

Patterns and Sequences

Age 14+ Level ★★ Worksheet 2

1. 12345

The pattern 123451234512345... is continued to form a 2000 digit number. What is the sum of all 2000 digits?

2. Below 400

If the pattern shown is continued, what number will appear directly below 400?

3. Collatz 13

A sequence of positive integers $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, ...$ is defined by:

$$t_1 = 13$$

$$t_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}t_n$$
 if t_n is even

$$t_{n+1} = 3t_n + 1$$
 if t_n is odd.

What is the value of t_{2008} ?

4. Collatz-ish

The first term of a sequence of positive integers is 6. The other terms in the sequence follow these rules:

if a term is even then divide it by 2 to obtain the next term; if a term is odd then multiply it by 5 and subtract 1 to obtain the next term.

For which values of n is the nth term equal to n?

These problems are adapted from UKMT (ukmt.org.uk) and WMC (competition.ac) problems.