

$$T_{2n+1} := \frac{u^{2n+1} - v^{2n+1}}{u - v} + \frac{v^{2n+1} - w^{2n+1}}{v - w} + \frac{w^{2n+1} - u^{2n+1}}{w - u}$$

We have successively,

$$\begin{aligned} T_{2n+1} &= (u^{2n} + u^{2n-1}v + uv^{2n-1} + v^{2n}) + (v^{2n} + v^{2n-1}w + vw^{2n-1} + w^{2n}) + \\ &\quad + (w^{2n} + w^{2n-1}u + wu^{2n-1} + u^{2n}) = \\ &= 2S^{(2n)} + \sum_{k=1}^{2n} (u^{2n-k}v^k + v^{2n-k}w^k + w^{2n-k}u^k) = \\ &= 2S^{(2n)} + \sum_{k=1}^n (u^{2n-k}v^k + u^k v^{2n-k} + v^{2n-k}w^k + v^k w^{2n-k} + \\ &\quad + w^{2n-k}u^k + w^k u^{2n-k}) = 2S^{(2n)} + \sum_{k=1}^n [(u^{2n-k} + v^{2n-k} + w^{2n-k}) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (u^k + v^k + w^k) - (u^{2n} + v^{2n} + w^{2n})] = \\ &2S^{(2n)} + \sum_{k=1}^n (S^{(2n-k)}S^{(k)} - S^{(2n)}) = (2-n)S^{(2n)} + \sum_{k=1}^n S^{(2n-k)}S^{(k)} \end{aligned}$$

How the sums $S^{(k)}$ are integers, then the sum T_{2n+1} is also an integer.

W28. Solution by the proposer. Since

$$F_{n+1} \cdot F_{n-1} - F_n^2 = (-1)^n \quad (\text{Cassini identity})$$

then for

$$(x_0, y_0) = ((-1)^n F_{n-1}, (-1)^n F_n)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{n+1}x_0 - F_n y_0 &= F_{n+1} \cdot (-1)^n F_{n-1} - F_n \cdot (-1)^n F_n = \\ &= (-1)^n (F_{n+1} \cdot F_{n-1} - F_n^2) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and, therefore

$$F_{n+1}x - F_n y = 1 \Leftrightarrow F_{n+1}x - F_n y = F_{n+1} \cdot (-1)^n F_{n-1} - F_n \cdot (-1)^n F_n \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow F_{n+1} (x - (-1)^n F_{n-1}) = F_n (y - (-1)^n F_n) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x - (-1)^n F_{n-1} = tF_n \\ y - (-1)^n F_n = tF_{n+1} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = tF_n + (-1)^n F_{n-1} \\ y = tF_{n+1} + (-1)^n F_n \end{cases}$$

$t \in Z$. Thus

$$D_n = \{(x, y) \mid x = tF_n + (-1)^n F_{n-1}, y = tF_{n+1} + (-1)^n F_n, t \in Z\}$$

a).

$$\min_{(x,y) \in D_n} |x + y| = \min_{t \in Z} |t(F_n + F_{n+1}) + (-1)^n (F_{n-1} + F_n)| = \min_{t \in Z} \varphi(t)$$

where $\varphi(t) := |tF_{n+2} + (-1)^n F_{n+1}|$.

Since

$$tF_{n+2} + (-1)^n F_{n+1} = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = t_* := \frac{(-1)^n F_{n+1}}{F_{n+2}}$$

and

$$|t_*| = \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_{n+2}} < 1$$

then integer t which minimize $\varphi(t)$ must be among to t_* integers, that is.

