

1. (a)

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$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2} + 25 \times 4^{n-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n - 2a_{n-1} - 3a_{n-2} = 25 \times 4^{n-2}$$

particular: assume $25c \cdot 4^{n-2}$

$$\text{characteristic: } x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ or } -1$$

solve particular:

$$25c \cdot 4^{n-2} - 50c \cdot 4^{n-3} - 75c \cdot 4^{n-4} = 25 \times 4^{n-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow c \cdot 4^{n-2} - 2c \cdot 4^{n-3} - 3c \cdot 4^{n-4} = 4^{n-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow c \cdot 4^{n-2} - \frac{1}{2}c \cdot 4^{n-2} - \frac{3}{16}c \cdot 4^{n-2} = 4^{n-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow c - \frac{1}{2}c - \frac{3}{16}c = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{16}{5} \quad \therefore \text{particular sol: } 25 \times \frac{16}{5} \times 4^{n-2} = 80 \cdot 4^{n-2}$$

$$\text{total solution: } 80 \cdot 4^{n-2} + A \cdot 3^n + B \cdot (-1)^n = a_n$$

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = 80 \cdot 4^{-2} + A + B = 1 \\ a_1 = 80 \cdot 4^{-1} + 3A - B = 32 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A + B = -4 \\ 3A - B = 12 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 2 \\ B = -6 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{total solution: } a_n = 80 \cdot 4^{n-2} + 2 \cdot 3^n - 6 \cdot (-1)^n$$

1. (b)

$$a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 9a_{n-2} = 0$$

particular sol: 0

$$\text{characteristic eqn: } x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ (repeated root)}$$

$$\text{homogeneous: } (Ar+B) \cdot 3^n$$

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = B = 1 \\ a_1 = (A+B) \cdot 3 = 15 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A = 4 \\ B = 1 \end{cases} \quad \therefore \text{total solution } a_n = (4n+1) \cdot 3^n$$

2.

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

$$\Rightarrow a_0 = 2 \quad) \times 2$$

$$a_1 = 4 \quad) \times 4$$

$$a_2 = 16 \quad) \times 6$$

$$a_3 = 96 \quad) \times 8$$

$$a_4 = 768 \quad) \times 10$$

$$a_5 = 7680 \quad) \times 12$$

$$\vdots$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a_n - 2n a_{n-1} = 0, \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

3.

show this by induction:

base case: $k=1$

$$2020^2 - 1 = (2020 \times 2020) - 1 = 4080399 = 2021 \times 2019, \text{ true}$$

inductive case: $k \geq 1$

assume $k=n$ holds for $2020^{2n} - 1$ is a multiple of 2021

$$\Rightarrow 2020^{2n} - 1 = 2021 \cdot m \quad (m \in \mathbb{N})$$

then for $k=n+1$

$$\Rightarrow 2020^{2n} = 2021m + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2020^{2(n+1)} - 1 = (2020)^{2n+2} - 1 = \left[(2020)^{2n} \cdot (2020)^2 \right] - 1$$

$$= \left\{ \left[(2021 \cdot m) + 1 \right] \cdot (2020)^2 \right\} - 1 = \left[2021 \cdot 2020^2 m \right] + \left[(2020)^2 - 1 \right]$$

since we know that $\left[(2020)^2 - 1 \right] = 2021 \times 2019$, then

$$\Rightarrow \left[2021 \cdot 2020^2 m \right] + \left[2021 \times 2019 \right] = 2021 \left[2020^2 m + 2019 \right], \text{ true}$$

\therefore we complete the proof #

4. prove this by pigeonhole:

since we need to choose 4 distinct numbers from 16 numbers, so

we have $C_4^{16} = 1820$ holes.

5.

let a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 be chosen, and they are all $\in [1, 9]$

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 = a_{12}^2$$

$$a_1^2 + a_3^2 = a_{13}^2$$

$$a_1^2 + a_4^2 = a_{14}^2$$

$$a_2^2 + a_3^2 = a_{23}^2$$

$$a_2^2 + a_4^2 = a_{24}^2$$

$$a_3^2 + a_4^2 = a_{34}^2$$

, and $a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{14}, a_{23}, a_{24}, a_{34} \in \mathbb{N}$

then

$$\begin{cases} a_1^2 = a_{12}^2 - a_2^2 = a_{13}^2 - a_3^2 = a_{14}^2 - a_4^2 \\ a_2^2 = a_{23}^2 - a_3^2 = a_{24}^2 - a_4^2 \\ a_3^2 = a_{34}^2 - a_4^2 \end{cases}$$