

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE
CONTEST 2 - NOVEMBER 2016
ROUND 1 COMPLEX NUMBERS (No Trig)**

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) _____

C) (_____ , _____)

A) Compute the minimum positive integer A for which $i^A \cdot i^{2A} \cdot i^{4A} \cdot i^{8A} \cdot i^{16A} = i$ is true.

B) Let $z = 0.1 + 6i$. If $a = \frac{1}{z + \bar{z}}$ and $bi = z - \bar{z}$, compute $|a + bi|$.

Recall:

If $z = a + bi$, then the conjugate of z (written \bar{z}), is defined as $a - bi$.

$|a + bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$, the distance from the origin to the point $P(a, b)$ in the complex plane.

C) One of the two possible values of $(3 + 4i)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ may be written as $A + Bi$, where A and B are positive integers. Compute the ordered pair (A, B) .

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Round 1

A) Solution #1:

Since $i^4 = 1$, $(i^4)^{\text{any integer power}}$ equals 1.

Therefore, $i^A \cdot i^{2A} \cdot i^{4A} \cdot i^{8A} \cdot i^{16A} = i^A \cdot i^{2A} \cdot \cancel{i^{4A}} \cdot \cancel{i^{8A}} \cdot \cancel{i^{16A}} = i^{3A} = i^1 = i^5 = i^9$ and we find the minimum value of A by equating exponents. $3A = 9 \Rightarrow A = \underline{3}$.

Solution #2:

$$i^A \cdot i^{2A} \cdot i^{4A} \cdot i^{8A} \cdot i^{16A} = i^{31A}$$

$$A = 1 \Rightarrow i^{31} = (i^4)^7 i^3 = 1^7 (-i) = -i$$

$$A = 2 \Rightarrow i^{62} = (i^4)^{15} i^2 = -1$$

$$A = 3 \Rightarrow i^{93} = (i^4)^{23} i = i \Rightarrow A_{\min} = \underline{3}.$$

B) $z = 0.1 + 6i \Rightarrow \bar{z} = 0.1 - 6i$. If $a = \frac{1}{z + \bar{z}}$ and $bi = z - \bar{z}$,

$$a = \frac{1}{.2} = 5, b = 12 \Rightarrow |5 + 12i| = \sqrt{5^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{169} = \underline{13} \text{ (or recall 5-12-13 Pythagorean Triple)}$$

C) $(3 + 4i)^{\frac{1}{2}} = C + Di \Rightarrow (C + Di)^2 = 3 + 4i \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C^2 - D^2 = 3 \\ 2CD = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (C, D) = (2, 1) \text{ or } (-2, -1).$

$$(3 + 4i)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \left((3 + 4i)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^3 = (2 + i)^3 = (2 + i)^2 (2 + i) = (3 + 4i)(2 + i) = 2 + 11i$$

Thus, $(A, B) = \underline{(2, 11)}$.

$(-2, -1)$ is rejected, since $(-2 - i)^3 = (-1)^3 (2 + i)^3 = -2 - 11i$ and it was required that A and B be positive integers.

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ROUND 2 ALGEBRA 1: ANYTHING**

ANSWERS

A) (_____ , _____)

B) _____

C) _____

- A) Richard and Anne were the only candidates running for President of the Chemistry Club. There were no write-in votes for other candidates, so all of the votes cast were for either Richard or Anne.
If 7 of the votes that went to Anne had gone to Richard instead, the candidates would have tied.
If 5 of the votes Richard received had gone to Anne, she would have had 7 times as many votes as Richard.
How many votes did each candidate receive?
Express your answer as an ordered pair (Anne, Richard).

- B) Given: $x \blacklozenge y = x^2 + y^2 + xy$
If $2 \blacklozenge x = 12$, compute all possible values of $3 \blacklozenge x$.

- C) The force F exerted between two bodies varies inversely as the square of the distance (d) between the two bodies and jointly as the masses of the two bodies (m_1 and m_2).
 $F = 1200$, when $(m_1, m_2, d) = (5, 20, 8)$.
If the distance between the masses remains unchanged, but each mass is increased by n , the resulting force F is 2208. Compute n .

