

# Sequences of pyramidal numbers<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract** Shyam Sunder Gupta [4] has defined Smarandache consecutive and reversed Smarandache sequences of Triangular numbers. Delfim F.M.Torres and Viorica Teca [1] have further investigated these sequences and defined mirror and symmetric Smarandache sequences of Triangular numbers making use of Maple system. One of the authors A.S.Muktibodh [2] working on the same lines has defined and investigated consecutive, reversed, mirror and symmetric Smarandache sequences of pentagonal numbers of dimension 2 using the Maple system. In this paper we have defined and investigated the s-consecutive, s-reversed, s-mirror and s-symmetric sequences of Pyramidal numbers (Triangular numbers of dimension 3.) using Maple 6.

## §1. Introduction

Figurate number is a number which can be represented by a regular geometrical arrangement of equally spaced points. If the arrangement forms a regular polygon the number is called a polygonal number. Different figurate sequences are formed depending upon the dimension we consider. Each dimension gives rise to a system of figurate sequences which are infinite in number.

In this paper we consider a figurate sequence of Triangular numbers of dimension 3, also called as Pyramidal numbers.

The  $n$ th Pyramidal number  $t_n, n \in N$  is defined by:

$$t_n = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6}$$

We can obtain the first  $k$  terms of Pyramidal numbers in Maple as;

```
> t:= n->(1/6)*n*(n+1)*(n+2):
> first := k -> seq (t(n), n=1...20):
> first(20);
```

1, 4, 10, 20, 35, 56, 84, 120, 165, 220, 286, 364, 455, 560, 680,  
816, 969, 1140, 1330, 1540

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For constructing Smarandache sequence of Pyramidal numbers we use the operation of concatenation on the terms of the above sequence. This operation is defined as ;

```
> conc :=(n,m)-> n*10^length(m)+m:
```

We define Smarandache consecutive sequence  $\{scs_n\}$  for Pyramidal numbers recursively as;

$$scs_1 = u_1,$$

$$scs_n = conc(scs_{n-1}, u_n)$$

Using Maple We have obtained first 20 terms of Smarandache consecutive sequence of Pyramidal numbers;

```
>conc :=(n,m)-> n*10^length(m)+m:
```

```
> scs_n := (u,n)-> if n = 1 then u(1)else conc(scs_n(u,n-1),u(n))fi:
```

```
> scs := (u,n)-> seq (scs_n(u,i),i=1..n):
```

```
> scs(t,20);
```

```
1, 14, 1410, 141020, 14102035, 1410203556, 141020355684,
141020355684120, 141020355684120165, 141020355684120165220,
141020355684120165220286, 141020355684120165220286364,
141020355684120165220286364455,
141020355684120165220286364455560,
141020355684120165220286364455560680,
141020355684120165220286364455560680816,
141020355684120165220286364455560680816969,
1410203556841201652202863644555606808169691140,
14102035568412016522028636445556068081696911401330,
141020355684120165220286364455560680816969114013301540
```

Display of the same sequence in the triangular form is;

```
> show := L -> map(i ->print(i),L):
```

```
> show([scs(t,20)]);
```

```
1
14
1410
141020
14102035
1410203556
141020355684
141020355684120
141020355684120165
141020355684120165220
141020355684120165220286
```

141020355684120165220286364  
 141020355684120165220286364455  
 141020355684120165220286364455560  
 141020355684120165220286364455560680  
 141020355684120165220286364455560680816  
 141020355684120165220286364455560680816969  
 1410203556841201652202863644555606808169691140  
 14102035568412016522028636445556068081696911401330  
 141020355684120165220286364455560680816969114013301540

The reversed Smarandache sequence (rss) associated with a given sequence  $\{u_n\}, n \in N$  is defined recursively as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 rss_1 &= u_1, \\
 rss_n &= conc(u_n, rss_{n-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

In Maple we use the following program;

```

> rss_n := (u,n) -> if n=1 then u(1) else conc(u(n),rss_n(u,n-1)) fi:
> rss := (u,n) -> seq(rss_n(u,i),i=1..n):
  
```

We get the first 20 terms of reversed smarandache sequence of Pyramidal numbers as;

```

> rss(t,20);

1, 41, 1041, 201041, 35201041, 5635201041, 845635201041,
120845635201041, 165120845635201041, 220165120845635201041,
286220165120845635201041, 364286220165120845635201041,
455364286220165120845635201041,
560455364286220165120845635201041,
680560455364286220165120845635201041,
816680560455364286220165120845635201041,
969816680560455364286220165120845635201041,
1140969816680560455364286220165120845635201041,
13301140969816680560455364286220165120845635201041,
154013301140969816680560455364286220165120845635201041
  
```

Smarandache Mirror Sequence (sms) is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 sms_1 &= u_1, \\
 sms_n &= conc(conc(u_n, sms_{n-1}), u_n).
 \end{aligned}$$

