

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE
CONTEST 1 - OCTOBER 2018
ROUND 1 VOLUME & SURFACES**

ANSWERS

A) _____ m^3

B) _____ $units^3$

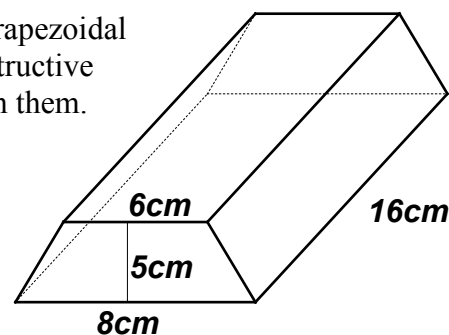
C) _____ lbs.

A) A water tank, in the shape of an inverted right circular cone, has a diameter of 12 meters and a height of 10 meters. If the height of the water in the tank is 3 meters, compute the exact amount of water (in m^3) in the tank.

B) A pyramid has its vertex at the center of a face of a cube, and its base coincides with the opposite face of the cube. If the volume of the region inside the cube and outside the pyramid is $1152 units^3$, compute the edge of the cube.

C) Fake gold bars, like those in the diagram at the right (an isosceles trapezoidal prism), are made of lead, spray-painted gold. The simplest non-destructive method for distinguishing a fake bar from a genuine one is to weigh them. Gold has a density of $19.3 g/cc$ (grams per cubic centimeter). Lead has a density of $11.3 g/cc$.

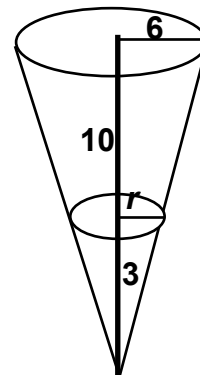
In a shipment of 6 bars, 5 of which are fake, how much less than expected would the shipment weigh to the nearest tenth of a pound (lb)? One kilogram (1000 grams) is equivalent to 2.2 pounds.



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Round 1

A) By similar triangles, $\frac{6}{10} = \frac{r}{3} \Rightarrow r = \frac{9}{5} \Rightarrow V = \frac{1}{3}\pi\left(\frac{9}{5}\right)^2(3) = \frac{81\pi}{25}$ (or 3.24π).



B) Let x denote the edge of the cube. Then the volume of the required region is

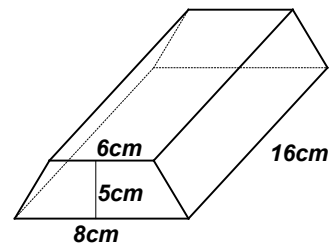
$$x^3 - \frac{1}{3}x^2 \cdot x = \frac{2}{3}x^3 = 1152 = 8(144) = 2^3(2^4 \cdot 3^2) \Rightarrow x^3 = 2^6 \cdot 3^3 \Rightarrow x = 4 \cdot 3 = \underline{12}.$$

C) The volume of the gold bar is $\frac{1}{2}5(6+8)16 = 70 \cdot 8 = 560 \text{ cm}^3$.

Thus, each fake bar decreases the weight of the shipment by $560(19.3 - 11.3) = 4480$ grams.

Our shipment is short $5(4480) = 22,400$ grams = 22.4 kg.

To the nearest 0.1 lb., this is equivalent to $22.4(2.2) = 49.28 \Rightarrow \underline{49.3}$ lbs.

