

## Solutions to Weierstrass Team

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1. [4] Mr. Schwartz has 96 pringles and 120 pieces of candy. What is the largest number of students for which both pringles and candy can be split equally among them?

*Proposed by Lewis Lau.*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{24}$

**Solution:** We want to find  $\gcd(96, 120)$ .  $96 = 2^5 \cdot 3$  and  $120 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ , so  $\gcd(96, 120) = 2^3 \cdot 3 = 24$ .

2. [4] It takes Gloria the Snail 40 hours to crawl around a rectangular basketball court and 46 hours to crawl around a rectangular tennis court, which has a perimeter 4 meters longer than the basketball court. If Gloria the Snail crawls at a constant speed, what is Gloria the Snail's speed in meters per hour?

*Proposed by Reanna Jin.*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$

**Solution:** It takes Gloria the Snail  $46 - 40 = 6$  hours to crawl 4 meters, so her speed is  $\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$  meters per hour.

3. [4] Let  $a \star b = \frac{a+b}{a}$ . What is  $7 \star (8 \star 7) - 8 \star (7 \star 8)$ ?

*Proposed by Olivia Guo.*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{0}$

**Solution:** We first compute  $a \star (b \star a)$ :

$$a \star (b \star a) = \frac{a + \frac{b+a}{a}}{a} = \frac{ab + a + b}{ab}.$$

This is symmetric about  $a$  and  $b$ , so  $a \star (b \star a) = b \star (a \star b)$ , and  $7 \star (8 \star 7) - 8 \star (7 \star 8) = 0$ .

4. [5] Kite  $ABCD$  is inscribed in a circle. If the area of the kite is 48 square units and  $BD$  is 6 units long, what is the area of the circle?

*Proposed by Evan Zhang.*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{64\pi}$

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**Solution:** Because  $ABCD$  is a kite,  $AC \perp BD$ , so the area of  $ABCD$  is  $\frac{AC \cdot BD}{2} = 48$ . Since  $BD = 6$ ,  $AC = 16$ . Additionally, by symmetry,  $AC$  is a diameter of the circle, so the area of the circle is  $\pi \cdot \left(\frac{16}{2}\right)^2 = 64\pi$ .

5. [5] Valerie draws a right triangle with legs of length 1 and 8. Michelle draws a different right triangle with legs of integer length. To their surprise, the hypotenuses of both right triangles are the same length! What is the area of Michelle's right triangle?

*Proposed by Jason Youm.*

**Answer:** 14

**Solution:** The hypotenuse of Valerie's triangle is  $\sqrt{1^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{65}$ . We can find that  $4^2 + 7^2 = 16 + 49 = 65$ , so Michelle's triangle has legs of length 4 and 7. The area of Michelle's triangle is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 7 = 14$ .

6. [5] If  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = 2025$ , what is  $n$ ?

*Proposed by Arjun Samavedam.*

**Answer:** 9

**Solution:** The formula for the sum of the first  $n$  cubes is  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$ . We then have  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \sqrt{2025} = 45$ , so  $n(n+1) = 90$ , giving  $n = 9$ .

7. [6] Olivia thinks that two plus two equals five. As in, she believes there are solutions to the following equation:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{TWO} \\ + \text{TWO} \\ \hline \text{FIVE} \end{array}$$

In Olivia's equation, each letter represents a distinct digit. What is the maximum possible value of  $FIVE$ ?

*Proposed by Ivy Guo.*

**Answer:** 1872

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**Solution:** To maximize *FIVE*, let  $T = 9$ , so  $F = 1$ . Then,  $I$  is either 8 or 9, but since each letter represents a distinct digit,  $I \neq 9$ , so  $I = 8$ . Therefore,  $W \leq 4$ .

However, we also must have  $W \neq 4$ , because if  $W = 4$ , then  $V$  must be either 8 or 9, but both 8 and 9 have already been used. Therefore, the largest possible value of  $W$  is 3.

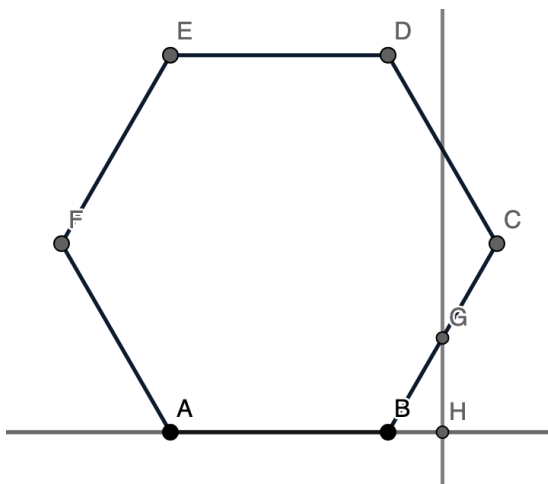
The largest digit left is 7. We can check that  $O = 7$  does not work, because  $937 + 937 = 1874$ , and the digit 7 is used twice.  $O = 6$  does work, and  $936 + 936 = 1872$ .