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Round 2

A) $A - 7 = R + 7 \Rightarrow A = R + 14$

$$A + 5 = 7(R - 5) \Leftrightarrow R + 19 = 7R - 35 \Rightarrow 6R = 54 \Rightarrow R = 9 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{(23, 9)}}.$$

B) Given: $x \diamond y = x^2 + y^2 + xy$

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

$$3 \diamond (-4) = 9 + 16 - 12 = \underline{\underline{13}}.$$

$$3 \diamond 2 = 9 + 4 + 6 = \underline{\underline{19}}.$$

C) Given: $F = 1200$, when $(m_1, m_2, d) = (5, 20, 8)$

$$F = k \frac{m_1 m_2}{d^2} \Rightarrow 1200 = \frac{100k}{64} \Rightarrow k = 12(64) \text{ Then:}$$

$$2208 = 12(64) \frac{(5+n)(20+n)}{64} \Rightarrow 100 + 25n + n^2 = \frac{2208}{12} = 184$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 + 25n - 84 = (n - 3)(n + 28) = 0 \Rightarrow n = \underline{\underline{3}}.$$

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ROUND 3 PLANE GEOMETRY: AREAS OF RECTILINEAR FIGURES**

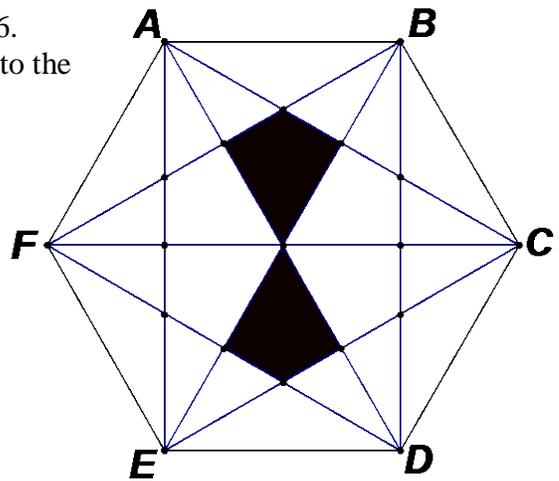
ANSWERS

A) _____ : _____

B) _____

C) _____

- A) $ABCDEF$ is a regular hexagon with side of length 6. Compute the ratio of the area of the shaded region to the area of the unshaded region in hexagon $ABCDEF$.



- B) $DEFG$ is a square of side x . $ABCD$ is a rectangle with sides $AB = 18$ and $BC = 14$. The ratio of the area of the unshaded region to the area of the shaded region equals $\frac{AB}{BC}$. Compute x .

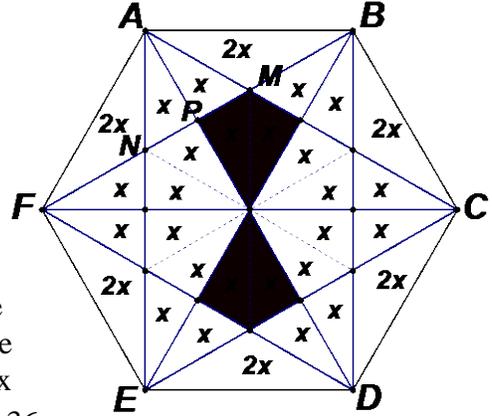


- C) In a rhombus with side 7, the long diagonal has length 11. Compute the length of the altitude of this rhombus.

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Round 3

- A) Clearly, the regions marked with x 's are congruent and congruent regions have the same area. Therefore, let x denote the area of each of these regions.
- $\triangle FAN$ and $\triangle MAN$ are not congruent, but they do have the same area. ($FN = NM$ and \overline{AP} is a common altitude when these sides are taken to be the bases of the two triangles.) The area of hexagon $ABCDEF$ equals the sum of an inner hexagon, six equilateral triangles and six congruent obtuse triangles, namely, $12x + 12x + 6(2x) = 36x$.
- The required ratio is $4 : (36 - 4) = \underline{\mathbf{1 : 8}}$.



- B) Given: $DEFG$ is a square of side x . $ABCD$ is a rectangle with sides $AB = 18$ and $BC = 14$.

$$\frac{18 \cdot 14 - x^2}{x^2} = \frac{9}{7} \Rightarrow 7 \cdot 18 \cdot 14 - 7x^2 = 9x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{7 \cdot 18 \cdot 14}{16} = \frac{4 \cdot 9 \cdot 49}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3 \cdot 7}{2} = \underline{\mathbf{\frac{21}{2}}} \text{ or } \underline{\mathbf{(10.5)}}.$$



- C) Since the diagonals of a rhombus are perpendicular,

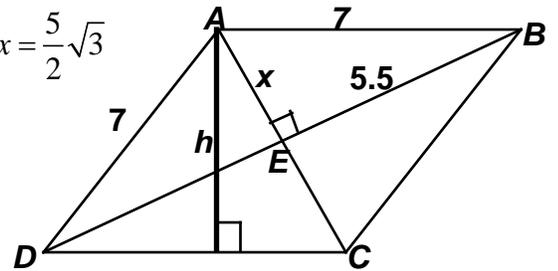
$$\text{we have } x^2 + (5.5)^2 = 7^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = 49 - 30.25 = 18\frac{3}{4} = \frac{75}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{3}$$

Thus, the short diagonal has length $5\sqrt{3}$.

