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Guts Round

1. [5] The graphs of the equations

$$y = -x + 8$$
$$173y = -289x + 2021$$

on the Cartesian plane intersect at (a, b). Find a + b.

Proposed by: Holden Mui

Answer: 8

Solution: From the first equation, it is known that (a, b) lies on the line x + y = 8, therefore a + b = 8.

2. [5] There are 8 lily pads in a pond numbered 1, 2, ..., 8. A frog starts on lily pad 1. During the *i*-th second, the frog jumps from lily pad *i* to i+1, falling into the water with probability $\frac{1}{i+1}$. The probability that the frog lands safely on lily pad 8 without having fallen into the water at any point can be written as $\frac{m}{n}$, where m, n are positive integers and $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Find 100m + n.

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: 108

Solution: The probability the frog lands safely on lily pad i+1 given that the frog safely landed on lily pad i is $\frac{i}{i+1}$. The probability the frog make it to lily pad 8 safely is simply the product of the probabilities of the frog making it to each of the lily pads 2 through 8 given it had safely landed on the lily pad before it. Thus, the probability is

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdots \frac{7}{8} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

3. **[5]** Suppose

$$h \cdot a \cdot r \cdot v \cdot a \cdot r \cdot d = m \cdot i \cdot t = h \cdot m \cdot m \cdot t = 100.$$

Find $(r \cdot a \cdot d) \cdot (t \cdot r \cdot i \cdot v \cdot i \cdot a)$.

 $Proposed\ by:\ Sean\ Li$

Answer: 10000

Solution: The answer is

$$\frac{harvard \cdot mit \cdot mit}{hmmt} = 100^2 = 10000.$$

4. [6] Find the number of ways in which the letters in "HMMTHMMT" can be rearranged so that each letter is adjacent to another copy of the same letter. For example, "MMMMTTHH" satisfies this property, but "HHTMMMTM" does not.

Proposed by: David Vulakh

Answer: 12

Solution: The final string must consist of "blocks" of at least two consecutive repeated letters. For example, MMMMTTHH has a block of 4 M's, a block of 2 T's, and a block of 2 H's. Both H's must

be in a block, both T's must be in a block, and all M's are either in the same block or in two blocks of 2. Therefore all blocks have an even length, meaning that all we need to do is to count the number of rearrangements of the indivisible blocks "HH", "MM", "MM", and "TT". The number of these is 4!/2 = 12.

5. [6] A perfect power is an integer n that can be represented as a^k for some positive integers $a \ge 1$ and $k \ge 2$. Find the sum of all prime numbers 0 such that p is 1 less than a perfect power.

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: 41

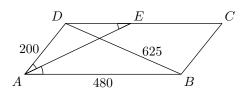
Solution: First, it is known that $a^k - 1 = (a-1)(a^{k-1} + a^{k-2} + ...)$. This means either a-1 or $a^{k-1} + a^{k-2} + ... + 1$ must be 1 in order for $a^k - 1$ to be prime. But this only occurs when a is 2. Thus, the only possible primes are of the form $2^k - 1$ for some integer k > 1. One can check that the primes of this form less than 50 are $2^2 - 1 = 3$, $2^3 - 1 = 7$, and $2^5 - 1 = 31$.

6. [6] Let ABCD be a parallelogram with AB = 480, AD = 200, and BD = 625. The angle bisector of $\angle BAD$ meets side CD at point E. Find CE.

Proposed by: Guanpeng Xu, Joseph Heerens

Answer: 280

Solution:



First, it is known that $\angle BAD + \angle CDA = 180^{\circ}$. Further, $\angle DAE = \frac{\angle BAD}{2}$. Thus, as the angles in triangle ADE sum to 180° , this means $\angle DEA = \frac{\angle BAD}{2} = \angle DAE$. Therefore, DAE is isosceles, making DE = 200 and CE = 280.

7. [7] Two unit squares S_1 and S_2 have horizontal and vertical sides. Let x be the minimum distance between a point in S_1 and a point in S_2 , and let y be the maximum distance between a point in S_1 and a point in S_2 . Given that x = 5, the difference between the maximum and minimum possible values for y can be written as $a + b\sqrt{c}$, where a, b, and c are integers and c is positive and square-free. Find 100a + 10b + c.

Proposed by: Daniel Zhu

Answer: 472

Solution: Consider what must happen in order for the minimum distance to be exactly 5. Let one square, say S_1 have vertices of (0,0),(0,1),(1,0), and (1,1). Further, assume WLOG that the center of S_2 is above the line $y=\frac{1}{2}$ and to the right of the line $x=\frac{1}{2}$, determined by the center of S_1 . There are three cases to consider:

- the right side of S_1 and the left side of S_2 are 5 units apart, and the bottom left vertex of S_2 lies under the line y = 1;
- the top side of S_1 and the bottom side of S_2 are 5 units apart, and the bottom left vertex of S_2 lies to the left of the line x = 1;

• the bottom left coordinate of S_2 is (a,b) with $a,b \ge 1$, and $5 = \sqrt{(a-1)^2 + (b-1)^2}$.

We see that the first two cases are symmetric, so consider the case where the left edge of S_2 lies on the line x=6. When this is true, the maximum distance will be achieved between (0,0) and the upper right vertex of S_2 . The upper right vertex can achieve the points (7,c) where $1 \le c \le 2$, and so $y \in [\sqrt{50}, \sqrt{53}]$.

