

1. Find the units digit in the decimal expansion of

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(2008 + \sqrt{4032000}\right)^{2000} + \left(2008 + \sqrt{4032000}\right)^{2001} + \left(2008 + \sqrt{4032000}\right)^{2002} + \dots \\ & \dots + \left(2008 + \sqrt{4032000}\right)^{2007} + \left(2008 + \sqrt{4032000}\right)^{2008} \end{aligned}$$

(2008 iTest # 61)

2. During the car ride home, Michael looks back at his recent math exams. A problem on Michaels calculus mid-term gets him started thinking about a particular quadratic,

$$x^2 - sx + p,$$

with roots r_1 and r_2 . He notices that

$$r_1 + r_2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 = r_1^3 + r_2^3 = \dots = r_1^{2007} + r_2^{2007}.$$

He wonders how often this is the case, and begins exploring other quantities associated with the roots of such a quadratic. He sets out to compute the greatest possible value of

$$\frac{1}{r_1^{2008}} + \frac{1}{r_2^{2008}}.$$

Help Michael by computing this maximum. (2008 iTest # 76)

3. a. Show that for every positive integer n , there exists a polynomial P_n such that

$$t^n + \frac{1}{t^n} = P_n\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)$$

for all $t \neq 0$.

b. For what positive integers n do there exist a polynomial Q_n such that

$$t^n - \frac{1}{t^n} = Q_n\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)$$

for all $t \neq 0$? (06-07 WOOT)

4. Let $R_n = (3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n + (3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n$, where n is a positive integer. Find the units digit of R_n as a function of n . (AHSME 1990)

5. The sequence a_n is defined by $a_1 = a_2 = 1$, and for $n \geq 1$, $a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} + 2a_n$. The sequence b_n is defined by $b_1 = 1$, $b_2 = 7$, and for $n \geq 1$, $b_{n+2} = 2b_{n+1} + 3b_n$. Show that the only integer in both sequences is 1. (USAMO 1973)