Note that $5\sqrt{3} < 11$ (since $5^2 \cdot 3 < 11^2$).

Invoking the area formulas for any rhombus, we have

$$7h = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 11 \cdot 5\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow h = \underline{\mathbf{\frac{55\sqrt{3}}{14}}}.$$



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ROUND 4 ALG 1: FACTORING AND ITS APPLICATIONS**

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) (_____ , _____)

C) _____

A) Compute all values of x for which $(3x-2)(3x+1)=4$.

B) Given: $A > B > 0$ and $A \cdot B = 180$, for integers A and B .
The greatest common factor of A and B is 1 for exactly j distinct ordered pairs (A, B) and greater than 1 for exactly k distinct ordered pairs (A, B) . Compute the ordered pair (j, k) .

C) For $A > 0$, $\frac{(x+2)^2-81}{(7-x)(A+x)} \geq 0$ is satisfied for exactly 3 distinct integer values of x .
Compute all possible integer values of A .

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Round 4

A) $(3x-2)(3x+1) = 4 \Leftrightarrow 9x^2 - 3x - 6 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3(3x^2 - x - 2) = 3(3x+2)(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{-\frac{2}{3}, 1}}$

B) Examining the factorization of $180 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^1$, we see 180 has 18 positive factors which will form 9 ordered pairs (A, B) where $A \cdot B = 180$ and $A > B > 0$.

GCF = 1: (180, 1), (45, 4), (36, 5), (20, 9)

GCF = 2: (90, 2), (18, 10)

GCF = 3: (60, 3), (15, 12)

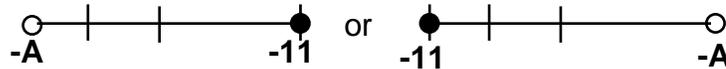
GCF = 6: (30, 6)

Thus, $(j, k) = \underline{\underline{(4, 5)}}$.

C) $\frac{(x+2)^2 - 81}{(7-x)(A+x)} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2 + 4x - 77}{(7-x)(A+x)} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{(x+11)(x-7)}{(7-x)(A+x)} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{-x-11}{A+x} \geq 0$, provided $x \neq 7$.

or, equivalently, $\frac{x+11}{A+x} \leq 0$. The solution set is between -11 and -A.

However, we must consider two cases: -A to the left of -11 and -A to the right of -11



To guarantee exactly 3 integer solutions, $A = \underline{\underline{8}}$ (-11, -10, -9) or $\underline{\underline{14}}$ (-13, -12, -11).

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ROUND 5 TRIG: FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL ANGLES**

ANSWERS

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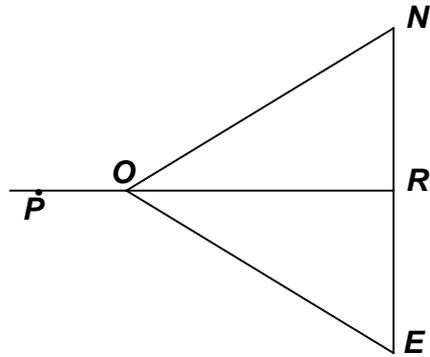
B) _____

C) _____

A) Determine the minimum value of A for which $\sin A = \frac{1}{2}$ and $A > 800^\circ$.

B) Compute $\frac{\tan 60^\circ - \sin 270^\circ}{\sin 210^\circ + \cos 330^\circ - \tan(-225^\circ)}$

C) $\triangle EON$ is equilateral and R is the midpoint of \overline{NE} .
 P , O and R are collinear.
If \overline{OS} bisects $\angle NOR$. Compute $\tan(\angle POS)$.



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Round 5

A) $A = \begin{cases} (1) 30^\circ + n(360^\circ) \\ (2) 150^\circ + n(360^\circ) \end{cases}$

For (1), the minimum value of n is 3, producing 1110

For (2), the minimum value of n is 2, producing **870**.