The other case we have to consider is when the bottom left vertex of S_2 , (a,b), is above y=1 and to the right of x=1, in which case the maximum distance is achieved from (0,0) and the upper right vertex of S_2 . This distance is $\sqrt{(a+1)^2+(b+1)^2}$, which, by the triangle inequality, is at most $\sqrt{(a-1)^2+(b-1)^2}+\sqrt{2^2+2^2}=5+2\sqrt{2}$. Since equality holds when $a=b=5/\sqrt{2}+1$, the largest possible maximum here is $5+2\sqrt{2}$, and the difference between the largest and smallest possible values of y is $5+2\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{50}=5-3\sqrt{2}$.

8. [7] Let p, q, r be primes such that 2p + 3q = 6r. Find p + q + r.

Proposed by: Sheldon Kieren Tan

Answer: 7

Solution: First, it is known that 3q = 6r - 2p = 2(3r - p), thus q is even. The only even prime is 2 so q = 2. Further, 2p = 6r - 3q = 3(2r - q), which means that p is a multiple of 3 and thus p = 3. This means that $2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 2 = 6r \implies r = 2$. Therefore, p + q + r = 3 + 2 + 2 = 7.

9. [7] Let n be an integer and

$$m = (n - 1001)(n - 2001)(n - 2002)(n - 3001)(n - 3002)(n - 3003).$$

Given that m is positive, find the minimum number of digits of m.

Proposed by: Daniel Zhu

Answer: 11

Solution: One can show that if m > 0, then we must either have n > 3003 or n < 1001. If n < 1001, each term other than n - 1001 has absolute value at least 1000, so $m > 1000^5$, meaning that m has at least 16 digits. However, if n > 3003, it is clear that the minimal m is achieved at n = 3004, which makes

$$m = 2002 \cdot 1002 \cdot 1001 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 12 \cdot 1001 \cdot 1001 \cdot 1002$$

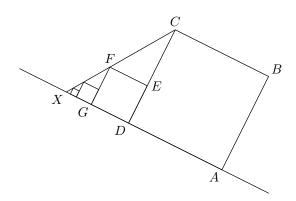
which is about $12 \cdot 10^9$ and thus has 11 digits.

10. [8] Squares ABCD and DEFG have side lengths 1 and $\frac{1}{3}$, respectively, where E is on \overline{CD} and points A, D, G lie on a line in that order. Line CF meets line AG at X. The length AX can be written as $\frac{m}{n}$, where m, n are positive integers and $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Find 100m + n.

Proposed by: David Vulakh

Answer: 302

Solution:



There are a variety of solutions involving similar triangles. One fast way to solve the problem without hunting for many geometric relationships is to notice that, if one continues to add squares inscribed between \overline{AX} and \overline{XC} as shown in the diagram above, each square has side length equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the length of the previous square. Then $AX = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \cdots = \frac{3}{2}$. Note that this construction can be used to geometrically prove the formula for infinite geometric sums!

11. [8] Let n be a positive integer. Given that n^n has 861 positive divisors, find n.

Proposed by: Sean Li

Answer: 20

Solution: If $n=p_1^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$, we must have $(n\alpha_1+1)(n\alpha_2+1)\dots (n\alpha_k+1)=861=3\cdot 7\cdot 41$. If k=1, we have $n\mid 860$, and the only prime powers dividing 860 are 2, 2^2 , 5, and 43, which are not solutions. Note that if $n\alpha_i+1=3$ or $n\alpha_i+1=7$ for some i, then n is either 1, 2, 3, or 6, which are not solutions. Therefore, we must have $n\alpha_i+1=3\cdot 7$ for some i. The only divisor of 20 that is divisible by $p_i^{n/20}$ for some prime p_i is 20, and it is indeed the solution.

12. [8] Alice draws three cards from a standard 52-card deck with replacement. Ace through 10 are worth 1 to 10 points respectively, and the face cards King, Queen, and Jack are each worth 10 points. The probability that the sum of the point values of the cards drawn is a multiple of 10 can be written as $\frac{m}{n}$, where m, n are positive integers and $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Find 100m + n.

Proposed by: Zhao Yu Ma

Answer: 26597

Solution: The probability that all three cards drawn are face cards is $\left(\frac{3}{13}\right)^3 = \frac{27}{2197}$. In that case, the sum is 30 and therefore a multiple of 10. Otherwise, one of the cards is not a face card, so its point value p is drawn uniformly from values from 1 to 10. The sum of the values of the other two cards uniquely determines the point value p for which the sum of all three values is a multiple of 10. Therefore, the total probability is $\frac{27}{2197} + \frac{1}{10}\left(1 - \frac{27}{2197}\right) = \frac{244}{2197}$.

13. [9] Find the number of ways in which the nine numbers

$$1, 12, 123, 1234, \ldots, 123456789$$

can be arranged in a row so that adjacent numbers are relatively prime.

Proposed by: Sean Li

Answer:

0

Solution: The six numbers 12, 123, 12345, 123456, 12345678, and 123456789 are divisible by 3, so they cannot be adjacent. However, arranging six numbers in a row with no two adjacent requires at least 11 numbers, which is impossible.

14. [9] In a $k \times k$ chessboard, a set S of 25 cells that are in a 5×5 square is chosen uniformly at random. The probability that there are more black squares than white squares in S is 48%. Find k.

