

# GREATER BOSTON MATHEMATICS LEAGUE

## MEET 2 – NOVEMBER 2014

### ROUND 1 – Arithmetic - Open

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. ( \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ )
3. \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many integers between 1 and 300 exclusive are divisible by neither 3 nor 5?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The year my son was born, there were 4 Thursdays, 4 Saturdays, and 4 Sundays in December. Let (Thu, Sat, Sun) denote the number of Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays respectively during January of the following year. Compute the ordered triple (Thu, Sat, Sun).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Point  $N$  lies on  $\overline{PQ}$ , dividing  $\overline{PQ}$  into two segments, one of whose lengths is seven times that of the other. If the coordinate of  $P$  is  $\frac{1}{9}$  and the coordinate of  $Q$  is  $\frac{1}{5}$ , compute all possible coordinates of point  $N$  as reduced fractions.

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ROUND 2 – Simultaneous Linear equations, Word Problems, Matrices

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Given:  $x$  and  $k$  are positive integers and  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 4 \\ -1 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & k \end{vmatrix}$

Determine minimum value of  $k$ , if  $k + x > 10$ .

2. The sum of the ages of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  is 105 years.  
The ratio of  $A$ 's age to  $B$ 's age is 7 : 10, while the ratio of  $B$ 's age to  $C$ 's age is 5 : 9.  
In how many years will the ratio of  $C$ 's age to  $A$ 's age be 20 : 9?

3. Given the system of equations  $\begin{cases} 11x + 7y = 5 \\ 13x - 9y = -20 \end{cases}$

Compute the product  $xy$ .

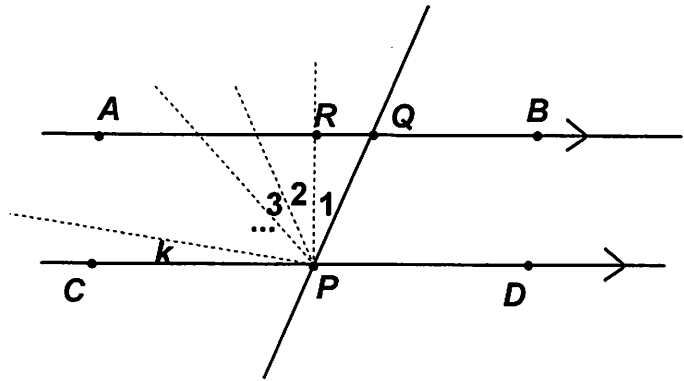
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**ROUND 3 – Geometry - Angles and Triangles**

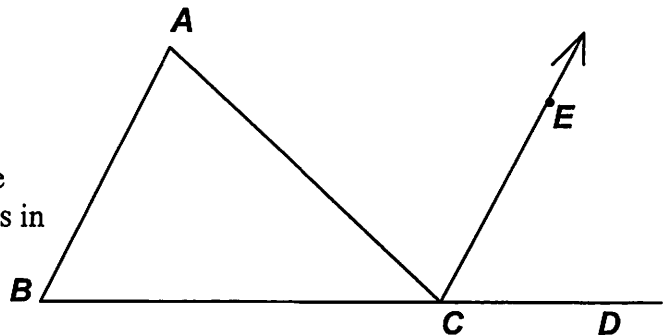
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**DIAGRAMS ARE NOT NECESSARILY DRAWN TO SCALE.**



1. Two parallel lines  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{CD}$  are cut by transversal  $\overline{PQ}$ . A pair of adjacent angles formed by  $\overline{PQ}$  and  $\overline{CD}$  have measures in a 7 : 5 ratio. The obtuse angle is subdivided into  $k$  congruent angles so that  $\overline{PR} \perp \overline{CD}$ . Determine the value of  $k$ .
  
2. The measures of the interior angles of a triangle are in a 2 : 3 : 4 ratio. If the smallest is decreased by  $k^\circ$  and the largest is increased by  $k^\circ$ , the measure of the angles (in the same order) is 3 : 5 :  $n$ . Compute the ordered pair  $(k, n)$ .