B)
$$\frac{\tan 60^\circ - \sin 270^\circ}{\sin 210^\circ + \cos 330^\circ - \tan(-225^\circ)} = \frac{\sqrt{3} - (-1)}{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - (-1)} = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}} = \underline{2}$$

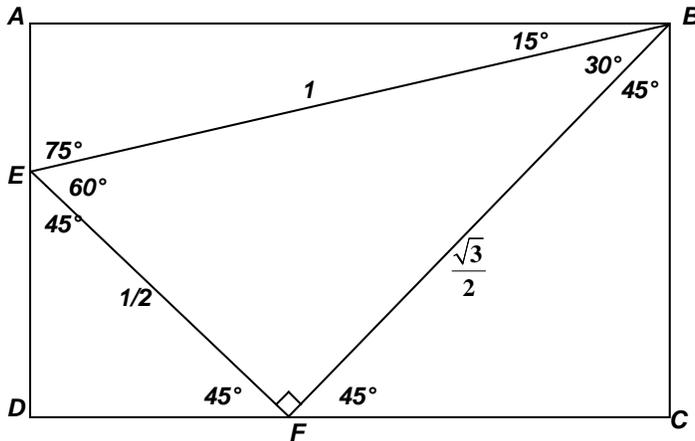
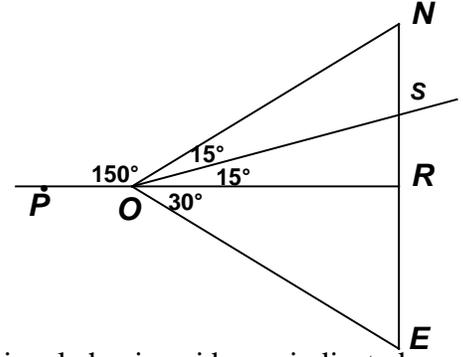
C) Clearly, $m\angle POS = 165^\circ$.

The tangent of an obtuse angle is negative.

Since $\tan \theta = -\tan(180 - \theta)$, $\tan 165^\circ = -\tan 15^\circ$.

Solution #1: Using only special angles (30° , 45° and 60°)

Consider rectangle $ABCD$ with an embedded $30 - 60 - 90$ right triangle having sides as indicated.



1) $FC = BC = AD = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}$ 2) $DE = DF = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$

3) $AB = DF + FC = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$ 4) $AE = AD - DE = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$

5) $\tan 15^\circ = \frac{AE}{AB} = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})^2}{6 - 2} = \frac{8 - 2\sqrt{12}}{4} = 2 - \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \tan 165^\circ = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{3} - 2}}$

Solution #2: (BORING expansion formulas!)

$\tan(A - B) = \frac{\tan A - \tan B}{1 + \tan A \tan B} \Rightarrow \tan 15^\circ = \frac{\tan 60^\circ - \tan 45^\circ}{1 + \tan 60^\circ \tan 45^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{1 + \sqrt{3}} = \text{etc.}$

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ROUND 6 PLANE GEOMETRY: ANGLES, TRIANGLES AND PARALLELS

ANSWERS

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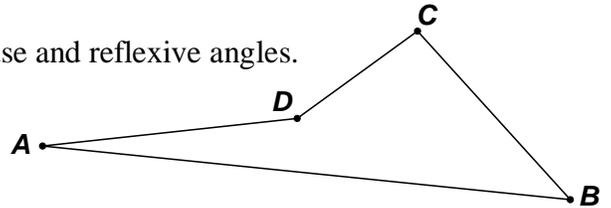
B) (_____ , _____)

C) _____

- A) A concave quadrilateral has interior angles which measure x° , $(2x)^\circ$, $(4x)^\circ$ and $(8x)^\circ$.

One of these angles is obtuse, and another is reflexive, i.e. with a degree measure between 180° and 360° .

Compute the sum of the degree-measures of the obtuse and reflexive angles.



- B) Each interior angle of a regular polygon with N sides measures more than 178° and less than 179° . The minimum value of N is m and the maximum value of N is M .

Compute the ordered pair (m, M) .

- C) Shortly after 5PM, the hour and minute hands of a circular clock form an angle of 110° . Within the hour, this happens again. Compute the elapsed time (in minutes) between these two occurrences.

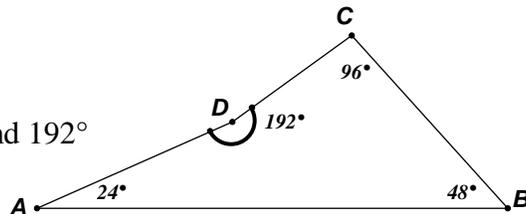
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Round 6

A) $x + 2x + 4x + 8x = 360 \Leftrightarrow 15x = 360 \Rightarrow x = 24$.

Thus, the 4 angle measures are 24° , 48° , 96° (obtuse) and 192° (reflexive).

The required sum is **288**.



B) $178 < \frac{180(n-2)}{n} < 179 \Rightarrow 178n < 180n - 360$ and $180n - 360 < 179n$

$\Rightarrow n > 180$ and $n < 360 \Rightarrow (m, M) = \underline{(181, 359)}$.

C) The minute hand moves 12 times as fast as the hour hand.