Proposed by: Akash Das

Answer: 9

Solution: We know that there must be fewer black squares than white squares, and k must be odd. Additionally, we know that there are k-4 ways to pick the left column of the 5×5 square so that the right column can fit within the $k \times k$ grid, and k-4 ways to pick the top row by similar logic. Therefore, there are $(k-4)^2$ of these 5×5 squares on this chessboard, and because there will be more black squares than white squares whenever there exists a black square in the top left corner, there are $\frac{(k-4)^2-1}{2}$ of them have more black squares than white squares, corresponding to the number of black squares in the upper $(k-4) \times (k-4)$ grid. Thus, we have

$$\frac{\frac{(k-4)^2 - 1}{2}}{(k-4)^2} = 0.48 \implies k = 9$$

15. [9] Tetrahedron ABCD has side lengths AB = 6, $BD = 6\sqrt{2}$, BC = 10, AC = 8, CD = 10, and AD = 6. The distance from vertex A to face BCD can be written as $\frac{a\sqrt{b}}{c}$, where a, b, c are positive integers, b is square-free, and $\gcd(a, c) = 1$. Find 100a + 10b + c.

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: 2851

Solution: First, we see that faces ABD, ABC, and ACD are all right triangles. Now, ABD can be visualized as the base, and it can be seen that side AC is then the height of the tetrahedron, as AC should be perpendicular to both AB and AD. Therefore, the area of the base is $\frac{6^2}{2} = 18$ and the volume of the tetrahedron is $\frac{18\cdot8}{3} = 48$.

Now, let the height to BCD be h. The area of triangle BCD comes out to $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 6\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{82} = 6\sqrt{41}$. This means that the volume is

$$48 = \frac{6h\sqrt{41}}{3} = 2h\sqrt{41} \implies h = \frac{24}{\sqrt{41}} = \frac{24\sqrt{41}}{41}.$$

16. [10] A counter begins at 0. Then, every second, the counter either increases by 1 or resets back to 0 with equal probability. The expected value of the counter after ten seconds can be written as $\frac{m}{n}$, where m, n are positive integers and gcd(m, n) = 1. Find 100m + n.

Proposed by: Sean Li

Answer: 103324

Solution: The probability that the counter is equal to k corresponds to the last k seconds all being increases by 1 and the second before that being a reset to 0, which happens with probability 2^{-k-1} . The

only contradiction to this is when k = 10 and the counter gets there by only counting 1's. Therefore, the expected value is simply the sum of probabilities times the counter, which is

$$\frac{10}{2^{10}} + \sum_{k=1}^{9} \frac{k}{2^{k+1}} = \left(\frac{1}{2^{10}} + \sum_{k=1}^{9} \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2^{10}} + \sum_{k=2}^{9} \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}\right) + \ldots + \frac{1}{2^{10}} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \ldots + \frac{1}{2^{10}} = \frac{1023}{1024}.$$

17. [10] Let ABCDEFGH be an equilateral octagon with $\angle A \cong \angle C \cong \angle E \cong \angle G$ and $\angle B \cong \angle D \cong \angle F \cong \angle H$. If the area of ABCDEFGH is three times the area of ACEG, then $\sin B$ can be written as $\frac{m}{n}$, where m, n are positive integers and $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Find 100m + n.

Proposed by: Daniel Zhu

Answer: 405

Solution: Assume AC = 1. Note that from symmetry, it can be seen that all angles in ACEG must be equal. Further, by similar logic all sides must be equal which means that ACEG is a square. Additionally, as AB = BC, ABC is an isosceles triangle, which means the octagon consists of a unit square with four isosceles triangles of area 1/2 attached.

Now, if the side length of the octagon is s, and $\angle B = 2\theta$, then we obtain that

$$\frac{1}{2}s^2\sin(2\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2s^2\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) = 1.$$

Further, since the length AC is equal to 1, this means that $s\sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$. From this, we compute

$$2s\cos(\theta) = \frac{2s^2\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)}{s\sin(\theta)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2.$$

So $\tan(\theta) = \frac{s\sin(\theta)}{s\cos(\theta)} = \frac{1}{2}$. From this, $\sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ and $\cos(\theta) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$, which means $\sin(B) = \sin(2\theta) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{4}{5}$.

18. [10] Let x, y, z be real numbers satisfying

$$\frac{1}{x} + y + z = x + \frac{1}{y} + z = x + y + \frac{1}{z} = 3.$$

The sum of all possible values of x+y+z can be written as $\frac{m}{n}$, where m,n are positive integers and gcd(m,n)=1. Find 100m+n.

Proposed by: Sean Li

Answer: 6106

Solution: The equality $\frac{1}{x} + y + z = x + \frac{1}{y} + z$ implies $\frac{1}{x} + y = x + \frac{1}{y}$, so xy = -1 or x = y. Similarly, yz = -1 or y = z, and zx = -1 or z = x.

If no two elements multiply to -1, then x=y=z. which implies $2x+\frac{1}{x}=3$ and so $(x,y,z)\in\{(1,1,1),(\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2})\}$. Otherwise, we may assume xy=-1, which implies z=3 and $x+y=\frac{8}{3}$, whence $\{x,y,z\}=\{-\frac{1}{3},3,3\}$.

The final answer is $(1+1+1) + (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) + (-\frac{1}{3} + 3 + 3) = \frac{61}{6}$.

19. [11] Integers $0 \le a, b, c, d \le 9$ satisfy

$$6a + 9b + 3c + d = 88$$

$$a - b + c - d = -6$$

$$a - 9b + 3c - d = -46$$

Find 1000a + 100b + 10c + d.

Proposed by: Akash Das

Answer: 6507

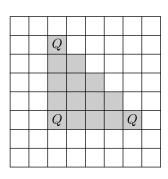
Solution: Let $N = \overline{abcd}$ be an at most-four digit number. Note that the first equation gives us $N \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$. The second equation gives us $N \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$. The third equation gives us $N \equiv 7 \pmod{13}$. Using CRT, we get $N \equiv \frac{1}{2} \equiv 501 \pmod{1001}$. Thus, we have N = 501 + 1001k for some integer $0 \le k \le 9$. The only value of k that satisfies the first equation is k = 6, which yields N = 6507.

