



Twenty-Sixth Annual Mathematics Tournament

April 15, 2023

Solutions

Round 1: Total number of tulip bulbs: 30, number of yellow tulip bulbs: 10, number of red tulip bulbs: 10. Let R : a randomly selected tulip bulb is red, Y : a randomly selected tulip bulb is yellow. So, we want to know $P(R_1 \setminus Y_2) + P(Y_1 \setminus R_2)$, where $R_i; Y_i$ stands for red tulip bulb or yellow tulip bulb in the i^{th} draw, $i = 1; 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(R_1 \setminus Y_2) + P(Y_1 \setminus R_2) &= P(Y_2 \setminus R_1) + P(R_2 \setminus Y_1) + P(Y_1) \\ &= \frac{10}{29} + \frac{10}{30} + \frac{10}{29} + \frac{10}{30} = \frac{10}{87} + \frac{10}{87} = \frac{20}{87}. \end{aligned}$$

Round 2: Let $n(x)$ represent the number of elements in the set represented by x . Let U be the universal set.

$$\begin{aligned} n(B \cap C) &= 150; n(C) = 200; n(E) = 165 \\ n(B \cap C) \end{aligned}$$

Round 3: F : original amount of grass in the field, G : amount of grass growing daily, C : amount of grass a cow eats daily

$$\begin{aligned} F + 14G &= 14(60C) \quad) \quad F + 14G = 840C \\ F + 28G &= 28(50C) \quad) \quad F + 28G = 1400C \\ 14G &= 560C \quad) \quad G = \frac{560}{14}C \\ & \quad) \quad G = 40C \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the maximum number of cows would be 40.

Round 4: Extend the sequence a little bit more and see the pattern.

$$3;3;2;1;3;0;3;3;2;1;3;0:::$$

So, we find a cycle of length 6. Dividing 1209 by 6, we will obtain the quotient of 201 with a remainder of 3. This represents 201 complete cycles of length 6 and 3 digits into the next cycle, which would give the digit 2 as the 1209th term. Hence the 1209th term is 2.

Round 5:

$$\text{Let } \log_9(p) = \log_{12}(q) = \log_{16}(p+q) = k.$$

$$\quad) \quad \log(p) = k \log 9 = 2k \log 3$$

$$\log(q) = k \log 12 = 2k \log 2 + k \log 3$$

$$\log(p+q) = k \log 16 = 4k \log 2.$$

$$\text{Hence, } \log(q) = \frac{1}{2} \log(p+q) + \frac{1}{2} \log p$$

$$\quad) \quad 2 \log(q) = \log p^2 + pq$$

$$\quad) \quad q^2 = p^2 + pq \quad) \quad \frac{q}{p}^2 - \frac{q}{p} - 1 = 0$$

$$\quad) \quad \frac{q}{p} = \frac{(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{q}{p} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ as } \frac{q}{p} > 0.$$

Round 6: For $n^2 - 2n - 8$ to be equal to a prime number, one of its factors must be equal to 1. Factoring gives $(n - 4)(n + 2)$, so either $n - 4 = 1$ or $n + 2 = 1$. Solving the first equation gives $n = 5$, and solving the second equation gives $n = -1$. $n = -1$ is not a natural number, thus not an answer. $n = 5$ is a natural number and makes $(n - 4)(n + 2) = (5 - 4)(5 + 2) = (1)(7) = 7$, which is a prime number. $n = 5$ is the only natural number.

Round 7: Let $m; n$ be the numbers of digits in 2^{2005} and 5^{2005} . Then observe that

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$$10^{m-1} < 2^{2005} < 10^m \quad ; \quad 10^{n-1} < 5^{2005} < 10^n$$

implying that

$$10^{m+n-2} < 2^{2005} \cdot 5^{2005} = 10^{2005} < 10^{m+n}.$$

Hence $m + n - 2 < 2005 < m + n$, so $m + n = 2006$, which is the answer.

Round 8: We wish to seat 5 people, 3 of whom must sit consecutively, in 12 seats. Since the block takes up 3 of the 12 places, it must begin in one of the first $12 - (3 - 1) = 12 - 3 + 1 = 10$ positions. Once the block has been placed, there are $12 - 3 = 9$ seats left for the remaining $5 - 3 = 2$ people. They can be arranged in those seats in $P(9;2)$ ways. The people within the block can be arranged in $3!$ ways, which gives us the formula $10 \cdot P(9;2) \cdot 3! = 10 \cdot 72 \cdot 6 = 4320$ ways.

Note here $P(n;r)$ stands for the number of permutations of r items out of a pack of n items and is defined via $P(n;r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$, where $0! = 1; 1! = 1; 2! = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$, $3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6; 4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$, and in general $n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$, n is a non-negative integer.

Round 9: $\log_2 \log_4 \log_{\frac{1}{2}}(\log_9(2k)) = 1$

$$\log_4 \log_9$$

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