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Sequences & Series Topic Test Solutions – Mu Division

1. We are looking for prime numbers < 40 that leave remainder 1 when divided by 3
2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37
 $7 + 13 + 19 + 31 + 37 = \boxed{107}$

2. $\underbrace{(1-2) + (3-4) + \dots + ((2n-1)-2n)}_{n \text{ terms}} = \underbrace{(-1) + (-1) + \dots + (-1)}_{n \text{ terms}} = n \cdot (-1) = \boxed{-n}$

3. n^{th} triangular number $T_n = \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ $\frac{35 \cdot 36}{2} = \boxed{630}$

4. Each month he adds \$32 to his account. At the end of each month, the amount of interest will be $(1 + \frac{0.05}{12})(32 + A)$ where A is the amount in the bank before his deposit. Writing out the first few terms...

$$1.005 \cdot 32, 1.005(32 + 1.005 \cdot 32), 1.005(32 + 1.005(32 + 1.005 \cdot 32)), \dots$$

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$$1.005 \cdot 32, 1.005 \cdot 32 + 1.005^2 \cdot 32, 1.005 \cdot 32 + 1.005^2 \cdot 32 + 1.005^3 \cdot 32, \dots$$

This is the sum of a geometric series with $a_1 = 1.005 \cdot 32$, $r = 1.005$, $n = 60$

$$\frac{a_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{1.005 \cdot 32(1.005^{60} - 1)}{1.005 - 1} \approx 2243.80 \text{ to the nearest cent} = \boxed{\$2243.80}$$

5. $a_{20} - a_{10} = (a_1 + 19d) - (a_1 + 9d) = 10d$
 $a_{40} - a_{30} = 20d \rightarrow a_{40} - a_{30} = 2(a_{20} - a_{10}) = 3a_{20} - 2a_{10}$
 $3 \cdot 12 - 2 \cdot 17 = \boxed{-18}$

6. $a_1 = 6$, $a_n = 502$ $n \text{th term } \frac{a_n - a_1}{d} = \frac{502 - 6}{4} + 1 = 125$ $\text{sum} = (a_1 + a_n) \left(\frac{n}{2} \right) = \frac{508}{2} \cdot 125 = \boxed{31750}$

7. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sin(n^2)}{n^2 + 1} \right)^n = \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sin(n^2)}{n^2 + 1} \right) \right]^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0^n = \boxed{0}$

8. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} K^n$ is a geometric series with ratio $a = K$
 $\boxed{-1 < K < 1}$

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9. $r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}-1} = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{(\sqrt{2}+1)(\sqrt{2}-1)} = \sqrt{2}+1 > 1$ diverges

10. $1^3+2^3+3^3+\dots+n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2 = (1+2+\dots+n)^2$ V = 2

11. $a_{n+1} = 3a_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}a_n$ $a_1=1, a_2=2$ $a_3=3 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 = 4$ $a_4=3 \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 = 8 \dots$
 $a_n = 2^{n+1} \rightarrow a_{1735} = \boxed{2^{1736}}$

12. $1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{x}} = x \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{x}{2x-1} = x \Rightarrow 2x+1+x = 2x^2+x$
 $2x^2-2x-1=0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (x cannot be negative)

13. $\sum_{n=1}^{10} (m^2+n^2) = \sum_{m=1}^{10} m^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{10} n^2 = \frac{10(10+1)(2 \cdot 10+1)}{6} + 10n^2 = 385 + 10n^2$
 $\sum_{n=1}^{10} (385 + 10n^2) = 3850 + 10 \cdot 385 = \boxed{7700}$
↑ sum of perfect squares

14. sum of A = $\frac{(p+q)n_A}{2}$ sum of B = $\frac{(p+q)n_B}{2}$

$(p+q)\frac{n_A}{2} - (p+q)\frac{n_B}{2} = p+q$

$\frac{n_A}{2} - \frac{n_B}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow n_A - n_B = \boxed{2}$

15. $r_n = \frac{a_{n-1}-1}{a_{n-1}+1}$ $a_1=2$ $a_2 = \frac{2-1}{2+1} = \frac{1}{3}$ $a_3 = \frac{1/3-1}{1/3+1} = -1/2$ $a_4 = \frac{-1/2-1}{-1/2+1} = -3$

$a_5 = \frac{-3-1}{-3+1} = 2$, etc. a_{1023} is the same as $a_{1023 \text{ mod } 4} = a_3 = \boxed{-1/2}$

16. $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2^{k+1}} = 3\left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots\right) = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}}$