3. In the diagram at the right,  
 $\overline{CE}$  bisects angle  $ACD$ ,  $\overline{CE} \parallel \overline{AB}$ ,  
 $m\angle ACE : m\angle ACB = a : b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers and  $a + b = 10$ . If all angles in  $\triangle ABC$  have integer measures, compute the three possible degree-measures of  $\angle B$ .



Note that no single diagram can be representative of all three possibilities.

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**ROUND 4 – Algebra 2 – Quadratic Equations, Problems involving Them and  
Theory of Quadratics**

1. ( \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ )

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $f(2n) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

1. The solution set for the equation  $4M^2 + 3MN - 8M - 6N = 0$  is  $M = a$  and  $M = bN$ .  
Compute the ordered pair  $(a, b)$ .

2. Determine all possible values of the constant  $m$  for which the quadratic equation,  
 $mx^2 + 3mx + 2m = x^2 + 3x + 1$  has exactly one solution.

3. The roots of the equation  $3x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$  are  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . The roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are  
 $2r_1 + 1$  and  $2r_2 + 1$ , where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are integers and  $a < 0$ . Compute the ordered triple  
 $(a, b, c)$  for which the product  $abc$  is a maximum.

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ROUND 5 – Trig Equations

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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1. Given:  $\sin \theta = 2 \cos \theta$   
Compute  $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right)$ .

2. Given:  $\sin(30^\circ + 11^\circ) + \sin(30^\circ - 11^\circ) = \sin \theta$   
Compute all values of  $\theta$  over the interval  $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$ .

3. For what value(s) of  $x$  over  $0^\circ \leq x < 360^\circ$  is the following statement true:

$$\frac{\sin 20^\circ \cos 25^\circ - \sin 155^\circ \cos 160^\circ}{\sin 185^\circ \sin 220^\circ - \cos 320^\circ \cos 355^\circ} = \cos(270^\circ + x)$$

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### TEAM ROUND

3 pts. 1. \_\_\_\_\_

3 pts. 2. \_\_\_\_\_

4 pts. 3.  $A =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
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1.  $P$  is a prime number, all of whose digits are prime.  $P$  can be written as the sum of three distinct primes in at least 5 different ways. Find the smallest possible value of  $P$ .

2. Compute all ordered pairs of positive real numbers  $(x, y)$  which satisfy the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+y}{x-y}} + 2\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{x-y}{x+y}}\right) = 3 \\ x+y = 5 \end{cases}$$

3. Two angles of  $\triangle PQR$  measure  $(3x + 1)^\circ$  and  $(2x + A)^\circ$ , where  $x$  and  $A$  are positive integers. For a unique integer  $A$ ,  $\triangle PQR$  is isosceles, for any choice of vertex angle. Let  $V$  denote the vertex angle of  $\triangle PQR$  and  $B$  denote a base angle. Compute  $A$  and all possible ordered pairs  $(V, B)$ .

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# Answer Sheet

Round 1

1. 159
2. (5, 5, 4)
3.  $\frac{11}{90}, \frac{17}{90}$

Round 2

1. 8
2. 6
3.  $-\frac{3}{4}$

Round 3

1. 7
2. (4, 7)
3.  $30^\circ, 60^\circ, 80^\circ$  (in any order)

Round 4

1.  $\left(2, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$
2. 5
3. (-3, 14, 9)

Round 5

1.  $-\frac{1}{2}$
2.  $79^\circ, 101^\circ$
3.  $270^\circ$

Team Round

1. 37 (3 pts)
2.  $\left(\frac{45}{16}, \frac{35}{16}\right)$  (3 pts)
3.  $A = 2$   
(172, 4), (46, 67), (76, 52) (4 pts)

## Detailed Solutions for GBML Meet 2 – NOVEMBER 2014

### ROUND 1

1. There are 99 multiples of 3 in the specified interval, namely  $3 \cdot 1 \dots 3 \cdot (100-1)$ .

There are 59 multiples of 5 in the specified interval, namely  $5 \cdot 1 \dots 5 \cdot (60-1)$ .