In one hour, the minute hand makes a complete revolution, i.e. turns through an angle of

360° or, equivalently, 6° every minute. The hour hand turns through $\frac{360^\circ}{12} = 30^\circ$ every hour,

or, equivalently, $\frac{1^\circ}{2}$ every minute.

In x minutes, the minute hand turns through $(6x)^\circ$ and the hour hand turns through $\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^\circ$.

Assume the first 110° angle occurs at x minutes past 5:00, i.e.

$m\angle MOH = 110^\circ$

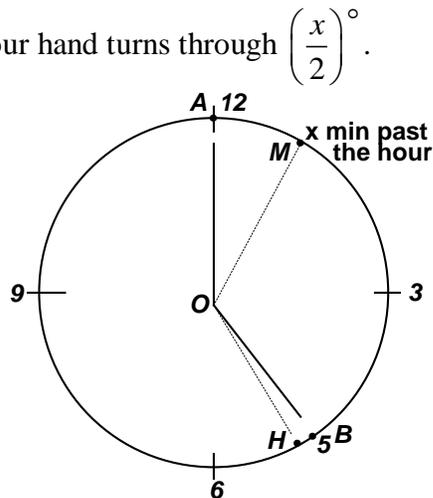
At 5:00, $m\angle AOB = 5(30^\circ) = 150^\circ$

At x minutes past 5:00, $m\angle AOM = (6x)^\circ$ and

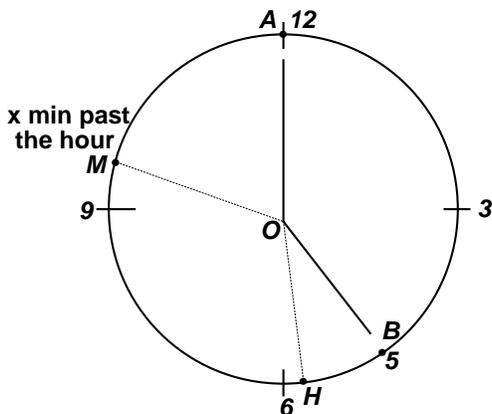
$m\angle BOH = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^\circ$.

Equating two different expressions for $\angle AOH$,

$6x + 110 = 150 + \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{40}{11}$.



For the second occurrence the diagram looks like the clock below:



Equating two different expressions for $\angle AOM$,

$6x = 150 + \frac{x}{2} + 110 \Rightarrow x = \frac{520}{11}$

The difference $\frac{520 - 80}{11} = \frac{440}{11} = \underline{40}$ minutes.

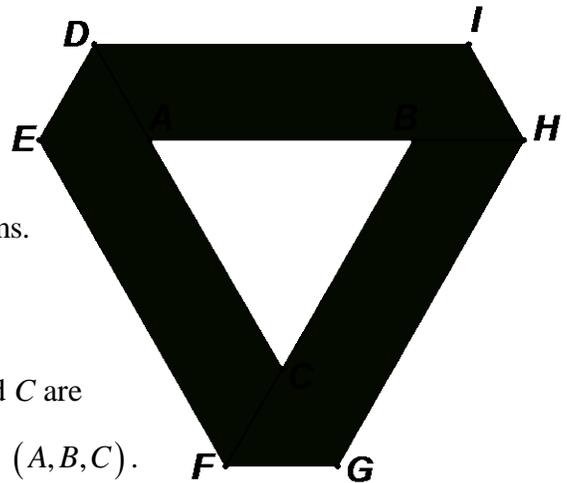
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ROUND 7 TEAM QUESTIONS**

ANSWERS

- A) _____ D) (__ , __ , __ , __ , __ , __)
 B) (__ , __) $S = \{ \text{_____} \}$ E) _____
 C) (_____ , _____ , _____) F) _____

A) Given: $\sum_{n=1}^{n=32} (1+i)^n = k(1-i)$ Compute k .

B) There are K possible digit-sums for the set of 2-digit primes.
 Let S be the set of the most frequently occurring digit-sums and N be the number of times each of these sums occurred.
 Determine the ordered pair (K, N) and the set S .
 Recall: The digit-sum of a number is the sum of the digits in that number.



C) ABC is an equilateral triangle with area 1 unit².
 $DEFC$, $FGHB$ and $HIDA$ are congruent parallelograms.
 If $FG = \frac{1}{2}$, the area of the shaded region can be
 expressed in the form $\frac{A(\sqrt{3} + B\sqrt[4]{3})}{C}$, where A , B and C are
 relatively prime integers. Compute the ordered triple (A, B, C) .

