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MEET 4 - JANUARY 2018

ROUND 1 - Volume and Surface Area of Solids

1. _____

2. (_____ , _____)

3. _____

1. A right circular cone has a base with area 25π square inches and an altitude of 18 inches. A cross-section parallel to the base has an area of 9π square inches. Compute the distance between the base and this cross section.
2. Each of the edges of a regular pyramid with a square base has a length of 6 feet. This pyramid has volume of V cubic feet and a total surface area of A square feet. Compute the ordered pair (V, A)
3. The base of a tetrahedron is an equilateral triangle of side 4 inches. Its three lateral edges of have lengths 3 inches, 5 inches, and 5 inches. Compute the volume of this tetrahedron.

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ROUND 2 - Inequalities and Absolute Value

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Solve for x over the real numbers.

1.
$$\frac{x}{2x-1} - \frac{x+1}{2x+1} \leq \frac{2x}{4x^2-1}$$

2.
$$\frac{3-x}{x} + \frac{2}{|x|} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{|x|}$$

3.
$$|3x-2| \leq 7-x \text{ and } |9-2x| \geq x+7$$

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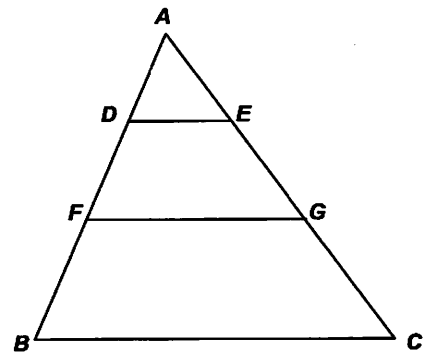
ROUND 3 - Similar Polygons, Circles and Area

1. _____ : _____
2. _____
3. _____ : _____

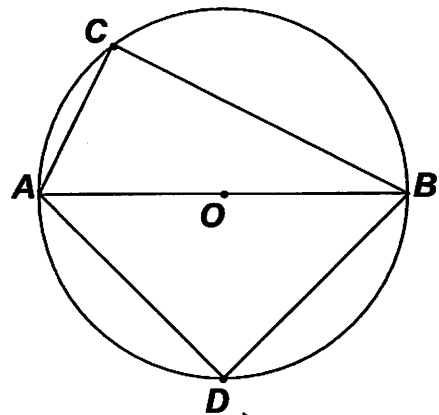
DIAGRAMS ARE NOT NECESSARILY DRAWN TO SCALE.

Let $\mathcal{A}(\)$ denote the area of a region.

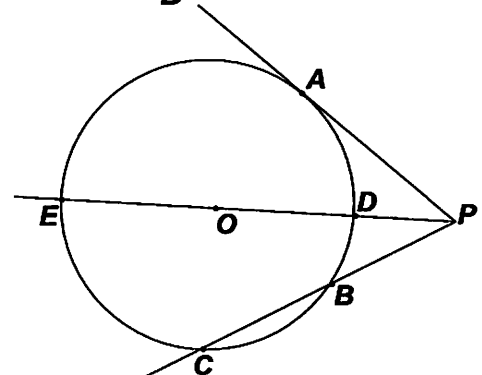
1. Given: $\triangle ABC$ with $\overline{DE} \parallel \overline{FG} \parallel \overline{BC}$
 $AF : FB = 8 : 7$ and $AD : DB = 1 : 4$
 Compute $\mathcal{A}(\triangle AFG) : \mathcal{A}(DECB)$.



2. Given: Circle O , diameter \overline{AB} , $m\angle ABC = x^\circ$,
 and (minor) arc $\widehat{AC} = \left(\frac{x}{2} + 45\right)^\circ$
 $AD = DB = \sqrt{3}$
 Compute $\mathcal{A}(\triangle ABC) - \mathcal{A}(\triangle ADB)$.



