

GREATER BOSTON MATHEMATICS LEAGUE

MEET 3 - DECEMBER 2017

ROUND 1 - Algebra 1: Fractions and Word Problems

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

1. Given: $yz : zx : xy = 1 : 2 : 3$,

express the ratio $\frac{y}{zx} : \frac{x}{yz}$ in simplest terms.

2. Two integers x and y have the following property:

If the first number (x) is increased by 1 and the second number (y) is diminished by 3, the product is increased by 33. However, if the first number is diminished by 2 and the second is increased by 1, the product is increased by 21. Compute the ordered pair (x, y) .

3. Travelling from point P to point Q , a distance of 48 miles, 32 miles are uphill and 16 miles are downhill. Nancy takes 1 hour and 44 minutes from P to Q , but returns from Q to P in only 88 minutes. Assume Nancy's uphill rate is j mph and her downhill rate is k mph and neither rate changes. Compute the ordered pair (j, k) .

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ROUND 2 - Coordinate Geometry of the Straight Line

1. _____

2. _____ : _____ : _____

3. (_____ , _____)

1. The distance from the point $P(k, -5)$ to the line $L_1 : \{(x, y) \mid 3x - 4y - 10 = 0\}$ is k .
Compute all possible values of k .

2. Points A and B lie on segment \overline{PQ} . Furthermore, it is known that
$$\begin{cases} PA : AQ = 3 : 11 \\ PB : BQ = 13 : 8 \end{cases}$$
 Compute the ratio $PA : AB : BQ$.

3. Given: Points $T(-9, -4)$, $E(31, 14)$, $K(20, 17)$.
 $C(a, b)$ is the centroid of $\triangle TEK$. Compute the ordered pair (a, b) .

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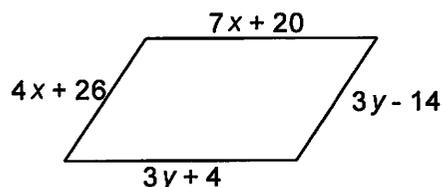
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ROUND 3 - Geometry - Polygons: Area and Perimeter

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

DIAGRAMS ARE NOT NECESSARILY DRAWN TO SCALE.

1. Given the parallelogram $ABCD$. Compute $|y - x|$.



2. Let s be the length of a side of an equilateral triangle ABC , and x be the length of the side of a rhombus $PQRS$. If $m\angle PQR = m\angle A$ and the perimeter of the rhombus is the same as the perimeter of the equilateral triangle, the area of the rhombus, as a simplified expression, is ks^2 . Compute k .
3. In rectangle $ABCD$, $AB = 6$, $AD = 30$ and G is the midpoint of \overline{AD} . \overline{AB} is extended 2 units beyond B to point E , and F is the intersection of \overline{ED} and \overline{BC} . Compute the area of $BFDG$.

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ROUND 4 - Algebra 2: Logs, Exponents Radicals and equations involving them

1. _____

2. $y =$ _____

3. _____

1. Given: $\log_{27} 81 - \log_3 \left(\frac{x}{3} \right) + \log_{\sqrt{2}} 2 = 4.$

Compute all values of x for which this is true.

If necessary, express in terms of a simplified radical.

2. Given: $16(\log x)^2 + 9(\log y)^2 = 24(\log x)(\log y).$

Determine a simplified expression (without radicals) for y in terms of x .

3. Given: $\log_5 16 = a$

Compute $\log_8 25$ in terms of a .

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ROUND 5 - Trig Analysis and Complex Numbers in Trig Form

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

1. Let $S = i + 2i^3 + 4i^5 + 6i^7$.

Express S in $rcis\theta$ form, where $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$ and $r > 0$.

