

Proof of  $a(n)/n$  values for A259748  
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Notation example:  $47 \bmod 24 = 23$  [remainder operation] vs.  $47 \equiv 23 \pmod{24}$  [congruence].  
 Let  $n$  be a positive integer.

$a(n)/n$	0	1/6	1/4	5/12	1/2	2/3	3/4	11/2
$n \bmod 24$	1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23	6	8, 16	12	14, 22	3, 9, 15, 18, 21	4, 20	0

- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = 0 \iff n \equiv 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in A259749.
- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{6} \iff n \equiv 6 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in 6\*A016813.
- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{4} \iff n \equiv 8, 16 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in 8\*A001651.
- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = \frac{5}{12} \iff n \equiv 12 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in A073762 = 12\*A005408.
- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \iff n \equiv 14, 22 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in 2\*A168489.
- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = \frac{2}{3} \iff n \equiv 3, 9, 15, 18, 21 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in 3\*A047584.
- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = \frac{3}{4} \iff n \equiv 4, 20 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in 4\*A007310.
- $\frac{a(n)}{n} = \frac{11}{12} \iff n \equiv 0 \pmod{24} \iff n$  is in A008606 = 12\*A001477 = 12\*A000027 (for index  $> 0$ ).

$n \bmod 24$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$a(n)/n$	11/12	0	0	2/3	3/4	0	1/6	0	1/4	2/3	0	0
$n \bmod 24$	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
$a(n)/n$	5/12	0	1/2	2/3	1/4	0	2/3	0	3/4	2/3	1/2	0

*Proof:* Use the formula  $a(n) = (3n + 2)(n + 1)n(n - 1)/24 \bmod n$ , and consider each possible  $n$  modulo 24.

