

GREATER BOSTON MATHEMATICS LEAGUE

MEET 2 - NOVEMBER 2017

ROUND 1 - Arithmetic: Open

1. _____

2. (_____ , _____)

3. _____

1. An automobile odometer reads 15951. When the automobile is driven k more miles, the odometer reading will again be a palindrome (a number which reads the same from left to right and from right to left). Compute the minimum possible nonzero value of k .

2. If $A + B < 24$, compute the ordered pair of positive integers (A, B) for which

$$134_A + 25_B = 76_{(A+B)}.$$

3. A six-digit number $N = ABCDEF$ contains the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Determine all possible values N for which the three-digit number ABC is divisible by 4, the three-digit number BCD is divisible by 5, the three-digit number CDE is divisible by 3, and the three-digit number DEF is divisible by 11.

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ROUND 2 - Simultaneous Linear equations, Word Problems, Matrices

1. Paul: _____ Cory: _____
2. (_____ , _____)
3. { _____ }

1. Paul and Cory working together can complete a job in 6 days. After they have been working together for 4 days, Paul leaves and Cory finishes the job alone in 8 more days. Compute the number of days each would require to do the entire job alone.

2. Compute the ordered pair (p, q) for which
$$\begin{cases} \frac{4p+q}{3} - \frac{p-2q}{6} = \frac{p-4}{6} \\ \frac{1}{3} + \frac{p+1}{2} - \frac{q-2}{4} = \frac{p}{12} \end{cases}$$

3. Compute $S = \left\{ (a, b) \mid \frac{\frac{2a+b}{a+b} - 1}{1 - \frac{b}{a+b}} = a - \frac{b}{2} \text{ and } \frac{b}{8} = \frac{1}{4 + \frac{2a}{1 - \frac{a}{2}}} \right\}$

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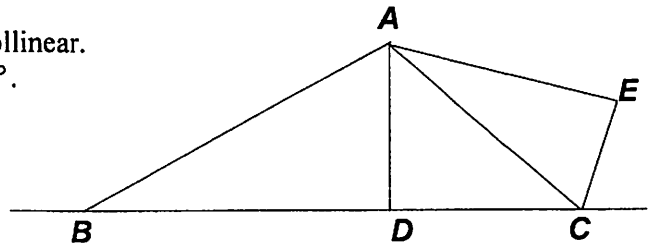
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ROUND 3 - Geometry: Angles and Triangles

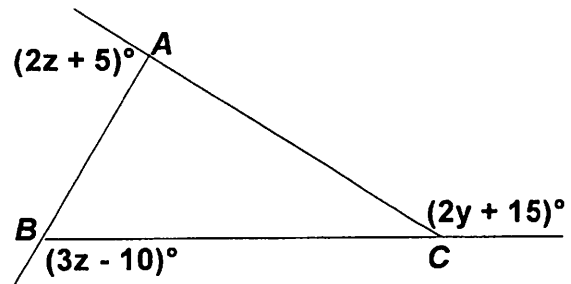
1. _____
2. (_____ , _____ , _____)
3. _____ : _____

DIAGRAMS ARE NOT NECESSARILY DRAWN TO SCALE.

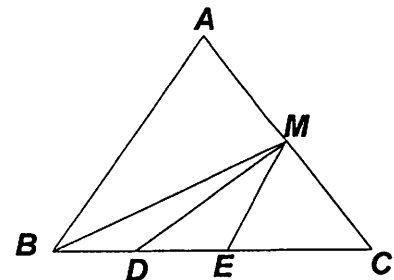
1. In the diagram at the right, $B, D,$ and C are collinear.
 $m\angle ABC = 30^\circ, m\angle ACD = 45^\circ, m\angle CAE = 30^\circ$.
 $AE = 6\sqrt{2}, \overline{AD} \perp \overline{BC}, \overline{AE} \perp \overline{CE}$
 Compute BD .



2. In $\triangle ABC$, $m\angle BAC = (x + 30)^\circ$,
 $m\angle ACB = (x + 20)^\circ$, $m\angle ABC = (y - 10)^\circ$, and the
 exterior angles have the measures indicated in the
 diagram at the right. Compute the ordered triple
 (x, y, z) .



3. $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral and M is the midpoint of \overline{AC} .
 $BE : EC = 7 : 5, BD : DC = 1 : 3$.
 Compute the ratio of the area of $\triangle MDE$ to the area of $\triangle ABM$.