2. Given: $\sin A = \frac{8}{9}$, $\cot A < 0$, $\tan B = \frac{1}{4}$, $\sin B < 0$.

Compute $(\tan A)(\sin B) - (\sec A)(\cos B) + \cos^2 B$

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

$$\sin(x + 30^\circ) + \sin(x - 30^\circ) = \cos(x + 60^\circ) - \cos(x - 60^\circ) - \tan 240^\circ.$$

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TEAM ROUND

3 pts. 1. _____

3 pts. 2. _____

4 pts. 3. _____

1. Given: $L_1 : \{(x, y) \mid 3x - 4y = 4\}$ and $L_2 : \{(x, y) \mid 4x - 3y = 10\}$,
 $L_3 : \{(x, y) \mid x + y = -1\}$ and $L_4 : \{(x, y) \mid x - y = 3\}$,
 $L_1 \cap L_2 = P, L_1 \cap L_3 = A, L_1 \cap L_4 = B, L_3 \cap L_4 = C$.
Compute $PA + PB + PC$.

2. Determine all values of θ over $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ for which $\sin 2\theta \leq \sin \theta$.

3. In a square $ABCD$, two equilateral triangles are constructed, one with base \overline{AB} and the other with base \overline{CD} . The third vertex of each of the equilateral triangles is in the interior of the square. The intersection of the interiors of the two equilateral triangles is a region bounded by a rhombus. If the perimeter of the square is $8\sqrt{3}$, compute the positive difference between the lengths of the diagonals of this rhombus.

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Answer Sheet

Round 1

1. 1 : 4
2. (-19, -21)
3. (24, 40)

Round 2

1. 5
2. 9 : 17 : 16
3. (14, 9)

Round 3

1. 16
2. $k = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{32}$
3. 67.5

Round 4

1. $\sqrt[3]{3}$
2. $y = x^{\frac{4}{3}}$ (NOT $x\sqrt[3]{x}$)
3. $\frac{8}{3a}$

Round 5

1. $3cis(270^\circ)$
2. $-\frac{12}{17}$
3. $210^\circ, 330^\circ$

Team Round

1. 15 (3 pts)
2. 0 (3 pts)
 $\frac{\pi}{3} \leq \theta \leq \pi$
 $\frac{5\pi}{3} \leq \theta < 2\pi$
3. $8 - 4\sqrt{3}$ (4 pts)

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ROUND 1

1. Clearly, all the variables are nonzero.

The required ratio $\frac{y}{zx} : \frac{x}{yz} \Leftrightarrow \frac{y}{zx} \cdot \frac{yz}{x} = \frac{y^2}{x^2}$.

The given extended ratio $\underline{yz} : \underline{zx} : xy = \underline{1} : \underline{2} : 3 \Rightarrow \frac{y\cancel{z}}{z\cancel{x}} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = 2y$

Substituting, $\frac{y^2}{x^2} = \frac{y^2}{(2y)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \underline{1:4}$.

2. Given: $\begin{cases} (x+1)(y-3) = xy + 33 \\ (x-2)(y+1) = xy + 21 \end{cases}$

Multiplying out the product of the binomials (FOILing), we have

$$(x+1)(y-3) = \cancel{xy} - 3x + y - 3 = \cancel{xy} + 33 \Leftrightarrow y = 3x + 36$$

$$(x-2)(y+1) = \cancel{xy} + x - 2y - 2 = \cancel{xy} + 21 \Leftrightarrow x - 2y = 23$$

Substituting for y , $x - 2(3x + 36) = 23 \Rightarrow -5x = 95 \Rightarrow x = -19$, $y = 3(-19) + 36 = -21$,

Thus, $(x, y) = \underline{(-19, -21)}$.

3. Let $(r_U, r_D) = (x, y)$ denote Nancy's uphill and downhill rates (in miles per minute), respectively. Then:

Travelling from P to Q : $\frac{32}{x} + \frac{16}{y} = 104$

Travelling from Q back to P , uphill and downhill reverse. Thus, $\frac{16}{x} + \frac{32}{y} = 88$.

