

2012 - 2013 Log1 Contest Round 2
Theta Sequences & Series

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1	1	1	$a_8 = 3 \cdot 8 + 2^8 = 24 + 256 = 280$
2	2	2	The terms in this sequence would be 5, 12, 17, 29, 46, 75, 121, 196, 317, 513, ..., so the 10th term is 513.
3	3	3	The first row obviously has an odd number of odd numbers since it contains only 1. For all other rows, since $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$, if an odd number appears once, it also appears twice. The only term that must be checked is a term of the form $\binom{2n}{n}$, since that term will only appear once in its row. However, since the sum of a row of Pascal's Triangle must be a power of 2 (even), and all other terms appear twice (which will have an even sum), $\binom{2n}{n}$ must also be even. Therefore, only the first row has an odd number of odd entries of all rows, not just the first 100 rows.
		4	$a_{2013} = 2 + 3(2013 - 1) = 2 + 3(2012) = 2 + 6036 = 6038$
4	4	5	The sum is $\frac{3}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{\frac{2}{3}} = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$.
5	5	6	The three numbers can be written as $10 - d$, 10 , $10 + d$, where d is the common ratio of the arithmetic sequence. Therefore, $10(10 + d) = 3(10(10 - d)) \Rightarrow 10 + d = 30 - 3d \Rightarrow 4d = 20 \Rightarrow d = 5$, so the least number is $10 - 5 = 5$.
	6	7	$r^4 = \frac{10625}{16 \cdot 17} = \frac{625}{16} \Rightarrow r = \frac{5}{2}$ (since the sequence consisted of only positive terms)
6			$a_n = \int_0^{n\pi/2} (\sin x) dx = -\cos x \Big _0^{n\pi/2} = -\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + 1$, so the terms of the sequence are 1, 2, 1, 0, ..., having those 4 numbers repeat. Since the sum of the four numbers is 4, the sum of the first 2012 numbers is 2012, then add 1 for the 2013th term to get 2013.
7	7	8	Since the series of downward and upward motions is geometric, the sum of the downward motion is $\frac{90}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{90}{\frac{2}{3}} = 90 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 135$, and the sum of the upward motion is $\frac{30}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{30}{\frac{2}{3}} = 30 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 45$, making the total distance traveled $135 + 45 = 180$ feet.
8	8	9	Let the term be $a - d$, a , and $a + d$ because they are in arithmetic progression. Since they are also in geometric progression, $\frac{a}{a-d} = \frac{a+d}{a} \Rightarrow a^2 = a^2 - d^2 \Rightarrow d = 0$, so the three terms are all the same. Therefore, $a^3 = 1728 \Rightarrow a = 12$, and the three numbers are 12, 12, and 12.
	9	10	Since the sum of the roots is -3 , -1 must be the middle root. Therefore, $0 = (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2 - b(-1) - 8 = -1 + 3 + b - 8 = b - 6 \Rightarrow b = 6$.

9	10	11	<p>Let $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4n}{3^n} = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{8}{9} + \frac{12}{27} + \frac{16}{81} + \dots$. Multiply this equation by $\frac{1}{3}$ on both sides to yield</p> $\frac{1}{3}S = \frac{4}{9} + \frac{8}{27} + \frac{12}{81} + \frac{16}{243} + \dots$ <p>then subtract the second equation from the first to yield</p> $\frac{2}{3}S = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{27} + \frac{4}{81} + \dots \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}S = \frac{\frac{4}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = 2 \Rightarrow S = 3.$
10	11		<p>Let $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_n}{3^n} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{27} + \frac{3}{81} + \frac{5}{243} + \dots$. Multiply this equation by $\frac{1}{3}$ on both sides to yield</p> $\frac{1}{3}S = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{2}{81} + \frac{3}{243} + \frac{5}{729} + \dots$ <p>then subtract the second equation from the first to yield</p> $\frac{2}{3}S = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} + \frac{2}{243} + \frac{3}{729} + \dots \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}S = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{27} + \frac{3}{81} + \dots \right)$ $\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}S = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9}S \Rightarrow \frac{5}{9}S = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{5} = \frac{3}{5}.$
11	12	12	<p>Since y, x, z is arithmetic and $x + y + z = 24$, $x = 8$. Let $y = 8 - d$ and $z = 8 + d$, then</p> $\frac{8-d}{8} = \frac{8+d}{8-d} \Rightarrow 64 - 16d + d^2 = 64 + 8d \Rightarrow 0 = d^2 - 24d = d(d - 24) \Rightarrow d = 0 \text{ or } d = 24.$ <p>Since the terms were distinct, $d = 24$, and thus $y = 8 - 24 = -16$.</p>
		13	$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\binom{n+2}{2}}{\binom{n+1}{2}} = \frac{(n+2)!(2)!(n-1)!}{(n+1)!(2)!(n)!} = \frac{n+2}{n} = 1 + \frac{2}{n}.$ <p>Since $\frac{2}{n}$ gets smaller as n increases, the greatest value of $\frac{2}{n}$ occurs when n is least, namely $n = 2$. Therefore, the greatest such value is $1 + \frac{2}{2} = 1 + 1 = 2$.</p>
12	13		$\sqrt{3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\cos \theta \cdot \sin^n \theta) = \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{3}(1 - \sin \theta) \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = 3(1 - 2\sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$ $\Rightarrow 1 - \sin^2 \theta = 3 - 6\sin \theta + 3\sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow 0 = 4\sin^2 \theta - 6\sin \theta + 2 = 2(2\sin \theta - 1)(\sin \theta - 1)$ $\Rightarrow \sin \theta = 1 \text{ or } \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}.$ <p>Since the ratio of the geometric series was $\sin \theta$, we must have $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$, and the smallest positive value of θ is $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$.</p>
13	14	14	<p>Since $a_1 = 2013$, $a_2 = 2^2 + 0^2 + 1^2 + 3^2 = 4 + 0 + 1 + 9 = 14$. Finding the remaining terms of the sequence in a similar manner, the sequence is 2013, 14, 17, 50, 25, 29, 85, 89, 145, 42, 20, 4, 16, 37, 58, 89, ..., so the first repeated term is 89.</p>
14	15	15	<p>There are a total of $5^5 = 3125$ distinct sequences, and the number of sequences where there are no repeating terms is $5! = 120$. Therefore, the number of sequences with at least one digit repeated is $3125 - 120 = 3005$.</p>

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$$\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots, \text{ and let } X = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} - \dots$$

Subtract the second equation from the first equation to yield $\frac{\pi^2}{6} - X$

$$= 2\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{36} + \dots\right) = \frac{2}{4}\left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots\right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{\pi^2}{12} \Rightarrow X = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{\pi^2}{12} = \frac{\pi^2}{12}.$$