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ROUND 4 - Algebra 2: Quadratic Equations, Problems involving them and Theory of Quadratics

1. _____

2. _____

3. $k =$ _____

1. Given:
$$\frac{\frac{y-1}{2}}{1+\frac{2y}{3}} = \frac{2}{5y} \left(\frac{3y}{2} - 2 \right)$$

Compute the positive difference between the sum of the roots of this equation and the product of the roots of this equation.

2. Compute all values of k for which the roots of $kx^2 + 4k - 1 = 6kx - 2x^2$ will not be real.

3. For positive numbers k and j , the roots of the equation $x^2 + kx + j = 0$ differ by 1. Determine a simplified expression for k in terms of j .

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ROUND 5 - Trig Equations

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1. Compute all values of $\sin \theta$ for which $24 \tan \theta = 5 \cos \theta$ and $0 < \theta < \pi$.

2. If $\cos x + \sin x = p$ and $\cos 2x = q$, determine a simplified expression for q in terms of p , given that $p < 0$ and $q > 0$.

3. Given: $\tan A = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $\sec A < 0$
Compute all values of x over $0^\circ \leq x < 360^\circ$ for which
$$\frac{(\cos 495^\circ) \cot A + \csc A (\tan 210^\circ)}{\tan A \cdot \sec A \cdot \csc x} = \sec 300^\circ .$$

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TEAM ROUND

3 pts. 1. _____

3 pts. 2. (_____ , _____ , _____)

4 pts. 3. _____

1. In rectangle $ABCD$, $AD = 10$, $CD = 15$, P is a point in the interior of the rectangle such that $PB = 9$ and $PA = 12$. Compute PD .

2. The roots of the equation $x^2 + 3x + k = 0$ are p and q , where k is some positive integer constant. The quadratic equation $Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0$, where A , B , and C are integers and $A > 0$, has roots $\frac{3}{2p-1}$ and $\frac{3}{2q-1}$. Compute the ordered triple (A, B, C) , where A is given as a simplified expression in terms of k .

3. Compute all values of x over $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$ for which

$$\begin{cases} \sin x \cdot \sin 3x \cdot \cos 3x = (\sin^2 150^\circ) \cdot \sin x \\ \sin x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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Answer Sheet

Round 1

1. 110
2. (8,7)
3. 324561

Round 2

1. (8, 24)
2. (-2, 2)
3. $\left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$

Round 3

1. 12
2. (45,50,50)
3. 1 : 3

Round 4

1. $\frac{7}{3}$
2. $\frac{2}{5} < k < 1$
3. $k = \sqrt{1+4j}$

Round 5

1. $\frac{1}{5}$
2. $q = -p\sqrt{2-p^2}$
3. $60^\circ, 120^\circ$

Team Round

1. 10 (3 pts)
2. $(4k+7, 24, 9)$ (3 pts)
3. 0, 5, 25, 65, 85
125, 145, 180
(in any order) (4 pts)

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ROUND 1

- To get the smallest difference, we want to change the least significant digits by a minimum amount. However, changing the units digit would require that we also change the leftmost digit. So, we add 1 to the tens digit (and thousands digit) and roll the hundreds digit to zero. Thus, the minimum difference is $16061 - 15951 = \underline{110}$.
- $134_A + 25_B = 76_{(A+B)} \Rightarrow A$ must be at least 5 and B must be at least 6.
 $\Leftrightarrow (1A^2 + 3A + 4) + (2B + 5) = 7(A + B) + 6$
 $\Leftrightarrow A^2 - 4A + 4 = 5B + 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow (A - 2)^2 = 5B + 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow A - 2 = \sqrt{5B + 1}$
Thus, B must be selected so that $5B + 1$ is a perfect square.
 $B = \cancel{4}, 7, 16, \dots \Rightarrow A = 2 + 6 = 8, 2 + 9 = 11, \dots$
Thus, $(A, B) = \underline{(8, 7)}$ is unique, since $11 + 16 > 24$.
- Since BCD must be divisible, $D = 5$. (0 is not available.)
Since ABC must be divisible by 4, we have
 $(B, C) = (1, 2), (1, 6), (2, 4), (3, 2), (3, 6), \cancel{(5, 2)}, \cancel{(5, 6)}, (6, 4)$
Since DEF must be divisible by 11, $D + F - E$ must be a multiple of 11.
The maximum value of $D + F - E$ is 10 (if $F = 6$ and $E = 1$). So, the only possible multiple of 11 is 0 and $F - E = -5 \Rightarrow (E, F) = (6, 1)$.
Thus, $(B, C) = (2, 4), (3, 2) \Rightarrow ABCDEF = 324561$ or 432561
But we also require that CDE be divisible by 3.
Only the first arrangement satisfies this condition and 324561 is unique.