8. [6] Two ants start on the same vertex of a regular hexagon with side length 2 and begin running in opposite directions along the sides of the hexagon. If one ant runs 3 times as fast as the other, what is the distance from the point where they first meet to their starting location?

*Proposed by Evan Zhang.*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\sqrt{7}}$

**Solution:** The two ants will meet  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way around the hexagon. With a perimeter of  $6 \cdot 2 = 12$ , this is 3 units along the hexagon.



In this diagram, if the ants start at  $A$ , and the faster initially goes towards  $F$  and the slower one initially goes towards  $B$ , they will meet at  $G$ .  $\triangle GBH$  is a 30–60–90 triangle. As  $BG = 1$ ,  $BH = \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $GH = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . With the Pythagorean Theorem,  $AG = \sqrt{\left(2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{7}$ .

9. [7] What is the maximum number of intersection points between 3 ellipses and 3 lines?

*Proposed by Evan Zhang.*

**Answer:** 33

**Solution:** To maximize the number of intersection points, no three curves (ellipses or lines) should intersect at one point. Any two ellipses can intersect with each other at at most 4 points, so there can be up to  $3 \cdot 4 = 12$  ellipse-ellipse intersection points. Any two lines can intersect at at most 1 point, so there can be up to 3 line-line intersection points. A line and an ellipse can intersect at at most 2 points. There's  $3 \cdot 3 = 9$  combinations of a line and an ellipse, for a total of 18 line-ellipse intersection points. The total number of intersection points is therefore  $12 + 3 + 18 = 33$ .

10. [8] If positive integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  satisfy  $\gcd(a, b) = 30$ ,  $\gcd(b, c) = 18$ , and  $\gcd(c, a) = 24$ , what is the minimum value of  $abc$ ?

*Proposed by Lewis Lau.*

**Answer:** 777600

**Solution:** The prime factorizations of the gcd's are  $30 = 2^1 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1$ ,  $18 = 2^1 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^0$ , and  $24 = 2^3 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^0$ . The exponents in the factorization of the gcd of two numbers are the smaller of the corresponding exponents in their prime factorizations. Looking at each exponent:

- 24 has the largest exponent for 2, being 3. As such,  $2^3 = 8$  must divide both  $c$  and  $a$ . 2 and not 4 divides both 30 and 18, so 2 must divide  $b$ . The minimum exponent of 2 for  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are 3, 1, and 3, respectively.
- 18 has the largest exponent for 3, being 2. As such,  $3^2 = 9$  must divide both  $b$  and  $c$ . 3 and not 9 divides both 30 and 24, so 3 must divide  $a$ . The minimum exponent of 3 for  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are 1, 2, and 2, respectively.
- 30 is the only multiple of 5 and is not a multiple of 25. 5 must then divide both  $a$  and  $b$ , and there are no such restrictions for  $c$ . The minimum exponent of 5 for  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are 1, 1, and 0, respectively.

Combining this, the minimum value of  $abc$  is  $2^{3+1+3} \cdot 3^{1+2+2} \cdot 5^{1+1+0} = 2^7 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^2 = 777600$ .

11. [8] A rectangle with area 22 is inscribed in a circle with radius 5. What is the perimeter of the rectangle?

*Proposed by William Roe.*

**Answer:** 24

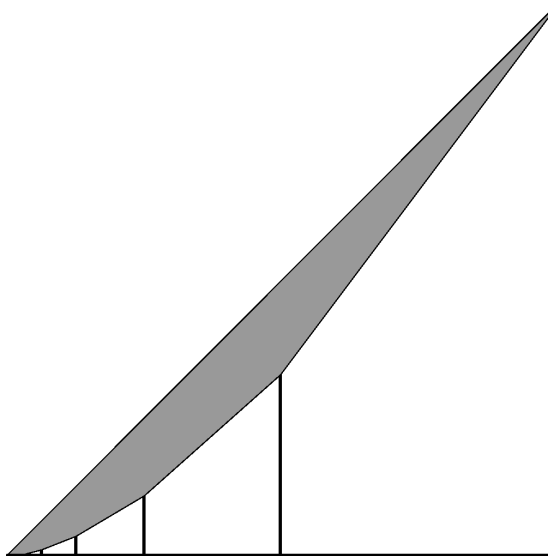
**Solution:** If  $a$  and  $b$  are the sides of the rectangle, the hypotenuse must be  $2r = 10 = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . From the area,  $ab = 22$ . The perimeter is  $2a + 2b$ . Squaring the hypotenuse and adding twice the area gives  $a^2 + b^2 + 2ab = 144$ . Taking the square root and doubling gives 24 as the perimeter.

12. [9] A polygon has infinite vertices, located at  $(\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{3^n})$  for all nonnegative integers  $n$ . What is the area of the polygon?

