 1$

TELESCOPING SUM / PRODUCTS

7) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{5}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{99} + \sqrt{100}}$

conjugate

$(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}) = a - b$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1}} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1}}{(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1})(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1})} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1}}{2 - 1} = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1}$

$= (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1}) + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}) + (\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3}) + (\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{4}) + \dots + (\sqrt{100} - \sqrt{99})$

$= \sqrt{100} - \sqrt{1}$

$= 10 - 1$

$= 9$

8) $\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2022 \times 2023} + \frac{1}{2023 \times 2024}$

$\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$

$\frac{1}{1 \times 2} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{2 \times 3} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}$

$\frac{1}{3 \times 4} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}$

$\frac{1}{4 \times 5} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}$

\vdots

$\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2022} - \frac{1}{2023}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2023} - \frac{1}{2024}\right)$

$= \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2024}$

$= \frac{2024}{2024} - \frac{1}{2024}$

$= \frac{2023}{2024}$

TOPIC 3: ALGEBRAIC MANIPULATION

→ add / subtract
→ multiply
→ raise power
(e.g. square)

2. g.
 $\frac{a}{b} = 2, \frac{b}{c} = 4, \frac{a}{c} = ?$
 $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{b}{c} = 2 \times 4 = 8$

1) $xy = 2, x + y = 4$

$x^2 + y^2 = ?$

$(x+y)^2 = 4^2 = 16$

$x^2 + y^2 + 2xy = 16$

$x^2 + y^2 = 16 - 2xy$

$= 16 - 2(2)$

$= 16 - 4$

$= 12$

2) $\frac{a}{1+a} + \frac{b}{1+b} + \frac{c}{1+c} = 1$

find $\frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c}$

$(\frac{a}{1+a} + \frac{b}{1+b} + \frac{c}{1+c}) + (\frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c})$

$= \frac{a+1}{1+a} + \frac{b+1}{1+b} + \frac{c+1}{1+c}$

$= 1+1+1$

$= 3$

$(\frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c}) = 3$

$\therefore \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} = 2$

3) $143x - 77y = 451$, find $299x - 161y$

$\frac{143x - 77y = 451}{11}$

$\therefore 13x - 7y = 41$

$299x - 161y = 23(13x - 7y)$

$= 23(41)$

$= 943$

4) $x + \frac{1}{x} = 5$

a) $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$

$(x + \frac{1}{x})^2 = 5^2 = 25$

$x^2 + 2x(\frac{1}{x}) + (\frac{1}{x})^2 = 25$

$x^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 25$

$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 23$

$x^4 + 2x^2(\frac{1}{x^2}) + \frac{1}{x^4} = 23^2$

$x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = 23^2 - 2$

b) $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$

$(x + \frac{1}{x})^3 = 5^3 = 125$

$x^3 + 3x^2(\frac{1}{x}) + 3x(\frac{1}{x^2}) + \frac{1}{x^3} = 125$

$x^3 + 3x + \frac{3}{x} + \frac{1}{x^3} = 125$

$x^3 + 3(x + \frac{1}{x}) + \frac{1}{x^3} = 125$

$x^3 + 3(5) + \frac{1}{x^3} = 125$

$x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 11$

5) $\sqrt[3]{2+\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt[3]{2-\sqrt{5}}$

$x^3 + y^3 = 4$

$xy = \sqrt[3]{(2+\sqrt{5})(2-\sqrt{5})}$

$= \sqrt[3]{(2+\sqrt{5})(2-\sqrt{5})}$

$= \sqrt[3]{4-5}$

$= \sqrt[3]{-1}$

$= -1$

$x^3 + y^3 = 4, xy = -1$

$x + y = ?$

$(x+y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$

$= x^3 + y^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2$

$= 4 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2$

$= 4 + 3xy(x+y)$

$= 4 + 3(-1)(x+y)$

$(x+y)^3 + 3(x+y) - 4 = 0$

$\rightarrow x+y = 1$

$1 + 3(1) - 4 = 0$

6) $x + y = 14, xy = 12$

$x^2 + \frac{168}{x} = ?$

What is $\frac{168}{x}$?

$= 14 \times 12$

$\rightarrow x^2 + \frac{168}{x} = x^2 + \frac{(x+y)(xy)}{x}$

$= x^2 + (x+y)(y)$

$= x^2 + xy + y^2$

$= x^2 + y^2 + 12$

$= 172 + 12$

$= 184$

$\rightarrow x \neq y$

$x + \frac{9}{x} = y + \frac{9}{y}$

find xy

$x^2 + 9 = xy + \frac{9x}{y}$

$x^2y + 9y = xy^2 + 9x$

$xy(x-y) = 9(x-y)$

$xy = 9$

$x = y$

$x - y = 0 \leftarrow$ boleh potong

$5(9) = 7(9)$

$\Rightarrow 45 = 63$

$x^2y + 9y = xy^2 + 9x$

$xy(x-y) = 9(x-y)$

$xy = 9$

$x - y \neq 0$

TOPIC 4: TRIVIAL INEQUALITY

$x^2 = 0 \checkmark$
 $x = 0$
 $x^2 = 5 \checkmark$
 $x = \sqrt{5} \approx 2.2$
 $x^2 = -5 \checkmark$
 $x = \pm \sqrt{5}$

$x^2 = 4$
 $x = 2, -2$
 $x^2 > 0$
 $x \neq 0$

$x + x = 2x$
 $-x - x = -2x$
 $0 \times 0 = 0$

1) $\frac{92(x-22)}{70} + \frac{24(y-24)}{70} + \frac{26(z-26)}{70} = 0$

$\frac{92(x-22)}{70} = 0$
 $\frac{24(y-24)}{70} = 0$
 $\frac{26(z-26)}{70} = 0$

PROBLEM-SOLVING Session

1) (AMC) $(\frac{1 \times 3}{2 \times 2})(\frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 3})(\frac{3 \times 5}{4 \times 4}) \dots (\frac{97 \times 99}{98 \times 98})(\frac{98 \times 100}{99})$

$(\frac{1 \times 3}{2 \times 2})(\frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 3})(\frac{3 \times 5}{4 \times 4}) \dots$

$(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{100}{99}) = \frac{50}{99}$

2) complete the square
minimum value
 $x^2 + 2x + 4$
 $= x^2 + 2x + 1 + 3$
 $= (x+1)^2 + 3$
 $(x+1)^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x+1 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = -1$

3) Find all x, y, z s.t.

$x^2 + 5y^2 + 10z^2 = 4xy + 6yz + 2xz - 1$

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

$x^2 + 5y^2 + 10z^2 - 4xy - 6yz - 2xz + 1 = 0$

$x^2 + 5y^2 + 10z^2 - 4xy - 6yz - 2xz + 1 = 0$

$x^2 + 5y^2 + 10z^2 - 4xy - 6yz - 2xz + 1 = 0$

$x^2 + 5y^2 + 10z^2 - 4xy - 6yz - 2xz + 1 = 0$

$x^2 + 5y^2 + 10z^2 - 4xy - 6yz - 2xz + 1 = 0$

$(x-2y)^2 + y^2 + 9z^2 - 6yz + (z-1)^2 = 0$

$(x-2y)^2 + (y-3z)^2 + (z-1)^2 = 0$

$\frac{0}{0} = 0$

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