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ROUND 2

1. In 4 days, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the job has been completed, leaving $\frac{1}{3}$ still to be done. Assuming Cory and

Paul can each do the job alone in c and p hours respectively, we have $8\left(\frac{1}{c}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow c = \underline{24}$ and

$$6\left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{24}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{6}{p} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow p = \underline{8}.$$

$$2. \begin{cases} \frac{4p+q}{3} - \frac{p-2q}{6} = \frac{p-4}{6} \\ \frac{1}{3} + \frac{p+1}{2} - \frac{q-2}{4} = \frac{p}{12} \end{cases}$$

Multiplying both sides of the first equation by 6, and the second by 12, we have

$$\begin{cases} 8p+2q-p+2q = p-4 \\ 4+6p+6-3q+6 = p \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 6p+4q = -4 \\ 5p-3q = -16 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 18p+12q = -12 \\ 20p-12q = -64 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 38p = -76 \Rightarrow p = -2$$

Substituting back in the $3p+2q = -2$, we have $(p, q) = \underline{(-2, 2)}$.

$$3. \frac{\frac{2a+b}{a+b} - 1}{1 - \frac{b}{a+b}} = a - \frac{b}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{2a+b-(a+b)}{a+b-b} = \frac{2a-b}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{a} = 1 = \frac{2a-b}{2} \Rightarrow b = 2a-2$$

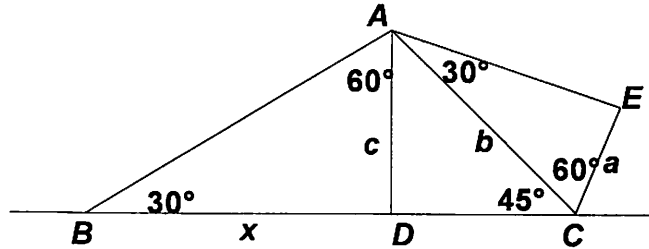
$$\frac{b}{8} = \frac{1}{4 + \frac{2a}{1 - \frac{a}{2}}} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{8} = \frac{1}{4 + \frac{4a}{2-a}} = \frac{2-a}{8} \Rightarrow b = 2-a$$

Therefore, $2a-2 = 2-a \Rightarrow 3a = 4 \Rightarrow S = \left\{ \left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right) \right\}$.

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ROUND 3

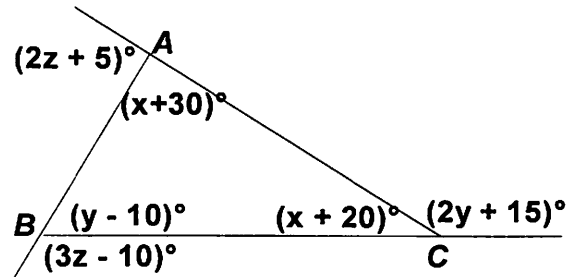
1. $AE = 6\sqrt{2}$
 $\Rightarrow a = \left(\frac{6\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 2\sqrt{6}$
 $\Rightarrow b = 2(2\sqrt{6}) = 4\sqrt{6}$
 $\Rightarrow c = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{2}} = 4\sqrt{3}$
 Thus, $x = (4\sqrt{3}) \cdot \sqrt{3} = \underline{12}$.



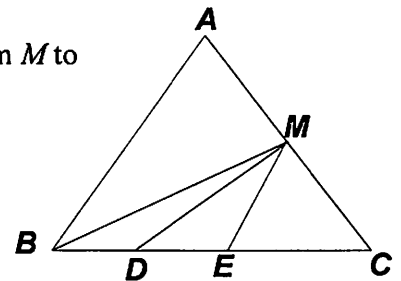
2. Interior angles: $2x + y + 40 = 180$
 Exterior angles: $2y + 5z + 10 = 360$

Supplementary pairs:
$$\begin{cases} x + 2z = 145 \\ y + 3z = 200 \\ x + 2y = 145 \end{cases}$$

Subtracting the boxed equations, we have $y = z$.
 Substituting in the 2nd supplementary equation, we have $y = z = 50$. Substituting in the interior angles equation, we have $(x, y, z) = (\underline{45}, 50, 50)$.



