

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
CONTEST 5 - FEBRUARY 2018  
ROUND 1 ALGEBRA 2: ALGEBRAIC FUNCTIONS**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) ( \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ )

C) \_\_\_\_\_

A)  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  is a solution to the system  $\begin{cases} 4kx - 3y = 0 \\ 7x + 8y = 0 \end{cases}$ .

For what value of the constant  $k$  will the system have a solution other than  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ ?

B) A linear function  $y = mx + b$  is defined by the parametric equations  $\begin{cases} x = \frac{2t-1}{3} \\ y = \frac{3-t}{4} \end{cases}$ .

Compute the ordered pair  $(m, b)$ .

C)  $y = P(x)$  defines a cubic function for which  $P(a) = -P(-a)$ .

When  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x + 3)$ , the remainder is 6.

When  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 2)$ , the remainder is 4. Compute the zeros of  $y = P(x)$ .

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**Round 1**

- A) This pair of lines is intersecting, parallel or coincident (the same line).  
 Since both lines pass through the origin, i.e.  $(0, 0)$  is a solution, only in the last case can there be another. Thus, the slopes must be equal, namely,  $m = \frac{4k}{3} = \frac{-7}{8} \Rightarrow k = \underline{\underline{-\frac{21}{32}}}$  or -0.65625.

Alternate solution: This system is indeterminate if and only if the determinant of the matrix of coefficients is zero.  $\begin{vmatrix} 4k & -3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 32k + 21 = 0 \Rightarrow k = \underline{\underline{-\frac{21}{32}}}$ .

- B) Solving the parametric equations for  $t$ , we have  $t = \frac{3x+1}{2}$  and  $t = \frac{3-4y}{1}$ .

Cross multiplying  $3x+1 = 6-8y \Rightarrow y = mx+b = \frac{-3x+5}{8} \Rightarrow (m,b) = \left(\underline{\underline{-\frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8}}}\right)$ .

- C) Let  $P(x) = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$

Since  $P(a) = -P(-a)$ ,  $B = D = 0$  and  $P(x) = Ax^3 + Cx$ .

$$\begin{cases} P(-3) = -27A - 3C = 6 \Leftrightarrow 9A + C = -2 \\ P(2) = 8A + 2C = 4 \Leftrightarrow 4A + C = 2 \end{cases}$$

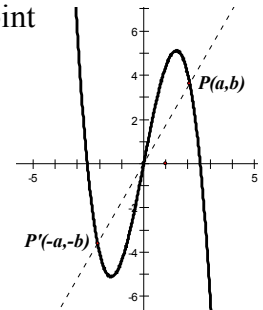
Subtracting,  $5A = -4 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{4}{5}$ . Substituting in the second equation above,

$$4\left(-\frac{4}{5}\right) + C = 2 \Rightarrow C = \frac{26}{5}$$

Thus,  $P(x) = -\frac{4}{5}x^3 + \frac{26}{5}x = -\frac{2}{5}x(2x^2 - 13)$ . Setting  $P(x) = 0$ , we have the zeros  $\underline{\underline{0, \pm \frac{\sqrt{26}}{2}}}$ .

FYI: The condition  $P(-a) = -P(a)$  defines an odd function, i.e., a function which is symmetric with respect to the origin. If the function passes through the point  $(a, b)$ , then it also passes through  $(-a, -b)$ .

The graph of  $y = P(x)$  is shown at the right.



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ROUND 2 ARITHMETIC / NUMBER THEORY**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) ( \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ )

C) \_\_\_\_\_

A)  $N$  is a two-digit prime. If the digits of  $N$  are reversed, we obtain a number with an odd number of factors. Compute the smallest possible value of  $N$ .

B) Compute the ordered pair  $(a, b)$  for which the eight-digit base ten integer  $N = 437213ab$  is divisible by 72.

C) Given:  $x$  and  $y$  are positive integers, where  $x < 4$  and  $y < 4$ .

If  $x$  is added to one of the exponents in the prime factorization of 17280, the exponents (in some order) form an *arithmetic* sequence.

If  $y$  is added to one of the exponents in the prime factorization of 17280, the exponents (in some order) form a *geometric* sequence.

A new number  $Q$  with  $k$  divisors is formed from the prime factorization of 17280 by adding  $x$  to one of the exponents and adding  $y$  to a different exponent.

Compute all possible values of  $k$ .

