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SEQUENCES

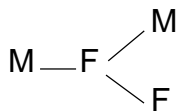
Question 1 :

The life of an ant starts from an egg : if the egg is fertilised, then the progeny will be female.

If not, the progeny will be male. Thus a male has only one mother, and a female has two parents.

Only females can lay eggs.

- 1) Here is the family tree of a male ant up to the second generation of ancestors.



Complete this family tree up to the fifth generation of ancestors.

- 2) We want to study the number of ancestors at each generation, so we define a sequence (u_n) starting from $u_1 = 1$ (we have only our male ant), with u_n the number of ancestors at the n th generation for $n > 1$.
Give the first five terms of this sequence.
- 3) Find a relation linking u_{n+2} to the two previous terms.
- 4) We could do the same work on the family tree of a female ant.
What results would we get ?

Nota : ant means « fourmi »

progeny means « progéniture »

family tree means « arbre généalogique »

Question 2 :

We want to compare human reproduction with ant reproduction :

- draw the same kind of family tree for a human up to the fifth generation,
- count the number of ancestors at each step,
- define a sequence (v_n) to model that number : give both the explicit formula and the recurrence relation, as they are not too difficult to find.