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Class Notes
Analyzing the Game of Sprouts

## Investigation

| Sprouts Game Starting with 1 Node |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Move <br> Number | Number <br> of Nodes | Degree of Nodes | Sum of <br> Degrees | Number of <br> Edges |  |  |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Sprouts Game Starting with 2 Nodes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Move <br> Number | Number <br> of Nodes | Degree of Nodes | Sum of <br> Degrees | Number of <br> Edges |  |  |
| 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Observations \& Analysis

## Conclusion Questions

1. How many initial moves are possible for a game that starts with five dots?
2. Is it possible to predict the number of initial moves based on the number of dots you start with? Explain/justify.
3. Is it possible to predict the total number of moves required before the game must end? What would determine this? Explain/justify.