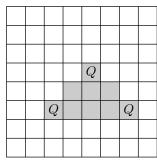
20. [11] On a chessboard, a queen attacks every square it can reach by moving from its current square along a row, column, or diagonal without passing through a different square that is occupied by a chess piece. Find the number of ways in which three indistinguishable queens can be placed on an 8×8 chess board so that each queen attacks both others.

Proposed by: Gabriel Wu

Answer: 864

Solution:





The configuration of three cells must come in a 45-45-90 triangle. There are two cases, both shown above: the triangle has legs parallel to the axes, or it has its hypotenuse parallel to an axis. The first case can be solved by noticing that each selection of four cells in the shape of a square corresponds to four such possibilities. There are 7^2 possible squares of size 2×2 , 6^2 possible squares of size 3×3 , and so on. The total for this first case is thus $4(7^2+6^2+\cdots+1^2)=560$. The second case can also be done by casework: each triangle in this case can be completed into an n+1 by 2n+1 rectangle, of which there are $7 \cdot 6 + 6 \cdot 4 + 5 \cdot 2$ (for n=1,2,3 respectively). Multiply this by 4 to get all orientations of the triangle. The final answer is $560+4(7\cdot 6+6\cdot 4+5\cdot 2)=864$.

21. [11] Circle ω is inscribed in rhombus HM_1M_2T so that ω is tangent to $\overline{HM_1}$ at A, $\overline{M_1M_2}$ at I, $\overline{M_2T}$ at M, and \overline{TH} at E. Given that the area of HM_1M_2T is 1440 and the area of EMT is 405, find the area of AIME.

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: 540

Solution: First, from equal tangents, we know that TE=TM. As the sides of a rhombus are also equal, this gives from SAS similarity that $EMT\sim THM_2$. Further, the ratio of their areas is $\frac{405}{1440/2}=\frac{9}{16}$. This means that $TE=TM=\frac{3}{4}HT$. Then, we get that $MM_2=MI$, so $M_2MI\sim M_2TM_1$, and since $MM_2=\frac{1}{4}M_2T$, we get that $[M_2MI]=\frac{1}{16}[M_2TM_1]=\frac{720}{16}=45$. From here,

$$[AIME] = [HM_1M_2T] - [EHA] - [AM_1I] - [IM_2M] - [MTE] = 1440 - 2(405 + 45) = 540.$$

22. [12] Two distinct squares on a 4×4 chessboard are chosen, with each pair of squares equally likely to be chosen. A knight is placed on one of the squares. The expected value of the minimum number of moves it takes for the knight to reach the other squarecan be written as $\frac{m}{n}$, where m, n are positive integers and gcd(m, n) = 1. Find 100m + n.

Proposed by: Jeffrey Lu

Answer: 1205

Solution:

We can do casework based on the position of the knight: corner, edge, or center. In each case, we can quickly compute all 15 distances by writing a 1 down in all squares reachable from the original square, then writing a 2 down in all blank squares reachable from a square with a 1, writing a 3 down in all blank squares reachable from a square with a 2, and so on. The resulting tables are below:

0	3	2	5
3	4	1	2
2	1	4	3
5	2	3	2

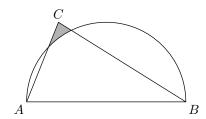
3	0	3	2
2	3	2	1
1	2	1	4
2	3	2	3

4	3	2	1
3	0	3	2
2	3	2	1
1	2	1	4

The expectation can be computed by weighing the sum of the distances in each of these tables by the number of squares of that type:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{16 \cdot 15} & (4(2 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 5) + 8(3 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 4) + 4(4 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4)) \\ &= \frac{1}{240} & (168 + 272 + 136) \\ &= \frac{12}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

23. [12] Side \overline{AB} of $\triangle ABC$ is the diameter of a semicircle, as shown below. If $AB = 3 + \sqrt{3}$, $BC = 3\sqrt{2}$, and $AC = 2\sqrt{3}$, then the area of the shaded region can be written as $\frac{a + (b + c\sqrt{d})\pi}{e}$, where a, b, c, d, e are integers, e is positive, d is square-free, and $\gcd(a, b, c, e) = 1$. Find 10000a + 1000b + 100c + 10d + e.



Proposed by: David Vulakh

Answer: | 147938

Solution: Drop an altitude to point D on \overline{AB} from C and let x = AD. Solving for x, we find

$$12 - x^{2} = 18 - \left(3 + \sqrt{3} - x\right)^{2} \Rightarrow 12 = 18 - 9 - 6\sqrt{3} - 3 + 2\left(3 + \sqrt{3}\right)x - x^{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow 6 + 6\sqrt{3} = \left(6 + 2\sqrt{3}\right)x$$
$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}$$

So AC = 2AD, from which we have $\angle CAD = 60^{\circ}$. Also, $CD = AD\sqrt{3} = 3$ and $BD = AB - AD = 3 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} = 3$, so $\angle DBC = 45^{\circ}$. Then, if E is the intersection of the circle with \overline{AC} , F is the intersection of the circle with \overline{BC} , and O is the midpoint of \overline{AB} , $\angle AOE = 60^{\circ}$ and $\angle BOF = 90^{\circ}$. Then, letting $r = \frac{AB}{2}$, we get that the area of the part of $\triangle ABC$ that lies inside the semicircle is

$$\frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}\right)\pi r^2 + \frac{1}{2}r^2\sin 60^\circ + \frac{1}{2}r^2\sin 90^\circ = \frac{1}{12}\pi r^2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}r^2 + \frac{1}{2}r^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{12}\left(\pi + 3\sqrt{3} + 6\right)r^2$$