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**Round 2**

A) Since only perfect squares have an odd number of factors, we examine perfect squares until we find one which produces a prime when the digits are reversed.

$$2^2 = \cancel{04}, 3^2 = \cancel{09}, 4^2 = 16 \Rightarrow \mathbf{61} \text{ which is prime.}$$

To confirm that this is the smallest value of  $N$ , we examine the reversals of the two-digit primes smaller than 61, namely, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59.

None produce a perfect square.  $\boxed{61} \Rightarrow 16 = 2^4 \Rightarrow 1, 2, 4, 8, 16$

B)  $N$  must be divisible by 8 and 9.

To guarantee divisibility by 9, the sum of all the digits must be divisible by 9.

To guarantee divisibility by 8, the 3-digit integer  $3ab$  must be divisible by 8.

Thus,  $20 + a + b$  must equal 27 or 36.

$$a + b = 7 \text{ or } 16$$

Since  $b$  must be even, we consider  $(a, b) = (1, 6), (5, 2), (3, 4)$  and  $(8, 8)$ .

Only  $\mathbf{(5, 2)}$  satisfies divisibility by 8.

C)  $17280 = 2^7 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^1$

Since the arithmetic sequence must be 1, 4, 7 (for  $x = 1$ ).

Since the geometric sequence must be 1, 3, 9 (for  $y = 2$ ).

Therefore, there are 6 possible sets of exponents of the prime factorization of  $Q$ :

$$2, 1, 0 \Rightarrow \{9, 4, 1\} \Rightarrow 2^9 3^4 5^1 \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 = \mathbf{100} \text{ factors}$$

$$1, 2, 0 \Rightarrow \{8, 5, 1\} \Rightarrow 9 \cdot 6 \cdot 2 = \mathbf{108} \text{ factors}$$

$$2, 0, 1 \Rightarrow \{9, 3, 2\} \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = \mathbf{120} \text{ factors}$$

$$1, 0, 2 \Rightarrow \{8, 3, 3\} \Rightarrow 9 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = \mathbf{144} \text{ factors}$$

$$0, 1, 2 \Rightarrow \{7, 4, 3\} \Rightarrow 8 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = \mathbf{160} \text{ factors}$$

$$0, 2, 1 \Rightarrow \{7, 5, 2\} \Rightarrow 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 3 = 144 \text{ factors}$$

Thus, the 6 sets give only 5 distinct results.

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**ROUND 3 TRIG: IDENTITIES AND/OR INVERSE FUNCTIONS**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) Compute:  $\left(\sin\left(\cos^{-1}(-1) - \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\right)^3$

B) Compute:  $\cot\left(\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right) - \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)\right)$

C) Compute all values of  $x$ , where  $0^\circ \leq x < 360^\circ$ , that satisfy

$$\cos(40^\circ) - \cos(20^\circ) = \sin(x + 30^\circ) + \sin(x + 150^\circ).$$

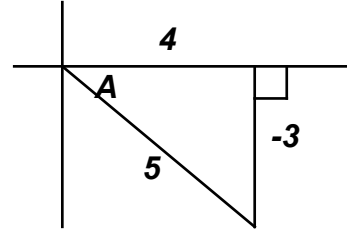
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**Round 3**

A)  $\left(\sin\left(\cos^{-1}(-1) - \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\right)^3 = \left(\sin\left(\pi - \left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right)\right)^3 = \sin^3\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \underline{-\frac{1}{8}}$ .

B) Let  $A = \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)$  and  $B = \frac{3\pi}{4}$ . Then:

$$\cot(A - B) = \frac{1 + \tan A \tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)}{\tan A - \tan\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)} = \frac{1 + \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)(-1)}{\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) - (-1)} = \frac{7/4}{1/4} = \underline{7}.$$



C)  $\cos(40^\circ) - \cos(20^\circ) = -2\sin\left(\frac{40^\circ + 20^\circ}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{40^\circ - 20^\circ}{2}\right) = -2\sin 30^\circ \sin 10^\circ = -\sin 10^\circ$

$$\sin(x + 30^\circ) + \sin(x + 150^\circ) = \underline{\sin x \cos 30^\circ} + \sin 30^\circ \cos x + \underline{\sin x \cos 150^\circ} + \sin 150^\circ \cos x$$

Since  $\cos 150^\circ = -\cos 30^\circ$ , the underlined terms cancel out and we have

$$\sin 30^\circ \cos x + \sin 150^\circ \cos x = 2 \sin 30^\circ \cos x = \cos x$$

Therefore, the original equation simplifies to

$$\cos x = -\sin 10^\circ \Leftrightarrow \cos x = -\cos 80^\circ \Leftrightarrow \cos x = \cos 100^\circ$$

Thus,  $x = \underline{100^\circ}$  or the related value in quadrant 3, namely,  $\underline{260^\circ}$ , since  $\cos 100^\circ$  is negative.

