

A247335 and A247512 (also featuring A078986, A078987, A246643 and A246645).

On a geometric application suggested by Kival Ngaokrajang.
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See A240926 and A115032 for a similar geometric interpretation by Kival Ngaokrajang with illustrations.

See the W. Lang link "Proof of the coincidence of $a(n)$ with the touching circle problem (part II)." under A240926 where the general formulas are found in part I for touching circle problem in the larger part of the bisection, and in part II) for the smaller part of the bisection.

I) A247335: The touching circle sequence in the larger part of a circular disk with radius $10/9$ (in some length units) bisected by a chord of length $4/3$.

Here one has to adapt the values for h and R in part I) of the above mentioned link.

One starts with radius $R=1$ for the large circle C and $h = 1/5$ (the smaller sagitta for a chord of length $6/5$). The circle $C(n)$ with radius $R(n)$ touches circle C , $C(n-1)$ and the chord, with the input circle $C(0)$ centered at $[0, -9/10]$ with radius $R(0) = 9/10$ (the Cartesian coordinate system has origin O in the midpoint of the chord and the x -axis along the chord to the right). The center of $C(n)$ is at $[-x(n), -R(n)]$. The procedure to find the recurrence for $R(n)$ or the curvature $1/R(n)$ has been explained in the mentioned link. For the present case one finds for the relevant solution of the quadratic equation for $R(n)$

$$R(n) = R(n;-) = (-10 \cdot R(n-1) + 19 - 2 \cdot \sqrt{-100 \cdot R(n-1) + 90}) \cdot R(n-1) / (10 \cdot R(n-1) + 1)^2, \text{ with input } R(0) = 9/10.$$

This produces the sequence $[9/10, 9/100, 9/3610, 9/136900, 9/5198410, 9/197402500, \dots]$, suggesting to rescale $r(n) = (10/9) \cdot R(n)$. The recurrence for $r(n)$ is then

$$r(n) = (-9 \cdot r(n-1) + 19 - 6 \cdot \sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{1 - r(n-1)}) \cdot r(n-1) / (9 \cdot r(n-1) + 1)^2, \text{ with input } r(0) = 1.$$

The curvature $b(n) = 1/r(n)$ satisfy then

$$b(n) = ((9 + b(n-1))^2) / (-9 + 19 \cdot b(n-1) - 6 \cdot \sqrt{b(n-1) \cdot (b(n-1) - 1)} \cdot \sqrt{10}) \text{ with input } b(0) = 1.$$

This simplifies, after multiplying numerator and denominator by $-9 + 19 \cdot b(n-1) + 6 \cdot \sqrt{b(n-1) \cdot (b(n-1) - 1)} \cdot \sqrt{10}$ to

$$b(n) = -9 + 19 \cdot b(n-1) + 60 \cdot \sqrt{b(n-1) \cdot (b(n-1) - 1)} / 10 \text{ with input } b(0) = 1.$$

This is the sequence $[1, 10, 361, 13690, 519841, 19740250, 749609641, 28465426090, 1080936581761, \dots] = A247335$, found by Kival Ngaokrajang.

The unique solution of this recurrence with input proceeds like explained in the mentioned link, part I). Consider $Y(n) := \sqrt{b(n) \cdot (b(n) - 1)} / 10$, i.e., $b(n) = -9 + 19 \cdot b(n-1) + 60 \cdot Y(n-1)$.

This is the sequence [0, 3, 114, 4329, 164388, 6242415, 237047382, 9001558101,...].

The first equation can be solved for $b(n)$, yielding (the positive solution is relevant)

$b(n) = (1 + \sqrt{1 + 10 \cdot (2 \cdot Y(n))^2})/2$, $n \geq 0$, which implies

$$(2 \cdot b(n) - 1)^2 = 1 + 10 \cdot (2 \cdot Y(n))^2$$

The well known Pell equation $x^2 - 10 \cdot y^2 = +1$ has all the positive integer solutions given by $(A078986(n), 6 \cdot A078987(n-1))$, $n \geq 0$, starting with the pairs $(1,0)$, $(19,6)$, $(721,228)$, $(27379,8658)$, ... (see the on-line program mentioned in the link referred to earlier).

They are expressed in terms of Chebyshev polynomials $S(n, x=38)$ (see A049310), namely

$$A078986(n) = T(n, 19) = (S(n, 38) - S(n-2, 38))/2 \text{ and } A078987(n-1) = S(n-1, 38).$$

Therefore one has found integer solutions for the original recurrence, with $Y(n) = 3 \cdot S(n-1, 38)$ and

$$b(n) = (1 + A078986(n))/2 = (2 + S(n, 38) - S(n-2, 38))/4, \text{ for } n \geq 0.$$

This is indeed the sequence A247335(n) found by Kival Ngaokrajang.

II) A247512 (with A246643 and A246645): The touching circle sequence in the smaller part of a circular disk with radius $10/9$ (in some length units) bisected by a chord of length $4/3$.

See the above mentioned W. Lang link under A240926, part II).