So the desired area is

$$3r - \frac{1}{12} \left(\pi + 3\sqrt{3} + 6 \right) r^2 = \frac{9 + 3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{8} \left(\pi + 3\sqrt{3} + 6 \right) \left(2 + \sqrt{3} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(9 + 3\sqrt{3} \right) - \frac{1}{8} \left(2 + \sqrt{3} \right) \pi - \frac{1}{8} \left(21 + 12\sqrt{3} \right)$$
$$= \frac{15 - \left(2 + \sqrt{3} \right) \pi}{8}.$$

- 24. [12] Find the number of subsets S of $\{1, 2, \dots, 48\}$ satisfying both of the following properties:
 - For each integer $1 \le k \le 24$, exactly one of 2k-1 and 2k is in S.
 - There are exactly nine integers $1 \le m \le 47$ so that both m and m+1 are in S.

Proposed by: Daniel Zhu

Answer: 177100

Solution: This problem can be thought of as laying down a series of 1×2 dominoes, with each one having either the left or right square marked. The second condition states that exactly 9 pairs of consecutive dominoes will have the leftmost one with the right square marked and the rightmost one with the left square marked. Therefore, this problem can be thought of as laying down a series of dominoes with the left square marked, followed by a series with the right square marked, followed by left square and so on and so forth, with the pattern LRLRLRL...LR. However, the left end is not guaranteed to be left marked dominoes and the right end is not guaranteed to be right marked dominoes. However, we can add a left marked domino to the left end and a right marked domino to the right end without changing the number of right-left combinations in the sequence. Further, there will be 10 of each left and right blocks, and a total of 26 dominoes, such that each block has at least 1 domino. If there are $a_1, a_2, ..., a_{20}$ dominoes in each block, then $a_1 + a_2 + ... + a_{20} = 26$ and $a_i > 0$ for all $1 \le i \le 20$. Therefore, from stars and bars, we find that there are $\binom{25}{6}$ ways to select the dominoes and thus the subset S. Surprisingly, $\binom{25}{6}$ is not too hard to compute and is just 177100.

25. [13] Let x, y, z be real numbers satisfying

$$2x + y + 4xy + 6xz = -6$$
$$y + 2z + 2xy + 6yz = 4$$
$$x - z + 2xz - 4yz = -3$$

Find $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.

Proposed by: David Vulakh

Answer: 29

Solution: We multiply the first, second, and third equations by $\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{1}{2}$, and -1, respectively, then add the three resulting equations. This gives xy + xz + yz = -2. Doing the same with the coefficients -1, 2, and 3 gives x+y+z=5, from which $(x+y+z)^2=25$. So $x^2+y^2+z^2=25-2\cdot -2=29$.

26. [13] Let X be the number of sequences of integers $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{2047}$ that satisfy all of the following properties:

- Each a_i is either 0 or a power of 2.
- $a_i = a_{2i} + a_{2i+1}$ for $1 \le i \le 1023$.
- $a_1 = 1024$.

Find the remainder when X is divided by 100.

Proposed by: Gabriel Wu

Answer: 15

Solution 1: This problem can be visualized as a complete binary tree with 16 leaves, such that each node contains the sum of its two children. Let f(p) be the number of ways to fill in a binary tree with 2^p leaves and the root having value 2^p . We want f(10). Since all values must be a power of 2, we can set up the recurrence $f(p) = 2f(p-1) + f(p-1)^2$. This is because we have three cases: either all of the 2^p can go to the left child of the root (in which case there are f(p-1) ways because even though there's 2^p in the new root, we can treat it as 2^{p-1} because none of the leaves will have a value of 1), all of the it can go to the right child of the root (another f(p-1) ways), or it can be split evenly $(f(p-1)^2$ ways). This recursion can be shown to be $f(p) = 2^{2^p} - 1$ by induction. Thus, our answer is $2^{1024} - 1$ which is 15 modulo 100.

Solution 2: The simple formula derived in the previous solution hints at a cute bijection. It turns out that the entire tree is determined by the set of leaf nodes that have non-zero value. You can see this is true: start with the root node, then only split the value each time if both subtrees have a non-zero leaf. The entire process is uniquely determined. Thus, the total number of ways is 2 to the number of leaves, minus one for the case where all of the leaves have zero value.

Remark. The original statement superfluously included the condition that a_1, \ldots, a_{2017} are positive integers, so all teams received points for this problem.

27. [13] O is the center of square ABCD, and M and N are the midpoints of \overline{BC} and \overline{AD} , respectively. Points A', B', C', D' are chosen on \overline{AO} , \overline{BO} , \overline{CO} , \overline{DO} , respectively, so that A'B'MC'D'N is an equiangular hexagon. The ratio $\frac{[A'B'MC'D'N]}{[ABCD]}$ can be written as $\frac{a+b\sqrt{c}}{d}$, where a, b, c, d are integers, d is positive, c is square-free, and $\gcd(a, b, d) = 1$. Find 1000a + 100b + 10c + d.

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: | 8634

Solution: Assume without loss of generality that the side length of ABCD is 1 so that the area of the square is also 1. This also means that $OM = ON = \frac{1}{2}$. As A'B'MC'D'N is equiangular, it can be seen that $\angle A'NO = 60^\circ$, and also by symmetry, that $A'B' \parallel AB$, so $\angle OA'B' = 45^\circ$ and $\angle OA'N = 75^\circ$. Therefore, A'NO is a 45-60-75 triangle, which has sides in ratio $2:1+\sqrt{3}:\sqrt{6}$, so we may compute that $A'O = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1+\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6}}{4}$. Further, the area of A'NO can be found by taking the altitude to NO, which has length of $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{4}$, so the area is $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{16}$. The area of OA'B' is $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6}}{4} \right)^2 = \frac{6-3\sqrt{3}}{8}$.

