

	Suggested Solution	Remarks
1i	$(2x+3y+6z)^2 \leq (2^2+3^2+6^2)(x^2+y^2+z^2) = 49$ $2x+3y+6z \leq 7$	
1ii	$\begin{cases} 2x+3y+6z=7 \\ x^2+y^2+z^2=1 \end{cases}$ <p>Since $2^2+3^2+6^2=7^2$, by observation, $x=\frac{2}{7}, y=\frac{3}{7}, z=\frac{6}{7}$.</p>	
1iii	<p>Suppose $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 1$.</p> $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1 \cdot x_i\right)^2 \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = n \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \leq \sqrt{n}$ <p>Since if we let $x_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, we yield $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 = 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \sqrt{n}$, the maximum possible value of $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is \sqrt{n}.</p>	
1iv	<p>Suppose there are n squares of lengths x_i contained in the unit square.</p> <p>Their total area is $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \leq 1$, and their total perimeter is $18 = \sum_{i=1}^n 4x_i$.</p> <p>By part (iii), $\frac{18}{4} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \leq \sqrt{n} \Rightarrow n \geq 20.25$.</p> <p>Hence, there must be more than 20 such squares.</p>	
2ia	<p>Number of ways = $\binom{8+4-1}{4-1} = 165$</p> <p>[Bijection with a string of eight 0's (objects) and three 1's (partitions). For example, the string 00100010100 would correspond to the combination of 2 A's, 3 C's, 1 G and 2 T's.]</p>	
2ib	<p>Number of ways = $\binom{4+4-1}{4-1} = 35$</p> <p>[Place one 0 in each box and the remaining four 0's into the boxes.]</p>	
2iia	Number of sequences = $4^8 = 65536$	
2iib	Number of sequences = $4 \times 3^7 = 8748$	
2iic	Number of sequences = $4^8 - \binom{4}{3}3^8 + \binom{4}{2}2^8 - \binom{4}{1}1^8 = 40824$	Principle of inclusion / exclusion.
3ia	<p>Given $x_1 = 1$ and $a \geq 0$.</p> $x_{i+1} = \left(\frac{i+a}{i+1}\right)x_i \geq \left(\frac{i}{i+1}\right)x_i \geq \left(\frac{i}{i+1}\right)\left(\frac{i-1}{i}\right)x_{i-1} \geq \dots \geq \left(\frac{i}{i+1}\right)\left(\frac{i-1}{i}\right) \dots \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x_1 = \frac{1}{i+1}$ <p>$\therefore x_i \geq \frac{1}{i}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$</p>	
3ib	From (3i(a)), $\sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} x_i \geq \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \frac{1}{i} \geq \sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}$.	

3ic	$\sum_{i=1}^{2^n} x_i = \sum_{i=2^{n-1}+1}^{2^n} x_i + \sum_{i=2^{n-2}+1}^{2^{n-1}} x_i + \dots + \sum_{i=2+1}^{2^2} x_i + (x_2 + x_1) \geq n \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{n}{2}$ $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} x_i \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2} \text{ is unbounded.}$	
3iia	<p>Since $(i+1)x_{i+1} - ix_i = (i+1)\frac{i+a}{i+1}x_i - ix_i = ax_i$, summing from $i=m$ to $i=n$ yields the following.</p> $a \sum_{i=m}^n x_i = \sum_{i=m}^n (i+1)x_{i+1} - ix_i = [(m+1)x_{m+1} - mx_m] + [(m+2)x_{m+2} - (m+1)x_{m+1}]$ $+ \dots + [(n+1)x_{n+1} - nx_n] = (n+1)x_{n+1} - mx_m$ <p><u>Alternative Solution</u></p> <p>Let P_n be the statement $a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = (n+1)x_{n+1} - 1$.</p> <p>RHS of $P_1 = 2x_2 - 1 = 2\left(\frac{1+a}{2}\right) - 1 = a = ax_1 = \text{LHS of } P_1$</p> <p>$\therefore P_1$ is true.</p> <p>Assume P_k is true for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.</p> <p>LHS of $P_{k+1} = a \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} x_i = a \sum_{i=1}^k x_i + ax_{k+1}$</p> $= (k+1)x_{k+1} - 1 + ax_{k+1}$ $= (k+1+a)x_{k+1} - 1$ $= (k+2)x_{k+2} - 1 \quad \left[\because x_{k+2} = \left(\frac{k+1+a}{k+2}\right)x_{k+1} \right]$ <p>= RHS of P_1</p> <p>$\therefore P_k$ is true $\Rightarrow P_{k+1}$ is true.</p> <p>Since P_1 is true and $(P_k \text{ is true} \Rightarrow P_{k+1} \text{ is true})$, P_n is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.