

21. **Answer (A):** The product of the zeros of  $f$  is  $c/a$ , and the sum of the zeros is  $-b/a$ . Because these two numbers are equal,  $c = -b$ , and the sum of the coefficients is  $a + b + c = a$ , which is the coefficient of  $x^2$ . To see that none of the other choices is correct, let  $f(x) = -2x^2 - 4x + 4$ . The zeros of  $f$  are  $-1 \pm \sqrt{3}$ , so the sum of the zeros, the product of the zeros, and the sum of the coefficients are all  $-2$ . However, the coefficient of  $x$  is  $-4$ , the  $y$ -intercept is  $4$ , the  $x$ -intercepts are  $-1 \pm \sqrt{3}$ , and the mean of the  $x$ -intercepts is  $-1$ .

22. **Answer (D):** If  $n \leq 2007$ , then  $S(n) \leq S(1999) = 28$ . If  $n \leq 28$ , then  $S(n) \leq S(28) = 10$ . Therefore if  $n$  satisfies the required condition it must also satisfy

$$n \geq 2007 - 28 - 10 = 1969.$$

In addition,  $n$ ,  $S(n)$ , and  $S(S(n))$  all leave the same remainder when divided by 9. Because 2007 is a multiple of 9, it follows that  $n$ ,  $S(n)$ , and  $S(S(n))$  must all be multiples of 3. The required condition is satisfied by 4 multiples of 3 between 1969 and 2007, namely 1977, 1980, 1983, and 2001.

Note: There appear to be many cases to check, that is, all the multiples of 3 between 1969 and 2007. However, for  $1987 \leq n \leq 1999$ , we have  $n + S(n) \geq 1990 + 19 = 2009$ , so these numbers are eliminated. Thus we need only check 1971, 1974, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1986, 2001, and 2004.

23. **Answer (A):** Let  $A = (p, \log_a p)$  and  $B = (q, 2 \log_a q)$ . Then  $AB = 6 = |p - q|$ . Because  $\overline{AB}$  is horizontal,  $\log_a p = 2 \log_a q = \log_a q^2$ , so  $p = q^2$ . Thus  $|q^2 - q| = 6$ , and the only positive solution is  $q = 3$ . Note that  $C = (q, 3 \log_a q)$ , so  $BC = 6 = \log_a q$ , from which  $a^6 = q = 3$  and  $a = \sqrt[6]{3}$ .

24. **Answer (D):** Note that  $F(n)$  is the number of points at which the graphs of  $y = \sin x$  and  $y = \sin nx$  intersect on  $[0, \pi]$ . For each  $n$ ,  $\sin nx \geq 0$  on each interval  $[(2k-2)\pi/n, (2k-1)\pi/n]$  where  $k$  is a positive integer and  $2k-1 \leq n$ . The number of such intervals is  $n/2$  if  $n$  is even and  $(n+1)/2$  if  $n$  is odd. The graphs intersect twice on each interval unless  $\sin x = 1 = \sin nx$  at some point in the interval, in which case the graphs intersect once. This last equation is satisfied if and only if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and the interval contains  $\pi/2$ . If  $n$  is even, this count does not include the point of intersection at  $(\pi, 0)$ . Therefore  $F(n) = 2(n/2) + 1 = n + 1$  if  $n$  is even,  $F(n) = 2(n+1)/2 = n + 1$  if  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , and  $F(n) = n$  if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Hence

$$\sum_{n=2}^{2007} F(n) = \left( \sum_{n=2}^{2007} (n+1) \right) - \left\lfloor \frac{2007-1}{4} \right\rfloor = \frac{(2006)(3+2008)}{2} - 501 = 2,016,532.$$

25. **Answer (E):** For each positive integer  $n$ , let  $S_n = \{k : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ , and let  $c_n$  be the number of spacy subsets of  $S_n$ . Then  $c_1 = 2$ ,  $c_2 = 3$ , and  $c_3 = 4$ . For  $n \geq 4$ , the spacy subsets of  $S_n$  can be partitioned into two types: those that contain  $n$  and those that do not. Those that do not contain  $n$  are precisely the spacy subsets of  $S_{n-1}$ . Those that contain  $n$  do not contain either  $n-1$  or  $n-2$  and are therefore in one-to-one correspondence with the spacy subsets of  $S_{n-3}$ . It follows that  $c_n = c_{n-3} + c_{n-1}$ . Thus the first twelve terms in the sequence  $(c_n)$  are 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 13, 19, 28, 41, 60, 88, 129, and there are  $c_{12} = 129$  spacy subsets of  $S_{12}$ .

OR

Note that each spacy subset of  $S_{12}$  contains at most 4 elements. For each such subset  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , let  $b_1 = a_1 - 1$ ,  $b_j = a_j - a_{j-1} - 3$  for  $2 \leq j \leq k$ , and  $b_{k+1} = 12 - a_k$ . Then  $b_j \geq 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq k+1$ , and

$$b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_{k+1} = 12 - 1 - 3(k-1) = 14 - 3k.$$

The number of solutions for  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{k+1})$  is  $\binom{14-2k}{k}$  for  $0 \leq k \leq 4$ , so the number of spacy subsets of  $S_{12}$  is

$$\binom{14}{0} + \binom{12}{1} + \binom{10}{2} + \binom{8}{3} + \binom{6}{4} = 1 + 12 + 45 + 56 + 15 = 129.$$