Doubling the second equation and subtracting the first,

$$\frac{64-16}{y} = 88 \cdot 2 - 104 \Leftrightarrow \frac{48}{y} = 72 \Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3} \text{ miles/min}$$

Substituting in the first equation for y , $\frac{32}{x} + \frac{16}{\frac{2}{3}} = 104 \Leftrightarrow \frac{32}{x} = 104 - 24 = 80 \Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{5}$.

Converting from miles/minute to mph, we have $(x, y) = \underline{(24, 40)}$.

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ROUND 2

1. Using the point to line distance formula, we have

$$\frac{|3k - 4(-5) - 10|}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2}} = k \Leftrightarrow |3k + 10| = 5k$$

Note that k cannot be negative!

$$3k + 10 = 5k \Leftrightarrow k = \underline{5}$$

$$3k + 10 = -5k \Leftrightarrow k = -\frac{5}{4} \text{ which is extraneous.}$$

2. $PQ = PA + AQ \Leftrightarrow PQ = 3a + 11a = 14a$, $PQ = PB + BQ \Leftrightarrow PQ = 13b + 8b = 21b$

By transitivity, $\boxed{2a = 3b}$.

$$PA : AB : BQ = 3a : (13b - 3a) : 8b$$

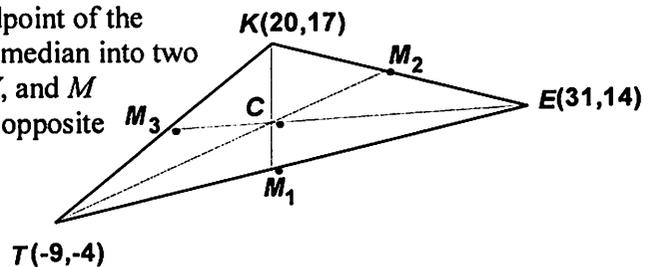
$$\Leftrightarrow 3a : \left(13 \cdot \frac{2}{3}a - 3a\right) : \left(8 \cdot \frac{2}{3}a\right) \Leftrightarrow 3a : \frac{17}{3}a : \frac{16}{3}a$$

Cancelling the common factor and multiplying through by 3, we have 9 : 17 : 16.

Alternately, PQ must be a multiple of both $3+11$ and $13+8$, so make it 42; the rest follows quickly.

3. Recall: The centroid is the point of concurrency or the common point of intersection of the three medians (segments connecting a vertex to the midpoint of the opposite side). The centroid always divides each median into two segments whose lengths are in a 2:1 ratio. If C , V , and M denote the centroid, a vertex, and midpoint of the opposite side, then $VC : CM = 2 : 1$.

The diagram at the right accurately represents the relative positions of the points (left, right, above and below), but the vertices were not plotted on a grid. So, for example, we should not assume that KM_1 is vertical.



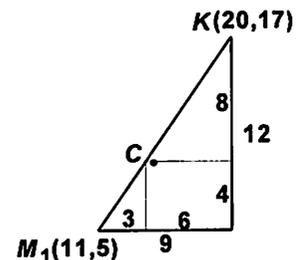
Computing M_1 avoids fractions.

$$M_1 \left(\frac{-9 + 31}{2}, \frac{-4 + 14}{2} \right) = (11, 5) \text{ and we must determine the coordinates of the trisection point}$$

closer to the midpoint M_1 .

Thus, the centroid is 8 units below, and 6 units to the left of K , or 3 units to the right of, and 4 units above M_1 .

In either case, the coordinates of C are (14, 9).



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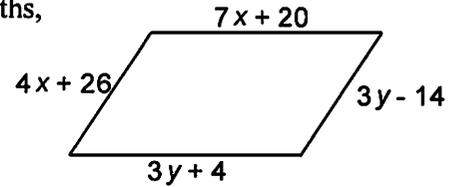
ROUND 3

1. Since opposite sides of a parallelogram must have equal lengths, we have

$$4x + 26 = 3y - 14 \Leftrightarrow 4x - 3y = -40 \text{ and}$$

$$7x + 20 = 3y + 4 \Leftrightarrow 7x - 3y = -16$$

Subtracting, $3x = 24 \Rightarrow x = 8, y = 24 \Rightarrow |y - x| = 24 - 8 = \underline{16}$.