</p> <p>Hence, $\sum_{i=m}^n x_i = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = (n+1)x_{n+1} - 1 & \text{if } m=1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} x_i = [(n+1)x_{n+1} - 1] - [mx_m - 1] & \text{if } m > 1 \end{cases}$</p> $= (n+1)x_{n+1} - mx_m.$	<p><u>Alt. Sol.</u></p> <p>We first ask ourselves what is the partial sum from 1 to n, and from there we would be able to find the sum from m to n.</p> <p>By observing the equation that we need to show, we may let $m=1$ so that we obtain P_n which we will then prove.</p>
3iib	<p>Let $M = \lceil -a \rceil$. Then $x_{M+1} = \left(\frac{M+a}{M+1}\right)x_M$.</p> <p><u>Case 1:</u> $x_M \geq 0$.</p> <p>Since $\left(\frac{M+a}{M+1}\right) \geq 0$, $x_{M+1} \geq 0$.</p> <p>Consequently, for all $n > M$, since $\left(\frac{n+a}{n+1}\right) \geq 0$, $x_{n+1} = \left(\frac{n+a}{n+1}\right)x_n \geq 0$.</p> <p>$\therefore x_n x_m \geq 0$ for all $n, m > M$.</p>	

	<p><u>Case 2:</u> $x_M < 0$.</p> <p>Since $\left(\frac{M+a}{M+1}\right) \geq 0$, $x_{M+1} \leq 0$.</p> <p>Consequently, for all $n > M$, since $\left(\frac{n+a}{n+1}\right) \geq 0$, $x_{n+1} = \left(\frac{n+a}{n+1}\right)x_n \leq 0$.</p> <p>$\therefore x_n x_m \geq 0$ for all $n, m > M$.</p>	
4ia	<p>Let W_n be the number of such n-digit numbers having first digit 3. Then by symmetry, $W_n = Y_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.</p> <p>If the first digit is 2, then the next digit can only be 1 or 3.</p> <p>Hence, $Y_n = X_{n-1} + W_{n-1} = X_{n-1} + Y_{n-1}$.</p>	
4ib	<p>If the first digit is 1, then the next digit can be either 1, 2 or 3.</p> $X_n = X_{n-1} + Y_{n-1} + W_{n-1}$ $= X_{n-1} + 2Y_{n-1}$	
4ic	$X_{n+1} = X_n + 2Y_n \quad (\text{by 4i(b)})$ $= X_n + 2(X_{n-1} + Y_{n-1}) \quad (\text{by 4i(a)})$ $= X_n + X_{n-1} + X_n \quad (\text{by 4i(b)})$ $= 2X_n + X_{n-1}$	
4ii	<p>Let P_n be the statement $X_n \equiv n^2 - n + 1 \pmod{4}$.</p> <p>LHS of $P_1 = X_1 = 1 \pmod{4}$ LHS of $P_2 = X_2 = X_1 + Y_1 + W_1 = 3 \pmod{4}$</p> <p>RHS of $P_1 = 1^2 - 1 + 1 = 1 \pmod{4}$ RHS of $P_2 = 2^2 - 2 + 1 = 3 \pmod{4}$</p> <p>$\therefore P_1$ and P_2 are true.</p> <p>Assume P_k and P_{k-1} are true for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $k \geq 2$.</p> <p>LHS of $P_{k+1} = X_{k+1} = 2X_k + X_{k-1}$</p> $= 2k^2 - 2k + 2 + (k-1)^2 - (k-1) + 1$ $\equiv 3k^2 - k + 1$ $\equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{4}, & \text{if } k \equiv 0 \text{ or } k \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 3 \pmod{4}, & \text{if } k \equiv 1 \text{ or } k \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$ <p>RHS of $P_{k+1} = (k+1)^2 - (k+1) + 1$</p> $= k^2 + k + 1$ $\equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{4}, & \text{if } k \equiv 0 \text{ or } k \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 3 \pmod{4}, & \text{if } k \equiv 1 \text{ or } k \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$ <p>$\therefore P_{k-1}$ and P_k are true $\Rightarrow P_{k+1}$ is true.</p> <p>Since P_1 and P_2 are true, and $(P_{k-1} \text{ and } P_k \text{ are true} \Rightarrow P_{k+1} \text{ is true})$, P_n is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.</p>	
4iii	$T_n = X_n + Y_n + W_n = X_{n+1} \equiv (n+1)^2 - (n+1) + 1 \equiv n^2 + n + 1 \pmod{4}$	

5i	$\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = \frac{du}{dx}$ $\frac{dt}{dx} = t \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{t} dt = \int 1 dx$ $\ln t = x + C$ $\frac{du}{dx} = t = Ae^x$ $u = \int Ae^x dx = Ae^x + B$	