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ROUND 4 ALGEBRA 1: WORD PROBLEMS**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) How many cc (cubic centimeters) of a 90% solution of alcohol should be mixed with a 40% solution of alcohol to form 90 cc of a 60% solution?

B) The Red Sox win exactly 4 of their first 9 games. If they win exactly 75% of their remaining games, what is the minimum number of additional games they must play to raise their winning percentage to at least 64%?

C) I travelled from A to B at an average speed of 60 mph and returned from B to A at an average speed of 72 mph. In my haste, I forgot the keys to my apartment and had to return to B over the same route to retrieve them, travelling at an average of  $k$  mph. My overall average for the A-B-A-B trip was 54 mph. The traffic on my last leg was just awful. Compute  $k$ .

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**Round 4**

A)  $0.9x + 0.4(90 - x) = 0.6(90) \Rightarrow 9x + 360 - 4x = 540 \Rightarrow 5x = 180 \Rightarrow x = \underline{36}$ .

B) Let  $x$  denote the number of additional games which must be played.

Note  $x$  must be a multiple of 4 to insure that the Red Sox can win exactly 75% of these games.

$$4 + \frac{3}{4}x \geq \frac{64}{100}(9 + x) \Rightarrow 4 + 0.75x \geq 5.76 + 0.64x$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.11x \geq 1.76 \Rightarrow x \geq 16$$

Since 16 is a multiple of 4, the minimum number of additional games is 16.

C) This is not a simple  $\frac{60 + 72 + k}{3} = 54$  calculation, since I travelled at these speeds for

different amounts of time. A *weighted* average is required.

Pick any convenient distance for AB (any will do). I'll use the LCM(60, 72), namely 360.

$$\text{I travelled } 3(360) \text{ miles in } 6 + 5 + \frac{360}{k} \text{ hours} \Rightarrow \frac{1080}{11 + \frac{360}{k}} = 54 \Rightarrow 20 = 11 + \frac{360}{k} \Rightarrow k = \underline{40}.$$

Check that  $\frac{60 + 72 + k}{3} = 54 \Rightarrow k = 30$  is **incorrect!**

@60, 72 and 30 mph, legs of 360 miles would take 6 hours, 5 hours and 12 hours

respectively. The average speed would be  $\frac{\text{Total distance travelled}}{\text{total time taken}} = \frac{3(360)}{6 + 5 + 12} = \frac{1080}{23} \neq 54$ .

Can you show that for any arbitrary distance between A and B,  $k = 30$  is incorrect?



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ROUND 5 PLANE GEOMETRY: CIRCLES**

**ANSWERS**

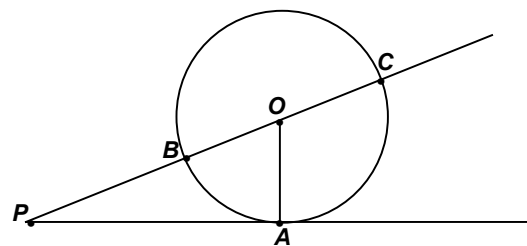
A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) In circle  $O$ ,  $r = 30$ . Chord  $\overline{AE}$  is perpendicular to diameter  $\overline{BD}$  at point  $C$ .  
If  $AE = 48$  and  $C$  is closer to  $D$  than to  $B$ , compute  $AD$ .

- B)  $\overline{PA}$  is tangent to circle  $O$  at point  $A$ ,  $PB = 1$ , and  $PA = BC$ .  
Compute  $OA$ .

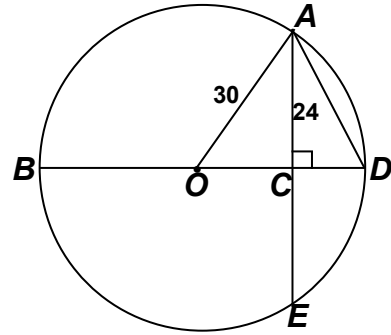


- C) The ring between two concentric circles has width 4.  
Two perpendicular chords  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{CD}$  are tangent to the inner circle and intersect at point  $P$ .  
If  $PC = 1$ , compute all possible radii of the inner circle.

