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A MISCELLANY OF 1979 CURIOSA

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- (A) The digital root of 1979 is 8, which also is the sum of the two absent odd digits, 3 and 5. Otherwise, $F_4 + F_5 = F_6$.
- $1 \cdot 9 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 = 567$, three consecutive digits in ascending order.
- $1^9 \cdot 7^9 = 40353607$, which contains five consecutive digits.
- 1979 is a cyclic compression of two palindromes—the composite 979 ($= 11 \cdot 89$) and the prime 919.
- (B) $1979_{10} = 118E_{12} = 153X_{11} = 2638_9 = 3673_8 = 5525_7 = 13055_6$
 $= 3044_5 = 132323_4 = 2201022_3 = 11110111011_2$.
- In base four, the integer is almost smoothly undulating. In base three, the palindromic integer contains the three distinct digits in that base. In base two, the groups of 1's form a decreasing sequence.
- (C) $1979 = (11)(11)(11) + [(111 - 1)/(1 + 1) - 1](11 + 1)$
 $= 2222 - 222 - 22 + 2/2$
 $= (333 - 3)(3!) - 3/3$
 $= 4(444 + 44 + 4 + 4) - 4 - 4/4$
 $= 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 + 555 + 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 + 55 - 5 - 5/5$
 $= 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 + 666 + 6 + 6 + 6 - 6/6$
 $= 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 - 7 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 - 77 - 7/7 - 7/7$
 $= 888 + 888 + 88 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8/8 + 8/8 + 8/8$
 $= (9999 - 999)/9 + 999 - 9 - 9 - 9/9 - 9/9$
- (D) $1 + 9 + 7 + 9 = 26$
 $19 + 97 + 79 + 91 = 286$
 $197 + 979 + 791 + 919 = 2886$
 $1979 + 9791 + 7919 + 9197 = 28886$
- (E) Here are several of the ways that 1979 can be written using conventional mathematical symbols and one 1, nine 9's, seven 7's, and nine 9's.
- $1979 = 1(999 + 9997/9997) + 9(99 + 779/779) + 7(9 + 9/9) + 9$
 $= 1(999 + 9/9) + 9(99 + 9/9) + 7(9 + 9/9) + 9(99777/99777)$
 $= 19(99 + 99999/99999) + 7(\sqrt{9}\sqrt{9} + 7779/7779) + 9$
 $= 197(9 + 777/777) + \sqrt{9}\sqrt{9}(9999999/9999999)$
 $= 1(999 + 9/9) + \sqrt{9}\sqrt{9}(99 + 7/7) + 7(77/77 + 9) + 9 + 9(999 - 999)$
- In the last expression, the digit groups are intact and in the order of occurrence in 1979.
- (F) $19 \cdot 79 = 1501$ is one of eleven composite integers between the primes 1499 and 1511. Consequently, it is the corner element of the following third-order magic square composed of composite elements and having a magic constant of $4512 = 2 \cdot 47 \cdot 48 = 2^5 \cdot 3 \cdot 47$.
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|------|------|------|----|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1501 | 1506 | 1505 | or | $19 \cdot 79$ | $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 251$ | $5 \cdot 7 \cdot 43$ |
| 1508 | 1504 | 1500 | | $2^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 29$ | $2^5 \cdot 47$ | $2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^3$ |
| 1503 | 1502 | 1507 | | $3^2 \cdot 167$ | $2 \cdot 751$ | $11 \cdot 137$ |
- (G) $1979 = 1979 + 1 + \sqrt{9} - 7 + \sqrt{9}$
 $= 1979(-1\sqrt{9} + 7 - \sqrt{9})$

(continued)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 197 \cdot 9 + 197 + 9 \\
&= 19 \cdot 79 + 1 \cdot 9 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 - 1 - 9 - 79 \\
&= 1 \cdot 979 + 1 + 97 \cdot 9 - 1 + 97 + 9 + 19 - 7 + 9
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(H) \quad 1979 &= 2 \cdot 3 - 4 + 5 - 6 + 1978 \\
&= 3(729) - 4(58 - 6)(1) \\
&= 59 + 31 \cdot 62 - (8 - 7)\sqrt{4} \\
&= 28 + 5(396) - 4 \cdot 7 - 1 \\
&= 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 + 6(329) - 7 - 8
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1979 &= 1 - 58 + 7! - 94 - 3026 \\
&= 403(2 + 8 - 9) + 1576 \\
&= 10 - 4 - 5 + 6 + 7 \cdot 283 - 9 \\
&= 9 \cdot 201 + 5[38 - 4(7 - 6)] \\
&= 1098 + 2 \cdot 473 - 65
\end{aligned}$$