- $n = 24k$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(24k) &= \frac{(72k + 2)(24k + 1)(24k)(24k - 1)}{24} \bmod 24k \\
 &= 2(36k + 1)(24k + 1)(k)(24k - 1) \bmod 24k \\
 &= (1728k^3 + 48k^2 - 3k - 1)(24k) + 22k \bmod 24k \\
 &= 22k = \frac{11}{12}n.
 \end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(24k + 1) &= \frac{(72k + 5)(24k + 2)(24k + 1)(24k)}{24} \bmod 24k + 1 \\
 &= 2(72k + 5)(12k + 1)(24k + 1)(k) \bmod 24k + 1 \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(24k + 2) &= \frac{(72k + 8)(24k + 3)(24k + 2)(24k + 1)}{24} \bmod 24k + 2 \\
 &= (9k + 1)(8k + 1)(24k + 2)(24k + 1) \bmod 24k + 2 \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 3) &= \frac{(72k + 11)(24k + 4)(24k + 3)(24k + 2)}{24} \pmod{24k + 3} \\
&= (72k + 11)(6k + 1)(8k + 1)(12k + 1) \pmod{24k + 3} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 696k^2 + 90k + 3)(24k + 3) + 16k + 2 \pmod{24k + 3} \\
&= 16k + 2 = \frac{2}{3}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 4$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 4) &= \frac{(72k + 14)(24k + 5)(24k + 4)(24k + 3)}{24} \pmod{24k + 4} \\
&= (36k + 7)(24k + 5)(6k + 1)(8k + 1) \pmod{24k + 4} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 912k^2 + 157k + 8)(24k + 4) + 18k + 3 \pmod{24k + 4} \\
&= 18k + 3 = \frac{3}{4}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 5$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 5) &= \frac{(72k + 17)(24k + 6)(24k + 5)(24k + 4)}{24} \pmod{24k + 5} \\
&= (72k + 17)(4k + 1)(24k + 5)(6k + 1) \pmod{24k + 5} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 6$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 6) &= \frac{(72k + 20)(24k + 7)(24k + 6)(24k + 5)}{24} \pmod{24k + 6} \\
&= (18k + 5)(24k + 7)(4k + 1)(24k + 5) \pmod{24k + 6} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 1344k^2 + 345k + 29)(24k + 6) + 4k + 1 \pmod{24k + 6} \\
&= 4k + 1 = \frac{1}{6}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 7$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 7) &= \frac{(72k + 23)(24k + 8)(24k + 7)(24k + 6)}{24} \pmod{24k + 7} \\
&= 2(72k + 23)(3k + 1)(24k + 7)(4k + 1) \pmod{24k + 7} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 8$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 8) &= \frac{(72k + 26)(24k + 9)(24k + 8)(24k + 7)}{24} \pmod{24k + 8} \\
&= (36k + 13)(8k + 3)(3k + 1)(24k + 7) \pmod{24k + 8} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 1776k^2 + 605k + 68)(24k + 8) + 6k + 2 \pmod{24k + 8} \\
&= 6k + 2 = \frac{1}{4}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 9$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 9) &= \frac{(72k + 29)(24k + 10)(24k + 9)(24k + 8)}{24} \pmod{24k + 9} \\
&= 2(72k + 29)(12k + 5)(8k + 3)(3k + 1) \pmod{24k + 9} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 1992k^2 + 762k + 96)(24k + 9) + 16k + 6 \pmod{24k + 9} \\
&= 16k + 6 = \frac{2}{3}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 10$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 10) &= \frac{(72k + 32)(24k + 11)(24k + 10)(24k + 9)}{24} \pmod{24k + 10} \\
&= (9k + 4)(24k + 11)(24k + 10)(8k + 3) \pmod{24k + 10} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 11$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 11) &= \frac{(72k + 35)(24k + 12)(24k + 11)(24k + 10)}{24} \pmod{24k + 11} \\
&= (72k + 35)(2k + 1)(24k + 11)(12k + 5) \pmod{24k + 11} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 12$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 12) &= \frac{(72k + 38)(24k + 13)(24k + 12)(24k + 11)}{24} \pmod{24k + 12} \\
&= (36k + 19)(24k + 13)(2k + 1)(24k + 11) \pmod{24k + 12} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 2640k^2 + 1341k + 226)(24k + 12) + 10k + 5 \pmod{24k + 12} \\
&= 10k + 5 = \frac{5}{12}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 13$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 13) &= \frac{(72k + 41)(24k + 14)(24k + 13)(24k + 12)}{24} \pmod{24k + 13} \\
&= (72k + 41)(12k + 7)(24k + 13)(2k + 1) \pmod{24k + 13} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 14$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 14) &= \frac{(72k + 44)(24k + 15)(24k + 14)(24k + 13)}{24} \pmod{24k + 14} \\
&= (18k + 11)(8k + 5)(12k + 7)(24k + 13) \pmod{24k + 14} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 3072k^2 + 1817k + 357)(24k + 14) + 12k + 7 \pmod{24k + 14} \\
&= 12k + 7 = \frac{1}{2}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 15$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 15) &= \frac{(72k + 47)(24k + 16)(24k + 15)(24k + 14)}{24} \pmod{24k + 15} \\
&= 2(72k + 47)(3k + 2)(8k + 5)(12k + 7) \pmod{24k + 15} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 3288k^2 + 2082k + 438)(24k + 15) + 16k + 10 \pmod{24k + 15} \\
&= 16k + 10 = \frac{2}{3}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 16$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 16) &= \frac{(72k + 50)(24k + 17)(24k + 16)(24k + 15)}{24} \pmod{24k + 16} \\
&= 2(36k + 25)(24k + 17)(3k + 2)(8k + 5) \pmod{24k + 16} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 3504k^2 + 2365k + 531)(24k + 16) + 6k + 4 \pmod{24k + 16} \\
&= 6k + 4 = \frac{1}{4}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 17$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 17) &= \frac{(72k + 53)(24k + 18)(24k + 17)(24k + 16)}{24} \pmod{24k + 17} \\
&= 2(72k + 53)(4k + 3)(24k + 17)(3k + 2) \pmod{24k + 17} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 18$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 18) &= \frac{(72k + 56)(24k + 19)(24k + 18)(24k + 17)}{24} \pmod{24k + 18} \\
&= 2(9k + 7)(24k + 19)(4k + 3)(24k + 17) \pmod{24k + 18} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 3936k^2 + 2985k + 753)(24k + 18) + 16k + 12 \pmod{24k + 18} \\
&= 16k + 12 = \frac{2}{3}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 19$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 19) &= \frac{(72k + 59)(24k + 20)(24k + 19)(24k + 18)}{24} \pmod{24k + 19} \\
&= (72k + 59)(6k + 5)(24k + 19)(4k + 3) \pmod{24k + 19} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 20$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 20) &= \frac{(72k + 62)(24k + 21)(24k + 20)(24k + 19)}{24} \pmod{24k + 20} \\
&= (36k + 31)(8k + 7)(6k + 5)(24k + 19) \pmod{24k + 20} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 4368k^2 + 3677k + 1030)(24k + 20) + 18k + 15 \pmod{24k + 20} \\
&= 18k + 15 = \frac{3}{4}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 21$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 21) &= \frac{(72k + 65)(24k + 22)(24k + 21)(24k + 20)}{24} \pmod{24k + 21} \\
&= (72k + 65)(12k + 11)(8k + 7)(6k + 5) \pmod{24k + 21} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 4584k^2 + 4050k + 1191)(24k + 21) + 16k + 14 \pmod{24k + 21} \\
&= 16k + 14 = \frac{2}{3}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 22$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 22) &= \frac{(72k + 68)(24k + 23)(24k + 22)(24k + 21)}{24} \pmod{24k + 22} \\
&= (18k + 17)(24k + 23)(12k + 11)(8k + 7) \pmod{24k + 22} \\
&= (1728k^3 + 4800k^2 + 4441k + 1368)(24k + 22) + 12k + 11 \pmod{24k + 22} \\
&= 12k + 11 = \frac{1}{2}n.
\end{aligned}$$

- $n = 24k + 23$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
a(24k + 23) &= \frac{(72k + 71)(24k + 24)(24k + 23)(24k + 22)}{24} \pmod{24k + 23} \\
&= 2(72k + 71)(k + 1)(24k + 23)(12k + 11) \pmod{24k + 23} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

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