

1. 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 $(-2)(-3)(4)(3) = \boxed{72}$

2. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-x} &= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 \dots \\ \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)' &= \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots = g(x) \\ g(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)x^k\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating again we have

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

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

3. We add the first two equations to get:

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

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

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

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

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:

$$\begin{aligned}2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2(xy + xz + yz) &= \\ (x+z)^2 + (x+y)^2 + (y+z)^2 &= 2(30) + 2(-7) = 46.\end{aligned}$$

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 $6^2 + 3^2 + 1^2 = 36 + 9 + 1 = 46$. Combining this with $x^2 - z^2 = 24$ we get that the only integer solutions are $\boxed{(5, -2, 1), (-5, 2, -1)}$

4. 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:

$$a(1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + r^4) = 180 \quad (5)$$

$$-a^5 r^{10} = D \quad (6)$$

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

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 ϕ, τ are the two solutions to $x^2 - x - 1$. Since ω 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 ϕ, τ 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. ¹ 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 $I = \boxed{\frac{\pi \ln 2}{2}}$

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