Undergraduate Math Club
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(free pizza and pop, as always)

The EKG Sequence

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Abstract

The EKG sequence a(n) is the sequence of integers starting a(1)=1, a(2)=2, and each subsequent a(n) is the least positive integer that has not yet appeared which has a nontrivial greatest common divisor with a(n-1); thus a(3)=4, a(4)=6, a(5) = 3 etc. We shall discuss what is known about this sequence (and related integer sequences), what is unknown, where the name of this sequence comes from, and why would people study such sequences.