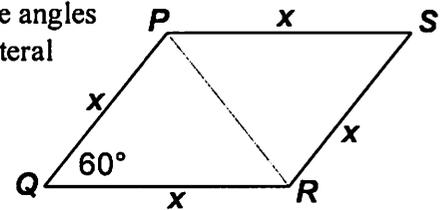


2. Since all angles of an equilateral triangle are 60° , the opposite angles of the rhombus must be 60° and 120° . The area of the equilateral

triangle is $\frac{s^2\sqrt{3}}{4}$ and the area of the rhombus is $2\left(\frac{x^2\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)$

Equating perimeters, $3s = 4x \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{4}s$

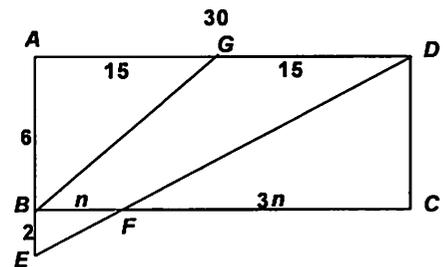
$$2\left(\frac{x^2\sqrt{3}}{4}\right) = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}s\right)^2\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{32}s^2 \Rightarrow k = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{32}$$



3. $\triangle BEF \sim \triangle CDF \Rightarrow \frac{BF}{CF} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$
 $\Rightarrow 4n = 30 \Rightarrow n = 7.5 \Rightarrow CF = 22.5$

Thus, the area of $BFDG$ is

$$6 \cdot 30 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 15 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 22.5 = 180 - 3(37.5) = \underline{67.5}$$



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ROUND 4

1. $\log_{27} 81 - \log_3 \left(\frac{x}{3} \right) + \log_{\sqrt{2}} 2 = 4 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4}{3} - \log_3 x + 1 + 2 = 4$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 x = 4 \frac{1}{3} - 4 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3^{\frac{1}{3}} = \underline{\underline{\sqrt[3]{3}}}.$$

2. $16(\log x)^2 + 9(\log y)^2 = 24(\log x)(\log y)$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4 \log x)^2 - 24(\log x)(\log y) + (3 \log y)^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4 \log x - 3 \log y)^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \log x - 3 \log y = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\log y}{\log x} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log_x y = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = \underline{\underline{x^{\frac{4}{3}}}}.$$

3. $a = \log_5 16 \Leftrightarrow \log_{16} 5 = \frac{1}{a}$.

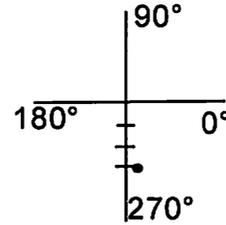
If $N = \log_{16} 5$, then $16^N = 5 \Leftrightarrow 2^{4N} = 5 \Leftrightarrow (2^3)^{\frac{4}{3}N} = 5 \Leftrightarrow 8^{\frac{4}{3}N} = 5 \Leftrightarrow \log_8 5 = \frac{4}{3}N$.

Thus, $\log_8 25 = \log_8 (5^2) = 2 \log_8 5 = 2 \left(\frac{4}{3}N \right) = \frac{8}{3} \log_{16} 5 = \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{a} = \underline{\underline{\frac{8}{3a}}}$.

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ROUND 5

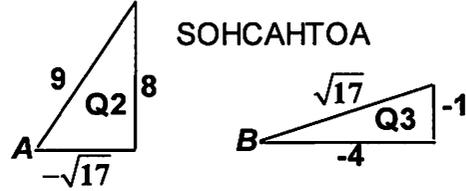
1. $S = i + 2i^3 + 4i^5 + 6i^7 = i - 2i + 4i - 6i = -3i = \underline{3cis(270^\circ)}$.