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{t \in Z} \varphi(t) &= \min_{t \in \{-1, 0, 1\}} \varphi(t) = \min \{\varphi(0), \varphi(1), \varphi(-1)\} = \\ &= \min \{F_{n+1}, |F_{n+2} + (-1)^n F_{n+1}|, |-F_{n+2} + (-1)^n F_{n+1}|\} \end{aligned}$$

If n is odd then

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{F_{n+1}, |F_{n+2} + (-1)^n F_{n+1}|, |-F_{n+2} + (-1)^n F_{n+1}|\} &= \\ &= \min \{F_{n+1}, F_{n+2} - F_{n+1}, F_{n+2} + F_{n+1}\} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \min \{F_{n+1}, F_n, F_{n+3}\} = \varphi(1)$$

If n is even then

$$\min \{F_{n+1}, F_{n+2} + F_{n+1}, |-F_{n+2} + F_{n+1}|\} =$$

$$= \min \{F_{n+1}, F_{n+3}, F_n\} = \varphi(-1)$$

So,

$$\min_{(x,y) \in D_n} |x + y| = F_n$$

b).

$$|x| + |y| = |tF_n + (-1)^n F_{n-1}| + |tF_{n+1} + (-1)^n F_n|$$

By replacing t with $(-1)^{n-1}t$ we obtain

$$|x| + |y| = |tF_n - F_{n-1}| + |tF_{n+1} - F_n| =$$

$$\max \{|tF_n - F_{n-1} + tF_{n+1} - F_n|, |tF_n - F_{n-1} - tF_{n+1} + F_n|\} =$$

$$= \max \{|t(F_n + F_{n+1}) - (F_{n-1} + F_n)|, |t(F_n - F_{n+1}) + F_n - F_{n-1}|\} =$$

$$= \max \{|tF_{n+2} - F_{n+1}|, |-F_{n-1}t + F_{n-2}|\} =$$

$$= \max \{|tF_{n+2} - F_{n+1}|, |F_{n-1}t - F_{n-2}|\}$$

Lemma. Let $p, q > 0$, $a, b \in R$. Then

$$\min_{x \in R} (\max \{|px - a|, |qx - b|\}) = \frac{|aq - bp|}{p + q}$$

and attained if $x = \frac{a+b}{p+q}$.

Proof. First note $\min_{x \in R} (\max \{|px - a|, |qx - b|\}) = \min t$ where t provide solvability of inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 t \geq \max \{|px - a|, |qx - b|\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} t \geq |px - a| \\ t \geq |qx - b| \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \\
 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -t \leq px - a \leq t \\ -t \leq qx - b \leq t \end{cases} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{a-t}{p} \leq x \leq \frac{t+a}{p} \\ \frac{b-t}{q} \leq x \leq \frac{t+b}{q} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \\
 \Leftrightarrow \max \left\{ \frac{a-t}{p}, \frac{b-t}{q} \right\} \leq x \leq \min \left\{ \frac{t+a}{p}, \frac{t+b}{q} \right\} &\quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Condition of solvability is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{cases} \frac{a-t}{p} \leq \frac{t+b}{q} \\ \frac{b-t}{q} \leq \frac{t+a}{p} \end{cases} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} q(a-t) \leq p(t+b) \\ p(b-t) \leq q(t+a) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \\
 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{aq-pb}{p+q} \leq t \\ \frac{pb-aq}{p+q} \leq t \end{cases} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{|aq-bp|}{p+q} \leq t
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} (\max \{|px - a|, |qx - b|\}) = \frac{|aq - bp|}{p + q}$$

Assuming WLOG that $aq \geq bp$, by substitution $t = \frac{aq-pb}{p+q}$ in inequality (1) we obtain $x = \frac{a+b}{p+q}$. Indeed,

$$\frac{t+a}{p} = \frac{\frac{aq-pb}{p+q} + a}{p} = \frac{2aq + ap - bp}{p(p+q)}, \quad \frac{t+b}{q} = \frac{\frac{aq-pb}{p+q} + b}{q} = \frac{a+b}{p+q}$$

and

$$\frac{2aq + ap - bp}{p(p+q)} - \frac{a+b}{p+q} = \frac{2}{p} \cdot \frac{aq - pb}{p+q} \geq 0$$

Hence $x \leq \frac{a+b}{p+q}$. Similarly we can obtain $\frac{a+b}{p+q} \leq x$. So, $x = \frac{a+b}{p+q}$.

