

Possible solutions

Round I: Arithmetic and Number Theory

1. How many palindromic numbers can be formed by putting any arrangement of digits from 0 to 9 into the five blank spaces of ?

(answer: 10) The last space must have a 2, the 1st blank space must be a 4, and the 3rd blank space must be an 8. We now have . This leaves two spaces that can have any digit from 0 to 9, or 10 different digits.

2. Determine the value of a in the decimal number 62894a44. The entire number is divisible by 48.

(answer: 5) $48 = 2^4(3)$, For 3 to be a factor, the sum of the digits must be a multiple of 3, $\Sigma = 37 + a$, so $a = 2, 5, \text{ or } 8$. For the given number to be divisible by 2^4 , 4a44 must be divisible by 2^4 . Try each of the three values of a, and $a = 5$.

3. The sales tax on an item is $r\%$, where r is an integer, $0 < r < 50$. Let x be the price of an article in pennies, with $0 < x < 200$. If the article costs precisely 2 dollars when unrounded sales tax (in pennies) is added, what is the cost in dollars of the item before the sales tax?

(answer: \$1.60 or 1.6) $x \left(1 + \frac{r}{100} \right) = 200 \rightarrow x(100 + r) = 20000 \rightarrow x = \frac{20000}{100 + r} < 200$

$20000 = 2^5(5^4)$, the factor has to be $100 + r < 150 \rightarrow 5^3 = 125 \rightarrow r = 25$
 $2^5(5) = 160, r = 25\%, x = 1.6$

Round II: Algebra I (Real numbers and no transcendental functions)

1. Solve for real x . $x - 1 + 2 \cdot 3 = 4[(5x - 6) + 7(8 - 9x)]$

(answer: $\frac{195}{233}$) $x + 5 = 4[5x - 6 + 56 - 63x] \rightarrow x + 5 = 200 - 232x \rightarrow x = \frac{195}{233}$

2. Given: $f(x) = 5x + a$, $h(x) = 2x - b$, and $f(h(x)) = h(f(x))$ Determine: $\frac{a}{b}$.

(answer: -4)

$f(2x - b) = 5(2x - b) + a$ and $h(5x + a) = 5(5x + a) - b$

$10x - 5b + a = 10x + 2a - b \rightarrow a = -4b \rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = -4$

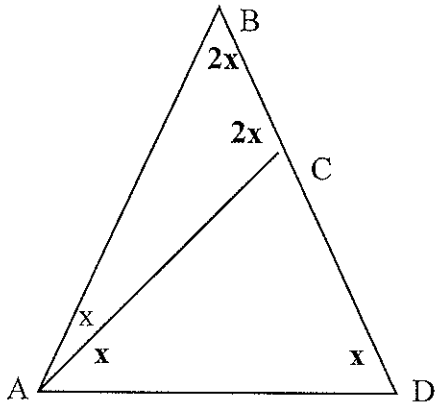
3. Solve for x : $x + \frac{23}{5}\sqrt{x} = 2$

(answer, $\frac{4}{25}$) $x + \frac{23}{5}\sqrt{x} = 2 \rightarrow 5x + 23\sqrt{x} - 10 = 0 \rightarrow (5\sqrt{x} - 2)(\sqrt{x} + 5) = 0 \rightarrow \sqrt{x} = \frac{2}{5} \rightarrow x = \frac{4}{25}$

Round III: Geometry

1. In triangle ABD, $AB = AC = CD$ and $AD = BD$. Find $m\angle ADC$ (in degrees).

(answer: 36°)



In triangle ABC the sum of the angles is $5x = 180$, so $x = 36^\circ$.

2. Quadrilateral QRST is inscribed in a circle. Given that $m\angle QTS = x^2 + 2x + 115$ degrees and $m\angle QRS = 3x + 71$ degrees, find all possible values for the measure of $\angle QTS$ in degrees.