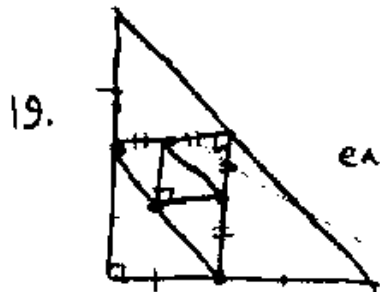
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17. Fibonacci sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233

$$18. \sin^2 0^\circ + \sin^2 1^\circ + \dots + \sin^2 44^\circ + \sin^2 45^\circ = \sin^2 0^\circ + \sin^2 1^\circ + \dots + \sin^2 44^\circ + \sin^2 45^\circ =$$

$$+ \sin^2 90^\circ + \sin^2 89^\circ + \dots + \sin^2 46^\circ = \cos^2 0^\circ + \cos^2 1^\circ + \dots + \sin^2 44^\circ + \sin^2 45^\circ =$$

$$\underbrace{(1 + 1 + \dots + 1)}_{45 \text{ terms}} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 = 45 + \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{91\frac{1}{2}}$$



each triangle is $\frac{1}{4}$ the area of the previous one

$$\text{Area of } 12^{\text{th}} \text{ triangle} = \frac{12^2}{2} = 72 \quad \frac{72}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \boxed{96 \text{ cm}^2}$$

20. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} = \boxed{e^2}$ $\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x\right)$

21. as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $a_{n-1} \rightarrow a_n$ so let $a_{n-1} = a_n = L$

$$L = \sqrt{L+8} \rightarrow L^2 = L+8 \rightarrow L^2 - L - 8 = 0$$

$$\boxed{L = \frac{1 + \sqrt{33}}{2}} \quad (\text{can't be negative})$$

22. Harmonic series = $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$ $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \boxed{\frac{25}{12}}$



edge of cube	radius of sphere	#
$6/\sqrt{3}$	3	1
$6/\sqrt{3}^2$	$3/\sqrt{3}$	2
$6/\sqrt{3}^3$	$3/\sqrt{3}^2$	3
$6/\sqrt{3}^4$	$3/\sqrt{3}^3$	4
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
$6/\sqrt{3}^{21}$	$3/\sqrt{3}^{20}$	21

$$r = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{3^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S.A. = 4\pi \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{4\pi}{9}}$$

24. $\cot\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ so we have an infinite geom. series with $a_1 = 1$ and $r = 1/\sqrt{3} \dots \frac{1}{1-1/\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}-1} = \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{2}$

25. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-k} = \frac{e^{-1}}{1-e^{-1}} = \frac{1}{e-1}$ $\ln\left(\frac{1}{e-1}\right) = -\ln(e-1)$ which is **finite & negative**

26. $2 \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} 3^{(5^{-k})} = 2 \cdot 3^{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 5^{-k}} = 2 \cdot 3^{\frac{1/5}{1-1/5}} = 2 \cdot 3^{1/4} = \boxed{2\sqrt[4]{3}}$

27. $\frac{1}{n^2-9} = \frac{A}{n-3} + \frac{B}{n+3}$ $1 = A(n+3) + B(n-3)$ $A+B=0$ $3A-3B=1$ $A=1/6, B=-1/6$ $\sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-9} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n-3} - \frac{1}{n+3}\right)$
 $\frac{1}{6} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6}\right)$ \leftarrow **telescoping** $= \frac{1}{6} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{10}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{11}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{12}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{13}\right) + \dots \right]$
 $= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{49}{20} = \boxed{\frac{49}{120}}$

28. I is not required, II is sufficient, III is necessary but not sufficient
 (integral test) **II only**

29. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3n+1}$ is **conditionally convergent** since $\sum \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{3n+1} \right|$ diverges, but $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{3n+1}$ converges

30. Even if a approaches 0, and $b_n \neq a_n$, $\sum b_n$ may not necessarily converge (consider $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$, $b_n = \frac{1}{n+1}$) (which also shows that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$)
 b_n does not necessarily diverge either, though it must have a limit ≤ 0
 $\sum b_n$ may not necessarily diverge... ($a_n = \frac{1}{n}$, $b_n = \frac{1}{n+1}$) — None of these must be true

31. if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = 0$, $a_n < a_{n+1} \dots a$ is increasing, so a diverges

32. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n} (-1)^n}{(2n)!} = \sin x$ $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n (-1)^n}{(2n)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{2}^{2n} (-1)^n}{(2n)!} = \boxed{\sin \sqrt{2}}$