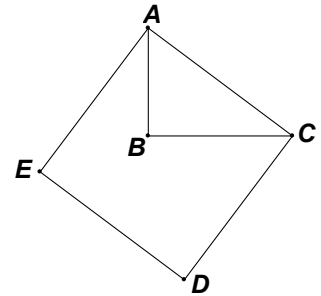


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ROUND 2 PYTHAGOREAN RELATIONS IN RECTILINEAR FIGURES**

ANSWERS

- A) _____
 B) _____
 C) _____

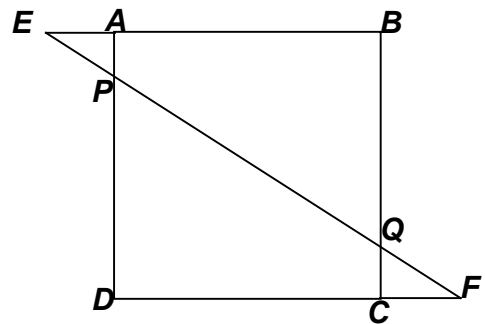
- A) $AC = BC + 1 = AB + 2$, $\angle BAC$ and $\angle BCA$ are complementary.
 $\overline{AE} = \overline{DE} = \overline{DC}$, $\overline{AE} \perp \overline{DE}$, $\overline{DE} \perp \overline{DC}$
 Compute the area of the concave pentagon $ABCDE$.



- B) In $\triangle ABC$, $m\angle A = 60^\circ$, $a = 16$, $b = 18$, and $\angle B$ is obtuse.
 Compute AB .

Note: Lowercase letters denote the length of sides opposite angles whose vertex is denoted by the corresponding uppercase letter.

- C) Given: $ABCD$ is a square, $AE = CF$
 $AP = 1$ and $BQ = 7$
 $\{A, B, E\}$ and $\{C, D, F\}$ are sets of collinear points.
 Compute PQ .



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Round 2

- A) Is $\triangle ABC$ a 3-4-5 right triangle?

We were *not* given that AC was an integer!

$$(x+2)^2 = x^2 + (x+1)^2$$

$$4x+4 = x^2 + 2x+1$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

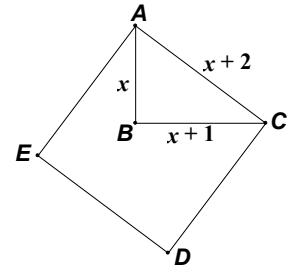
$$(x-3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = 3, \cancel{x = -1}$$

$\triangle ABC$ must be 3-4-5.

$ACDE$ is a square with side 5.

Thus, the area of $ABCDE$ is $5^2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = \underline{19}$.

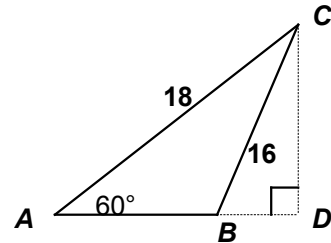


- B) $DC = 9\sqrt{3}$, $AD = 9$

$$BD^2 + (9\sqrt{3})^2 = 16^2$$

$$BD^2 = 256 - 243 = 13$$

$$AB = \underline{9 - \sqrt{13}}$$



- C) $\triangle PEA \cong \triangle QFC$ (by A.S.A.) $\Rightarrow (QC, QB) = (1, 7) \Rightarrow$

$$BC = AB = 8$$

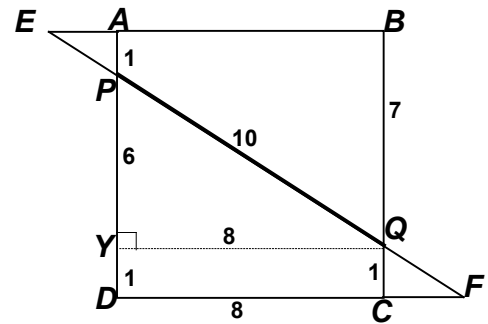
Let $AE = CF = x$. Then:

$$\triangle PEA \sim \triangle QEB \Rightarrow \frac{x}{x+8} = \frac{1}{7} \Rightarrow x = \frac{4}{3}$$

Using the Pythagorean Theorem on $\triangle PEA$,

$$PE^2 = 1^2 + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{9+16}{9} \Rightarrow PE = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{Finally, } \frac{\frac{5}{3}}{\frac{5}{3} + PQ} = \frac{1}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{35}{3} = \frac{5}{3} + PQ \Rightarrow PQ = \frac{30}{3} = \underline{10}$$



Alternately, by drawing $\overline{YQ} \parallel \overline{DC}$, $\triangle PYQ$ is a 3-4-5 right triangle

Therefore, $YQ = \underline{10}$.

