

1. Consider the sequence  $2, 9, 16, 23, \dots, 7n + 2$ .
  - (a) How many terms are there in the sequence?
  - (b) What is the second-to-last term?
  - (c) Find the sum of all the terms in the sequence.
  
2. Consider the linked system  $A_{n+1} = 5A_n + B_n$ ,  $B_{n+1} = 3A_n + 3B_n$ ,  $A_0 = 1$ ,  $B_0 = 3$ . Find the quadratic characteristic equation you would need in order to solve this system. Then **STOP**.

3. Use polynomial fitting to find the  $n$ th term of the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ :

$$5, 10, 17, 26, 37, \dots$$

4. You are given that the solution to the recurrence  $g_{n+2} = 7g_{n+1} - 10g_n$ ,  $g_0 = 0$ ,  $g_1 = 1$ , is of the form  $c_1 \cdot 5^n + c_2 \cdot 2^n$ . Find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .

5. Choose one of the following induction problems to solve.

(a) Show that  $\sum_{k=0}^n 3^k = \frac{1}{2} (3^{n+1} - 1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(b) Suppose the sequence  $L_n$  is given by the recurrence  $L_{n+2} = L_{n+1} + L_n$ ,  $L_1 = 1$ ,  $L_2 = 3$ . These are called *Lucas numbers*. Show that for all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n L_k^2 = L_n L_{n+1} - 2.$$

6. Determine if each statement is true or false.

- (a) TRUE FALSE  $\log_2 n + n^2$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$ .
- (b) TRUE FALSE  $\log_2 n + n^2$  is  $O(n^2)$ .
- (c) TRUE FALSE A  $\Theta(2^n)$  algorithm is  $O(n^3)$ .
- (d) TRUE FALSE An  $O(\sqrt{n})$  algorithm is  $\Theta(n)$ .
- (e) TRUE FALSE A  $\Theta(3n)$  algorithm is  $O(n)$ .
- (f) TRUE FALSE A  $\Theta(2^n)$  algorithm is  $O(3^n)$ .

7. Compute  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{3n}}{9^n}$ .

EXTRA CREDIT: Using mathematical induction, prove that  $P_n(x) = (x + 1)^n - x^n$  is the solution to the system

$$P_{n+1}(x) = (x + 1)P_n(x) + x^n, \quad P_0(x) = 0.$$