Combining everything together, we can find that $[A'B'MC'D'N] = 4[A'NO] + 2[OA'B'] = \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{6-3\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{9-4\sqrt{3}}{4}$. Therefore, our answer is 9000 - 400 + 30 + 4 = 8634.

28. [15] Find the smallest positive integer n such that the divisors of n can be partitioned into three sets with equal sums.

Proposed by: Maxim Li

Answer: 120

Solution: I claim the answer is 120. First, note that $120 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$, so the sum of divisors is $(1+2+4+8)(1+3)(1+5) = 15 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 = 360$. Thus, we need to split the divisors into groups summing to 120. But then we can just take $\{120\}, \{20, 40, 60\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30\}$. Thus, 120 works.

Now we need to show 120 is the lowest. Let s(n) be the sum of divisors. Since n will be in one of the piles, we need $s(n) \geq 3n$. First, we claim that n must have at least 3 distinct prime divisors. Surely, if it had 2 distinct prime divisors, say p and q, so that $n = p^a q^b$, then the sum of divisors is

$$(1+p+p^2+\ldots+p^a)(1+q+q^2+\ldots+q^b) = p^a q^b \left(1+\frac{1}{p}+\ldots+\frac{1}{p^a}\right) \left(1+\frac{1}{q}+\ldots+\frac{1}{q^b}\right).$$

However, the expression $1 + \frac{1}{p} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^a}$ is maximized when p is minimized, and further, as a is finite must be at most $\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{p}} = \frac{p}{p-1}$. Thus, the sum of divisors is less than

$$p^a q^b \frac{p}{p-1} \frac{q}{q-1} \le n \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 3n.$$

Thus, n can't have 2 distinct prime divisors and must have at least 3 distinct prime divisors.

As we already discovered 120 works, we need not worry about 4 distinct prime divisors, as the value of n would be at least $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 = 210$. We now work through the numbers with 3 distinct divisors. If 2 is not one of them, then the only number that works is $105 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$, which has a sum of divisors that is not large enough. Therefore, 2 must be a prime divisor of n. Additionally, if 3 is not a divisor, then our options are $2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$ and $2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11$, which also do not work. Therefore, 3 must also be a prime divisor. Then, if 5 is not a prime divisor, then if n is $2 \cdot 3 \cdot p$, it has a sum of divisors of $(1+2)(1+3)(1+p) = n \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{p+1}{p}$, which is only at least 3n if p is exactly 2, which is not feasible. Additionally, if we use 2^2 , then the sum of divisors is $(1+2+4)(1+3)(1+p) = n \cdot \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{p}{p+1}$, so $\frac{p+1}{p} > \frac{9}{7} \implies p < 4.5$, which also can't happen. Further, we can't have 3^2 be a divisor of n as $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$ is the only value less than 120 with this, and that also does not work. Lastly, we just need to check $2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot p$, which has a sum of divisors of $(1+2+4+8)(1+3)(1+p) = n \cdot \frac{15}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{p+1}{p} = n \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{p}{p+1}$, so p=5 and that works. This means that n=120 is the smallest value for which $s(n) \geq 3n$, and thus is our answer.

29. [15] Kevin writes down the positive integers 1, 2, ..., 15 on a blackboard. Then, he repeatedly picks two random integers a, b on the blackboard, erases them, and writes down gcd(a, b) and lcm(a, b). He does this until he is no longer able to change the set of numbers written on the board. Find the maximum sum of the numbers on the board after this process.

 $Proposed\ by:\ Akash\ Das$

Answer: 360864

Solution: Since $v_p(\gcd(a,b)) = \min(v_p(a), v_p(b))$ and $v_p(\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)) = \max(v_p(a), v_p(b))$, we may show the following:

Claim. For any prime p and non-negative integer k, the number of numbers n on the board such that $v_p(n) = k$ doesn't change throughout this process.

Let the 15 final numbers on the board be $a_1 \le a_2 \le a_3 \cdots \le a_{15}$. Note that $a_i \mid a_j$ for all i < j. For each prime p, let $X_{p,i} = v_p(a_i)$. Note that by the lemma, we have

Thus, since $a_i = \prod_p p^{X_{p,i}}$ for each i, so we get the 15 final numbers on the board are

Adding these up gives 360854.

- 30. [15] The function $f: \mathbb{Z}^2 \to \mathbb{Z}$ satisfies
 - f(x,0) = f(0,y) = 0, and
 - f(x,y) = f(x-1,y) + f(x,y-1) + x + y

for all nonnegative integers x and y. Find f(6, 12).

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: 77500

Solution: We claim $f(x,y) = {x+y+2 \choose x+1} - (x+y+2)$. Indeed, the hypothesis holds true for our base cases f(x,0) and f(0,y), and moreover,

$$f(x-1,y)+f(x,y-1)+x+y=\binom{x+y+1}{x}+\binom{x+y+1}{x+1}-2(x+y+1)+x+y=\binom{x+y+2}{x+1}-(x+y+2)-x+y=\binom{x+y+1}{x+1}-x+y=\binom{x+y+1}-x+y=\binom{x+y+1}{x+1}-x+y=\binom{x+y+1}{x+1}-x+y=\binom{x+y+1}{x+1}-x+y=$$

Thus, the final answer is $\binom{20}{7} - 20 = 77500$.

