

- Note that  $2^{-2} + 2^{-3} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = 0.375$ . In addition,  $2^4 + 2^3 = 16 + 8 = 24$ . Hence the final answer is  $(-2)(-3)(4)(3) = \boxed{72}$
- We have that

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 \dots$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)' = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots = g(x)$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)x^k$$

Differentiating again we have

$$g(x)' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)kx^{k-1} = \left(\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}\right)' = \frac{2}{(1-x)^3} = \frac{2g(x)}{1-x} = 2f(x)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)kx^{k-1} = 2f(x)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1)k}{2}x^{k-1} = f(x)$$

Hence the coefficient of  $x^{2015}$  will be  $\frac{(2017)(2016)}{2} = \boxed{\binom{2017}{2}}$

- We add the first two equations to get:

$$x^2 + 2y^2 + 3z^2 = 36 \tag{1}$$

$$+3x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 84 \tag{2}$$

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$$4x^2 + 4y^2 + 4z^2 = 120 \tag{3}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 30 \tag{4}$$

We can now put the above equation into equation 1 and 2 to get  $x^2 - z^2 = 24$ . Now adding two times equation 4 and two times  $xy + xz + yz$  we have:

$$2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2(xy + xz + yz) =$$

$$(x+z)^2 + (x+y)^2 + (y+z)^2 = 2(30) + 2(-7) = 46.$$

From here it is easy to check for integer solutions by plugging in the squares from 1 to 6 and then checking whether the remaining number can be expressed as the sum of two squares. (It might be helpful to know that a number can be expressed as a sum of two squares if and only if its factorization into distinct primes contains no odd powers of primes congruent to 3 modulo 4). We then see that the only solution that works is  $6^2 + 3^2 + 1^1 = 36 + 9 + 1 = 46$ . Combining this with  $x^2 - z^2 = 24$  we get that the only integer solutions are  $\boxed{(5, -2, 1), (-5, 2, -1)}$

- From the recurrence relation we have  $a_n = a_{n+1} - a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} - (a_{n+1} + a_{n+3}) = -a_{n+3} = a_{n+6}$ . Hence the sequence cycles with period 6. Writing out the first few terms and noting that  $2015 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , we get that  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{2015} = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 = -1 + 2 + 3 + 1 - 2 = \boxed{3}$

5. Completing the square we get  $x^2 - 4x + y^2 + 3 = (x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 1$ . From here we see that  $x^2 + y^2$  would be the square of distance from the origin to a point on the circle  $(x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 1$ . The maximum and minimum distance would then be 3 and 1 respectively so our answer is  $9 - 1 = \boxed{8}$

6. Let the five roots be  $a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, ar^4, ar^5$ . We are then given that:

$$a(1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + r^4) = 180 \tag{5}$$

$$-a^5 r^{10} = D \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{ar} + \frac{1}{ar^2} + \frac{1}{ar^3} + \frac{1}{ar^4} = 20 \tag{7}$$

from Vieta's formulas. Now simplifying equation 7 we have:

$$\frac{1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + r^4}{ar^4} = 20$$

$$\frac{180}{a^2 r^4} = 20$$

$$(ar^2)^2 = 9$$

$$ar^2 = \pm 3$$

Hence  $D = -(ar^2)^5 = -(\pm 3)^5 = \pm 243 \implies |D| = \boxed{243}$

7. By the binomial theorem we have  $(1 + x)^{75} = \sum_{k=0}^{75} \binom{75}{k} x^k$ . Plugging in  $i$  we see that that our

sum  $S = \sum_{k=0}^{37} (-1)^k \binom{75}{2k}$  would be the real part of  $(1 + i)^{75}$ . Hence converting to  $1 + i$  to polar form we have

$$(1 + i)^{75} = (\sqrt{2}, \pi/4)^{75} = \left(2^{75/2}, \frac{75\pi}{4}\right) = \left(2^{75/2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

Computing the real part we have  $S = \operatorname{Re} \left(2^{75/2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 2^{75/2} \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} = \boxed{-2^{37}}$

8. Let  $x_k = \omega^k$ . Then

$$P = \prod_{k=0}^6 (1 + x_k - x_k^2) = - \prod_{k=0}^6 (\phi - x_k)(\tau - x_k)$$

where  $\phi, \tau$  are the two solutions to  $x^2 - x - 1$ . Since  $\omega$  is a primitive root of unity, as we go over all powers we pick up all the roots of unity. Hence we must have that  $P = -(\phi - 1)(\phi - \omega)(\phi - \omega^2) \dots (\phi - \omega^6)(\tau - 1)(\tau - \omega)(\tau - \omega^2) \dots (\tau - \omega^6) = -(\phi^7 - 1)(\tau^7 - 1)$ . Since both  $\phi, \tau$  satisfy  $x^2 = x + 1$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} x^7 - 1 &= x * x^6 - 1 = x(x + 1)^3 - 1 \\ &= x(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1) - 1 \\ &= x^2(x^2 + 3x + 3) + x - 1 \\ &= (x + 1)(4x + 4) + x - 1 \\ &= 4x^2 + 9x + 3 \\ &= 13x + 7 \end{aligned}$$

Now since  $\phi + \tau = 1$ ,  $\phi\tau = -1$ , we have that

$$P = -(13\phi + 7)(13\tau + 7) = -(-169 + 91 + 49) = \boxed{29}$$

9. <sup>1</sup> We wish to find

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \sqrt{n^2 - 1} + \sqrt{n^2 - 2^2} + \dots + \sqrt{n^2 - (n-1)^2} \right)$$

Bringing a factor of  $1/n$  into the square roots we have

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n^2}} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2^2}{n^2}} + \dots + \sqrt{1 - \frac{(n-1)^2}{n^2}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Notice this is a Riemann sum with  $\Delta = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $x_k^* = \frac{k}{n}$ . In the limit as  $n$  goes to infinity this converges to the integral  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$ . This is just one quarter of the area of the unit circle so the final answer is  $\boxed{\frac{\pi}{4}}$

10. We have that  $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(4 \sin x) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(4 \cos x) dx$  since  $\sin x$

and  $\cos x$  take on the same values on the interval  $[0, \pi/2]$ . Adding these we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2I &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(4 \sin x) dx + \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(4 \cos x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(16 \sin x \cos x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(16 \sin x \cos x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(2) + \ln(8 \sin x \cos x) dx \\ &= \frac{\pi \ln 2}{2} + \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(4 \sin 2x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Making the substitution  $u = 2x$  and noting that  $\sin x$  assumes the same values from  $[\pi/2, \pi]$  as  $[0, \pi/2]$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 2I &= \frac{\pi \ln 2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \ln(4 \sin u) du \\ &= \frac{\pi \ln 2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(4 \sin u) du + \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \ln(4 \sin u) du \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi \ln 2}{2} + \frac{2I}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have  $I = \boxed{\frac{\pi \ln 2}{2}}$

<sup>1</sup>There was a typo in the actual test,  $1/n^3$  should have been  $1/n^2$