3. \overline{PA} is tangent to circle O at point A .
 \overline{PO} and \overline{PC} are secants.
 $PD = 2x$, $EO = 3x$, $PB = x + 5$, where x is an integer.
 PA and BC are also integer lengths.
 For a minimum value of x , compute the ratio $PA:BC$.



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ROUND 4 - Sequences and Complex Numbers

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

1. Given the geometric sequence $1 + i, 2i, 2i - 2, -4, -4 - 4i, \dots$

If $t_1 = 1 + i$ and $t_n = 256$, compute n .

2. Two numbers x and y , where $x < y$, differ by 15. Their arithmetic mean exceeds their geometric mean by $1\frac{1}{2}$. Compute the ordered pair (x, y) .

3. Given: $x^3 = -8 + 8i$

The three values of x , expressed in polar form (angles in degrees), which solve this equation are $rcis\theta_1$, $rcis\theta_2$, and $rcis\theta_3$, where $r > 0$ and $0^\circ \leq \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \theta_3 < 360^\circ$.

Compute the order quadruple $(r, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$.

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ROUND 5 - Conics

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

1. Given: $A(1,9)$, $B(3,7)$

A line L_1 is perpendicular to \overline{AB} at its midpoint M and crosses the x -axis at point K .

Compute the length of segment \overline{MK} .

2. Given: A parabola defined by $y^2 - 8x - 4y - 12 = 0$ and a line defined by $x - y + 4 = 0$
Compute the length of the chord determined by the intersection of the line and the parabola.

3. Given: a conic with equation $4x^2 - 25y^2 = 8x + 100y + 196$

Let $C(h,k)$ be the center of this conic and d be the length of the segment connecting a focus and the closer vertex. Compute the ordered triple (h,k,d) .

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3 pts. 1. _____ : _____

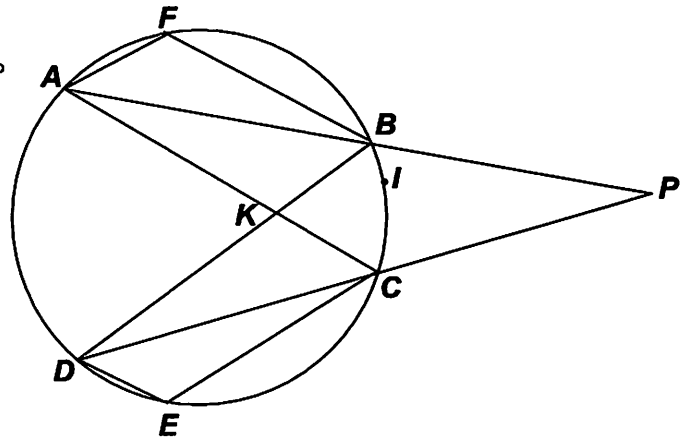
3 pts. 2. _____

4 pts. 3. _____

1. Given:

$$m\angle AFB = 120^\circ, m\angle DEC = 110^\circ, \widehat{BIC} = 40^\circ$$

Compute the ratio $m\angle AKD : m\angle P$.



2. Solve for x over the real numbers: $\frac{|3x-4|}{|x+2|} \geq \frac{3}{2}$.

3. The numbers $n_1, n_2,$ and n_3 form a geometric progression; their sum is 78. The third number, $n_3,$ is 2.25 times the sum of the other two. Compute all possible ordered triples (n_1, n_2, n_3) .

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Answer Sheet

Round 1

1. 7.2
2. $(36\sqrt{2}, 36(\sqrt{3}+1))$
3. $4\sqrt{3}$

Round 2

1. $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}, x > \frac{1}{2}$ (or equivalent)
2. $0 < x \leq 4$
3. $-\frac{5}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3}$

Round 3

1. 8:27
2. $\frac{3(\sqrt{3}-2)}{4} \left[\text{or } \frac{3\sqrt{3}-6}{4} \right]$
3. 6:5

Round 4

1. 16
2. (12,27)
3. $(2^{\sqrt{2}}, 45, 165, 285)$
Note: $2^{\sqrt{2}}$ may be expressed as $2^{7/6}$.