Here is a way to derive this formula from scratch. The idea is that the second condition harks back to the Pascal's triangle rule, sans some modifications. Write f(x,y) = g(x,y) - x - y, so then g(0,t) = g(t,0) = t and g(x,y) = g(x-1,y) + g(x,y-1) + 2. Then, letting g(x,y) = h(x,y) - 2 gives h(x,y) = h(x-1,y) + h(x,y-1), which is exactly Pascal's rule. We are given the base cases h(0,t) = h(t,0) = t+2, which is starting "inside" of Pascal's triangle, so $h(x,y) = {x+y+2 \choose x+1}$.

31. [17] For positive integers n, let f(n) be the product of the digits of n. Find the largest positive integer m such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{m^{\lfloor \log_{10} n \rfloor}}$$

is an integer.

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: 2070

Solution: We know that if S_{ℓ} is the set of all positive integers with ℓ digits, then

$$\sum_{n \in S_{\ell}} \frac{f(n)}{k^{\lfloor \log_{10}(n) \rfloor}} = \sum_{n \in S_{\ell}} \frac{f(n)}{k^{\ell - 1}} = \frac{(0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + 9)^{\ell}}{k^{\ell - 1}} =$$

$$45 \cdot \left(\frac{45}{k}\right)^{\ell-1}.$$

Thus, we can see that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(n)}{k^{\lfloor \log_{10}(n) \rfloor}} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n \in S_{\ell}} \frac{f(n)}{k^{\lfloor \log_{10}(n) \rfloor}} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} 45 \cdot \left(\frac{45}{k}\right)^{\ell-1} = \frac{45}{1 - \frac{45}{k}} = \frac{45k}{k - 45} = 45 + \frac{2025}{k - 45}.$$

It is clear that the largest integer k that will work is when $k-45=2025 \implies k=2070$.

32. [17] There are N lockers, labeled from 1 to N, placed in clockwise order around a circular hallway. Initially, all lockers are open. Ansoon starts at the first locker and always moves clockwise. When she is at locker n and there are more than n open lockers, she keeps locker n open and closes the next n open lockers, then repeats the process with the next open locker. If she is at locker n and there are at most n lockers still open, she keeps locker n open and closes all other lockers. She continues this process until only one locker is left open. What is the smallest integer N > 2021 such that the last open locker is locker 1?

Proposed by: Hahn Lheem

Answer: 2046

Solution: Note that in the first run-through, we will leave all lockers $2^n - 1$ open. This is because after having locker $2^n - 1$ open, we will close the next $2^n - 1$ lockers and then start at locker $2^n - 1 + 2^n - 1 + 1 = 2^{n+1} - 1$. Now we want 1 to be the last locker that is open. We know that if N < 2046, then closing 1023 lockers after 1023 will lead us to close locker 1. However, if N = 2046, then locker 1 will stay open, 3 will close, 7 will stay open, closing the next 10 and then 1 stays open and we close locker 7, therefore N = 2046 does work.

33. [17] Point P lies inside equilateral triangle ABC so that $\angle BPC = 120^{\circ}$ and $AP\sqrt{2} = BP + CP$. $\frac{AP}{AB}$ can be written as $\frac{a\sqrt{b}}{c}$, where a, b, c are integers, c is positive, b is square-free, and $\gcd(a, c) = 1$. Find 100a + 10b + c.

Proposed by: Joseph Heerens

Answer: 255

Solution: Let O be the center of ABC. First, we draw in the circumcircle of ABC and the circumcircle of BOC, labeled ω_1 and ω_2 , respectively. Note that ω_1 is the reflection of ω_2 over BC and that P lies on ω_2 . Now, let P_C be the second intersection of ray CP with ω_1 . Additionally, label the second intersections of ray AP with ω_1 and ω_2 be M and X, respectively. Lastly, let A' be the diametrically opposite point from A on ω_1 .

We first note that A' is the center of ω_2 . Thus, A' lies on the perpendicular bisector of segment PX. But since AA' is a diameter of ω_1 , this also means that the midpoint of PX lies on ω_1 . This implies that M is the midpoint of PX.

From a simple angle chase, we have $\angle P_C PB = 180 - \angle BPC = 60^\circ$. Also, $\angle BP_C C = \angle BAC = 60^\circ$. Therefore, we find that triangle BPP_C is equilateral with side length BP.

Now we begin computations. By Law of Cosines in triangle BPC, we see that $BP^2 + CP^2 + BP \cdot CP = BC^2 = AB^2$. However, we can rewrite this as

$$AB^{2} = BP^{2} + CP^{2} + BP \cdot CP = (BP + CP)^{2} - BP \cdot CP = 2 \cdot AP^{2} - BP \cdot CP.$$

To find an equation for $\frac{AP}{AB}$, it suffices to simplify the expression $BP \cdot CP$. Since BPP_C is equilateral, we can proceed through Power of a Point. By looking at ω_1 , we see that

$$BP \cdot CP = PP_C \cdot CP = AP \cdot PM = \frac{1}{2} \cdot AP \cdot AX.$$

Then, from Power of a Point on ω_2 , we see that

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot AP \cdot AX = \frac{1}{2} \cdot AP \cdot (AX - AP) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot AP \cdot AX - \frac{1}{2} \cdot AP^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(AB^2 - AP^2 \right).$$

Combining everything, we find that $BP \cdot CP = \frac{1}{2} (AB^2 - AP^2)$ which means that

$$AB^2 = 2 \cdot AP^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(AB^2 - AP^2 \right) \implies \frac{5}{2} AB^2 = \frac{3}{2} AP^2 \implies \frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}.$$

34. [20] Suppose two distinct competitors of the HMMT 2021 November contest are chosen uniformly at random. Let p be the probability that they can be labelled A and B so that A's score on the General round is strictly greater than B's, and B's score on the theme round is strictly greater than A's. Estimate $P = \lfloor 10000p \rfloor$.