However, there is an overlap, since multiples of 15 have been counted twice.

There are 19 multiples of 15 ( $1 \cdot 5 \dots 15(20-1)$ ).

Therefore, there are  $99 + 59 - 19 = \mathbf{139}$  integers divisible by 3 and/or 5 and, therefore,  $298 - 139 = \mathbf{159}$  which are divisible by neither 3 nor 5.

2.

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
X				X		X
X				X		X
X				X		X
X				X		X

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
	1			X		X
X	8			X		X
X	15			X		X
X	22			X		X
X	29	30	31			

If the first of the month were on a Sunday, since there are 31 days in December, there would be 3 days in the last row of the calendar. This cannot be the case, since this would result in a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The only way to eliminate another X in the Sunday, Thursday and Saturday column is for Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to fall on a Monday. Thus, January 1<sup>st</sup> in the new year fell on a Thursday and the January calendar looked like this:

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
				1		X
X				8		X
X				15		X
X				22		X
X				29	30	31

and there are 5 Thursdays, 5 Saturdays and 4 Sundays.



3. There are 2 possibilities, depending on whether  $N$  is closer to  $\frac{1}{9}$  or  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

Case 1:

$$\left(\frac{1}{5} - N\right) = 7\left(N - \frac{1}{9}\right) \Rightarrow 9 - 45N = 7 \cdot 45N - 7 \cdot 5 \Rightarrow 9 - 45N = 315N - 35 \Rightarrow N = \frac{44}{360} = \frac{11}{90}$$

Case 2:

$$\left(N - \frac{1}{9}\right) = 7\left(\frac{1}{5} - N\right) \Rightarrow 45N - 5 = 63 - 315N \Rightarrow N = \frac{68}{360} = \frac{17}{90}$$

Therefore, the possible coordinates of  $N$  are  $\frac{11}{90}$  or  $\frac{17}{90}$ .



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ROUND 2

$$1. \begin{vmatrix} x & 4 \\ -1 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & k \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow x^2 + 4 = 2k - 3 \Rightarrow x^2 = 2k - 7$$

$$k = 4 \Rightarrow x = 1, \text{ but } k + x < 10$$

For  $k = 5, 6, 7$ ,  $x$  is not an integer.

$$k = 8 \Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ and } k + x > 10$$

Thus, the minimum value of  $k$  is 8.

$$2. \begin{cases} A + B + C = 105 \\ A : B = 7 : 10 \\ B : C = 5 : 9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} B = \frac{10}{7}A \\ C = \frac{9}{5}B = \frac{18}{7}A \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Substituting, } A + \frac{10}{7}A + \frac{18}{7}A = 105 \Rightarrow 5A = 105 \Rightarrow A = 21, B = 30, C = 54$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{54 + x}{21 + x} = \frac{20}{9} \Rightarrow 420 + 20x = 486 + 9x \Rightarrow 11x = 66 \Rightarrow x = \underline{6}.$$

Alternately, the ratio of  $A : C$  can be found by making the given ratios commensurate, i.e. by making comparisons to the same number.

$$\begin{cases} A : B = 7 : 10 \\ B : C = 5 : 9 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} A : B = 7 : 10 \\ B : C = 10 : 18 \end{cases} \Rightarrow A : C = 7 : 18 \text{ and we have the same result as above.}$$

$$3. \text{ Given: } \begin{aligned} (1) & 11x + 7y = 5 \\ (2) & 13x - 9y = -20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Adding, we have } 24x - 2y = -15 \Rightarrow (3) \quad x = \frac{2y - 15}{24}.$$

$$\text{Subtracting, we have } 2x - 16y = -25 \Rightarrow (4) \quad x = \frac{16y - 25}{2}$$