3. Since M is the midpoint of \overline{AC} , the area of $\triangle MBA$ equals the area of $\triangle MBC$. Since triangles MDE and MBC share a common altitude from M to \overline{BC} , their areas are in the ratio of DE to BC .
 $BE : EC = 7 : 5 \Rightarrow BE = 7a, EC = 5a, BC = 12a$
 $BD : DC = 1 : 3 \Rightarrow BD = b, DC = 3b, BC = 4b$
 Thus, $b = 3a$.
 $BD + DE = BE \Leftrightarrow b + DE = 7a \Leftrightarrow 3a + DE = 7a \Rightarrow DE = 4a$
 Therefore, the required ratio is $4a : 12a = \underline{1 : 3}$.



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ROUND 4

$$1. \frac{\frac{y-1}{2}}{1+\frac{2y}{3}} = \frac{2}{5y} \left(\frac{3y}{2} - 2 \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{3y-3}{6+4y} = \frac{3}{5} - \frac{4}{5y} = \frac{3y-4}{5y}$$

Cross-multiplying, $15y^2 - 15y = 18y - 24 + 12y^2 - 16y$

$$\Rightarrow 3y^2 - 17y + 24 = 0$$

We don't really need to find the individual roots, since the coefficients of the equation give us both the sum and the product of the roots.

The sum is $\frac{17}{3}$ and the product is $\frac{24}{3}$ and the positive difference is $\frac{7}{3}$.

$$2. kx^2 + 4k - 1 = 6kx - 2x^2 \Leftrightarrow (k+2)x^2 - 6kx + (4k-1) = 0$$

For the roots to be nonreal, the discriminant must be negative.

$$D = (6k)^2 - 4(k+2)(4k-1) = 36k^2 - 16k^2 - 28k + 8 = 20k^2 - 28k + 8 = 4(5k^2 - 7k + 2)$$

$$(5k-2)(k-1) < 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{5} < k < 1}}$$

$$3. \text{ Suppose the roots are } r_1 \text{ and } r_2. \text{ Then: } \begin{cases} k = -(r_1 + r_2) \\ j = r_1 r_2 \end{cases}$$

$$r_2 = r_1 + 1 \Rightarrow k = -(2r_1 + 1) \Rightarrow r_1 = \frac{-1-k}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus, } r_1(r_1 + 1) = j \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{-1-k}{2} \right) \left(\frac{-1-k}{2} + 1 \right) = - \left(\frac{1+k}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1-k}{2} \right) = j \Leftrightarrow 4j = k^2 - 1$$

Since both j and k are known to positive, we have $\underline{\underline{k = \sqrt{1+4j}}}$.

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ROUND 5

$$24 \tan \theta = 5 \cos \theta \Rightarrow 24 \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = 5 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 \sin \theta = 5 \cos^2 \theta = 5(1 - \sin^2 \theta)$$

1. $\Rightarrow 5 \sin^2 \theta + 24 \sin \theta - 5 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (5 \sin \theta - 1)(\sin \theta + 5) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{5}, \cancel{\frac{5}{1}}$$

$$\cos x + \sin x = p$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos x + \sin x)^2 = p^2$$

2. $\Rightarrow \cos^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x + \sin^2 x = p^2$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) + (2 \sin x \cos x) = p^2 \Rightarrow \sin 2x = p^2 - 1$$

Now

$$\sin^2 2x + \cos^2 2x = (p^2 - 1)^2 + q^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p^2 - 1)^2 + q^2 = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow q^2 = 1 - (p^2 - 1)^2 = 2p^2 - p^4 = p^2(2 - p^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \pm p\sqrt{2 - p^2}$$

$$p < 0 \text{ and } q > 0 \Rightarrow q = -p\sqrt{2 - p^2}.$$

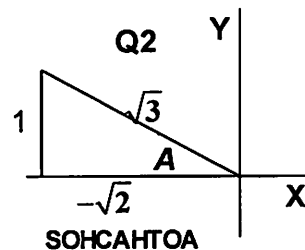
Argue that the maximum value of p is $\sqrt{2}$ and the radicand is always nonnegative.