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ROUND 3 ALG 1: LINEAR EQUATIONS**

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

A) Quinn has 4 stamp collections. In three of them he has a total of 1600 stamps. The fourth collection contains 55 fewer stamps than the average number of stamps in all four collections. How many stamps are in Quinn's fourth collection?

B) If $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{3}{7}$, $\frac{c}{b} = \frac{5}{6}$, and $a + c = 1166$, compute b .

C) Two equal-volume well-insulated containers of water are to be mixed.
Container #1 holds water at a constant temperature of 60° .
Container #2 holds water at a constant temperature of 208° .
 $(x + 8)\%$ of the first container and $x\%$ of the second container are mixed.
The temperature of the mixture is to be 98.6° .
Assuming no heat loss during the transfer and mixing, compute $x\%$ of x .

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Round 3

A) Let x denote the number of stamps in the fourth collection. Then:

$$x = \frac{1600+x}{4} - 55 \Leftrightarrow 4x = (1600+x) - 220 \Leftrightarrow 3x = 1380 \Leftrightarrow x = \underline{460}.$$

B) Since $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} = \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{6}{5} = \frac{18}{35}$, let $(a, c) = (18n, 35n)$.

$$a + c = 53n = 1166 \Rightarrow n = 22 \Rightarrow a = 18 \cdot 22 = (20+2)(20-2) = 400 - 4 = 396$$

$$\frac{396}{b} = \frac{3(132)}{b} = \frac{3}{7} \Rightarrow b = 7(132) = \underline{924}.$$

C) Note $x\% = \frac{x}{100}$. It is required that $\frac{x+8}{100} \cdot 60 + \frac{x}{100} \cdot 208 = 98.6$.

$$\Rightarrow (60+208)x + 480 = 9860 \Rightarrow x = \frac{9380}{268} = \frac{4 \cdot 67 \cdot 35}{4 \cdot 67} = 35$$

$$35\% \text{ of } 35 \Rightarrow .35(35) = \underline{12.25}.$$

FYI: Squaring a number ending in 5 is easy. $(\underline{X}5)^2$ always ends in 25.

The remaining digits will be $X(X+1)$.

Thus, $3 \cdot 4 = 12$ affixed to 25 $\Rightarrow 1225$ and we adjust the decimal point.

This works even if $X > 9$! For example, a calculator easily verifies that $195^2 = 38025$.

But now you don't need a calculator.

Can you argue why this shortcut works?

If you try and come up short, ask your coach or send me an email @ olson.re@gmail.com.

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ROUND 4 ALG 1: FRACTIONS & MIXED NUMBERS**

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

A) If the fractions $\frac{4}{25}$, $\frac{3}{20}$, $-\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{7}{40}$, $\frac{7}{10}$ are arranged in increasing order, compute the decimal equivalent of the fraction in the middle of the list.

B) The length and width of a 4 x 6 rectangle are each increased by x units. The perimeter of the resulting rectangle is 40% larger than that of the original rectangle. By what percent has the area increased?

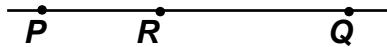
C) Points P , Q , and R are points on the x -axis.

The x -coordinate of P is $\frac{22}{5}$.

The x -coordinate of Q is $\frac{50}{n}$.

The x -coordinate of R is $\frac{72}{5+n}$.

If $PR : RQ = 3 : 5$, compute n .



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Round 4

A) Given: $\frac{4}{25}, \frac{3}{20}, -\frac{3}{4}, \frac{7}{40}, \frac{7}{10}$

The least common denominator is 200. Converting to equivalent fraction with a common denominator, the numerators would be 32, 30, -150, 35, 140. Thus, the first fraction will be

in the middle of the list. $\frac{4}{25} = \frac{16}{100} = \underline{\mathbf{0.16}}$. (The lead zero is not required.)