Equating these  $x$ -expressions,

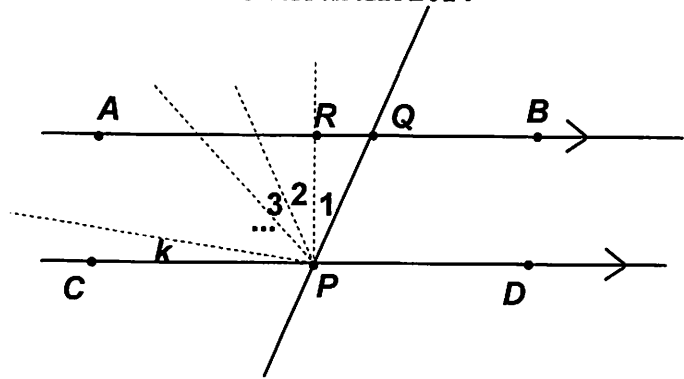
$$\frac{2y - 15}{\cancel{24}^{12}} = \frac{16y - 25}{\cancel{2}} \Rightarrow 2y - 15 = 192y - 300 \Rightarrow y = \frac{285}{190} = \frac{5 \cdot 57}{5 \cdot 38} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Substituting for } y \text{ in (3), we have } x = \frac{3 - 15}{24} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus, } xy = \underline{\underline{-\frac{3}{4}}}.$$

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ROUND 3



- $5x + 7x = 180 \Rightarrow x = 15 \Rightarrow m\angle QPC = 105^\circ, m\angle QPD = 75^\circ$ .  
 $m\angle RPD = 75 + \frac{105}{k} = 90 \Rightarrow \frac{105}{k} = 15 \Rightarrow k = \underline{7}$ .
- Since  $2x + 3x + 4x = 180 \Rightarrow x = 20$ , the angles in the original triangle had measures of  $40^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $80^\circ$ .  
 $\frac{40-k}{60} = \frac{3}{8} \Rightarrow 40 - k = 36 \Rightarrow k = 4$  and the new triangle has angle measures of  $36^\circ, 60^\circ$  and  $84^\circ$ .  
 $(36, 60, 84) = 12(3, 5, 7) \Rightarrow (k, n) = \underline{(4, 7)}$ .

- Since  $\overline{CE} \parallel \overline{AB}$ ,  $m\angle 1 = m\angle 2$  (alt. interior angles) and  $m\angle 3 = m\angle 4$  (corres. angles of parallels).

Since  $\overline{CE}$  bisects angle  $ACD$ ,  
 $m\angle 1 = m\angle 2 = m\angle 3 = m\angle 4$ .

Let  $(m\angle 2, m\angle 5) = (an, bn)$ . Then:

$$2an + bn = 180 \text{ and } a + b = 10$$

$$(a, b) =$$

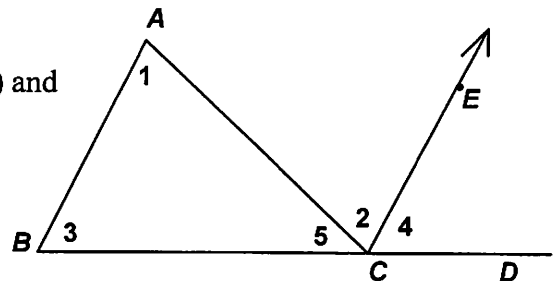
$$(9, 1) \Rightarrow 19n = 180 \text{ rejected}$$

$$(8, 2) \Rightarrow 18n = 180 \Rightarrow n = 10 \Rightarrow m\angle B = \underline{80^\circ}$$

$$(7, 3), (6, 4), (4, 6), (3, 7), (1, 9) \text{ fail}$$

$$(5, 5) \Rightarrow 15n = 180 \Rightarrow n = 12 \Rightarrow m\angle B = \underline{60^\circ}$$

$$(2, 8) \Rightarrow 12n = 180 \Rightarrow n = 15 \Rightarrow m\angle B = \underline{30^\circ}$$



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### ROUND 4

$$\begin{aligned}1. \quad & 4M^2 + 3MN - 8M - 6N = 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow M(4M + 3N) - 2(4M + 3N) = 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow (M - 2)(4M + 3N) = 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow M = 2, M = -\frac{3}{4}N\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } (a, b) = \left( \underline{2}, -\frac{3}{4} \right).$$

$$2. \quad mx^2 + 3mx + 2m = x^2 + 3x + 1$$

Rearrange the terms to form a quadratic equation in  $x$ .