Corollary. Let $p > q$ then

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} (|px - a| + |qx - b|) = \frac{|aq - bp|}{p + q}$$

Proof. Since

$|px - a| + |qx - b| = \max \{|(p + q)x - (a + b)|, |(p - q)x - (a - b)|\}$
then by Lemma

$$|px - a| + |qx - b| \geq \frac{|(a + b)(p - q) - (a - b)(p + q)|}{(p + q) + (p - q)} = \frac{|aq - bp|}{p}$$

and equality occurs iff

$$x = \frac{(a + b) + (a - b)}{(p + q) + (p - q)} = \frac{2a}{2p} = \frac{a}{p}$$

So,

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} (|px - a| + |qx - b|) = \frac{|aq - bp|}{p}$$

and attained if $x = \frac{a}{p}$.

Application. Since

$$|x| + |y| = |tF_n - F_{n+1}| + |tF_{n+1} - F_n|$$

and $F_{n+1} > F_n$ then by Corollary for real t minimum of $|tF_n - F_{n+1}| + |tF_{n+1} - F_n|$ attained if $t_* = \frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}} < 1$ and closest to t_* integer values of t are $t = 1$ and $t = 0$. Therefore,

$$\min_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} |tF_n - F_{n+1}| + |tF_{n+1} - F_n| =$$

$$= \min \{|0 \cdot F_n - F_{n+1}| + |0 \cdot F_{n+1} - F_n|, |1 \cdot F_n - F_{n+1}| + |1 \cdot F_{n+1} - F_n|\} =$$

$$= \min \{F_{n-1} + F_n, F_n - F_{n-1} + F_{n+1} - F_n\} = \min \{F_{n+1}, F_n\} = F_n$$

c).

$$x^2 + y^2 = (tF_n - F_{n-1})^2 + (tF_{n+1} - F_n)^2 =$$

$$= (F_n^2 + F_{n+1}^2) t^2 - 2F_n (F_{n-1} + F_{n+1}) t + (F_n^2 + F_{n-1}^2)$$

Since

$$F_{n-1}^2 + F_n^2 = F_{2n-1} \text{ and } F_n (F_{n+1} + F_{n-1}) = F_{2n}$$

then

$$x^2 + y^2 = F_{2n+1}t^2 - 2F_{2n}t + F_{2n-1}$$

Quadratic trinomial $F_{2n+1}t^2 - 2F_{2n}t + F_{2n-1}$ attain minimum in R when $t = \frac{F_{2n}}{F_{2n+1}} < 1$ and, therefore, minimum in Z can be attained in one of two integer points closest to $\frac{F_{2n}}{F_{2n+1}}$, that is when $t = 0$ or $t = 1$.

Thus

$$\min (x^2 + y^2) =$$

$$= \min \{F_{2n+1} \cdot 0^2 - 2F_{2n} \cdot 0 + F_{2n-1}, F_{2n+1} \cdot 1^2 - 2F_{2n} \cdot 1 + F_{2n-1}\} =$$

$$= \min \{F_{2n-1}, F_{2n+1} - 2F_{2n} + F_{2n-1}\} = \min \{F_{2n-1}, F_{2n-3}\} = F_{2n-3}$$

W29. Solution by the proposer. Let P be a point in $\triangle ABC$ with barycentric coordinates

$$(p_a, p_b, p_c) = (x, y, z)$$

Let $R_a := PA, R_b = PB, R_c := PC$ and A_p, B_p, C_p be foots of perpendiculars from P to sides BC, CA, AB respectively. Also, we denote via

$$d_a := PA_p, d_b := PB_p, d_c := PC_p$$

and

$$a_p := B_pC_p, b_p := C_pA_p, c_p := A_pB_p$$

(side lengths of pedal triangle $A_pB_pC_p$). Let $F := [ABC]$ and

$$F_a := [PBC], F_b := [PCA], F_c := [PAB].$$

Then

$$F_a = \frac{ad_a}{2}, F_b = \frac{bd_b}{2}, F_c = \frac{cd_c}{2}$$