B) The original perimeter was 20 units. A 40% increase adds 8 units to the perimeter.

Thus, $2(x+x) = 8 \Rightarrow x = 2$. The area of the new rectangle is $6 \times 8 = 48$.

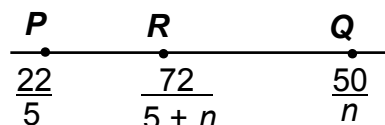
This is an increase of 24 square units, which is double the original area or a **100%** increase.

C) $PR : RQ = 3 : 5$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\frac{72}{n} - \frac{22}{5+n}}{\frac{5+n}{50} - \frac{5}{72}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{360 - 22(5+n)}{\frac{5(\cancel{5+n})}{50(5+n) - 72n}} = \frac{n(250 - 22n)}{5(250 - 22n)} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$\Rightarrow n = \underline{\mathbf{3}}$.



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ROUND 5 INEQUALITIES & ABSOLUTE VALUE**

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

A) How many nonzero integer values of x over the *closed* interval $[-10, 10]$ satisfy $|x + 5| > 2$?

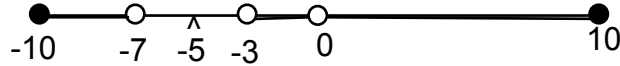
B) Let $N = \underline{T}\underline{U}$ be a two-digit positive integer, where $|T - U| \leq 2$.
Compute the number of values of N that are prime.

C) Solve over the reals. $||2x + 5| - 3| \leq 1$
Your solution must not include any overlapping intervals.

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Round 5

A) Since $|x+5| > 2$, there are 21 integer values in the given closed interval $[-10, 10]$.



All solutions must be more than 2 units from -5 .

This eliminates $x = -7, -6, -5, -4, -3$, as well as $x = 0$, six values.

Thus, there are **15** nonzero integer solutions.

Alternate solution:

$$|x+5| > 2 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x+5 < -2 \\ x+5 > +2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x < -7 \\ x > -3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -10, -9, -8 \\ -2, -1, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10 \end{cases}$$

B) $|T - U| = 0, 1, 2$

Case 1: $|T - U| = 0 \Rightarrow 11, 22, \dots, 99$ (all multiples of 11) \Rightarrow 11 only

Case 2: $|T - U| = 1 \Rightarrow 12, 23, 34, \dots, 89$ (or vice versa) $\Rightarrow 23, 43, 67, 89$

Case 3: $|T - U| = 2 \Rightarrow 13, 24, 35, \dots, 79$ (or vice versa) $\Rightarrow 13, 31, 53, 79, 97$

Thus, a total of **10** prime values.

C) $||2x+5|-3| \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 \leq |2x+5|-3 \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow 2 \leq |2x+5| \leq 4$

$$\Leftrightarrow |2x+5| \geq 2 \text{ and } |2x+5| \leq 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2x+5 \leq -2 \text{ or } 2x+5 \geq 2) \text{ and } (-4 \leq 2x+5 \leq 4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(x \leq -\frac{7}{2} \text{ or } x \geq -\frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ and } \left(-\frac{9}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Taking the intersection, we have $-\frac{9}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{7}{2}$ or $-\frac{3}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2}$.

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ROUND 6 ALG 1: EVALUATIONS**

ANSWERS

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

A) One mile equals 5280 feet.

A high school track star (and Olympic hopeful) ran 600 yards in 75 seconds.
To the nearest integer, what was his speed in miles per hour?

B) Let A be the 4th multiple of 3 greater than 10.

Let B be the 5th multiple of 4 greater than A .

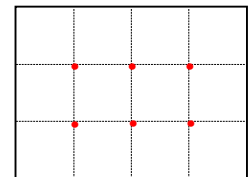
Let C be the 8th multiple of 6 greater than B .

Compute C .

C) A screen for sifting loam (i.e., dirt) consists of $\frac{1}{4}$ " square holes.

A $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1" screen shows six interior intersection points as indicated in the diagram at the right. My sifter screen is 4 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 2 inches.