5ii	$u = e^{-\int f(x)y dx}$ $\frac{du}{dx} = -f(x)yu \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{f(x)u} \frac{du}{dx}$ $\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = \left(-f'(x)y - f(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) u - f(x)y \frac{du}{dx}$ $= -f'(x)yu - f(x)u \left(f(x)y^2 + g(x)y \right) - f(x)y \frac{du}{dx}$ $= \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \frac{du}{dx} - \frac{1}{u} \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 + g(x) \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{1}{u} \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2$ $= \left(\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} + g(x) \right) \frac{du}{dx}$ $\therefore f(x) \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} - (f'(x) + f(x)g(x)) \frac{du}{dx} = 0 \text{ (shown)}$	
5iii	$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-2x}y^2 + 3y$ <p>By (5ii), $e^{-2x} \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} - (-2e^{-2x} + e^{-2x} \cdot 3) \frac{du}{dx} = 0$, where $u = e^{-\int e^{-2x}y dx}$</p> $e^{-2x} \left(\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} - \frac{du}{dx} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = \frac{du}{dx}$ <p>By (5i), $u = Ae^x + B$</p> $e^{-\int e^{-2x}y dx} = Ae^x + B$ $\int e^{-2x}y dx = -\ln(Ae^x + B) \Rightarrow e^{-2x}y = -\frac{Ae^x}{Ae^x + B} \quad \text{-----(1)}$ <p>When $x = 0$, $y = -\frac{1}{4}$. So, $-\frac{1}{4} = -\frac{A}{A+B} \Rightarrow B = 3A$.</p> <p>By (1), $e^{-2x}y = -\frac{Ae^x}{Ae^x + 3A}$</p> $y = -\frac{e^{3x}}{e^x + 3}$	

6i	<p>Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n} be the positions of the $(+1)$'s and (-1)'s. With this arrangement, we are able to find a consecutive pair of $+1$ and -1 in the clockwise direction (i.e. in the clockwise direction, the $+1$ precedes the -1). Remove this pair of numbers and there will be $2n-2$ numbers left arranged in the circle.</p> <p>We will repeat this procedure by removing consecutive pairs of $+1$ and -1 in the clockwise direction until there is a final pair of $+1$ and -1 left. Let x_k be the position of this final $+1$.</p> <p>We claim that x_k is the starting position for which T_i is never negative.</p> <p>Since the pairs of $+1$'s and -1's removed were consecutive, and within each pair, the $+1$ preceded the -1, there will always be an increase of the partial sum T_k prior to a decrease. Hence, T_i is never negative for all $1 \leq i \leq 2n$.</p> <p>Alternative Solution</p> <p>Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n} be the positions of the $(+1)$'s and (-1)'s, and let x_1 be the starting position. As we evaluate T_i for $1 \leq i \leq 2n$, there exists a k such that T_k is minimum. We then claim that x_{k+1} is a starting position for which T_i is never negative for all $1 \leq i \leq 2n$.</p> <p>Relabel $x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{2n}, x_1, \dots, x_k$ as y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{2n} respectively, so $y_1 = x_{k+1}$ is the starting position. To avoid confusion, we shall let S_i be the new partial sum from position y_1 to y_i.</p> <p>Since T_k is a minimum, $S_i = T_{i+k} - T_k \geq 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq 2n-k$.</p> <p>With equal number of $(+1)$'s and (-1)'s, $T_{2n} = 0$. Hence, $S_{2n-k} = -T_k$.</p> <p>Furthermore, $T_j \geq T_k \Rightarrow -T_k + T_j \geq 0$ for all $1 \leq j \leq k$, we have that</p> <p>$S_i = S_{2n-k} + T_{i-2n+k} = -T_k + T_{i-2n+k} \geq 0$ for $2n-k+1 \leq i \leq 2n$.</p>	
6ii	<p>Note that $T_i \equiv i \pmod{2}$ due to the following. Enumerate T_i starting with the index $i=1$. We have $T_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ regardless of the first value, $+1$ or -1. Subsequently, as the index i increases each time by 1, we add $+1$ or -1 to the value of T_i, changing its parity. Hence, $n + \sum_{i=1}^{2n} T_i \equiv n + \sum_{i=1}^{2n} i \equiv n + n = 2n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$; i.e. $n + \sum_{i=1}^{2n} T_i$ is even.</p>	
7i	<p>$a > c \cos \theta + d \sin \theta$ and $b > c \sin \theta + d \cos \theta$</p>	
