

Minnesota State High School Mathematics League Individual Event

2007-08 Event 2A SOLUTIONS

1. $\boxed{\frac{54}{11}}$ $27 \div 6 = \frac{27 \cdot 6}{27 + 6} = \frac{27 \cdot \cancel{6}^2}{\cancel{33}_{11}} = \frac{54}{11}$

2. $\boxed{T = 0.15 \cdot I - 374}$

$$\text{rate of change} = \frac{3241 - 3226}{24,100 - 24,000} = \frac{15}{100} = 0.15$$

Using the point-slope method,

$$(T - 3226) = 0.15(I - 24000)$$

$$T - 3226 = 0.15I - 3600 \Leftrightarrow T = 0.15 \cdot I - 374$$

Income(I)	Tax(T)
24,000	3226
24,100	3241
24,200	3256
24,300	3271

3. $\boxed{N = \frac{8}{11}R + \frac{36}{11}}$

Apply the operations to N , one at a time:

$$\begin{aligned} N &\rightarrow (N - 5) \rightarrow 3(N - 5) \rightarrow 3(N - 5) + 6 \rightarrow 4[3(N - 5) + 6] \\ &\rightarrow 4[3(N - 5) + 6] - N \rightarrow 0.125(4[3(N - 5) + 6] - N) \end{aligned}$$

Now simplify the final expression:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.125(4[3(N - 5) + 6] - N) &= 0.125(4[3N - 9] - N) \\ &= 0.125(11N - 36) \\ &= \frac{11N - 36}{8} = R \end{aligned}$$

Solving for N , we obtain

$$N = \frac{8}{11}R + \frac{36}{11}$$

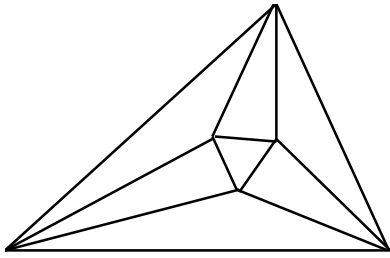
4. $\boxed{m = 15, n = 21}$ (m and n can, of course, be interchanged in the solution.)

If GCD = 1, then LCM = 103, which is prime and cannot be the product of 4 primes.

If GCD = 2, then LCM = 104 = (2)(2)(2)(13), but since (GCD)(LCM) = (m)(n), one of the two integers must have more than "exactly two" prime factors.

If GCD = 3, then LCM = 105 = (3)(5)(7), leading to the solution $\boxed{m = 15, n = 21}$.

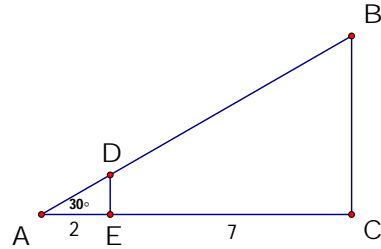
How can we prove that this is the only answer? Watch the League Notes for a proof...



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1. $3\sqrt{3}$. Since $AC = 9$, $BC = \frac{AC}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} = 3\sqrt{3}$.



2. 72. Set each possible pair of sides equal, and solve for x :

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 91 &= 4x + 19 \\ 72 &= x \end{aligned}$$

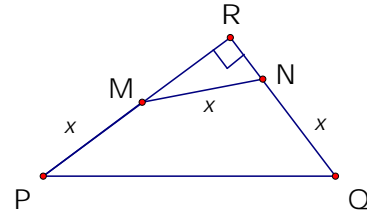
$$\begin{aligned} 4x + 19 &= 5x + 1 \\ 18 &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 91 &= 5x + 1 \\ x &= 45 \end{aligned}$$

Verify these values of x using the Triangle Inequality... then the largest x is 72.