Compute the number of interior intersection points on this screen.

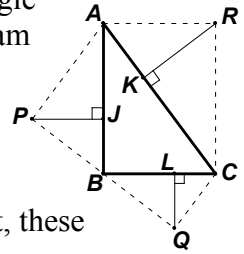


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ROUND 7 TEAM QUESTIONS
ANSWERS**

- A) _____ : _____ D) _____
 B) _____ E) _____
 C) (_____ , _____) F) _____

A) In a rectangular solid with dimensions $3 \times 4 \times 6$, a plane is parallel to opposite faces with the smallest area, and is perpendicular to the other two pairs of opposite faces. If the ratio of the total surface areas of the two rectangular solids formed by this plane is $13 : 20$, compute the ratio of their volumes.

B) Right triangles with sides in a $3:4:5$ ratio are drawn on each side of a right triangle whose sides have lengths $BC = 3$, $AB = 4$, and $AC = 5$, as indicated in the diagram at the right. $PB < PA < AB$, $QC < QB < BC$ and $RA < RC < AC$. Altitudes are drawn from points P , Q , and R . Compute $PJ + QL + RK$.



C) The line $(y - 2) = m(x + 1)$ intersects the line $Ax + By = 9$ at $(3, 5)$. If, in fact, these equations define the same line, compute the ordered pair (A, B) .

D) Let A and B be integers where $1 < A < 500$ and $1 < B < 600$. Compute the number of distinct ordered pairs of integers (A, B) for which $N = \left(23 - \frac{A}{7}\right)\left(41 - \frac{B}{11}\right)$ is the positive integral product of two non-integers.

E) Compute the area of the region bounded by $y = \frac{x}{5} + 8$ and $y = |x + 8| - |x + 7| + |x + 3|$.

F) A Numbrix puzzle (Marilyn vos Savant) is a 9×9 grid which must be filled with the numbers from 1 to 81 so that consecutive numbers follow a horizontal or vertical path – no diagonals!

Compute the largest prime factor of the sum of the numbers in the highlighted cells of the completed puzzle.

11		9		5		75		77
15								63
27								61
29								59
31		33		47		49		51

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Team Round

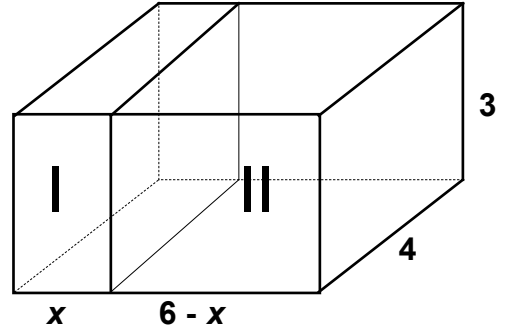
A) The surface area of solid #1 is $2(12 + 4x + 3x)$.

The surface area of solid #2 is $2(12 + 4(6 - x) + 3(6 - x))$.

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{24 + 14x}{108 - 14x} = \frac{12 + 7x}{54 - 7x} = \frac{13}{20} \Rightarrow$$

$$240 + 140x = 702 - 91x \Rightarrow x = \frac{702 - 240}{140 + 91} = \frac{462}{231} = 2$$

and the ratio of the smaller to the larger volume is $\frac{2 \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{4}}{4 \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$.



B) Let $(BC, AB, AC) = (3, 4, 5)$.