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**Round 5**

- (OC, AC, AO) = (?, 24, 30) = 6(\_\_\_\_, 4, 5)
- A) In  $\triangle AOC$ ,  $\Rightarrow OC = 6 \cdot 3 = 18$   
 $\Rightarrow CD = 12$
- In  $\triangle ACD$ , (AC, CD, AD) = (24, 12, ?) = 12(2, 1, \_\_\_\_)  
 $\Rightarrow AD = 12 \cdot \sqrt{5} = \underline{12\sqrt{5}}$ .



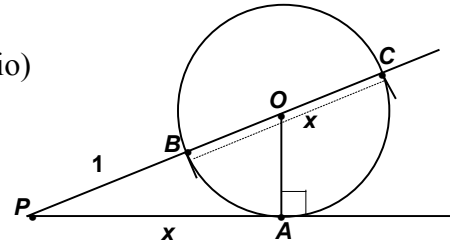
- B) Using the secant-tangent relation, we have

$$x^2 = 1(1+x) \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = g \text{ (the golden ratio)}$$

$$\therefore \overline{OA} \text{ (a radius)} = \frac{1}{2}g = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4}$$

Alternately, by the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$x^2 + \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{5}{4}x^2 = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{4} \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 1 = 0 \text{ and the same result follows.}$$



- C) Case 1:  $PC = 1$  ( $P$  closer to  $C$ )

Applying the Product-Chord Theorem at point  $T$ ,

$$(r+1)^2 = 4(2r+4)$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 6r - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36+60}}{2} = \underline{3+2\sqrt{6}}, \quad \cancel{3-2\sqrt{6}}$$

Case 2: ( $P$  closer to  $D$ ) – reverse  $C$  and  $D$  in the diagram

$PC < 2r+4$  and  $PC = 1 \Rightarrow r > -1.5$ , but this is always true, so we proceed as follows:

$$\text{Let } PD = x \text{ Then: } CD = x+1 \Rightarrow CT = \frac{x+1}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right)^2 = 4(2r+4) \Leftrightarrow (x+1)^2 = 32(r+2)$$

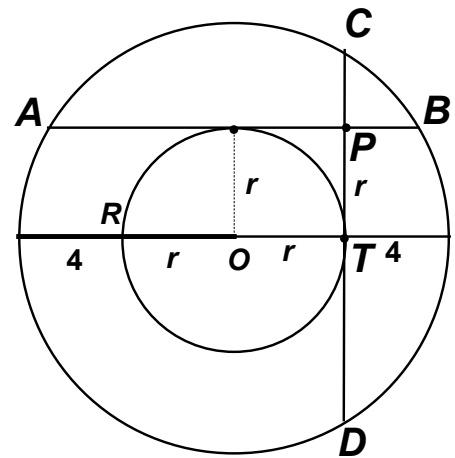
$$\Rightarrow PT = r = \frac{1-x}{2} \Rightarrow x = 1-2r$$

$$\text{Substituting, } (2-2r)^2 = 32(r+2) \Leftrightarrow (1-r)^2 = 8r+16$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - 10r - 15 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100+60}}{2} = 5+2\sqrt{10}, \quad \cancel{5-2\sqrt{10}}$$

$$r = 5+2\sqrt{10} \Rightarrow x < 0 \text{ and must be rejected also.}$$

Thus, the radius of the inner circle is unique, namely  $\underline{3+2\sqrt{6}}$ .



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ROUND 6 ALGEBRA 2: SEQUENCES AND SERIES**

**ANSWERS**

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

C) \_\_\_\_\_

A) The first term ( $t_1$ ) of a sequence is 71. To find subsequent terms follow this rule:

- if a term is even, the next term is half the current term
- if a term is odd, the next term is 1 more than the current term

Eventually,  $t_n$  becomes 1. Compute the smallest value of  $n$  for which  $t_n = 1$ .

B) Given:  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $f(1), f(2), f(3)$  is a geometric progression which has a constant multiplier of 3 and  $f(1) + f(2) + f(3) = 13$ . Compute  $f(-1)$ .

C) The sum of an infinite geometric series is 9 and the sum of its first two terms is 5. Compute the two possible ordered pairs  $(a, r)$ , where  $a$  is the first term of the series and  $r$  is the common ratio.