Round 5

1. $8\sqrt{2}$
2. $8\sqrt{2}$
3. $(1, -2, \sqrt{29}-5)$

Team Round

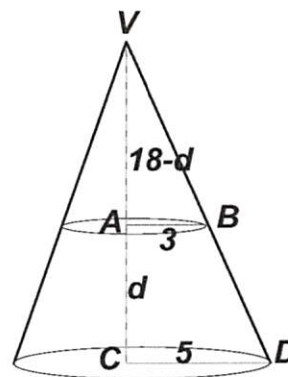
1. 5:1 (3 pts)
2. $\begin{cases} x < -2 \\ -2 < x \leq \frac{2}{9} \\ x \geq \frac{14}{3} \end{cases}$ (3 pts)
or equivalent
3. (6,18,54) (4 pts)
(96,-72,54)

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ROUND 1

1. Since $\triangle VAB \sim \triangle VCD$

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{18-d}{18} \Rightarrow 54 = 90 - 5d \Rightarrow 5d = 36 \Rightarrow d = \underline{7.2}.$$



2. Let V be the apex of the regular pyramid, C be the center of the square base, and P be one of the vertices of the square base. B , the area of the base, = 36.

Then: $VP = 6$ (a lateral edge),

$$CP = \frac{1}{2}(6\sqrt{2}) = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ (half a diagonal of the base),}$$

$$VC = h_1 \text{ (the altitude of the pyramid)}$$

Since VPC is a right triangle, we have

$$h_1^2 + (3\sqrt{2})^2 = 6^2 \Rightarrow h_1 = 3\sqrt{2}$$

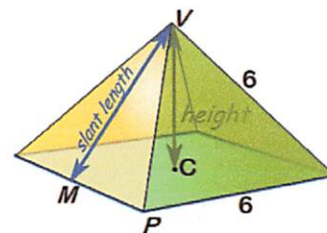
Let M be the midpoint of a side of the square base. $CM = 3$, $VM = h_2$ (an altitude of a face)

Since VMC is also a right triangle, we have $(3\sqrt{2})^2 + 3^2 = h_2^2 \Rightarrow h_2 = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$

Thus, the volume is $\frac{1}{3}h_1B = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3\sqrt{2} \cdot 36 = 36\sqrt{2}$.

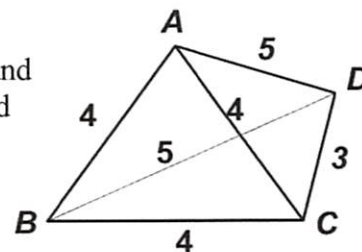
The total surface area is 4 (area of a face) + $B = 4\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}\right) + 36 = 36(\sqrt{3} + 1)$

$$\Rightarrow (V, A) = \underline{(36\sqrt{2}, 36(\sqrt{3} + 1))}$$



3. In the spatial diagram at the right, $\triangle ABC$ is in the foreground and point D is in the background. $ABCD$ is a tetrahedron, a pyramid with a triangular base.

With sides of 3-4-5, both $\triangle ACD$ and $\triangle BCD$ must be right triangles. In each case, the right angle is at point C . Thus, \overline{DC} is perpendicular to the plane containing \overline{AC} and \overline{BC} , i.e., perpendicular to the face $\triangle ABC$. Therefore, we can use equilateral triangle ABC as the base of the tetrahedron and \overline{DC} as the corresponding altitude.



$$\text{Finally, } V = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{4^2\sqrt{3}}{4} = \underline{4\sqrt{3}}.$$

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ROUND 2

1. Given: $\frac{x}{2x-1} - \frac{x+1}{2x+1} \leq \frac{2x}{4x^2-1}$ Clearly, $x \neq \pm \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x(2x+1) - (x+1)(2x-1)}{(2x-1)(2x+1)} - \frac{2x}{4x^2-1} \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(2x^2 + x - 2x^2 + x - 2x + 1) - 2x}{4x^2 - 1} \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{-2x+1}{4x^2-1} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{2x-1}{4x^2-1} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2x+1} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x+1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \geq -\frac{1}{2}$$

But we must exclude both $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $x = \frac{1}{2}$!! Thus, the solution is an open-ended ray

with a single point missing, namely, $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}, x > \frac{1}{2}$ (or equivalent).