3. $7 - 2\sqrt{6}$. Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to right triangle RNM :

$$\begin{aligned} (4-x)^2 + (3-x)^2 &= x^2 & x &= \frac{14 \pm \sqrt{14^2 - 4 \cdot 25}}{2} \\ 16 - 8x + x^2 + 9 - 6x + x^2 &= x^2 & &= 7 \pm \sqrt{7^2 - 5^2} \\ x^2 - 14x + 25 &= 0 & &= 7 \pm 2\sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

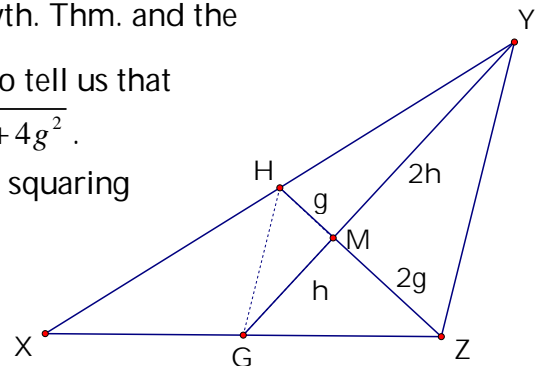


Since x is certainly less than 7, the only possibility is $7 - 2\sqrt{6}$.

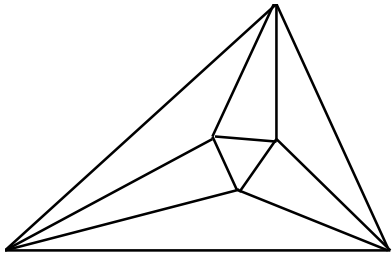
4. $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$ With the diagram labeled as shown, the Pyth. Thm. and the

2:1 ratio of intersecting medians combine to tell us that $YH = HX = \sqrt{g^2 + 4h^2}$, and $ZG = GX = \sqrt{h^2 + 4g^2}$.

The given ratio says that $4GX = 3HX$, which, after squaring both sides, simplifies to $g = \frac{2}{\sqrt{11}}h$.



$$\frac{GH}{HY} = \frac{\sqrt{g^2 + h^2}}{\sqrt{g^2 + 4h^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{15}{11}h^2}}{\sqrt{\frac{48}{11}h^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{48}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{16}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}$$



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2007-08 Event 2C SOLUTIONS

1. 13° . Using the sine/cosine cofunction identity, $\sin(2x+8) = \cos(5x-9)$ is true when $(2x+8) = 90 - (5x-9)$. Solve for x to obtain 13° .
2. 244° . Realizing that $-\sqrt{\frac{1+\sin 38^\circ}{2}} = -\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos 52^\circ}{2}}$, we recognize the half-angle formula for cosine. Since $+\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos 52^\circ}{2}} = \cos 26^\circ$, $-\sqrt{\frac{1+\cos 52^\circ}{2}} = -\cos 26^\circ$.
So $\sin x = -\cos 26^\circ = \cos 154^\circ = \sin(90 - 154)^\circ = \sin(-64)^\circ = \sin 296^\circ = \sin 244^\circ$, and the smallest positive x is 244° .

3. $\left(\frac{90}{11}\right)^\circ$ Using the given hint,

$$\sec 5x = \tan 3x + \tan 5x$$
$$\frac{1}{\cos 5x} = \frac{\sin 3x}{\cos 3x} + \frac{\sin 5x}{\cos 5x}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(\cos 3x)(\cos 5x)$ reveals the sum identity for sine:

$$\cos 3x = \sin 3x \cos 5x + \cos 3x \sin 5x = \sin 8x$$

$$\text{So } 3x + 8x = 90^\circ, \text{ and } x = \left(\frac{90}{11}\right)^\circ.$$

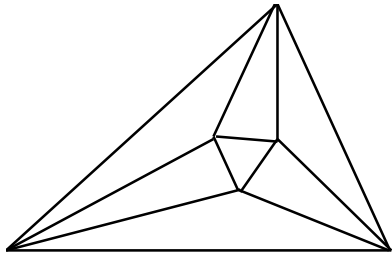
4. $\left(\frac{180}{17}\right)^\circ$ Multiply both sides by $16 \sin x$:

$$16(\cos 8x)(\cos 4x)(\cos 2x)(\cos x)(\sin x) = \sin x$$

Now, repeatedly, use factors of two along with the double angle formula for sine:

$$8(\cos 8x)(\cos 4x)(\cos 2x)(\sin 2x) = 4(\cos 8x)(\cos 4x)(\sin 4x) = 2(\cos 8x)(\sin 8x)$$

$$\text{So } \sin 16x = \sin x \Rightarrow 16x + x = 180^\circ, \text{ and } x = \left(\frac{180}{17}\right)^\circ.$$



