

**Homework 9, MORALLY Due 10:00AM April 22**

1. (30 points) Recall the BEE sequence.

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$(\forall n \geq 2)[a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}]$$

Try to prove the following:

*There are an infinite number of  $n$  such that  $a_n \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$ .*

You will do this by following the proof for mod 7. Show where the proof breaks down.

(Recall that the the statement  $(\exists^\infty n)[a_n \equiv 0 \pmod{9}]$  is not known to be true or false, though empirical evidence suggests that its true. Our approach did not work; however, some other approach might.)

2. (30 points) Recall that  $|\text{SPS}(1, \dots, n)| = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$ .  
Assume  $n$  is large. What is  $|\text{SPS}(1, \dots, n-1, 2^n)|$ ?

3. (40 points) Recall that the AM-GM inequality is

For all  $n \geq 2$ , for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$\frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n} \geq (x_1 \cdots x_n)^{1/n}.$$

with equality iff  $x_1 = \dots = x_n$ .

We are wondering: When are the Arithmetic Mean and the Geometric Mean the furthest apart?

- (a) Write a program that will do the following:
- i. Input  $n, N$
  - ii. For all subsets  $\{x_1 < \dots < x_n\}$  of  $\{1, \dots, N\}$  of size  $n$  compute  $A = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n}$ ,  $G = (x_1 \cdots x_n)^{1/n}$ ,  $D = A - G$
  - iii. Then print out the top  $n$  values of  $D$  and which  $x_1 < \dots < x_n$  lead to them.
  - iv. **Send Code to Emily: [ekaplitz@umd.edu](mailto:ekaplitz@umd.edu)**
- (b) (30 points) Run the program for  $(n, N) = (5, 10)$  and present the results.
- (c) (10 points) Run the program for  $1 \leq n \leq 20$  and  $n \leq N \leq 20$ . Make a conjecture about what types of  $x_1 < \dots < x_n$  lead to large values of  $D$ .