

Work on these with your partner(s) at the board

1. Define a sequence by $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3,$ and $a_n = 3a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$

(a) Compute the first six terms of the sequence, i.e, a_1, \dots, a_6

(b) Form a conjecture for the value of a_n that depends only on n

(c) Use strong induction to prove your conjecture

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2. Define the Fibonacci sequence by $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1,$ and $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3$

(a) Compute the first six terms of the sequence, i.e, f_1, \dots, f_6

(b) Use strong induction to prove that $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n-2} \leq f_n \leq 2^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

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