D) $36x^2 - 3xy - 60y^2 + 18x + 38y - 4$ factors as the product of two trinomials,
 namely $Ax + By + C$ and $Dx + Ey + F$, where each constant is an integer.
 If $AB < 0$, compute the ordered 6-tuple of constants (A, B, C, D, E, F) .

E) Compute $\sin 10^\circ \sin 30^\circ \sin 50^\circ \sin 70^\circ$.

F) The exterior angles (one at each vertex) of $\triangle ABC$ measure
 $(2(x+y)+8)^\circ$, $(5y-x)^\circ$ and $(3x+y-44)^\circ$, where x and y are integers.
 $x+y > 41$ and $2y-x > 46$
 The obtuse angle formed by the bisectors of the acute interior angles of $\triangle ABC$ measures 146° .
 Compute the degree-measure of the largest exterior angle of $\triangle ABC$.

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A) The summation $\sum_{n=1}^{n=32} (1+i)^n$ consists of 32 terms.

Since powers of i cycle in blocks of 4, consider any series of 4 consecutive terms.

Consider the simplest 4-block $(1+i)^0 + (1+i)^1 + (1+i)^2 + (1+i)^3$.

This simplifies to $1 + (1+i) + 2i + 2i(1+i) = 2 + 3i + 2i - 2 = 5i$. Thus, expressions of the form

$(1+i)^k + (1+i)^{k+1} + (1+i)^{k+2} + (1+i)^{k+3}$ simplify to $(1+i)^k \cdot 5i$, for any integer k .

The index for the given summation starts at 1.

$$k = 1 \Rightarrow (1+i)^1 \cdot (5i) = 5i + 5i^2 = -5(1-i)$$

For the given summation, $k = 1, 5, 9, \dots, 29$ generate 32 terms, 8 blocks of 4 terms each.

With a little effort, verify that the 4-block sums for $k = 5, 9$ and 13 are

$20(1-i)$, $-80(1-i)$ and $320(1-i)$. The coefficients of the common binomial term form a geometric sequence with a common multiplier of -4 . We must sum 8 terms from this sequence.

The required sum is $\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}(1-i) = \frac{-5(1-(-4)^8)}{1-(-4)}(1-i)$.

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{5(4^8 - 1)}{5} = 4^8 - 1 = 2^{16} - 1 = 2^{10} \cdot 2^6 - 1 = 1024 \cdot 64 - 1 = \underline{\underline{65535}}.$$

B) The 2-digit primes are: 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31
37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61
67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97

There are 21 2-digit primes.

The following chart summarizes the possible digit-sums and their corresponding frequencies

2	4	5	7	8	10	11	13	14	16	17
1	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	1
11	13 31	23 41	43 61	17 53 71	19 37 73	29 47 83	67	59	79 97	89

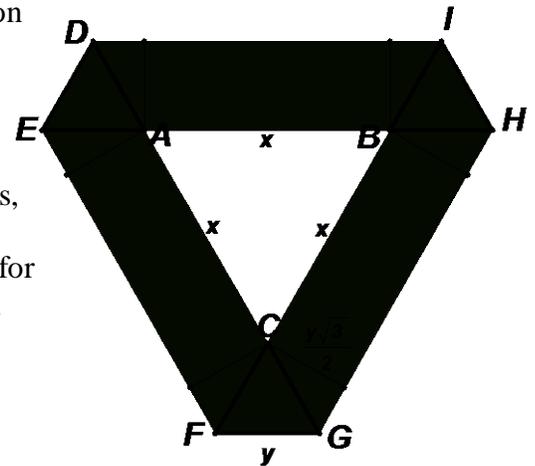
The fact that the 11 frequencies add up to 21 is a double check.

Thus, $(K, N) = (\underline{\underline{11}}, \underline{\underline{3}})$, $S = \{\underline{\underline{8}}, \underline{\underline{10}}, \underline{\underline{11}}\}$. (The elements in the set S may be listed in any order.)

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- C) From the diagram at the right, we see that the shaded region is comprised of 3 congruent equilateral triangles (ADE , BHI and CFG), 6 congruent 30-60-90 right triangles and 3 congruent rectangles. Any pair of 30-60-90 right triangles can be combined to form an equilateral triangle congruent to the named equilateral triangles. Thus, the area of the shaded region is equivalent to 6 equilateral triangles and 3 rectangles. The numbers are atrocious, so for now, forget the numerical values and assume $AB = x$ and $FG = y$. The required area is



$$6\left(\frac{y^2\sqrt{3}}{4}\right) + 3\left(x \cdot \frac{y\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(y^2 + xy)$$

Now we find x , substitute and simplify.

$$\frac{x^2\sqrt{3}}{4} = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3} = \frac{4 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}}{9} = \frac{4\sqrt{27}}{9} \Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt[4]{27}$$