Applying the Pythagorean Theorem to $\triangle APB$, $\triangle BQC$, and $\triangle CRA$, we have

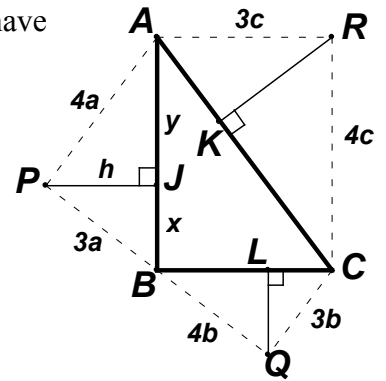
$25a^2 = 16$, $25b^2 = 9$, and $25c^2 = 25$. Equating area expressions, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3a \cdot 4a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 12a^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot h \cdot 4 \Rightarrow 12 \left(\frac{16}{25} \right) = 4h \Rightarrow h = PJ = \frac{48}{25}.$$

Similarly, in $\triangle BQC$, $12b^2 = 3QL \Rightarrow QL = \frac{36}{25}$;

in $\triangle ARC$, $12c^2 = 5RK \Rightarrow RK = \frac{12}{5}$.

$$\text{Thus, } PJ + QL + RK = \frac{48}{25} + \frac{36}{25} + \frac{12}{5} = \frac{48 + 36 + 60}{25} = \frac{144}{25} \text{ (or } \underline{5.76}).$$



Challenge: Is $\angle KJL$ a right angle? Is $\triangle KJL$ a 3-4-5 right triangle? Prove your contentions.

C) For a point of intersection at $(3, 5)$, we have
$$\begin{cases} (5 - 2) = m(3 + 1) \\ 3A + 5B = 9 \end{cases}$$

Thus, $m = \frac{3}{4}$. Since parallel lines have equal slopes, and $Ax + By = 9$, in slope-intercept

form is $y = -\frac{A}{B}x + \frac{9}{B}$, we have $-\frac{A}{B} = \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow 4A + 3B = 0$ or $A = -\frac{3}{4}B$.

$$\begin{cases} 4(3A + 5B = 9) \\ 3(4A + 3B = 0) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 12A + 20B = 36 \\ 12A + 9B = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 11B = 36 \Rightarrow (A, B) = \left(-\frac{27}{11}, \frac{36}{11} \right).$$

$$\text{Check: } 3 \left(-\frac{27}{11} \right) + 5 \left(\frac{36}{11} \right) = \frac{180 - 81}{11} = \frac{99}{11} = 9 \text{ and } 4 \left(-\frac{27}{11} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{36}{11} \right) = \frac{108 - 108}{11} = 0$$

Alternately, substituting $(3, 5)$ in the first equation, $m = 3/4$. The equation of the second line must be $3x - 4y = C$, where $C = 3(3) - 4(5) = -11$, but C should be $+9$.

$$\text{Multiplying by } -9/11 \text{ gives } -\frac{27}{11}x + \frac{36}{11}y = 9 \Rightarrow (A, B) = \left(-\frac{27}{11}, \frac{36}{11} \right).$$

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D) Suppose both $\left(23 - \frac{A}{7}\right) = \frac{161-A}{7}$ and $\left(41 - \frac{B}{11}\right) = \frac{451-B}{11}$ are non-integers. Since 7 and 11 are relatively prime, the only way the product of these two expressions could produce a positive integer is if $161 - A$ were a multiple of 11 (but not 7), and $451 - B$ were a multiple of 7 (but not 11).

[For integers k and j , $\frac{161-A}{7} \cdot \frac{451-B}{11} = \frac{11k}{7} \cdot \frac{7j}{11} = kj$, an integer.]

Select A so that $\frac{161-A}{7} = \frac{11k}{7}$ is a reduced fraction, i.e., $11k$ is not a multiple of 7.

$(161 - A)$ is a *positive* multiple of 11 for $A = 7, 18, 29, \dots, 150$, namely, 154, 143, 132, ..., 11.

These A -values may be written as $7 = 7 + 11 \cdot 0, \dots, 150 = 7 + 11 \cdot 13$. Thus, there are 14 such values, but $A = 7$ produces 154 which is also a multiple of 7. Since numbers which are consecutive multiples of both 7 and 11 differ by 77, we must also exclude $A = 84$.

Therefore, we have irreducible positive fractions for $14 - 2 = \boxed{12}$ different A -values.

$(161 - A)$ is a *negative* multiple of 11 for $A = 172, \dots, 491$, namely, $-11, \dots, -330$.