2. Given: $\sin A = \frac{8}{9}$, $\cot A < 0$, $\tan B = \frac{1}{4}$, $\sin B < 0$

These conditions uniquely determine the quadrants in which angles A and B lie.

Now, applying the definitions of each trig function, we can substitute the numerical values.



$$(\tan A)(\sin B) - (\sec A)(\cos B) + \cos^2 B = \left(\frac{8}{-\sqrt{17}}\right)\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{17}}\right) - \left(\frac{9}{-\sqrt{17}}\right)\left(\frac{-4}{\sqrt{17}}\right) + \left(\frac{-4}{\sqrt{17}}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{8}{17} - \frac{36}{17} + \frac{16}{17} = \underline{-\frac{12}{17}}$$

3. Expanding the sums and differences,

$$\sin(x + 30^\circ) + \sin(x - 30^\circ) = \cos(x + 60^\circ) - \cos(x - 60^\circ) - \tan 240^\circ$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sin x \cos 30^\circ = -2 \sin x \sin 60^\circ - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3} \sin x = -\sqrt{3} \sin x - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \underline{210^\circ}, \underline{330^\circ}$$

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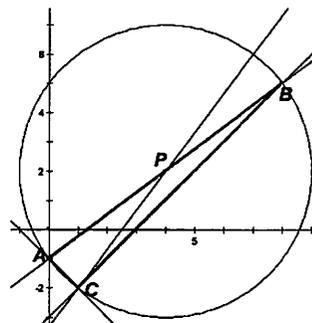
TEAM ROUND

$$1. \begin{cases} L_1: 3x - 4y = 4 \\ L_2: 4x - 3y = 10 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (x, y) = P(4, 2),$$

$$\begin{cases} L_1: 3x - 4y = 4 \\ L_3: x + y = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow A(0, -1), B(8, 5), C(1, -2) \text{ and}$$

$$L_4: x - y = 3$$

$$L_2: \{(x, y) \mid 4x - 3y = 10\}.$$



Applying the distance formula, $PA = PB = PC = 5 \Rightarrow PA + PB + PC = \underline{15}$.

Note: L_3 and L_4 are perpendicular. P is the midpoint of the hypotenuse \overline{AB} in right $\triangle ABC$.

This makes P the center of the circle circumscribed about $\triangle ABC$ which explains why each of the distances were the same. Each is a radius of the circumcircle!

2. Consider the equation $\sin 2\theta = \sin \theta \Leftrightarrow 2\sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sin \theta(2\cos \theta - 1) = 0$.

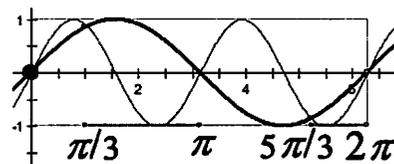
Thus, the functions defined by $y = \sin 2\theta$ and $y = \sin \theta$, over the interval $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$,

intersect when $\sin \theta = 0$ or $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$, i.e., when $x = 0, \pi, \frac{\pi}{3}$, and $\frac{5\pi}{3}$.

Comparing the graphs, we require intervals where $y = \sin 2\theta$ (red/light) intersects or is below $y = \sin \theta$ (blue/dark).

From the graph at the right, we see the required values are

$$\theta = \underline{0, \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \theta \leq \pi, \frac{5\pi}{3} \leq \theta < 2\pi}.$$



3. $AB = BC = 2\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow TO = \sqrt{3}$

Since \overline{TR} is an altitude of equilateral $\triangle ABR$, $TR = \frac{1}{2}(2\sqrt{3})\sqrt{3} = 3$.

Thus, $OR = PO = 3 - \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow PR = 6 - 2\sqrt{3}$.

$\triangle PQO$ is a 30-60-90 right triangle.

$$OQ = \frac{PO}{\sqrt{3}} = \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} - 3}{3} = \sqrt{3} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow QS = 2\sqrt{3} - 2.$$

The required difference is $(6 - 2\sqrt{3}) - (2\sqrt{3} - 2) = \underline{8 - 4\sqrt{3}}$.