For $y = \frac{1}{2}$, the required area is $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}(1 + 2x) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}\left(1 + \frac{4\sqrt[4]{27}}{3}\right)$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}(3 + 4\sqrt[4]{27}) = \frac{3\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt[4]{27}}{8} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt[4]{9} \cdot \sqrt[4]{27}}{8} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt[4]{3^5}}{8} = \frac{3(\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt[4]{3})}{8} \Rightarrow \underline{(3, 4, 8)}$$

- D) Solution #1: Quadratic Formula

But the QF works for an equation in a single variable??? Treat y as a constant!

$$36x^2 - 3xy - 60y^2 + 18x + 38y - 4 = 36x^2 + (18 - 3y)x - (60y^2 - 38y + 4)$$

$$x = \frac{3y - 18 \pm \sqrt{(18 - 3y)^2 + 4(36)(60y^2 - 38y + 4)}}{72}$$

Factoring a 9 out of the radicand allows

us to eliminate a factor of 3 in the numerator and denominator.

$$x = \frac{y - 6 \pm \sqrt{(6 - y)^2 + 16(60y^2 - 38y + 4)}}{24}$$

Expanding the radicand, we are looking for a

perfect square trinomial. $(6 - y)^2 + 16(60y^2 - 38y + 4)$

$$36 - 12y + y^2 + 960y^2 - 608y + 64 = 961y^2 - 620y + 100$$

Voila! Both the lead coefficient and the constant term are perfect squares. We have $(31y - 10)^2$.

Simplifying the boxed equation, $x = \frac{y - 6 \pm (31y - 10)}{24} = \frac{32y - 16}{24}, \frac{-30y + 4}{24}$.

Reducing the fractions, $x = \frac{4y - 2}{3}, \frac{-15y + 2}{12}$. Clearing the fractions and transposing terms,

$$3x - 4y + 2 = 0, 12x + 15y - 2 = 0, \text{ and these are our two factors} \Rightarrow \underline{(3, -4, 2, 12, 15, -2)}$$

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D) continued

Solution #2: Indeterminate Coefficients (or Systematic Guess and Check)

Key Concept: Parity: Even + Odd = Odd / Even x Odd = Even, etc.

Signs (\pm) are not so important, since interchanging positive and negative factors in a product maintains the negative result.

Matching the coefficients of

$$(Ax + By + C)(Dx + Ey + F) = ADx^2 - (AE + BD)xy + BEy^2 + (AF + DC)x + (BF + CE)y + CF$$

with the coefficients of $36x^2 - 3xy - 60y^2 + 18x + 38y - 4$, we get an *exciting* system of 6 equations in the 6 unknown constants.

$$\begin{cases} (1) x^2 & AD = 36 \\ (2) xy & AE + BD = -3 \\ (3) y^2 & BE = -60 \\ (4) x & AF + DC = 18 \\ (5) y & BF + CE = 38 \\ (6) & CF = -4 \end{cases}$$

There are lots of possibilities. To minimize the guesswork, we zero in on equation #2 (the only one with an *odd* sum) and #6 (*fewest* number of factors) and start "guessing".

If $C = 1$ and $F = 4$, then $\begin{cases} 4A + D = 18 \\ 4B + E = 38 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$ both D and E are even and this contradicts

equation #2, since the sum $AE + BD$ is supposed to be odd.

Therefore, we definitely know that $C = 2$, $F = -2$ (**or vice versa**).

$$\text{Equations \#3, 5} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} BE = -60 \\ B - E = 19 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (B, E) = (-15, 4)$$

$$\text{Equations \#1, 2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -4A + 15D = -3 \\ AD = 36 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (A, D) = (12, 3)$$

Checking in equation #4, $12 \cdot (-2) + 3 \cdot 2 = -18$ Oops! It must have been $(C, F) = (-2, 2)$

Voila! The factors are $(12x + 15y - 2)$ and $(3x - 4y + 2)$.

If $AB < 0$, the required 6-tuple is $(3, -4, 2, 12, 15, -2)$.

Challenge: If the question had asked for $AB + AE + AF + BD + BE + BF + CD + CE + CF$, it would have been MUCH easier. Why?