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33. $.5_7 - .05_7 + .005_7 - .0005_7 + \dots = \frac{5}{7} - \frac{5}{7^2} + \frac{5}{7^3} - \frac{5}{7^4} + \dots = \frac{5/7}{1+1/7} = 5/8$ in base 7
 $5/8$ in base 7 is $\boxed{5_7/11_7}$

34. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = e$ $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} = e$

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{(n-1)!} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} = 2e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n!}$

$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)}{(n-1)!} = e$ $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n-1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n^2+2n+1)}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n^2}{n!} + 2\frac{n}{n!} + \frac{1}{n!} \right)$

$= 2e + 2e + e = \boxed{5e}$

35. $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \arctan(b) - \arctan(1) = \pi/4$ (it converges)

thus $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+1}$ converges (the sequence need not start on $n=1$, as long as the terms preceding it are finite)

36. $n^4 - 5n^2 + 4 = (n^2-4)(n^2-1) = (n-1)(n+1)(n-2)(n+2)$

$\frac{A}{n-1} + \frac{B}{n+1} + \frac{C}{n-2} + \frac{D}{n+2} = \frac{1}{n^4 - 5n^2 + 4}$

$A(n+1)(n-2)(n+2) + B(n-1)(n-2)(n+2) + C(n-1)(n+1)(n+2) + D(n-1)(n+1)(n-2) = 1$

let $n=1 \dots -6A=1$ let $n=-1 \dots 6B=1$ let $n=2 \dots 12C=1$ let $n=-2 \dots -12D=1$

$A = -1/6, B = 1/6, C = 1/12, D = -1/12$

$= \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{1}{n-2} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right)$

$-\frac{1}{6} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \dots \right] + \frac{1}{12} \left[\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \dots \right]$

$= -\frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{12} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots \right) = \boxed{5/12}$

37. $\ln(x) \approx (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 4x + 3) = -\frac{1}{2}(x-3)(x-1)$

$(\ln(x))^{-1} \approx \frac{-2}{(x-3)(x-1)} \quad \frac{A}{x-3} + \frac{B}{x-1} = \frac{-2}{(x-3)(x-1)}$

$A(x-1) + B(x-3) = -2 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 5/3 \\ A = -1, B = 1 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \int_{4/3}^{5/3} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x-3} \right) dx =$

$\ln|x-1| - \ln|x-3| \Big|_{4/3}^{5/3}$
 $= \ln\left|\frac{5/3-1}{5/3-3}\right|_{4/3}^{5/3} = \ln\left|\frac{2/3}{-8/3}\right| - \ln\left|\frac{1/3}{-5/3}\right|$
 $= \ln(5/2)$

38. n^{th} term of Fibonacci = $\frac{\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n}{\sqrt{5}}$

find $F_{16} \dots 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, 377, 610, \boxed{987}$

39. $\frac{S_a(n)}{S_b(n)} = \frac{5n+9}{2n+8} \quad \frac{S_a(1)}{S_b(1)} = \frac{14}{10} = \frac{a_1}{b_1} \quad \frac{S_a(2)}{S_b(2)} = \frac{19}{12} = \frac{a_1+a_2}{b_1+b_2} = \frac{a_1+4}{b_1+b_2}$

$\frac{S_a(3)}{S_b(3)} = \frac{24}{14} = \frac{2a_1+2d_a}{2b_1+2d_b} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \frac{4}{b_2}$
 $\frac{12}{7} = \frac{4}{b_2} \rightarrow b_2 = 7/3$

$5a_1 - 7b_1 = 0$
 $19(b_1+b_2) = 12(a_1+4)$
 $19(b_1+7/3) = 12a_1+48$
 $12a_1 - 19b_1 = -11/3$
 $a_1 = 7/3, b_1 = 5/3$

$b_1 = 5/3, b_2 = 7/3, b_3 = 9/3, \boxed{b_4 = 11/3}$

40. $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{6^x} \dots \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^x} = \frac{1}{y-1}$ (take $\frac{d}{dy}$ of both sides) $\rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{-x}{y^{x+1}} = \frac{-1}{(y-1)^2}$ (multiply by $-y$)

$\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{y^x} = \frac{y}{(y-1)^2}$ (take $\frac{d}{dy}$ of both sides) $\rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{-x^2}{y^{x+1}} = \frac{(y-1)^2 - 2(y-1) \cdot y}{(y-1)^3} =$

$\frac{-y-1}{(y-1)^2}$ (multiply by $-y$) $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{y^x} = \frac{y^2+y}{(y-1)^2}$

let $y=6 \quad \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{6^x} = \frac{6^2+6}{(6-1)^2} = \boxed{\frac{42}{125}}$