2. Given: $\frac{3-x}{x} + \frac{2}{|x|} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{|x|}$

Case 1: $x > 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3-x}{x} + \frac{2}{x} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x}$$

Multiplying by $2x$ (which is positive quantity), $6 - 2x + 4 \geq x - 2 \Leftrightarrow 12 \geq 3x \Leftrightarrow 4 \geq x$

Considering the domain of definition restriction, we have $0 < x \leq 4$.

Case 2: $x < 0$

$$\frac{3-x}{x} + \frac{2}{-x} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{-x} \Leftrightarrow \frac{3-x}{x} - \frac{2}{x} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x}$$

Multiplying by $2x$ (which is negative quantity), $6 - 2x - 4 \leq x + 2 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq 3x \Leftrightarrow x \geq 0$

Considering the domain of definition restriction, all of the values are extraneous.

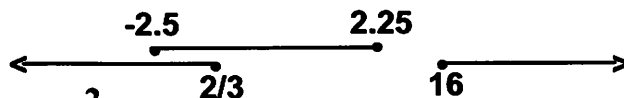
Thus, the solution is $\underline{0 < x \leq 4}$.

3. $|3x-2| \leq 7-x \Leftrightarrow x-7 \leq 3x-2 \leq 7-x$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2x \geq -5 \text{ and } 4x \leq 9 \Leftrightarrow -\frac{5}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{9}{4} \text{ (a segment with closed endpoints)}$$

$$|9-2x| \geq x+7 \Leftrightarrow 9-2x \leq -x-7 \text{ or } 9-2x \geq x+7$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \geq 16 \text{ or } x \leq \frac{2}{3} \text{ (two rays with closed endpoints)}$$

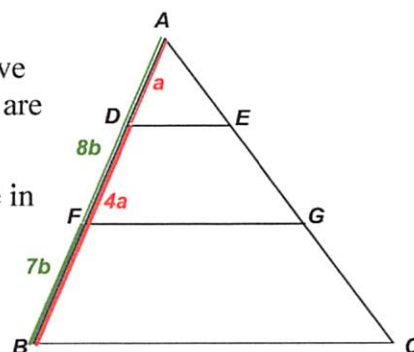


Taking the intersection, we have $\underline{-\frac{5}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3}}$.

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ROUND 3

1. For side \overline{AB} , using the given ratios of 8:7 and 1 : 4, we have $AB = 5a = 15b$. Thus, $a = 3b$, and, *arbitrarily*, (since we are only interested in ratios), we let $(a,b) = (3,1)$. Since $\triangle ADE \sim \triangle AFG \sim \triangle ABC$ and their corresponding sides are in a known ratio, namely



$(AD : AF : AB = 3 : 8 : 15)$, their areas must be in a 9 : 64 : 225 ratio. Subtracting the areas of the overlapping regions,

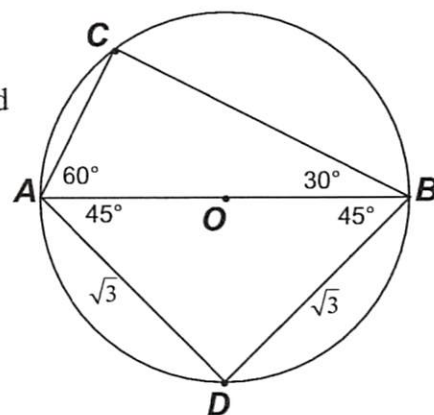
$$\mathcal{A}(\triangle ADE) : \mathcal{A}(\text{DEFG}) : \mathcal{A}(\text{FGCD}) = 9 : 55 : 161$$

$$\text{Thus, } \mathcal{A}(\triangle AFG) : \mathcal{A}(\text{DECB}) = 64 : (225 - 9) = 64 : 216 = \underline{\underline{8 : 27}}.$$

