

## Sequences

### 3) Problems:

1) Let  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be an arithmetic sequence and  $\{g_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a geometric sequence such that the first four terms of  $\{a_n + g_n\}$  are 0, 0, 1, and 0, in that order. What is the 10th term of  $\{a_n + g_n\}$ .

2) A sequence of numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  satisfies  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = n^2 a_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Determine the value of  $a_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

3) Let  $a_n$  be a sequence such that  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 1$  and for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} + 2^n$ . Find  $a_{2013}$ .

### 3) Harder Problems:

1) A Fibonacci-like sequence of numbers is defined by  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 3$  and for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ . One can compute that  $a_{29} = 1149851$  and  $a_{30} = 1860498$ . What is the value of  $\sum_{n=1}^{28} a_n$ .

2) A sequence of integers  $a_i$  is defined as follows  $a_i = i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ , and  $a_i = a_1 a_2 \dots a_{i-1} - 1$  for all  $i > 5$ . Evaluate  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_{2011} - \sum_{i=1}^{2011} a_i^2$ .

3) The terms of sequence  $a_i$  are defined by  $a_{n+2} = \frac{a_n + 2009}{1 + a_{n+1}}$  for  $n \geq 1$  are positive integers. Find the minimum possible value of  $a_1 + a_2$ .

4) Let  $a_0 = -2$ ,  $b_0 = 1$ , and for  $n \geq 0$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} &= a_n + b_n + \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \\ b_{n+1} &= a_n + b_n - \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Find  $a_{2012}$

### 3) Harder Problems:

1) The sequence  $(a_n)$  satisfies  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_{n+1} = \frac{8}{5}a_n + \frac{6}{5}\sqrt{4^n - a_n^2}$  for  $n \geq 0$ . Find the greatest integer less than or equal to  $a_{10}$ .

2) A sequence is defined over non-negative integral indexes in the following way:  $a_0 = a_1 = 3$ ,  $a_{n+1}a_{n-1} = a_n^2 + 2007$ . Find the greatest integer that does not exceed  $\frac{a_{2006}^2 + a_{2007}^2}{a_{2006}a_{2007}}$ .

3) Let  $a_1 = 3$ , and for  $n > 1$ , let  $a_n$  be the largest real number such that

$$4(a_{n-1}^2 + a_n^2) = 10a_{n-1}a_n - 9$$

What is the largest positive integer less than  $a_8$ .