The following program gives first 20 terms of Smarandache Mirror sequence of Pyramidal numbers.

```

> sms_n := (u,n) -> if n=1 then
> u(1)
  
```

```

> else
> conc(conc(u(n), sms_n(u, n-1)), u(n))
> fi:
> sms := (u, n) -> seq(sms_n(u, i), i=1..n):
> sms(t, 20);

1, 414, 1041410, 20104141020, 352010414102035, 5635201041410203556,
84563520104141020355684, 12084563520104141020355684120,
16512084563520104141020355684120165,
22016512084563520104141020355684120165220,
28622016512084563520104141020355684120165220286,
36428622016512084563520104141020355684120165220286364,
45536428622016512084563520104141020355684120165220286364455,
5604553642862201651208456352010414102035568412016522028636\
4455560, 68056045536428622016512084563520104141020355684120\
165220286364455560680, 816680560455364286220165120845635201\
04141020355684120165220286364455560680816, 9698166805604553\
6428622016512084563520104141020355684120165220286364455560\
680816969, 114096981668056045536428622016512084563520104141\
0203556841201652202863644555606808169691140, 13301140969816\
6805604553642862201651208456352010414102035568412016522028\
636445556068081696911401330, 154013301140969816680560455364\
2862201651208456352010414102035568412016522028636445556068\
0816969114013301540

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Finally Smarandache Symmetric sequence (sss) is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 sss_{2n-1} &= \text{conc}(\text{bld}(\text{scs}_{2n-1}), \text{rss}_{2n-1}), \\
 sss_{2n} &= \text{conc}(\text{scs}_{2n}, \text{rss}_{2n}), n \in N,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the function "bld" (But Last Digit) is defined in Maple as

```

> bld := n->iquo(n,10):

```

First 20 terms of Smarandache Symmetric sequence are obtained as

```

> bld := n-> iquo(n,10):
> conc := (n,m)-> n*10^length(m)+m:
> sss_n := (u,n) -> if type(n,odd) then
> conc(bld(scs_n(u, (n+1)/2)), rss_n(u, (n+1)/2))
> else
> conc(scs_n(u, n/2), rss_n(u, n/2))
> fi:
> sss := (u,n) -> seq(sss_n(u, i), i=1..n):
> sss(t, 20);

```

1, 11, 141, 1441, 1411041, 14101041, 14102201041, 141020201041,  
 141020335201041, 1410203535201041, 1410203555635201041,  
 14102035565635201041, 14102035568845635201041,  
 141020355684845635201041, 14102035568412120845635201041,  
 141020355684120120845635201041,  
 14102035568412016165120845635201041,  
 141020355684120165165120845635201041,  
 1410203556841201652220165120845635201041,  
 141020355684120165220220165120845635201041

We find out primes from a large (first 500) terms of various Smarandache sequences defined so far. We have used Maple 6 on Pentium 3 with 128Mb RAM. We first collect the lists of first 500 terms of the consecutive, reversed, mirror and symmetric sequences of Pyramidal numbers;

```
> st :=time(): Lscs500:=[scs(t,500)]: printf("%a seconds",round(time()-st));
15 seconds
> st :=time(): Lrss500:=[rss(t,500)]: printf("%a seconds",round(time()-st));
20 seconds
> st :=time(): Lsms500:=[sms(t,500)]: printf("%a seconds",round(time()-st));
58 seconds
> st :=time(): Lsss500:=[sss(t,500)]: printf("%a seconds",round(time()-st));
12 seconds
```

Further we find the number of digits in the 500th term of each sequence.

```
> length(Lscs500[500]),length(Lrss500[500]);
```

3283, 3283

```
> length(Lsms500[500]),length(Lsss500[500]);
```

6565, 2846

There exist no prime in the first 500 terms of Smarandache consecutive sequence of Pyramidal numbers;

```
> st:= time():select(isprime,Lscs500);
```

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```
> printf("%a minutes",round((time()-st)/60));
```

9 minutes

There is only one prime in the first 500 terms of reversed Smarandache sequence of Pyramidal numbers;

```
> st:= time():
> select(isprime,Lrss500);
```

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```
> printf("%a minutes",round((time()-st)/60));
119 minutes
```

There is no prime in the first 500 terms of Smarandache mirror sequence;

```
> st:= time():
> select(isprime,Lsms500);
> printf("%a minutes",round((time()-st)/60));
```

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177 minutes

There is only one prime in the first 500 terms of Smarandache symmetric sequence;

```
> st:= time():
> select(isprime,Lsss500);
```

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```
> printf("%a minutes",round((time()-st)/60));
90 minutes
```

## §2. Open problems

- 1) How many Pyramidal numbers are there in the first 500 terms of Smarandache consecutive, mirror, symmetric and reverse symmetric sequences of Pyramidal numbers ?
- 2) What are those numbers ?

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