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2007-08 Event 2D SOLUTIONS

1. -6. $2y + x + 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2}$, which is a line with slope $-\frac{1}{2}$.
 $3y + ax + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = -\frac{a}{3}x - \frac{2}{3}$, which is a line with slope $-\frac{a}{3}$.
 The lines are perpendicular, so $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{a}{3}\right) = -1$, and $a = -6$.

2. $\left(\frac{r}{r^2+1}, \frac{r}{r^2+1}\right)$
 First find the equation of the line through the two intercepts $(r, 0)$ and $(0, \frac{1}{r})$:
 slope = $\frac{\frac{1}{r}}{-r} = -\frac{1}{r^2}$, so using slope-intercept form, $y = -\frac{1}{r^2}x + \frac{1}{r}$.
 Now let $y = x$: $x = -\frac{1}{r^2}x + \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{r^2}\right)x = \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{r^2+1}{r^2}\right)x = \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{r}{r^2+1}$,
 and the desired point of intersection is $(x, y) = \left(\frac{r}{r^2+1}, \frac{r}{r^2+1}\right)$.

3. 4015. Three noncollinear points determine a circle, so we know that $(-2, -3)$, $(2, 5)$, and $(2007, y)$ must be collinear. The midpoint of $(-2, -3)$ and $(2, 5)$ is $(0, 1)$, quickly defining the line $y = 2x + 1$. \therefore the desired y equals $2(2007) + 1 = 4015$.

4. 5 and 845. Noting that the point of tangency must be $(h, 0)$, forcing $r = k$, we write:

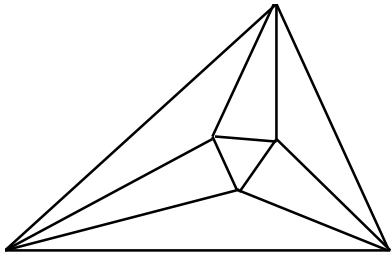
Graders: No partial credit; both answers must be present.

$$\begin{cases} (1-h)^2 + (9-r)^2 = r^2 \\ (8-h)^2 + (8-r)^2 = r^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 - 2h + h^2 + 81 - 18r = 0 \\ 64 - 16h + h^2 + 64 - 16r = 0 \end{cases}$$

Subtracting, $-46 + 14h - 2r = 0$, and $h = \frac{r+23}{7}$.

$$(1-h)^2 + (9-r)^2 = r^2 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{-1}{7}(r+16)\right]^2 + 81 - 18r = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 - 850r + 4225 = 0$$

Applying the quadratic formula, we find $r \in \{5, 845\}$.



Minnesota State High School Mathematics League Team Event

2007-08 Meet 2 SOLUTIONS

1. $y = \frac{3}{4}x + 1$ or $y = \frac{3}{4}x + 11$. The normal form of the given line is $\frac{3x - 4y}{5} = -\frac{24}{5}$.

The desired line(s) are 4 units away along the normal: $\frac{3x - 4y}{5} = -\frac{24}{5} \pm 4$

Therefore, there are two possible parallel lines: $y = \frac{3}{4}x + 1$ or $y = \frac{3}{4}x + 11$.

2. **110.** Given that we desire a solution in base a , it would be convenient to express the Pythagorean triples in terms of a :

a	3	5	7	9
b	4	12	24	40
c	5	13	25	41
$b+c$	9	25	49	81

Noticing that $b+c = a^2$, we can soon see that $b = \frac{a^2 - 1}{2}$ and $c = \frac{a^2 + 1}{2}$.

The perimeter is $a + b + c = a + \frac{a^2 - 1}{2} + \frac{a^2 + 1}{2} = a^2 + a$, which in base a always equals 110.

