$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} (\mathbf{L}_{k+2}\mathbf{L}_{k+3} - \mathbf{L}_{k}\mathbf{L}_{k+1}) &=& \mathbf{L}_{k+2}(\mathbf{L}_{k+2} + \mathbf{L}_{k+1}) - \mathbf{L}_{k+1}(\mathbf{L}_{k+2} - \mathbf{L}_{k+1}) \\ &=& \mathbf{L}_{k+2}^2 + \mathbf{L}_{k+1}^2 = (\mathbf{F}_{k+3} + \mathbf{F}_{k+1})^2 + (\mathbf{F}_{k+2} + \mathbf{F}_{k})^2 \\ &=& (\mathbf{F}_{k+2} + 2\mathbf{F}_{k+1})^2 + (2\mathbf{F}_{k+2} - \mathbf{F}_{k+1})^2 \\ (3) &=& 5(\mathbf{F}_{k+2}^2 + \mathbf{F}_{k+1}^2) = 5\mathbf{F}_{2k+3} \\ &=& 2\mathbf{F}_{2k+3} + (\mathbf{F}_{2k+5} - \mathbf{F}_{2k+4}) + (\mathbf{F}_{2k+2} + \mathbf{F}_{2k+1}) + \mathbf{F}_{2k+3} \\ &=& (\mathbf{F}_{2k+3} + \mathbf{F}_{2k+1}) + (\mathbf{F}_{2k+5} + \mathbf{F}_{2k+3}) \\ &=& \mathbf{L}_{2k+2} + \mathbf{L}_{2k+4} = \mathbf{C} \end{array}$$

Thus, from (2) and (3) we have,

$$A^2 + B^2 = C^2 .$$

Also solved by J. A. H. Hunter and A. G. Shannon.

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## ANSWERS TO PROBLEMS

1. 
$$a_n = n(n+1)$$
;  $T_{n+3} = 3T_{n+2} - 3T_{n+1} + T_n$   
2.  $a_n = 3n - 2$ ;  $T_{n+2} = 2T_{n+1} - T_n$   
3.  $a_n = n^3$ ;  $T_{n+4} = 4T_{n+3} - 6T_{n+2} + 4T_{n+1} - T_n$   
4.  $T_{6n+k} = 1, 3, 3, 1, 1/3, 1/3$ , for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ , respectively  
5.  $T_{n+1} = \sqrt{1 + T_n^2}$   
6.  $T_{n+4} = 4T_{n+3} - 6T_{n+2} + 4T_{n+1} - T_n$   
7.  $T_{n+1} = aT_n$   
8.  $T_{n+3} = 3T_{n+2} - 3T_{n+1} + T_n$   
9.  $T_{2n-1} = a$ ,  $T_{2n} = 1/a$   
10.  $T_{n+1} = 1/(2 - T_n)$ 

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