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**Round 6**

- A) Rules:     if a term is even, the next term is half the current term  
                  if a term is odd, the next term is 1 more than the current term  
Applying the rules,  $71 \Rightarrow 72 \Rightarrow 36 \Rightarrow 18 \Rightarrow 9 \Rightarrow 10 \Rightarrow 5 \Rightarrow 6 \Rightarrow 3 \Rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow 1$ .  
Thus, the 12<sup>th</sup> term has become 1 and  $n = \underline{12}$ .

B)  $f(1) = p, f(2) = 3p, f(3) = 9p \Rightarrow 13p = 13 \Rightarrow p = 1$

$$f(1) = 1, f(2) = 3, f(3) = 9$$

Substituting for  $x$  in  $ax^2 + bx + c$ ,

$$\begin{cases} f(1) = a + b + c = 1 \\ f(2) = 4a + 2b + c = 3 \\ f(3) = 9a + 3b + c = 9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3a + b = 2 \\ 5a + b = 6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 2a = 4 \Rightarrow (a, b, c) = (2, -4, 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-1) = a - b + c = \underline{9}$$

C)  $\begin{cases} a + ar + ar^2 + \dots = 9 \\ a + ar = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{a}{1-r} = 9 \\ a(1+r) = 5 \end{cases}$

Then:  $a = 9(1-r)$  Substituting,

$$9(1-r)(1+r) = 9(1-r^2) = 5 \Rightarrow 1-r^2 = \frac{5}{9} \Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{4}{9} \Rightarrow r = \pm \frac{2}{3}$$

$$r = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow a = 9\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right) \Rightarrow (a, r) = \left(\underline{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right).$$

$$r = -\frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow a = 9\left(1 + \frac{2}{3}\right) \Rightarrow (a, r) = \left(\underline{15}, -\frac{2}{3}\right).$$

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ROUND 7 TEAM QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERS**

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ D) \_\_\_\_\_  
 B) ( \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ) E) \_\_\_\_\_  
 C) \_\_\_\_\_ F) \_\_\_\_\_

- A) The function defined by  $y = f(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$  passes through  $(5,15)$  and  $(1,-17)$  and has a minimum value at  $x = 2$ .  $y = g(x) = f(x+h)$  has a minimum at  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Compute all values of  $x$  for which  $g(x) = 15$ .
- B) Determine the unique triple of integers  $(a,b,c)$ , with  $a \leq b \leq c$ , for which  $\frac{17}{40} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{abc}$ .
- C) Compute all possible values of  $\cos x$ , if  $\tan \frac{x}{2} + \cot x + \csc x \sec 2x = \tan 2x$
- D) The current in the Saco River is  $k$  mph, where  $k < 4$ . Suppose the bionic Mr. Phelps can swim at a steady rate of 440 feet in 75 seconds. Swimming upstream (against the current) for  $t$  minutes he can swim the same distance as he can downstream in  $(t-10)$  minutes. If  $t + 4k = 26$ , compute this distance (in feet).
- E) In  $\triangle ABC$ , where  $\overline{AB} \perp \overline{BC}$  is a right angle, 
$$\begin{cases} AB = x + 4y - 4 \\ AC = 7y - x + 3 \\ BC = \frac{1}{2}x + 3y - 1 \end{cases}$$
- The diameter of the inscribed circle is  $2x - y + 1$  and the diameter of the circumscribed circle is  $3x + 2y - 4$ . Compute the perimeter of  $\triangle ABC$ .
- F) An arithmetic sequence of  $n$  terms has a first term of 2.5, a common difference of  $-\frac{2}{3}$ , and an integer sum  $S$ . Compute the sum of the largest five integer values of  $S$ .

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**Team Round**

A)  $(5, 15) \Rightarrow$  (#1)  $25A + 5B + C = 15$

$(1, -17) \Rightarrow$  (#2)  $A + B + C = -17$

We need a third equation. If you know calculus, you'd use a derivative; otherwise, you

would complete the square.  $Ax^2 + Bx + C = A\left(x + \frac{B}{2A}\right)^2 + C - \frac{B^2}{4A}$

Reminiscent of the derivation of the quadratic formula!

For  $y = f(x)$  to have a minimum,  $A < 0$ .