7ii	<p>“\Rightarrow” Suppose on the contrary that $d \geq b$, then $a > c \geq d \geq b$ and</p> $d \cos \theta + c \sin \theta \geq b(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) = b\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) > b \text{ since}$ $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$ <p>“\Leftarrow” Choose θ small enough such that $c \sin \theta < \varepsilon := \min(a-c, b-d)$.</p> <p>Then $c \cos \theta + d \sin \theta \leq c \cos \theta + c \sin \theta < c + \varepsilon \leq a$ and $d \cos \theta + c \sin \theta < d + \varepsilon \leq b$.</p>	
7iii	<p>Let θ_0 be the angle for which the $c \times d$ rectangle is strictly contained in the $a \times b$ rectangle. By (i), we must have $c \cos \theta_0 + d \sin \theta_0 < a$ and</p> $c \sin \theta_0 + d \cos \theta_0 < b \Rightarrow c \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_0\right) + d \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_0\right) < b \leq a.$	

	<p>Let $f(\theta) = c \cos \theta + d \sin \theta$, $\theta \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, $\theta_1 = \min\left(\theta_0, \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_0\right)$ and $\theta_2 = \max\left(\theta_0, \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_0\right)$. Then we must have $f(\theta_1) < a$, $f(\theta_2) < a$ and $\frac{\pi}{4} \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$.</p> <p>If we can prove that f is decreasing on $[\theta_1, \theta_2]$, then $a > f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{c+d}{\sqrt{2}}$ and we are done.</p> <p>Since $f(\theta) > 0$ and $f''(\theta) = -c \cos \theta - d \sin \theta < 0$ for $\theta \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, f has a maximum at θ_{\max}, where $f'(\theta_{\max}) = -c \sin \theta_{\max} + d \cos \theta_{\max} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_{\max} = \tan^{-1} \frac{d}{c} \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$.</p> <p>Since $f(0) = c \geq a$ and f is increasing on $[0, \theta_{\max}]$, we must have $\theta_{\max} < \theta_1$. Since f is decreasing on $\left[\theta_{\max}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, it is also decreasing on $[\theta_1, \theta_2]$ and we are done.</p>																											
7iv	<p>A $c \times d$ rectangle (with $c \geq d$) can be strictly contained in an $a \times a$ square if and only if $a > c$ or $a\sqrt{2} > c + d$.</p> <p><u>Proof</u></p> <p>(\Rightarrow): Suppose that a $c \times d$ rectangle (with $c \geq d$) can be strictly contained in an $a \times a$ square. If $a > c$, we are done. Otherwise, if $a \leq c$, then by (iii), we have $a\sqrt{2} > c + d$.</p> <p>(\Leftarrow): Suppose $a > c$ or $a\sqrt{2} > c + d$.</p> <p>If $a > c$, then by (ii), a $c \times d$ rectangle can be strictly contained in an $a \times a$ square iff $a > d$. But since $a > c \geq d$, the rectangle can always be contained in the square.</p> <p>If $a\sqrt{2} > c + d$, substituting $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ into the inequalities in (i) yields $c \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + d \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{c+d}{\sqrt{2}} < a$ and $c \sin \frac{\pi}{4} + d \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{c+d}{\sqrt{2}} < a$. This shows that the rectangle can be contained in the $a \times a$ square.</p>																											
8i	<table border="1"><tr><td>$n \pmod{12}$</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>$n^2 \pmod{12}$</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>9</td><td>4</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>4</td><td>9</td><td>4</td><td>1</td></tr></table> <p>By exhaustion, the elements of $S(12)$ are all square numbers.</p>	$n \pmod{12}$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	$n^2 \pmod{12}$	0	1	4	9	4	1	0	1	4	9	4	1	
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8ii	Let $N = 9$. Since $4^2 = 16 \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$, $7 \in S(9)$ and 7 is not a square number.	Answer is not unique.																										