2. $\widehat{AC} = 2x = \frac{x}{2} + 45^\circ \Rightarrow x = 30^\circ$. Since angles inscribed in a semicircle are always right angles, we have $m\angle CAB = 60^\circ$ and $m\angle DAB = \angle DBA = 45^\circ$.

$$\text{Thus, } AB = \sqrt{6} \Rightarrow AC = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}, BC = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}\right)\sqrt{3} = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(\triangle ABC) - \mathcal{A}(\triangle ADB) &= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{6}\right)\left(\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3})^2 \\ &= \frac{3}{8}\sqrt{12} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{6}{4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{3(\sqrt{3}-2)}{4}}} \text{ or } \underline{\underline{\frac{3\sqrt{3}-6}{4}}}. \end{aligned}$$



Note: We knew the difference must be negative, because the isosceles triangle inscribed in a semicircle always has the maximum area.

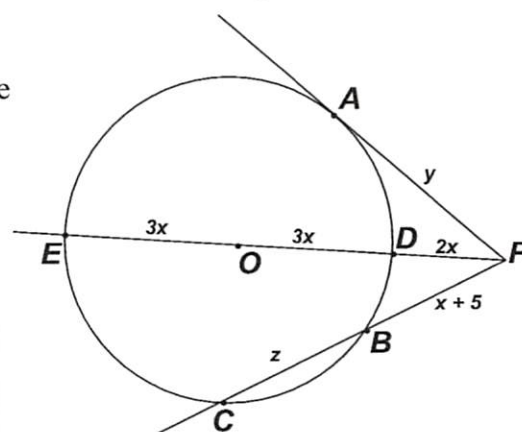
3. For tangents and secants from a common point, we have

$$PA^2 = PD(PE) = PB(PC) \Rightarrow$$

$$y^2 = (2x)(8x) = 16x^2 = (x+5)(x+5+z)$$

We must find the minimum integer x for which both y and z are also integers.

x	$PD(PE)$	y	$PB(PC)$	Verdict
1	$2(8) = 16$	4	$6(PC) = 16$	Rejected
2	$4(16) = 64$	8	$7(PC) = 64$	Rejected
3	$6(24) = 144$	12	$8(PC) = 144$	$PC = 18 \Rightarrow z = 10$



Thus,

$$PA : BC = y : z = 12 : 10 = \underline{\underline{6 : 5}}.$$

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1. $1+i, 2i, 2i-2, -4, -4-4i, \dots$

The common multiplier is $r = \frac{2i}{1+i} \cdot \frac{1-i}{1-i} = \frac{2i+2}{1+1} = 1+i$.

Note that the fifth term is -4 times the first term. Each term in the second group of four terms is likewise -4 times the corresponding term in the first group.

Predictably, $t_4 = -4, t_8 = 16, t_{12} = -64, t_{16} = 256$.

Thus, $n = \underline{16}$.

2. $AM = GM + \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x+(x+15)}{2} = \sqrt{x(x+15)} + 1.5$

$\Leftrightarrow 2x+15 = 2\sqrt{x(x+15)} + 3$

$\Leftrightarrow x+6 = \sqrt{x(x+15)}$

Squaring both sides, $x^2 + 12x + 36 = x^2 + 15x \Rightarrow x = 12$

Thus, $(x, y) = \underline{(12, 27)}$.

