

1. Compute and explain  $1+3+5+\dots+997+999 = 500^2 = 250000$

logic: The sum is based on arithmetic sequence

a.) Sum of series can be given as

$$S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

Where  $S_n =$  sum of series

$a_1 =$  starting element in series

$a_n =$  ~~last~~ <sup>last ( $n^{\text{th}}$ )</sup> element in series

$n =$  no. of elements

b.) No. of elements in series can be found by

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

Where  $d =$  difference between two consecutive elements.

Solution: a.) Let's find no. of terms in series

$$\text{i.e. } a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

$$999 = 1 + (n-1)2$$

$$\therefore 999 - 1 + 2 = 2n$$

$$\therefore n = 1000/2 = 500$$

b.) Let's calculate sum of given series

$$S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

$$= 500(1+999)/2$$

$$= 500 \times 500$$

$$= 500^2$$

$$= \boxed{250000}$$

2. Compute and explain  $1+2+2^2+2^3+\dots+2^{20} = 20971$

logic: The sum is based on geometric series (finite)

$$a.) S = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{(1-r)}$$

Where  $S =$  sum of series

$r =$  ratio of two consecutive terms

$n =$  number of elements (terms)

$a =$  first element in series

Solution: a) Let's find sum of given series

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{a(1-r^n)}{(1-r)} \\ &= \frac{1(1-2^{21})}{(1-2)} \\ &= -(1-2^{21}) \\ &= \boxed{2097151} \end{aligned}$$

3. In how many ways the number 100 can be written as a sum of two positive integers  $x_1 + x_2$ ? (as, for example,  $1+99$ ,  $47+53$ )

99 ways.

Logic:

$$x_1 + x_2 = 100 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Note:  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  are positive integers

Maximum                      Minimum

$$x_1 \text{ can be } 99 \quad \quad \quad 1$$

$$x_2 \text{ can be } 1 \quad \quad \quad 99$$

$\therefore x_1$  varies from 1 to 99 where adding positive  $x_2$  will give a total of 100.

$\therefore$   $\boxed{99 \text{ ways}}$

4. True or False? Twice the sum of two squares always gives the sum of two squares.

(for example  $2(5^2 + 4^2) = 12^2 + 9^2$ ) TRUE

Logic:  $2(x^2 + y^2) = (x+y)^2 + (x-y)^2$

R.H.S  $(x+y)^2 + (x-y)^2$

$$= x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + x^2 - 2xy + y^2$$

$$= x^2 + y^2 + x^2 + y^2$$

$$= \boxed{2(x^2 + y^2)} = \text{L.H.S}$$

Hence <sup>twice</sup> sum of two squares always gives the sum of two squares

5. There are three buckets: one red, one blue & one yellow. They each hold a maximum of 5 gallons. Liquid is measured carefully in whole gallons and poured into the buckets, a different number of gallons in each one. If the liquid in the red bucket was poured into the blue bucket, it would then contain the same amount of liquid as the yellow bucket. Half the contents of the yellow bucket is same as twice that in the red bucket.

How much liquid is there in each bucket?

Solution Red  $\rightarrow$  R } 1. Maximum capacity = 5 gallons  
 Blue  $\rightarrow$  B } 2. Only whole gallons (~~integers~~)  
 Yellow  $\rightarrow$  Y } are poured in each bucket.

Let R contains  $m$  gallons  
 B contains  $n$  gallons  
 Y contains  $q$  gallons

Then ~~to~~ given  
 $m + n = q \rightarrow (i)$   
 &  $\frac{1}{2} q = 2m$

$$\therefore q = 4m \rightarrow (ii)$$

$$\therefore m = 1 \quad \therefore q = 4m \text{ and } q, m \leq 5$$

$$\& q = 4$$

$$n = 3 \quad \therefore m + n = q$$

Red	=	1	gallons
Blue	=	3	gallons
Yellow	=	4	gallons