The minimum occurs when  $x + \frac{B}{2A} = 0$  or  $x = -\frac{B}{2A}$  and the minimum value is  $C - \frac{B^2}{4A}$ .

$$-\frac{B}{2A} = 2 \Rightarrow \text{(#3) } B = -4A$$

Subtracting (#1 - #2), we have  $24A + 4B = 32 \Leftrightarrow 6A + B = 8$

Substituting (using #3), we have  $6A - 4A = 8 \Rightarrow A = 4, B = -16, C = -5$

$$y = 4x^2 - 16x - 5 = 4(x - 2)^2 - 21 \quad (\text{A minimum value of } -21 \text{ at } x = 2.)$$

$$g(x) = A(x + h)^2 + B(x + h) + C = Ax^2 + (2Ah + B)x + (Ah^2 + Bh + C) = 4x^2 + 8(h - 2)x + (4h^2 - 16h - 5)$$

Since  $y = f(x + h)$  just shifts  $y = f(x)$  left or right depending on the sign of  $h$ , the minimum

values of both are the same, namely  $-21$ , and the shift is from  $2$  to  $-\frac{3}{2}$ , that is

$$h = 2 - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{7}{2}. \quad \text{Therefore, substituting for } h, \text{ we have } g(x) = 4x^2 + 12x - 12.$$

$$g(x) = 4x^2 + 12x - 12 = 15 \Rightarrow 4x^2 + 12x - 27 = (2x - 3)(2x + 9) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{9}{2}}}$$

**Note:**  $g(x) = 4x^2 + 12x - 12 = 4\left(x + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 21$ , confirming the minimum value is unchanged.

B)  $\frac{17}{40} \geq \frac{1}{a} \Rightarrow 17a \geq 40 \Rightarrow a = 3$

$$\frac{17}{40} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{51 - 40}{120} = \frac{11}{120}$$

$$\frac{11}{120} \geq \frac{1}{ab} = \frac{1}{3b} \Leftrightarrow 33b \geq 120 \Rightarrow b = 4$$

$$\frac{11}{120} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{120}$$

$$\frac{1}{120} \geq \frac{1}{12c} \Rightarrow c = 10 \Rightarrow (a, b, c) = \underline{\underline{(3, 4, 10)}}$$

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**Team Round - continued**

C) Given:  $\tan \frac{x}{2} + \cot x + \csc x \sec 2x = \tan 2x$

$$\frac{x}{2} \neq 90^\circ + (180^\circ)n, x \neq 0^\circ + (180^\circ)n, 2x \neq 90^\circ + (180^\circ)n$$

Consolidating, excluded values (which cause division by zero) are:  $0^\circ + (180^\circ)n, 45^\circ + (90^\circ)n$

Applying basic identities,

$$\tan \frac{x}{2} + \cot x + \csc x \sec 2x = \tan 2x = \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} + \frac{1}{\sin x \cos 2x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x}$$

Combining terms, we have  $\frac{\cos 2x + 1}{\sin x \cos 2x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x}$ .

Since  $\cos 2x \neq 0$ , the common term in the denominator can be ignored. Cross-multiplying, we have  $\cos 2x + 1 = \sin 2x \sin x$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\cos^2 x = 2\sin^2 x \cos x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\cos^2 x = 2(1 - \cos^2 x)\cos x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\cos x(\cos^2 x + \cos x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos x = \mathbf{0}, \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}. \left( \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} < -1 \text{ and must be rejected.} \right)$$

It is left to you to verify that both of these values check in the original equation.

D)  $\frac{440 \text{ feet}}{75 \text{ sec}} = \frac{440 \text{ feet}}{\frac{75}{60} \text{ min}} = 440 \cdot \frac{4}{5} = 352 \text{ ft / min}$

$$k \text{ mph} = \frac{k \cancel{\text{mi}}}{\cancel{\text{hr}}} \cdot \frac{1 \cancel{\text{hr}}}{60 \text{ min}} \cdot \frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \cancel{\text{mi}}} = \frac{5280k \text{ ft}}{60 \text{ min}} = 88k \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{min}}$$

Upstream:  $(352 - 88k)t$       Downstream:  $(352 + 88k)(t - 10)$

Equating,  $\cancel{352}t - 88kt = \cancel{352}t - 3520 + 88kt - 880k$

$$\Leftrightarrow 176kt = 3520 + 880k \Leftrightarrow 2kt = 40 + 10k \Rightarrow k = \frac{20}{t - 5}$$

Given  $t + 4k = 26$ , we substitute  $k = \frac{20}{(26 - 4k) - 5} = \frac{20}{21 - 4k}$

$$\Rightarrow 4k^2 - 21k + 20 = (4k - 5)(k - 4) = 0$$

$k = 4 \Rightarrow t = 10$  is rejected since this leaves no time to swim downstream.