3. **17°** and **101°**. Using unit circle relationships, the system can be rewritten as follows:

Graders: No partial credit; both answers must be present.

$$\begin{cases} x \cdot \cos 11^\circ - y \cdot \sin 149^\circ = \sin \alpha \\ x \cdot \cos 101^\circ + y \cdot \cos 31^\circ = \cos \alpha \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \cdot \cos 11^\circ - y \cdot \sin 31^\circ = \sin \alpha \\ x \cdot -\sin 11^\circ + y \cdot \cos 31^\circ = \cos \alpha \end{cases}$$

Using Cramer's Rule,

$$x = \frac{D_x}{D} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & -\sin 31^\circ \\ \cos \alpha & \cos 31^\circ \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \cos 11^\circ & -\sin 31^\circ \\ -\sin 11^\circ & \cos 31^\circ \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos 31^\circ + \cos \alpha \sin 31^\circ}{\cos 11^\circ \cos 31^\circ - \sin 11^\circ \sin 31^\circ} = \frac{\sin(31 + \alpha)^\circ}{\cos(31 + 11)^\circ}$$

Since we wish x to equal 1, we need $\sin(31 + \alpha)^\circ = \cos 42^\circ = \sin 48^\circ$ or $\sin 132^\circ$, which occurs when $\alpha \in \{17^\circ, 101^\circ\}$.

4. $(0, 2)$ $(-\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4})$ $(1, 1)$ $(\frac{13}{16}, \frac{25}{16})$

Graders: Give 1 point for each correct ordered pair.

Each graph is comprised of the union of points on two intersecting lines.

$(x - y + 2)(3x + y - 4) = 0$ involves the lines $y = x + 2$ and $y = -3x + 4$, while

$(x + y - 2)(x - 5y + 7) = 0$ involves the lines $y = -x + 2$ and $y = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{5}$.

There will be four points of intersection, created by pairing one line from each graph:

$$y = x + 2 \text{ and } y = -x + 2 \Rightarrow x + 2 = -x + 2 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (0, 2)$$

$$y = x + 2 \text{ and } y = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{5} \Rightarrow x + 2 = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{5} \Rightarrow (x, y) = (-\frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4})$$

$$y = -3x + 4 \text{ and } y = -x + 2 \Rightarrow -3x + 4 = -x + 2 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (1, 1)$$

$$y = -3x + 4 \text{ and } y = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{5} \Rightarrow -3x + 4 = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{7}{5} \Rightarrow (x, y) = (\frac{13}{16}, \frac{25}{16})$$

5. $x = (a + b) - \sqrt{2ab}$.

A similar solution method to that used in problem 3 of Event B, beginning with $\triangle RNX$:

$$\begin{aligned} (a - x)^2 + (b - x)^2 &= x^2 & x &= \frac{2(a + b) \pm \sqrt{4(a + b)^2 - 4c^2}}{2} \\ a^2 - 2ax + x^2 + b^2 - 2bx + x^2 &= x^2 & &= (a + b) \pm \sqrt{a^2 + 2ab + b^2 - c^2} \\ x^2 - 2(a + b)x + (a^2 + b^2) &= 0 & &= (a + b) \pm \sqrt{2ab} \end{aligned}$$

Since $x < a$, it cannot be greater than $(a + b)$. Therefore, $x = (a + b) - \sqrt{2ab}$.

(Note that even this value of x is too big when beginning with a 5, 12, 13 right triangle. Can you find the class of right triangles for which x exists?)

6. 45.

Using the formula $P = rt$, we generate the following table:

	P (papers)	r (papers/min)	t (minutes)
Sarah	60	S	90
Ryan	35	R	X
together	91	$S + R$	63

Since $60 = S \cdot 90$, $S = \frac{2}{3}$. Then $91 = (S + R)63 \Rightarrow S + R = \frac{13}{9}$, and $R = \frac{7}{9}$.

Finally, $35 = RX = \frac{7}{9}X$, and $X = 35 \cdot \frac{9}{7}$, or 45 minutes.