*Proposed by Evan Zhang.*

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{10}$

**Solution:**



The area of the polygon can be found by summing the areas of infinitely many trapezoids, then subtracting from the right triangle with vertices at  $(0,0)$ ,  $(1,1)$ , and  $(1,0)$ . The area of this right triangle is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area of the rightmost trapezoid is  $\frac{(\frac{1}{3}+1) \cdot (1-\frac{1}{2})}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$ . For each subsequent trapezoid, the vertical bases are scaled by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$  and the horizontal height is scaled by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , meaning the area is scaled by a factor of  $\frac{1}{6}$ . Thus, the

sum of all of our trapezoids is the infinite geometric series  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^2 + \dots$ . Using the formula for an infinite geometric series, this sum is  $\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{2}{5}$ . Subtracting from  $\frac{1}{2}$  gives the area of the polygon to be  $\frac{1}{10}$ .

13. [9]  $p$  and  $q$  are chosen at random from the set of all positive integers. What is the probability that, when the fraction  $\frac{p}{q}$  is fully simplified, the numerator is even?

*Proposed by Lewis Lau.*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$

**Solution:** Rewrite  $p = a \cdot 2^b$  and  $q = c \cdot 2^d$  where  $a$  and  $c$  are odd. The answer is then the probability  $b > d$ .

$p$  is odd with  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance, so  $b = 0$  with  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance.  $p$  is even with  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance, but in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of those occurrences 4 also divides  $p$ . As such,  $b = 1$  with  $\frac{1}{4}$  chance. More generally, for any choice of  $k$ ,  $2^k$  divides  $p$  with  $\frac{1}{2^k}$  chance, but  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the time,  $2^{k+1}$  also divides  $p$ . As such,  $b = k$  with  $\frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$  chance. The results are the exact same for  $d$ .

With the distributions of  $b$  and  $d$ , the chance they are the same is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \dots = \frac{1}{3}$ , and the chance they are different is  $\frac{2}{3}$ . By symmetry, the chance  $b > d$  rather than  $b < d$  is half that,  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

14. [10] Olivia has a triangle  $ABC$ , and Ivy is trying to guess its area. Olivia tells Ivy that angle  $A$  is  $30^\circ$  and that side  $AB$  equals 10, but Ivy cannot determine the area of  $ABC$  with that information alone. Olivia then tells Ivy the value of side  $BC$ , and Ivy is able to uniquely determine the triangle's area. What is the sum of all possible positive integers that CANNOT have been the value of  $BC$ ?

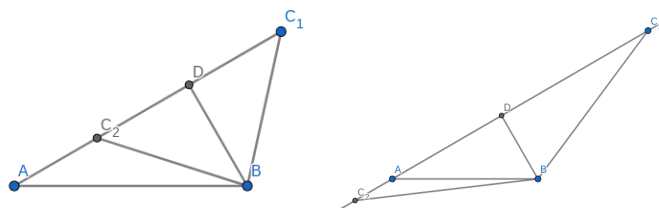
*Proposed by Daniel Zhu.*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{40}$

**Solution:** Since Ivy can uniquely determine the triangle's area, she can uniquely determine the triangle. Consider the following two diagrams.

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In the first diagram, there are two possible locations for point  $C$ , which are reflections of each other across the perpendicular from  $B$ . This occurs because  $BC < AB$ . In the second diagram,  $BC > AB$ , so only one of the two possible locations for  $C$  actually works; the other is on the wrong side of  $A$ .

If  $C$  is exactly the foot of the perpendicular from  $A$  (point  $D$  in the diagrams), there is also only one possible location. Since  $\triangle ABD$  is a  $30 - 60 - 90$  triangle, we know  $AD = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 10 = 5$ .

Lastly, if  $BC < BD$ , we get a degenerate triangle, which doesn't work.

Therefore, the values of  $BC$  that don't work are when  $5 < BC < 10$  and when  $5 > BC$ . The answer is  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 = 40$ .

15. [10] Define  $f(n)$  as the number of divisors of  $n$  and  $g(n)$  as

$$g(n) := f(n) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} g(a_i)$$

where  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  are the divisors of  $n$  in increasing order. Given that  $g(1) = 0$ , what is  $g(72)$ ?

*Proposed by Evan Zhang.*

**Answer:** 227

**Solution:** Consider the factors of 72:

1	2	4	8
3	6	12	24
9	18	36	72

The corresponding  $f(n)$  are given as follows:

1	2	3	4
2	4	6	8
3	6	9	12

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We can create a similar array for  $g(n)$ . We are given  $g(1) = 0$ , and each  $g(n)$  is the sum of  $f(n)$  and all  $g(x)$  in the rectangular region above and to the left of  $n$  in the  $g(n)$  array.

This gives the following  $g(n)$  values:

0	2	5	11
2	8	23	59
5	23	77	227

for a final answer of 227.