The circle $C'(n)$ of radius $R'(n)$ touches the chord, the large input circle C (see part I) above) and $C'(n-1)$, with the input circle $C'(0)$ centered at $[0, +1/10]$ with radius $R'(0) = 1/10$. The relevant solution of the quadratic equation becomes her, with $R=1$ and $h = 1/5$

$$R'(n) = R'(n;-) = (9 \cdot (-10 \cdot R'(n-1) + 11 - 2 \cdot \sqrt{-100 \cdot R'(n-1) + 10}) \cdot R'(n-1)) / (10 \cdot R'(n-1) + 9)^2, \text{ with input } R'(0) = 1/10.$$

This produces the sequence $[[1/10, 9/100, 81/1210, 729/16900, 6561/259210], \dots]$, suggesting to rescale $r'(n) := (10/9) \cdot R'(n)$. This is then the situation considered by Kival Ngaokrajang with the large circle C' of radius $10/9$ and the smaller sagitta of length $2/9$. This leads to the following recurrence for the curvatures $b'(n) = 1/r'(n)$.

$$b'(n) = (11 \cdot b'(n-1) - 9 + 20 \cdot \sqrt{(b'(n-1) - 9) \cdot b'(n-1) / 10}) / 9$$

with the input $b'(0) = 9$.

This is the sequence [9, 10, 121/9, 1690/81, 25921/729, 420250/6561, 7027801/59049, 119508490/531441, 2050368961/4782969, 35341836010/43046721, 610665665401/387420489,...]. The floor function produces Kival Ngaokrajang's sequence [9, 10, 13, 20, 35, 64, 119, 224, 428, 821, 1576, ...] = A247512.

However, one can find the explicit form for the rational sequence $\{b'(n)\}$ in terms of Chebyshev polynomials if one first redefine, this time n -dependent,

$$B'(n) = 9^{(n-1)} \cdot b'(n),$$

which is the sequence [1, 10, 121, 1690, 25921, 420250, 7027801, 119508490, ...] = A246643. The one

step recurrence is

$$B'(n) = 11*B'(n-1) - 9^{n-1} + 20*\sqrt{(B'(n-1) - 9^{n-1})*B'(n-1)/10}$$

with input $B'(0) = 1$.

This sequence was not yet in OEIS and superseeker@oeis.org conjectured an o.g.f., which, after factorization of the denominator, looked like:

$$G(x) = (1 - 21*x + 90*x^2)/((1 - 9*x)*(1 - 22*x + 81*x^2)),$$

or in partial fraction decomposition

$$G(x) = (1/2)*((1 - 11*x)/(1 - 22*x + 81*x^2) - 1/(1 - 9*x)).$$

Now, the o.g.f. $1/(1 - 22*x + 81*x^2)$ produces the sequence [1, 22, 403, 7084, 123205, 2136706, 37027927, 641541208, 11114644489, 192557340910,...] = A246645, which is $9^n*S(n, 22/9)$, with Chebyshev's S-polynomials (see A049310).

Thus, the superseeker's conjecture is

$$B'(n) = (9^n)*(1 + S(n, 22/9) - (11/9)*S(n-1, 22/9))/2,$$

or for the sequence of rational curvatures

$$b'(n) = B'(n)/9^{n-1} = (9/2)*(1 + S(n, 22/9) - (11/9)*S(n-1, 22/9)), n \geq 0.$$

For the proof that the $b'(n)$ (or $B'(n)$) recurrence is indeed satisfied with this conjectured expression, consider

$Y(n) := \sqrt{(B'(n) - 9^n)*B'(n)/10}$, producing the sequence [0, 1, 22, 403, 7084, 123205, 2136706, 37027927, 641541208, 11114644489, ...] which looks like $A246645(n-1)$ with $A246645(-1) = 0$. After inserting the conjectured form for $B'(n)$ in terms of S-polynomials into $Y(n)$ the identity

$$S(n, 22/9)*S(n-1, 22/9) = (-1 + S(n, 22/9)^2 + S(n-1, 22/9)^2)/(22/9),$$

is used. This identity follows from the Cassini-Simson identity and the three term recurrence of the S-polynomials (see the mentioned W. Lang link, part IIIa) where these identities were used for $x = 3$ instead of $x = 22/9$. This boils down to

$$Y(n)^2 = (B'(n) - 9^n)*B'(n)/10 = (9^{n-1}*S(n-1, 22/9))^2,$$

proving that $Y(n) = A246645(n-1)$. The above given $B'(n)$ recurrence becomes with this $Y(n-1)$: $B'(n) = 11*B'(n-1) - 9^{n-1} + 20*Y(n-1) = 11*(9^{n-1})*(1 + S(n-1, 22/9) - (11/9)*S(n-2, 22/9))/2 - 9^{n-1} + 20*9^{n-2}*S(n-2, 22/9) = (1/18)*9^n*(9 + 11*S(n-1, 22/9) - 9*S(n-2, 22/9)) = (1/2)*9^{n-1}*(9 - 11*S(n-1, 22/9) + 9*S(n, 22/9))$ after the recurrence for $9*S(n-2, 22/9) = 22*S(n-1, 22/9) - 9*S(n, 22/9)$ has been employed. But this is indeed $B'(n) = (1/2)*(9^n)*(1 + S(n, 22/9) - (11/9)*S(n-1, 22/9))$ which ends the proof.

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