Thus,  $k = 1.25 \Rightarrow t = 21$  and the distance swam upstream and downstream is

$$\left( 352 - 88 \cdot \frac{5}{4} \right) (21) = 242 \cdot 21 = \mathbf{5082} \text{ feet.}$$

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E) The perimeter  $P$  of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $P = (x + 4y - 4) + (7y - x + 3) + \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 3y - 1\right) = \frac{1}{2}x + 14y - 2$ .

The diameter of the circumscribed circle is  $\overline{AC}$ , so  $7y - x + 3 = 3x + 2y - 4 \Rightarrow \boxed{4x - 5y = 7}$ .

Since  $AB + BC - AC$  is the diameter of the inscribed circle (proof below),

$$(x + 4y - 4) + \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 3y - 1\right) - (7y - x + 3) = 2x - y + 1 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{2}x + y = 9}$$

Solving the two boxed equations,  $-(4x - 5y = 7) + 8\left(\frac{1}{2}x + y = 9\right) \Rightarrow 13y = 65 \Rightarrow y = 5, x = 8$

Substituting  $x$  and  $y$  into  $P$ , we have the perimeter is  $\frac{1}{2}(8) + 14(5) - 2 = \underline{72}$ .

Proof:

$$|\triangle ABC| = \frac{1}{2}rx + \frac{1}{2}ry + \frac{1}{2}rz = \frac{1}{2}xy \Rightarrow r = \frac{xy}{x + y + z}$$

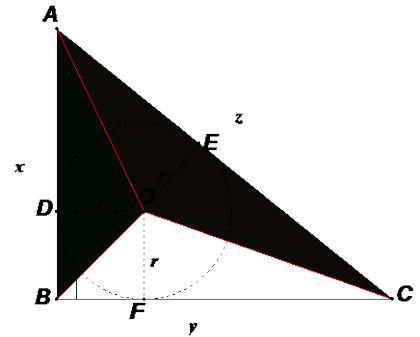
We need to show that an equivalent expression for the diameter of the inscribed circle is

$$x + y - z \text{ or, } r = \frac{x + y - z}{2}.$$

Cross-multiplying, we show that this an identity.

$$\begin{aligned} 2xy &= (x + y - z)(x + y + z) = (x + y)^2 - z^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - z^2 = 2xy + (x^2 + y^2 - z^2) \end{aligned}$$

But, since  $\triangle ABC$  is a right triangle,  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ , and the identity is established.



F)  $S = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n-1)d) \Rightarrow S = \frac{n}{2}\left(5 + (n-1) \cdot -\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{15 - 2n + 2}{3}\right) = \frac{n(17 - 2n)}{6}$

Clearly,  $S$  can be an integer only when  $n$  is even. Testing even values of  $n$ , a pattern emerges. In successive groups of 3 consecutive even integers (starting with 2, 4, 6), the first fails and the second and third produce an integer value.

$$n = 4, 6, 10, 12, 16 \Rightarrow 6, 5, -5, -14, -40 \Rightarrow S = \underline{-48}.$$

Since the values of  $S$  are clearly decreasing, the first 5 values listed are the largest.



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**Round 1 Algebra 2: Algebraic Functions**

A)  $-\frac{21}{32}$  (or -0.65625)    B)  $\left(-\frac{3}{8}, \frac{5}{8}\right)$     C)  $0, \pm \frac{\sqrt{26}}{2}$

**Round 2 Arithmetic/ Number Theory**

A) 61    B) (5, 2)    C) 100, 108, 120, 144, 160  
(in any order)

**Round 3 Trig Identities and/or Inverse Functions**

A)  $-\frac{1}{8}$     B) 7    C) 100, 260

**Round 4 Algebra 1: Word Problems**

A) 36    B) 16    C) 40

**Round 5 Geometry: Circles**

A)  $12\sqrt{5}$     B)  $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4}$     C)  $3+2\sqrt{6}$  only

**Round 6 Algebra 2: Sequences and Series**

A) 12    B) 9    C)  $\left(3, \frac{2}{3}\right), \left(15, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$

**Team Round**

A)  $\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{9}{2}$     D) 5082

B) (3,4,10)    E) 72

C)  $0, \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$     F) -48