3. Converting $-8+8i$ to $rcis\theta$ (polar form):

$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow r^2 = (-8)^2 + (8)^2 = 128 \Rightarrow r = 2^{\frac{7}{2}}$

$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{8}{-8} = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = 135^\circ, \cancel{315^\circ}$ (since the original point is in quadrant 2)

Let $x = rcis\theta$. Then: $x^3 = (rcis\theta)^3 = 2^{\frac{7}{2}} cis 135^\circ$

By DeMoivre's Theorem, $\begin{cases} r^3 = 2^{\frac{7}{2}} \\ 3\theta = 135^\circ + (360^\circ)n \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} r = 2^{\frac{7}{6}} = 2^{\sqrt[6]{2}} \\ \theta = 45^\circ + (120^\circ)n \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow x = 2^{\sqrt[6]{2}} cis\theta$, where $\theta = 45^\circ, 165^\circ, 285^\circ$. Thus, $(r, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = \underline{(2^{\sqrt[6]{2}}, 45, 165, 285)}$

FYI: Check for $x = 2^{\sqrt[6]{2}} cis 45^\circ \Rightarrow (2^{\sqrt[6]{2}})^3 cis 135^\circ = 8\sqrt{2} \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = -8 + 8i$.

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ROUND 5

1. $A(1,9), B(3,7) \Rightarrow$ midpoint $\left(\frac{1+3}{2}, \frac{9+7}{2}\right) \Rightarrow M(2,8)$

slope $m = \frac{7-9}{3-1} = -1 \Rightarrow m_{\perp} = +1$ (negative reciprocal)

Thus, the equation of L_1 is $(y-8) = 1(x-2) \Leftrightarrow y = x + 6$.

\Rightarrow x-intercept @ $K(-6,0)$

The distance $MK = \sqrt{(2-(-6))^2 + (8-0)^2} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 8^2} = \underline{8\sqrt{2}}$.

2. $x - y + 4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = x + 4$

Substituting in the equation for the parabola,

$y^2 - 8x - 4y - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow (x+4)^2 - 8x - 4(x+4) - 12 = x^2 - 4x - 12 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-6)(x+2) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 6, -2$

\Rightarrow Endpoints of the chord: $(6,10), (-2,2) \Rightarrow$ length of chord: $\underline{8\sqrt{2}}$

3. $(4x^2 - 8x) - (25y^2 + 100y) = 196$

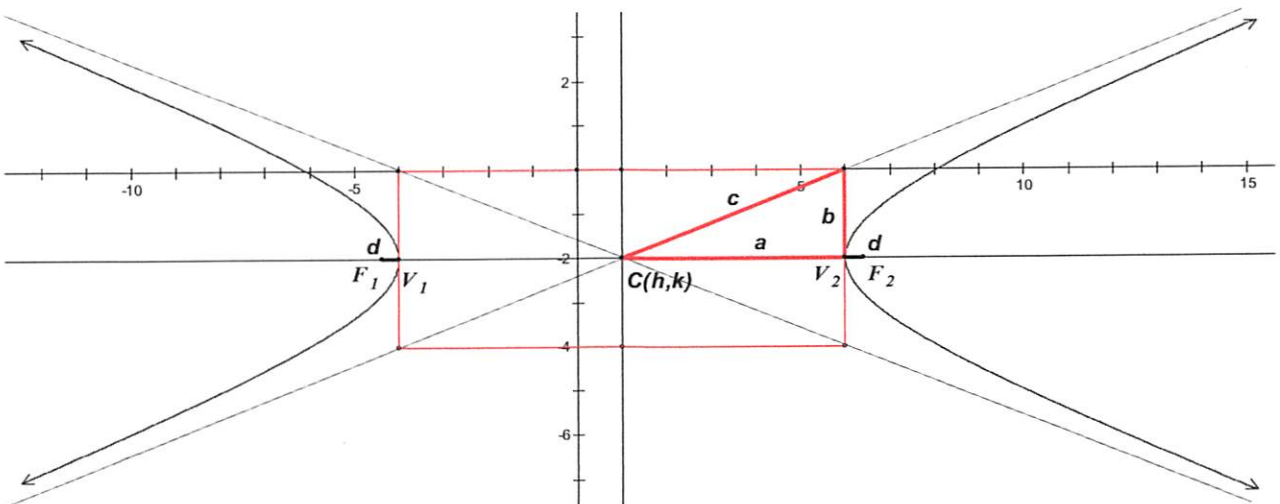
$\Rightarrow 4(x^2 - 2x + 1) - 25(y^2 + 4y + 4) = 196 + 4 - 100 = 100$

$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)^2}{25} - \frac{(y+2)^2}{4} = 1$

A hyperbola with center at $(1, -2)$, horizontal major axis, $a = 5, b = 2$

Since $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, we have $c^2 = 25 + 4 = 29$ and the required distance is $d = \sqrt{29} - 5$

.Thus, $(h, k, d) = \underline{(1, -2, \sqrt{29} - 5)}$.