(answer: $115^\circ, 118^\circ$)

$$m\angle R = \frac{1}{2}m\angle QTS \text{ and } m\angle T = \frac{1}{2}m\angle QRS$$

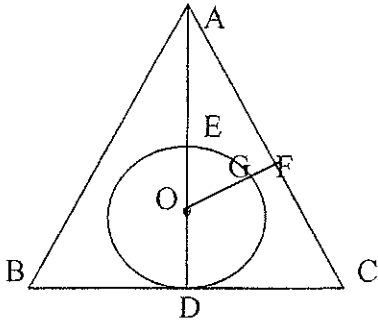
$$m\angle QTS + m\angle QRS = 360^\circ \rightarrow m\angle R + m\angle T = \frac{1}{2}(m\angle QTS + m\angle QRS) = 180^\circ$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 115 + 3x + 71 = 180 \rightarrow x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0 \rightarrow x = -2, -3$$

$$m\angle QTS = x^2 + 2x + 115 = 115^\circ, 118^\circ$$

3. ABC is an equilateral triangle of side 2. \overline{AD} is an altitude of $\triangle ABC$, circle O is tangent to side \overline{BC} at D and $AD = 2AE$. Determine the shortest distance from a point on circle O to \overline{AC} .

(answer: $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}$)



E bisects \overline{AD} , so $AD = 4r$. Since $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral with side equal to 2, $4r = \sqrt{3}$ and then $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$. $\triangle ACD$ is 30-60-90 with $m\angle D = 90$, so $AO = 3r$, $OF = \frac{1}{2}(3r) = \frac{3r}{2}$, $GF = \frac{3r}{2} - r = \frac{r}{2}$

$$GF = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

Round IV: Algebra II Including logarithms and exponential functions.

1. Factor completely: $x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 9y^2$.

(answer: $(x^2 - 2x + 3y)(x^2 - 2x - 3y)$)

$$x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 9y^2 \rightarrow (x^2 - 2x)^2 - 9y^2$$

$$(x^2 - 2x + 3y)(x^2 - 2x - 3y)$$

2. Compute: $\sqrt{11 + \sqrt{72}} + \sqrt{11 - \sqrt{72}}$.

(answer: 6) Let $x = \sqrt{11 + \sqrt{72}} + \sqrt{11 - \sqrt{72}}$

$$x^2 = 11 + \sqrt{72} + 2\sqrt{(11 + \sqrt{72})(11 - \sqrt{72})} + 11 - \sqrt{72}$$

$$x^2 = 22 + 2\sqrt{121 - 72} \rightarrow x^2 = 22 + 2\sqrt{49} = 36$$

$$x = 6$$

3. If $f(x) = 1 + x + x^2$, $g(x) = 2 + 3x + x^2$, and $h(x) = 5 - x + 2x^2$ such that for all real values of x : $a(f(x)) + b(g(x)) + c(h(x)) = 2 - 8x + 3x^2$. Express your solution as an ordered triple (a, b, c)

(answer, $(5, -4, 1)$)

$$a(1 + x + x^2) + b(2 + 3x + x^2) + c(5 - x + 2x^2) = 2 - 8x + 3x^2$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} a + 2b + 5c = 2 \\ a + 3b - c = -8 \\ a + b + 2c = 3 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} b - 6c = -10 \\ 2b - 3c = -11 \end{cases} \rightarrow c = 1, b = -4, a = 5 \rightarrow (5, -4, 1)$$

Round V: Analytic Geometry

1. What is the area of the region enclosed by the graph of $|x - 1| + |y + 1| = 2$?

(Answer: 8) The figure is a square with vertices at (1, 1), (3, -1), (1, -3) and (-1, -1). You can use the formula for the area of a rhombus $A = \frac{1}{2}d_1d_2 = \frac{1}{2}(4)(4) = 8$.

2. Circle $(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 4$ passes through the focal points of an ellipse whose major axis is parallel to the x-axis. The circle is also internally tangent to the ellipse. Determine the largest y-intercept of the ellipse. (answer: $\frac{4+\sqrt{14}}{2}$) The circle has its center at (1, 2)

and its radius is 2. Now the ellipse is of the form: $\frac{(x-1)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{4} = 1$ and

$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 = 4 + 2^2 = 8$. Now the ellipse is $\frac{(x-1)^2}{8} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{4} = 1$. Now find the largest y intercept, $x = 0$.

$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{(y-2)^2}{4} = 1 \rightarrow (y-2)^2 = 4 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow y-2 = \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \rightarrow y = \frac{\sqrt{14} + 4}{2}$$

3. The parabola with equation $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ and vertex (h, k) is reflected about the line $y = k$. This results in a parabola with equation $y = dx^2 + ex + f$. What is the value of $a + b + c + d + e + f$?