An estimate of E will earn $\left[20 \min \left(\frac{A}{E}, \frac{E}{A}\right)^6\right]$ points.

Proposed by: David Vulakh

Answer: 2443

Solution: If competitors' scores on the General and Theme rounds were completely uncorrelated, we would expect the answer to be approximately $\frac{1}{2}$. If they were maximally correlated, we would expect the answer to be exactly 0. It turns out that guessing $\frac{1}{4} \to 2500$ achieves almost full points — 17/20.

One could try to come up with a more concrete model of what is happening. For example, we could start by looking only at the number of questions answered on each test, rather than the score, and assuming that two competitors could satisfy the desired property only if they have similar skill levels. In the case that they are similarly skilled, we assume it's 50/50 who wins on each test.

How do we determine the probability that two random competitors are similarly skilled? We could make some reasonable guess about the distribution of number of questions solved on the general round and assume that two competitors are similarly skilled if the number of questions they answered differs by exactly 1. Most of the action on the general round happens in the first five problems, so let's assume that $\frac{1}{6}$ of competitors answer 1 problem, $\frac{1}{3}$ answer 2, $\frac{1}{3}$ answer 3, and $\frac{1}{6}$ answer 4. Then two competitors are similarly skilled with probability $\frac{4}{9}$, which gives a final estimate of $\frac{2}{9} \rightarrow 2222$.

This is farther from the true answer and only achieves 11 points, but one can imagine slight changes to this model that lead to a better estimate. For example, one could guess a different distribution of general round scores. Also, one could assume that slight differences in the subject distribution across

the tests can in fact cause Theme round scores of competitors who score similarly on the General round to in fact be weakly inversely correlated (since many students are stronger in one subject area than others), so that the probability that the higher General scorer scores lower on the Theme round is a little greater than 50%.

35. [20] The following image is 1024 pixels by 1024 pixels, and each pixel is either black or white. The border defines the boundaries of the image, but is not part of the image. Let a be the proportion of pixels that are black. Estimate $A = \lfloor 10000a \rfloor$.

An estimate of E will earn $\left\lfloor 20 \min \left(\frac{A}{E}, \frac{E}{A}\right)^{12} \right \rfloor$ points.



Proposed by: Sean Li
Answer: 3633

Solution: This is an area estimation problem. A good place to start is to focus on the jacket. The hair adds about as much area as the hand takes away; the jacket seems to occupy about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the width of the square and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the height. A crude estimate of $\frac{1}{3} \to 3333$ is already worth 7 points. One can refine it some by accommodating for the fact that the jacket is a little wider than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the image.

Exactly 381040 of the pixels are black, so $a = \frac{381040}{1024^2} = 0.36338...$ and the answer is 3633.

36. [20] Let N be the number of ways in which the letters in "HMMTHMMTHMMTHMMTHMMTHMMT" ("HMMT" repeated six times) can be rearranged so that each letter is adjacent to another copy of the same letter. For example, "MMMMMMTTTTTTHHHHHHHHHHHH" satisfies this property, but "HMMMMMTTTTTTHHHHHHHHHHHHHM" does not. Estimate N.

An estimate of E will earn $\left[20\min\left(\frac{N}{E},\frac{E}{N}\right)^4\right]$ points.

Proposed by: David Vulakh, Sean Li

Answer: 78556

Solution: We first count the number of arrangements for which each block of consecutive identical letters has even size. Pair up the letters into 3 pairs of H, 6 pairs of M, and 3 pairs of T, then rearrange the pairs. There are $\frac{12!}{6!3!3!} = 18480$ ways to do this.

In the original problem, we may estimate the number of arrangements by computing the fraction of arrangements with all even blocks. We estimate this by counting the number of ways to split the 6 Hs, 12 Ms, and 6 Ts into blocks, and collating the proportions of splittings which use all even blocks:

- We can split 6 as 6, 4+2, 3+3, and 2+4. Exactly 3/4 of the splittings have all even blocks.
- We can split 12 into 12, 10+2, ..., 2+10, 8+2+2, 7+3+2, 6+4+2, 5+5+2, 6+3+3, 5+4+3, 6+2+2+2, 5+3+2+2, 4+4+2+2, 4+3+3+2, 3+3+3+3+3, 4+2+2+2+2, 3+3+2+2+2+2+2+2+2.

Stars and bars to expand from the pairs variant gives 79000

The following C++ code outputs the exact answer:

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
#define IJK iii[0]][iii[1]][iii[2]
#define ijk i][j][k
#define MAX_N 100
#define S 3
#define N 6
long long dp[2][3][MAX_N][MAX_N][MAX_N];
int main()
    dp[1][0][0][0][0] = 1;
    for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++)
    for (int j = 0; j \le 2*N; j++)
    for (int k = 0; k \le N; k++)
    for (int c = 0; c < S; c++)
    for (int 1 = 0; 1 < S; 1++)
    {
        int iii[] = { i, j, k }; iii[1]++;
        dp[0][1][IJK] += (c != 1 || !(i + j + k)) * dp[1][c][ijk];
        dp[1][1][IJK] += (c == 1 && i + j + k) * (dp[1][c][ijk] + dp[0][c][ijk]);
    }
    long long a = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < S; i++) a += dp[1][i][N][2 * N][N];
    cout << a << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
}
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