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1. The intercepted arc of $\angle AFB$

$$40 + c + d + e = 2(120^\circ)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{c + d + e = 200}$$

The intercepted arc of $\angle DEC =$

$$e + a + b + 40 = 2(110^\circ)$$

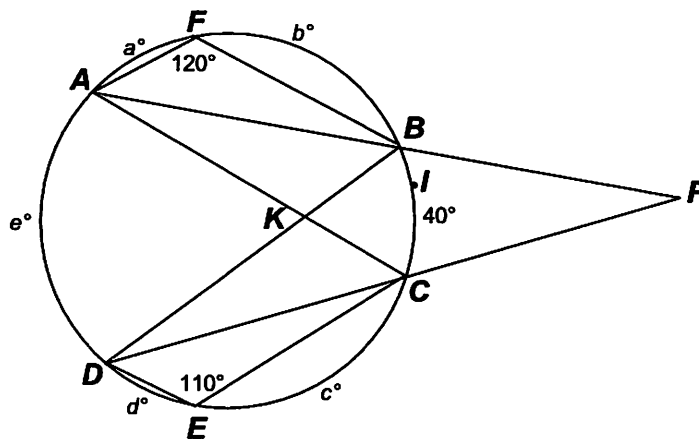
$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{a + b + e = 180}$$

Adding, $a + b + c + d + 2e = 380^\circ$

However,

$$a + b + c + d + e = 360^\circ - 40^\circ = 320^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 60^\circ.$$



As an angle formed by two chords, $m\angle AKD = \frac{60 + 40}{2} = 50^\circ$. As an angle formed by two

secants, $m\angle P = \frac{60 - 40}{2} = 10^\circ \Rightarrow m\angle AKD : m\angle P = \underline{5:1}$.

2. Since each term in the quotients is positive, $\frac{|3x-4|}{|x+2|} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2|3x-4| \geq 3|x+2|$

Again, since each product is positive, squaring both sides preserves the inequality.

$$4(9x^2 - 24x + 16) \geq 9(x^2 + 4x + 4) \Leftrightarrow 27x^2 - 132x + 28 = (9x - 2)(3x - 14) \geq 0$$

This product is nonnegative in the intervals outside the critical values of each factor, namely,

over $x \leq \frac{2}{9}$ or $x \geq \frac{14}{3}$. However, $x = -2$ must be excluded!

Thus, the solution set is $x < -2$, $-2 < x \leq \frac{2}{9}$, $x \geq \frac{14}{3}$ (or equivalent).

3. Let $(t_1, t_2, t_3) = (a, ar, ar^2)$, where a denotes the first term and r is the common multiplier.

$$\begin{cases} (1) & a + ar + ar^2 = 78 \\ (2) & ar^2 = \frac{9}{4}(a + ar) \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{9}{4}(1+r) \Leftrightarrow 4r^2 - 9r - 9 = (4r+3)(r-3) = 0 \Rightarrow r = -\frac{3}{4}, 3$$

$$r = -\frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow a - \frac{3}{4}a + \frac{9}{16}a = 78 \Rightarrow 16a - 12a + 9a = 78 \cdot 16 \Rightarrow a = \frac{78 \cdot 16}{13} = 96 \Rightarrow \underline{(96, -72, 54)}.$$

$$r = 3 \Rightarrow a + 3a + 9a = 78 \Rightarrow a = 6 \Rightarrow \underline{(6, 18, 54)}.$$