(answer: 2K) The equations of the two parabolas with vertex (h, k) that reflect about $y = k$ are $(x-h)^2 = p(y-k)$ and $(x-h)^2 = -p(y-k)$. Multiply these out and solve for y and you get

$$(x-h)^2 = p(y-k) \text{ and } (x-h)^2 = -p(y-k), \text{ so } y = \frac{x^2 - 2xh + h^2 + pk}{p} \text{ and } y = \frac{x^2 - 2xh + h^2 - pk}{-p}$$

Now find $a + b + c + d + e + f$.

$$a = \frac{1}{p}, b = \frac{-2h}{p}, c = \frac{h^2 + pk}{p}, d = \frac{1}{-p}, e = \frac{-2h}{-p}, f = \frac{h^2 - pk}{-p}. \text{ Notice } a = -d, b = -e, \text{ so we need } c + f.$$

$$c + f = \frac{h^2 + pk}{p} + \frac{h^2 - pk}{-p} \rightarrow \frac{h^2 + pk}{p} - \frac{h^2 - pk}{p} = \frac{2kp}{p} = 2k.$$

Round VI: Trigonometry, Complex Numbers

1. Simplify: $\frac{i^{-5} - i^{24}}{i^{-7} + i}$.

(answer: $-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$) $\frac{i^{-5} - i^{24}}{i^{-7} + i} = \frac{i^7 i^{-5} - i^{24}}{i^7 i^{-7} + i} = \frac{i^2 - i^{31}}{1 + i^8} = \frac{-1 - (-i)}{1 + 1} = \frac{-1 + i}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}$

2. Compute the least positive degree measure for x for which $8 \sin x \cos^5 x - 8 \sin^5 x \cos x = \sqrt{2}$.

(answer: $\frac{45}{4}$)

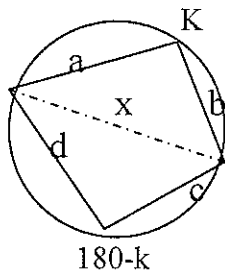
$$8 \sin x \cos x (\cos^4 x - \sin^4 x) = \sqrt{2}$$

$$4 \sin 2x (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x) (\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x) = \sqrt{2}$$

$$4 \sin 2x \cos 2x = \sqrt{2} \rightarrow 2 \sin 4x = \sqrt{2} \rightarrow \sin 4x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$4x = 45 \rightarrow x = \frac{45}{4}$$

3. In a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle the sides are of length a, b, c, d in that order. Angle K is the angle between the two sides of length a and b . Find an algebraic formula for the cosine of angle K in terms of $a, b, c,$ and d .



Since $\cos(180 - K) = -\cos K$

$$x^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos K = c^2 + d^2 + 2cd \cos K$$

$$a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2 = (2ab + 2cd) \cos K$$

$$\cos K = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2}{2ab + 2cd}$$

Team Round

1) In the mini-Sudoku puzzle shown, each row of 4, each column of 4, and each of the 2 by 2 boxes must contain all the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4. The puzzle doesn't have enough information for a unique solution. Find the sum of all possible entries into the box labeled "x" that are part of a proper solution.

1			
			2
		3	
	x		

(answer: 8) The box beside the 1 has to be a 2 and the box below the 3 has to be a 2. So x cannot be 2. It can be all others 1, 3, 4. The sum is 8.

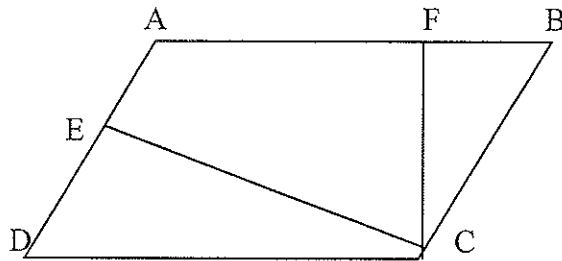
2) John ran entire race in 50 minutes. The race was comprised of 3 distinct laps of equal length. He ran first lap at an average speed of 12 km/hr. He ran each of the last two laps at an average speed of 16 km/hr. How long in kilometers was the whole course. (total distance)?