$$\frac{(\cos 495^\circ) \cot A + \csc A (\tan 210^\circ)}{\tan A \cdot \sec A \cdot \csc x} = \sec 300^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\cos 135^\circ) \cot A + \csc A (\tan 30^\circ)}{\tan A \cdot \sec A \cdot \csc x} = \sec 60^\circ$$

3. $\Rightarrow \frac{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \csc x} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1+1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \csc x} = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \csc x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow x = \underline{60^\circ, 120^\circ}$$



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TEAM ROUND

$$1. \begin{cases} h^2 + (15-x)^2 = 12^2 = 144 \\ h^2 + x^2 = 9^2 = 81 \end{cases}$$

Plan: Find PR , RD and use Pythagorean Theorem on $\triangle PRD$

$$\text{Subtracting, } 225 - 30x = 63 \Rightarrow x = \frac{162}{30} = \frac{54}{10} = 5.4$$

To avoid the numerical nastiness of the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\text{Observe that in } \triangle PQB, (_, 5.4, 9) = \frac{1}{10}(_, 54, 90) = \frac{18}{10}(_, 3, 5)$$

Since we are dealing with a triangle similar to the 3-4-5, $h = PQ = 1.8(4) = 7.2$

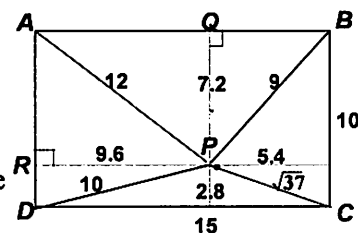
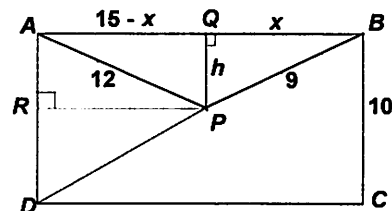
$$\text{In } \triangle PQA, (_, 9.6, 12) = \frac{1}{10}(_, 96, 120) = \frac{24}{10}(_, 4, 5)$$

Since we are again dealing with a triangle similar to the 3-4-5, $h = PQ = 2.4(3) = 7.2$.

$$\text{In } \triangle PRD, (2.8, 9.6, _) = \frac{1}{10}(28, 96, _) = \frac{4}{10}(7, 24, _)$$

$\triangle PRD$ is similar to a 7-24-25 right triangle, implying $PD = .4(25) = \underline{10}$.

Check out the diagram at the right. The sum of the squares of the distances from the interior point P to the opposite vertices of the rectangle must be equal and $9^2 + 10^2 = 12^2 + (\sqrt{37})^2 = 181$



$$2. \text{ Given: } \begin{cases} p + q = -3 \\ pq = k \end{cases}$$

$$\text{New sum: } \frac{3}{2p-1} + \frac{3}{2q-1} = \frac{3(2q-1) + 3(2p-1)}{(2p-1)(2q-1)} = \frac{6(p+q) - 6}{4pq - 2(p+q) + 1} = \frac{-24}{4k+7}$$

$$\text{New product: } \frac{3}{2p-1} \cdot \frac{3}{2q-1} = \frac{9}{(2p-1)(2q-1)} = \frac{9}{4k+7}$$

$$\text{The new equation is } x^2 + \frac{24}{4k+7}x + \frac{9}{4k+7} = 0$$

$$\text{Clearing fractions, } (A, B, C) = \underline{(4k+7, 24, 9)}.$$

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TEAM ROUND - continued

3. Given:
$$\begin{cases} \sin x \cdot \sin 3x \cdot \cos 3x = (\sin^2 150^\circ) \cdot \sin x \\ \sin x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\sin x \left(\sin 3x \cdot \cos 3x - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x (4 \sin 3x \cos 3x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x (2 \sin 6x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x = 0 \text{ or } \sin 6x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \underline{0^\circ}, \underline{180^\circ} \text{ or } 6x = \begin{cases} 30^\circ + n \cdot 360^\circ \\ 150^\circ + n \cdot 360^\circ \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = \begin{cases} 5^\circ + n \cdot 60^\circ \\ 25^\circ + n \cdot 60^\circ \end{cases}$$

Since $\sin x \geq 0$, solutions must be restricted to quadrants 1 and 2 over $0^\circ \leq x < 360^\circ$.

$n = 0, 1, 2$ gives additional answers in the specified range, 5°, 65°, 125°, 25°, 85°, 145°