These A -values may be written as $172 = 7 + 11 \cdot 15, \dots, 491 = 7 + 11 \cdot 44$. Thus, there are $44 - 15 + 1 = 30$ such values. Repeatedly adding 77 to the previous “troublesome” value (of 84), $A = \cancel{161}, 238, 315, 392, 469$ produce negative multiples of 7 which must be excluded.

Therefore, we have irreducible negative fractions for $30 - 4 = \boxed{26}$ different A -values.

Select B so that $\frac{451-B}{11} = \frac{7j}{11}$ is a reduced fraction, i.e., $7j$ is not a multiple of 11.

$(451 - B)$ is a *positive* multiple of 7 for $B = 3, \dots, 444$, namely, 448, ..., 7.

These B -values may be written as $3 = 3 + 7 \cdot 0, \dots, 444 = 3 + 7 \cdot 63$. Thus, there are 64 such values, but $B = 66$ produces 385 which is also a multiple of 11. Repeatedly adding 77 to this “troublesome” value, $B = 143, 220, 297, 374$ also produce positive multiples of 7 which must be excluded. We have irreducible positive fractions for $64 - 5 = \boxed{59}$ B -values.

$(451 - B)$ is a *negative* multiple of 7 for $B = 458, \dots, 598$, namely, $-7, \dots, -147$.

These B -values may be written as $458 = 3 + 7 \cdot 65, \dots, 598 = 3 + 7 \cdot 85$

Thus, there are 21 such values. Adding 77 (to the previous value of 374), $B = \cancel{451}, 528$ produces -77 , a negative multiple of 11 which must be excluded. We have irreducible negative fractions for $21 - 1 = \boxed{20}$ B -values.

Therefore, $12 \cdot 59 + 26 \cdot 20 = 708 + 520 = \boxed{1228}$ ordered pairs (A, B) produce a positive integer

for the product of two non-integers $N = \left(23 - \frac{A}{7}\right)\left(41 - \frac{B}{11}\right)$.

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E) Given: $y = \frac{x}{5} + 8$ and $y = |x + 8| - |x + 7| + |x + 3|$

Both functions are continuous, the graph of the former being a straight line, and the latter being the union of two segments and two rays. The critical points are at $x = -8$, $x = -7$, and $x = -3$.

Thus, in the sketch below, the coordinates of A , B and C are easily determined to be $A(-8, 4)$, $B(-7, 5)$, $C(-3, 1)$

Since $m_{AB} = +1$ and $m_{BC} = -1$, it is clear that $\triangle PQR$ is a right triangle and $ABCR$ is a rectangle. Next equivalent functions must be found for the boxed absolute value function when $x < -8$ (left of the vertical line $x = -8$, where point P is located) and $x > -3$ (right of the vertical line $x = -3$, where point Q is located).

For $x < -8$, $y = |x + 8| - |x + 7| + |x + 3| \Leftrightarrow y = (-x - 8) - (-x - 7) + (-x - 3) = -x - 4$

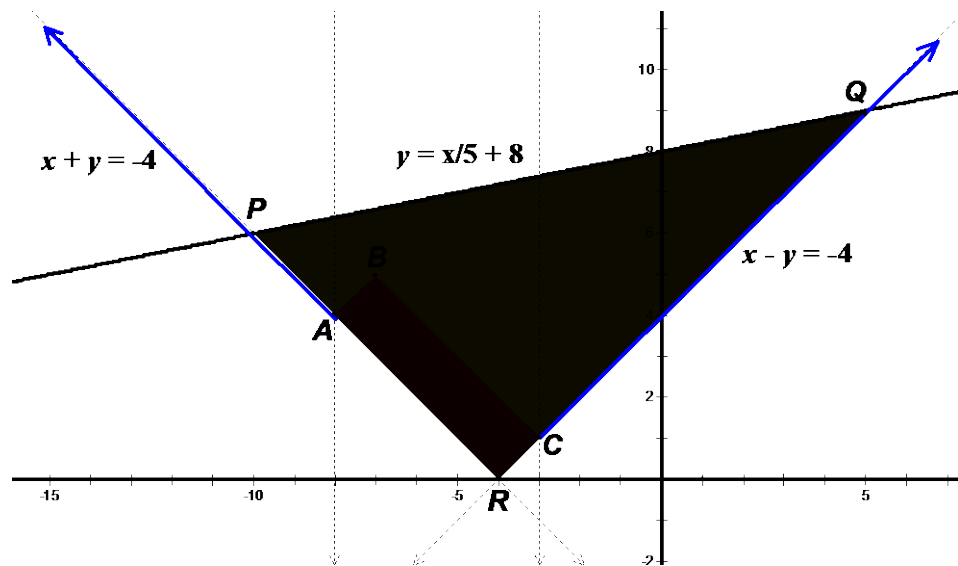
Thus, P lies on the line $x + y = -4$. Similarly, Q lies on the line $x - y = -4$.