(answer: 12 km) Since the time intervals are given use $T = \frac{D}{R}$.

Let $x =$ the length of one lap. $\frac{x}{12} + \frac{x}{16} + \frac{x}{16} = \frac{5}{6} \rightarrow 4x + 3x + 3x = 40$
 $10x = 40 \rightarrow x = 4$

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 3 laps = 12 km.

3) In parallelogram ABCD, $\overline{CF} \perp \overline{AB}$ and $\overline{CE} \perp \overline{AD}$. If $CF = 2$, $CE = 4$ and FB is one-sixth of AB , what fraction of the area of parallelogram ABCD is the area of quadrilateral AFCE?



(answer: $\frac{7}{12}$) Let $AB = 6x$, now $CD = 6x$ and $FB = x$. $\triangle DEC \approx \triangle BFC$ and

$$\frac{CE}{CF} = \frac{4}{2} \rightarrow \frac{DE}{BF} = \frac{2x}{x} \rightarrow DE = 2x. \text{ The area of ABCD is } 12x \text{ and}$$

the area of AFCE = $12x - \triangle FBC - \triangle EDC$.

$$12x - \triangle FBC - \triangle EDC \rightarrow 12x - \frac{1}{2}(x)(2) - \frac{1}{2}(2x)(4) = 7x$$

$$\frac{\text{Area AFCE}}{\text{Area ABCD}} = \frac{7x}{12x} = \frac{7}{12}$$

4) Solve for x : $2 = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{2x - 1}} + \sqrt{x - \sqrt{2x - 1}}$.

(answer: $\frac{3}{2}$)

$$2 = \sqrt{x + \sqrt{2x - 1}} + \sqrt{x - \sqrt{2x - 1}}$$

$$(2)^2 = \left(\sqrt{x + \sqrt{2x - 1}} + \sqrt{x - \sqrt{2x - 1}} \right)^2$$

$$4 = x + \sqrt{2x - 1} + 2\sqrt{(x + \sqrt{2x - 1})(x - \sqrt{2x - 1})} + x - \sqrt{2x - 1}$$

$$4 = 2x + 2\sqrt{x^2 - (2x - 1)} \rightarrow 4 = 2x + 2(x - 1)$$

$$6 = 4x \rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}$$

5) A circle with center on the y -axis passes through the points $(-7, -6)$ and $(20, 3)$. The circle intersects the positive x -axis at $(\alpha, 0)$. Find α .

(answer: $\sqrt{301}$)

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The circle begins with $x^2 + (y - h)^2 = r^2$. Substitute each point $(-7, -6)$ and $(20, 3)$ into this equation

$$(-7)^2 + (-6 - h)^2 = (20)^2 + (3 - h)^2$$

and set the equations equal to each other: $49 + 36 + 12h + h^2 = 400 + 9 - 6h + h^2$

$$18h = 324 \rightarrow h = 18$$

Now find the radius: $x^2 + (y - 18)^2 = r^2 \rightarrow 400 + 225 = 625 \rightarrow r = 25$

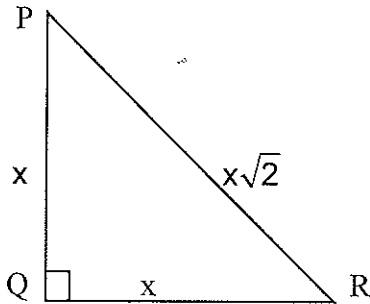
Find the point $(a, 0)$

$$(a - 0)^2 + (0 - 18)^2 = 625$$

$$a^2 = 625 - 324 = 301 \rightarrow a = \sqrt{301}$$

6) Given right triangle PQR, right angle Q. $\frac{PQ}{QR} = \frac{\csc 78^\circ}{\sec 12^\circ}$ and $PR = \frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{5}$. Determine the area of $\triangle PQR$.

(answer: $\frac{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}{100}$)



Since $\sec 12^\circ = \csc 78^\circ$, it follows that the triangle is a right isosceles triangle.

$$PR = \frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{5} = x\sqrt{2} \rightarrow x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{5\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Now the area} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{2}}{5\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 = \frac{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}{100}$$