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E) Knowing the expansions for $\sin(A \pm B)$ and $\cos(A \pm B)$, we see that

$$\begin{cases} (1) \cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B) = 2 \cos A \cos B \\ (2) \cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B) = 2 \sin A \sin B \\ (3) \sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B) = 2 \sin A \cos B \\ (4) \sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B) = 2 \cos A \sin B \end{cases}$$

$$\sin 10^\circ \sin 30^\circ \sin 50^\circ \sin 70^\circ =$$

$$\text{Regrouping for implementation of rule \#2: } \frac{1}{4} (2 \sin 10^\circ \sin 70^\circ) (2 \sin 30^\circ \sin 50^\circ)$$

$$\text{Applying rule \#2: } \frac{1}{4} (\cos 60^\circ - \cos 80^\circ) (\cos 20^\circ - \cos 80^\circ)$$

$$\text{FOILing: } \frac{1}{4} (\cos 60^\circ \cos 20^\circ - \cos 60^\circ \cos 80^\circ - \cos 80^\circ \cos 20^\circ + \cos 80^\circ \cos 80^\circ)$$

$$\text{Regrouping: } \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (2 \cos 60^\circ \cos 20^\circ - 2 \cos 60^\circ \cos 80^\circ - 2 \cos 80^\circ \cos 20^\circ + 2 \cos 80^\circ \cos 80^\circ)$$

Applying rule #1 (to each of the 4 products):

$$\frac{1}{8} ((\cos 40^\circ + \cos 80^\circ) - (\cos(-20^\circ) + \cos 140^\circ) - (\cos 60^\circ + \cos 100^\circ) + (\cos 0^\circ + \cos 160^\circ))$$

$$\frac{1}{8} ((\cos 40^\circ + \cos 80^\circ) - (\cos 20^\circ - \cos 40^\circ) - (\cos 60^\circ - \cos 80^\circ) + (1 - \cos 20^\circ))$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(2 \cos 40^\circ + 2 \cos 80^\circ - 2 \cos 20^\circ - \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(2(\cos 40^\circ + \cos 80^\circ) - 2 \cos 20^\circ - \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right)$$

Now applying rule #1 in reverse, $A - B = 40$ and $A + B = 80 \Rightarrow (A, B) = (60, 20)$.

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(2(2 \cos 60^\circ \cos 20^\circ - \cos 20^\circ) - \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{8} \left(2(\cos 20^\circ - \cos 20^\circ) - \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{16}}}$$

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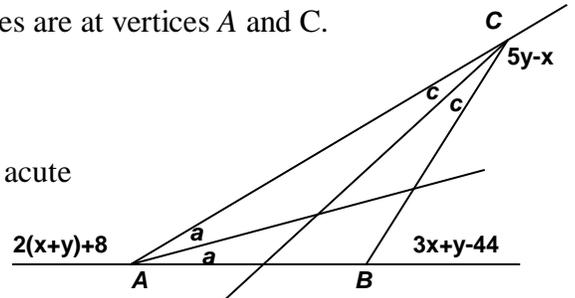
F) From the diagram it *appears* that the acute interior angles are at vertices A and C.

But is this the case?

$$x + y > 41 \Rightarrow 2(x + y) + 8 > 90 \Rightarrow \angle CAB \text{ is acute}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + y > 41 \\ 2(2y - x > 46) \end{cases} \Rightarrow 5y - x > 92 + 41 = 133 \Rightarrow \angle BCA \text{ is acute}$$

Thus, the interior angles at A and C are in fact acute!



$$a + c + 146 = 180 \Rightarrow a + c = 34$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 2c = 68 \Rightarrow 2(x + y) + 8 + (5y - x) = 360 - 68 \Rightarrow x + 7y = 284$$

The exterior angles (one at each vertex) must total 360° .

$$\text{Therefore, } (2(x + y) + 8) + (5y - x) + (3x + y - 44) = 360 \Rightarrow x + 2y = 99$$

$$\text{Subtracting, } 5y = 185 \Rightarrow y = 37, x = 25.$$

The exterior angles are 132, 68 and **160**.

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Round 1 Algebra 2: Complex Numbers (No Trig)

- A) 3 B) 13 C) (2, 11)

Round 2 Algebra 1: Anything

- A) (23, 9) B) 13, 19 (in any order) C) 3

Round 3 Plane Geometry: Area of Rectilinear Figures

- A) 1 : 8 B) 10.5 (or $\frac{21}{2}$) C) $\frac{55\sqrt{3}}{14}$

Round 4 Algebra: Factoring and its Applications

- A) $-\frac{2}{3}, 1$ B) (4, 5) C) 8, 14

Round 5 Trig: Functions of Special Angles

- A) 870 B) 2 C) $\sqrt{3}-2$

Round 6 Plane Geometry: Angles, Triangles and Parallels

- A) 288 B) (181,359) C) 40

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- A) 65535 D) (3, -4, 2, 12, 15, -2)
- B) (11,3), $S = \{8,10,11\}$ E) $\frac{1}{16}$
- C) (3, 4, 8) F) 160