By finding the intersection of each of these lines with $y = \frac{x}{5} + 8$, we have the required coordinates $P(-10, 6)$, $Q(5, 9)$. R must be located at $(-4, 0)$.

$\Rightarrow PR = 6\sqrt{2}$, $RQ = 9\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \text{Area}(\triangle PQR) = 54$

$\Rightarrow AB = \sqrt{2}$, $BC = 3\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \text{Area}(ABCR) = 6$.

Therefore, the required area is **48**.



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- F) Work the top and bottom rows, the leftmost and rightmost columns first filling in these outermost cells, where there is only one choice and then working inward wherever the choice is certain. This is the case for all cells outside the dark perimeter “fence”. It is left to you to fill in these outside values in the grid to the right. After this has been done, there are at least two possibilities for each of the remaining loose end numbers 3, 26, 33, and 47.

11		9		5		75		77
15				3				63
27	26							61
29								59
31		33		47		49		51

11	10	9	6	5	74	75	76	77
12	13	8	7	4	73	80	79	78
15	14	1	2	3	72	81	64	63
16	17	18	39	40	71	70	65	62
27	26	19	38	41	42	69	66	61
28	25	20	37	44	43	68	67	60
29	24	21	36	45	56	57	58	59
30	23	22	35	46	55	54	53	52
31	32	33	34	47	48	49	50	51

Unless 1 and 2 are placed directly to the left of 3, a dead-end is created and the path would have to terminate in this “cul-de-sac”, but that is impossible, as 1 would have already been placed (and 81 has been placed as an outside choice certain value). 25 must be placed below 26, otherwise, the connection to 17 would be impossible. Let R, L, U, and, D denote right, left, up, and, down, respectively. The path from 26 to 17 is shown in blue (light shading - D3R1U4). The path from 33 to 47 is shown in red (dark shading - R1U5R1D1R1D1L1D2).

Thus, the sum of the underscored values is $34 + 46 + 42 + 81 = 203 = 7(29)$.
The largest prime factor is 29.
Are you convinced that this solution is unique?

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Round 1 Geometry Volumes and Surfaces

- A) $\frac{81\pi}{25}$ (or 3.24π) B) 12 C) 49.3 (lbs)

Round 2 Pythagorean Relations

- A) 19 B) $9 - \sqrt{13}$ C) 10

Round 3 Linear Equations

- A) 460 B) 924 C) 12.25

Round 4 Fraction & Mixed numbers

- A) 0.16 B) 100 C) 3

Round 5 Absolute value & Inequalities

- A) 15 B) 10 C) $-\frac{9}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{7}{2}$ or $-\frac{3}{2} \leq x \leq -\frac{1}{2}$

Round 6 Evaluations

- A) 16 B) 84 C) 63,425

Team Round

- A) 1 : 2 D) 1228
- B) $\frac{144}{25}$ (or 5.76) E) 48
- C) $\left(-\frac{27}{11}, \frac{36}{11}\right)$ F) 29 [46 + 34 + 42 + 81 = 203 = 29(7)]