$$(m-1)x^2 + 3(m-1)x + (2m-1) = 0$$

One solution means the discriminant must be zero.  $9(m-1)^2 - 4(m-1)(2m-1) = 0$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow 9m^2 - 18m + 9 - 8m^2 + 12m - 4 = m^2 - 6m + 5 = (m-5)(m-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \cancel{5}, \underline{1} \text{ [1 is extraneous, since the given equation degenerates to } 2 = 1.]$$

3. Given  $3x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$ , from the root-coefficient relationship, without solving for the specific roots, we know that  $r_1 + r_2 = +\frac{4}{3}$  and  $r_1 r_2 = -\frac{5}{3}$ .

Computing the sum and product of the roots of the new equation, we have

$$(2r_1 + 1) + (2r_2 + 1) = 2(r_1 + r_2) + 2 = 2\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + 2 = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$(2r_1 + 1) \cdot (2r_2 + 1) = 4r_1 r_2 + 2(r_1 + r_2) + 1 = 4\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right) + 2\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + 1 = \frac{-20 + 8 + 3}{3} = -3$$

Thus, the new equation is  $x^2 - \frac{14}{3}x - 3 = 0$ .

Eliminating fractions and maintaining a negative lead coefficient, we have  $-3x^2 + 14x + 9 = 0$ . Since the product  $abc$  is always negative, a maximum value is obtained when  $\text{gcd}(a, b, c) = 1$ .

Therefore,  $(a, b, c) = \left( \underline{-3}, \underline{14}, \underline{9} \right)$ .

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### ROUND 5

1. Provided  $\cos \theta \neq 0$ , dividing by  $\cos \theta$ , we have  $\sin \theta = 2 \cos \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = 2$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) = -\cot \theta = -\frac{1}{\tan \theta} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

2. Expanding  $\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)$ ,

$$\sin(30^\circ + 11^\circ) + \sin(30^\circ - 11^\circ) =$$

$$\left(\sin 30^\circ \cos 11^\circ + \cancel{\sin 11^\circ \cos 30^\circ}\right) + \left(\sin 30^\circ \cos 11^\circ - \cancel{\sin 11^\circ \cos 30^\circ}\right) = 2 \sin 30^\circ \cos 11^\circ$$

$$2 \sin 30^\circ \cos 11^\circ = \sin \theta \Rightarrow \cos 11^\circ = \sin \theta \Rightarrow \sin 79^\circ = \sin \theta$$

Since  $\sin 79^\circ$  is a positive value, there are solutions in both quadrants 1 and 2.

The solutions are  $\underline{79^\circ}$  and  $(180^\circ - 79^\circ) = \underline{101^\circ}$ .

3. Given:  $\frac{\sin 20^\circ \cos 25^\circ - \sin 155^\circ \cos 160^\circ}{\sin 185^\circ \sin 220^\circ - \cos 320^\circ \cos 325^\circ} = \cos(270^\circ + x)$

Converting all values on the left side of the equation to reference values,

$$\frac{\sin 20^\circ \cos 25^\circ - \sin 155^\circ \cos 160^\circ}{\sin 185^\circ \sin 220^\circ - \cos 320^\circ \cos 325^\circ} = \frac{\sin 20^\circ \cos 25^\circ - \sin 25^\circ(-\cos 20^\circ)}{(-\sin 5^\circ)(-\sin 40^\circ) - (\cos 40^\circ)(\cos 5^\circ)}$$

$$\frac{\sin 20^\circ \cos 25^\circ + \sin 25^\circ(\cos 20^\circ)}{(\sin 5^\circ)(\sin 40^\circ) - (\cos 40^\circ)(\cos 5^\circ)} = \frac{\sin(20^\circ + 25^\circ)}{-\cos(40^\circ + 5^\circ)} = -\tan 45^\circ = -1$$

$$\cos(270^\circ + x) = \sin x = -1 \Rightarrow x = \underline{270^\circ}.$$

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1. If one of the primes were 2, then, since the other two primes would be odd, the sum  $P$  would be even and, therefore, not prime. With that in mind, we only consider three odd primes. Since  $P$  must have prime digits, our search starts with 23.

$$23 = \begin{cases} 3+20 \\ 5+18 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3+7+13 \\ 5+7+11 \end{cases} \quad \text{No other decompositions of 18 or 20 are possible, since the}$$

primes must be distinct ( $5 + 5 + 13$  should not be considered).