$$(I) \quad 1979 = 43 + 44^2 = 45^2 - 46$$

$$1979 = F_5 + F_{14} + F_{17} = L_6 + L_9 + L_{13} + L_{15}$$

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0 = 1 + 9 - 7 - $\sqrt{9}$	35 = 19 + 7 + 9	70 = -1 · 9 + 79
1 = 1($\sqrt{9}$) + 7 - 9	36 = -1($\sqrt{9}$)! + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	71 = -1 + 9 + 7 · 9
2 = 1 - $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 - $\sqrt{9}$	37 = (1 + $\sqrt{9}$)7 + 9	72 = -1 - ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 79
3 = -1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 - ($\sqrt{9}$)!	38 = 19(-7 + 9)	73 = 1 + 9 + 7 · 9
4 = (1 - 9)/(7 - 9)	39 = -1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	74 = 1 - ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 79
5 = 1 · 9 - 7 + $\sqrt{9}$	40 = 1 - $\sqrt{9}$ + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	75 = -1 - $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
6 = -1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 - $\sqrt{9}$	41 = -1 ⁹ + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	76 = -1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
7 = 1 · 9 + 7 - 9	42 = 1 ⁹ · 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	77 = 1 - $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
8 = 1 + 9 + 7 - 9	43 = 1 ⁹ + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	78 = 1 - ! $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
9 = (-1 + 9 - 7)9	44 = -1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	79 = 1 ⁹ · 79
10 = -1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 + ($\sqrt{9}$)!	45 = 1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	80 = -1 + ! $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
11 = 1 · 9 - 7 + 9	46 = 1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	81 = -1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
12 = 1 + 9 - 7 + 9	47 = -1 + ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	82 = 1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
13 = 1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 + $\sqrt{9}$	48 = 1 · ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	83 = 1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 79
14 = 1 + 9 + 7 - $\sqrt{9}$	49 = 1 + ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	84 = -1 + ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 79
15 = 19 - 7 + $\sqrt{9}$	50 = -1 + 9 + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	85 = 1 · ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 79
16 = 1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 + ($\sqrt{9}$)!	51 = 1 · 9 + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	86 = 1 + ($\sqrt{9}$)! + 79
17 = 1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 + ($\sqrt{9}$)!	52 = 1 + 9 + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	87 = -1 + 9 + 79
18 = -1 + 9 + 7 + $\sqrt{9}$	53 = -1 - 9 + 7 · 9	88 = 1 · 9 + 79
19 = 1 · $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 + 9	54 = (-1 + 9)7 - ! $\sqrt{9}$	89 = 1 + 9 + 79
20 = 1 + 9 + 7 + $\sqrt{9}$	55 = (-1 + 9)7 - !($\sqrt{9}$)!	90 = -1 + 97 - ($\sqrt{9}$)!
21 = 19 - 7 + 9	56 = -1 + 9 · 7 - ($\sqrt{9}$)!	91 = 1 · 97 - ($\sqrt{9}$)!
22 = (1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 7)(! $\sqrt{9}$)	57 = 1 · 9 · 7 - ($\sqrt{9}$)!	92 = 1 + 97 - ($\sqrt{9}$)!
23 = 19 + 7 - $\sqrt{9}$	58 = 1 + 9 · 7 - ($\sqrt{9}$)!	93 = -1 + 97 - $\sqrt{9}$
24 = -1 + 9 + 7 + 9	59 = -1 - $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 · 9	94 = 1 · 97 - $\sqrt{9}$
25 = 1 · 9 + 7 + 9	60 = -19 + 79	95 = 1 + 97 - $\sqrt{9}$
26 = 1 + 9 + 7 + 9	61 = 1 - $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 · 9	96 = 1 + 97 - ! $\sqrt{9}$
27 = 1 · $\sqrt{9}$ · 7 + ($\sqrt{9}$)!	62 = 1 + 9 · 7 - ! $\sqrt{9}$	97 = 1 · 97[!($\sqrt{9}$)!]
28 = 1 + $\sqrt{9}$ · 7 + ($\sqrt{9}$)!	63 = -1 + 9 · 7 + !($\sqrt{9}$)!	98 = 19 + 79
29 = -1 + $\sqrt{9}$ · 7 + 9	64 = -1 + 9 · 7 + ! $\sqrt{9}$	99 = -1 + 97 + $\sqrt{9}$
30 = 1 · $\sqrt{9}$ · 7 + 9	65 = (-1 + 9)7 + 9	100 = 1 · 97 + $\sqrt{9}$
31 = 1 + $\sqrt{9}$ · 7 + 9	66 = 1 · 9 · 7 + $\sqrt{9}$	
32 = -1 - 9 + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	67 = 1 + $\sqrt{9}$ + 7 · 9	
33 = -1 · 9 + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	68 = -1 + 9 · 7 + ($\sqrt{9}$)!	
34 = 1 - 9 + 7($\sqrt{9}$)!	69 = -1 - 9 + 79	

In each of these expressions, 1, 9, 7, and 9 appear in the same order as they do in the year. The symbol !x represents "sub-factorial x." Thus, !3 = 2 and !2 = 1.