8iii	<p>Since $(N+r)^2 \equiv r^2 \pmod{N}$ for all $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $0 \leq r < \sqrt{N}$, there are at least \sqrt{N} unique r's.</p> <p>Hence, $\left\{0, 1, 4, \dots, \left(\left\lfloor \sqrt{N-1} \right\rfloor\right)^2\right\} \subseteq S(N)$ and $S(N)$ has at least \sqrt{N} elements.</p> <p>NB We use $\left\lfloor \sqrt{N-1} \right\rfloor$ instead of $\left\lfloor \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor$ to be precise, since if N is a square number, then $\left\lfloor \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor^2 = N$ is not an element of $S(N)$.</p>																											

8iv	<p>Suppose $\exists x, n, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $x^2 = 17 + 2^n \lambda$, with $n \geq 5$.</p> <p>If λ is even, then $x^2 = 17 + 2^{n+1} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \Rightarrow x^2 \equiv 17 \pmod{2^{n+1}}$, i.e. $17 \in S(2^{n+1})$.</p> <p>If λ is odd, let $\mu = \frac{\lambda + x + 2^{n-2}}{2}$. Note that $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}$ since λ, x are odd and $n \geq 5$.</p> <p>Then $2^{n+1} \mu + 17 = 2^n (\lambda + x + 2^{n-2}) + 17$</p> $= x^2 + 2^n x + 2^{2n-2}$ $= (x + 2^{n-1})^2.$ <p>Hence, $(x + 2^{n-1})^2 \equiv 17 \pmod{2^{n+1}}$, i.e. $17 \in S(2^{n+1})$.</p>	<p>Think: When is $x^2 \equiv 17 \pmod{2^{n+1}}$? Get that λ is even.</p> <p>Then consider when λ is odd, and try to find a square number by working backwards.</p>
8v	<p>Let P_n be the statement: $17 \in S(2^n), n \geq 5$.</p> <p>For $n = 5$, $7^2 = 49 \equiv 17 \pmod{2^5}$. Hence, P_5 is true.</p> <p>By (iv), we have shown that $17 \in S(2^n) \Rightarrow 17 \in S(2^{n+1})$, i.e., $P_n \Rightarrow P_{n+1}$ for $n \geq 5$.</p> <p>By induction, P_n is true for all $n \geq 5$.</p> <p>From (iii), we have shown that there are at least \sqrt{N} numbers in $S(N)$, where all these elements are square numbers. Since 17 is not a square number, and is also in $S(2^n)$ for $n \geq 5$, then we must have at least $1 + \sqrt{2^n}$ elements in $S(2^n)$.</p> <p><u>Alternative Solution</u></p> <p>Case 1: n is even</p> $\left(2^{\frac{n}{2}} + 1\right)^2 = 2^n + 2^{\frac{n}{2}+1} + 1 \equiv 2^{\frac{n}{2}+1} + 1 \pmod{2^n}$ <p>Then $\left\{1^2, 2^2, \dots, 0 \equiv \left(2^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)^2, 2^{\frac{n}{2}+1} + 1\right\} \subseteq S(2^n)$, and this shows that $S(2^n)$ has at least $1 + \sqrt{2^n}$ elements.</p> <p>Case 2: n is odd</p> $\left(2^{\frac{n+1}{2}} + 1\right)^2 = 2^{n+1} + 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}} + 1 \equiv 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}} + 1 \pmod{2^n}$ <p>Then $\left\{0^2, 1^2, 2^2, \dots, \left(2^{\frac{n}{2}}\right)^2, 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}} + 1\right\} \subseteq S(2^n)$, and this shows that $S(2^n)$ has at least $1 + \sqrt{2^n}$ elements.</p> <p>Note that in both cases above, $2^{\frac{n}{2}+1} + 1$ and $2^{\frac{n+3}{2}} + 1$ are not square numbers.</p> <p>Suppose that $p^2 = 2^q + 1$ for some $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then $(p+1)(p-1) = 2^q$.</p> <p>This implies that $p+1 = 2^k$ and $p-1 = 2^l$ for some $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $k+l = q$.</p> <p>Hence, $2^k - 1 = p = 2^l + 1 \Rightarrow 2(2^{l-1} + 1) = 2^k \Rightarrow l = 1, k = 2 \Rightarrow q = 3$.</p>	

	<p>But $n \geq 5 \Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n+3}{2} \geq 4$, which says that $2^{\frac{n}{2}+1} + 1$ and $2^{\frac{n+3}{2}} + 1$ are not square numbers.</p>	
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