The next victim is 37 and the decomposition is successful.

$$\underline{37} = \begin{cases} 3+34 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3+(5+29) \\ 3+(11+23) \end{cases} \\ 5+32 \Rightarrow 5+(13+19) \\ 7+30 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 7+(11+19) \\ 7+(13+17) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

2. Given: 
$$\begin{cases} \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+y}{x-y}} + 2\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{x-y}{x+y}}\right) = 3 \\ x+y=5 \end{cases}$$

Let  $A = \frac{x+y}{x-y} = \frac{x+(5-x)}{x-(5-x)} = \frac{5}{2x-5}$  and  $B = \sqrt[3]{A}$  or  $A = B^3$ .

Then:

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{x+y}{x-y}} + 2\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{x-y}{x+y}}\right) = 3 \Leftrightarrow B + 2\left(\frac{1}{B}\right) = 3 \Rightarrow B^2 - 3B + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (B-1)(B-2) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 1, 2$$

$$\frac{5}{2x-5} = \begin{cases} 1^3 = 1 \\ 2^3 = 8 \end{cases} \quad \text{Cross multiplying, } 2x-5 = \begin{cases} 5 \\ 8 \end{cases}$$

$2x-5 = 5 \Rightarrow x = 5 \Rightarrow y = 0$  and this case is rejected.

$$2x-5 = \frac{5}{8} \Rightarrow x = \frac{45}{16} \quad \text{and we have the unique solution } (x, y) = \left(\frac{45}{16}, \frac{35}{16}\right).$$

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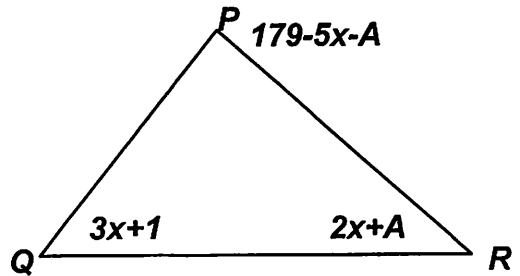
3. Case 1:  $Q = R \Rightarrow 3x + 1 = 2x + A \Rightarrow x = A - 1$

Case 2:  $P = Q \Rightarrow 3x + 1 = 179 - 5x - A$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{178 - A}{8} = 22 + \boxed{\frac{2 - A}{8}}$$

Case 3:  $P = R \Rightarrow 2x + A = 179 - 5x - A$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{179 - 2A}{7} = 25 + \boxed{\frac{4 - 2A}{7}}$$



For  $A = 2$ , both boxed fractional expressions evaluate to integers.

For  $A = 2$

$\Rightarrow$  (in case 1)  $x = 1$  and  $\angle$ s of  $4^\circ$ ,  $4^\circ$  and  $172^\circ$

$\Rightarrow$  (in case 2)  $x = 22$  and  $\angle$ s of  $67^\circ$ ,  $46^\circ$  and  $67^\circ$

$\Rightarrow$  (in case 3)  $x = 25$  and  $\angle$ s of  $76^\circ$ ,  $52^\circ$  and  $52^\circ$

The next positive values for which this occurs is  $A = 2 + 56k = 58, 114, \dots$

$\Rightarrow$  (in case 1)  $x = 57, 113, \dots$  and both  $m\angle Q$  and  $m\angle R$  would be greater than  $90^\circ$ .

Thus, 2 is the unique value of  $A$ .

$\Rightarrow \underline{A = 2 (172, 4), (46, 67), (76, 52)}$