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## Geometry

1. Let  $d$  be a real number such that every non-degenerate quadrilateral has at least two interior angles with measure less than  $d$  degrees. What is the minimum possible value for  $d$ ?

*Proposed by: James Lin*

**Answer:** 120

The sum of the internal angles of a quadrilateral is  $360^\circ$ . To find the minimum  $d$ , we note the limiting case where three of the angles have measure  $d$  and the remaining angle has measure approaching zero. Hence,  $d \geq 360^\circ/3 = 120$ . It is not difficult to see that for any  $0 < \alpha < 120$ , a quadrilateral of which three angles have measure  $\alpha$  degrees and fourth angle has measure  $(360 - 3\alpha)$  degrees can be constructed.

2. In rectangle  $ABCD$ , points  $E$  and  $F$  lie on sides  $AB$  and  $CD$  respectively such that both  $AF$  and  $CE$  are perpendicular to diagonal  $BD$ . Given that  $BF$  and  $DE$  separate  $ABCD$  into three polygons with equal area, and that  $EF = 1$ , find the length of  $BD$ .

*Proposed by: Yuan Yao*

**Answer:**  $\sqrt{3}$

Observe that  $AECF$  is a parallelogram. The equal area condition gives that  $BE = DF = \frac{1}{3}AB$ . Let  $CE \cap BD = X$ , then  $\frac{EX}{CX} = \frac{BE}{CD} = \frac{1}{3}$ , so that  $BX^2 = EX \cdot CX = 3EX^2 \Rightarrow BX = \sqrt{3}EX \Rightarrow \angle EBX = 30^\circ$ . Now,  $CE = 2BE = CF$ , so  $CEF$  is an equilateral triangle and  $CD = \frac{3}{2}CF = \frac{3}{2}$ . Hence,  $BD = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \sqrt{3}$ .

3. Let  $AB$  be a line segment with length 2, and  $S$  be the set of points  $P$  on the plane such that there exists point  $X$  on segment  $AB$  with  $AX = 2PX$ . Find the area of  $S$ .

*Proposed by: Yuan Yao*

**Answer:**  $\sqrt{3} + \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Observe that for any  $X$  on segment  $AB$ , the locus of all points  $P$  such that  $AX = 2PX$  is a circle centered at  $X$  with radius  $\frac{1}{2}AX$ . Note that the point  $P$  on this circle where  $PA$  forms the largest angle with  $AB$  is where  $PA$  is tangent to the circle at  $P$ , such that  $\angle PAB = \arcsin(1/2) = 30^\circ$ . Therefore, if we let  $Q$  and  $Q'$  be the tangent points of the tangents from  $A$  to the circle centered at  $B$  (call it  $\omega$ ) with radius  $\frac{1}{2}AB$ , we have that  $S$  comprises the two 30-60-90 triangles  $AQB$  and  $AQ'B$ , each with area  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$  and the  $240^\circ$  sector of  $\omega$  bounded by  $BQ$  and  $BQ'$  with area  $\frac{2}{3}\pi$ . Therefore the total area is  $\sqrt{3} + \frac{2\pi}{3}$ .

4. Convex hexagon  $ABCDEF$  is drawn in the plane such that  $ACDF$  and  $ABDE$  are parallelograms with area 168.  $AC$  and  $BD$  intersect at  $G$ . Given that the area of  $AGB$  is 10 more than the area of  $CGB$ , find the smallest possible area of hexagon  $ABCDEF$ .

*Proposed by: Andrew Lin*

**Answer:** 196

Since  $ACDF$  and  $ABDE$  have area 168, triangles  $ABD$  and  $ACD$  (which are each half a parallelogram) both have area 84. Thus,  $B$  and  $C$  are the same height away from  $AD$ , and since  $ABCDEF$  is convex,  $B$  and  $C$  are on the same side of  $AD$ . Thus,  $BC$  is parallel to  $AD$ , and  $ABCD$  is a trapezoid. In particular, we have that the area of  $ABG$  equals the area of  $CDG$ . Letting this quantity be  $x$ , we have that the area of  $BCG$  is  $x - 10$ , and the area of  $ADG$  is  $84 - x$ . Then notice that  $\frac{[ABG]}{[CBG]} = \frac{AG}{GC} = \frac{[ADG]}{[CDG]}$ . This means that  $\frac{x}{x-10} = \frac{84-x}{x}$ . Simplifying, we have  $x^2 - 47x + 420 = 0$ ; this has solutions  $x = 12$  and  $x = 35$ . The area of  $ABCDEF$  is twice the area of trapezoid  $ABCD$ , or  $2[x + (x - 10) + (84 - x) + x] = 4x + 148$ ; choosing  $x = 12$ , we get that the smallest possible area is  $48 + 148 = 196$ .

5. Isosceles triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB = AC$  is inscribed in a unit circle  $\Omega$  with center  $O$ . Point  $D$  is the reflection of  $C$  across  $AB$ . Given that  $DO = \sqrt{3}$ , find the area of triangle  $ABC$ .

*Proposed by: Lillian Zhang*

**Answer:**  $\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2}$  OR  $\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}$

**Solution 1.** Observe that

$$\angle DBO = \angle DBA + \angle ABO = \angle CBA + \angle BAO = \frac{1}{2}(\angle CBA + \angle BCA) + \frac{1}{2}(\angle BAC) = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ) = 90^\circ.$$

Thus  $BC = BD = \sqrt{2}$  by the Pythagorean Theorem on  $\triangle DBO$ . Then  $\angle BOC = 90^\circ$ , and the distance from  $O$  to  $BC$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . Depending on whether  $A$  is on the same side of  $BC$  as  $O$ , the height from  $A$  to  $BC$  is either  $1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  or  $1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ , so the area is  $(\sqrt{2} \cdot (1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}))/2 = \frac{\sqrt{2} \pm 1}{2}$ .

**Solution 2.** One can observe that  $\angle DBA = \angle CBA = \angle ACB$  by property of reflection and  $ABC$  being isosceles, hence  $DB$  is tangent to  $\Omega$  and Power of a Point (and reflection property) gives  $BC = BD = \sqrt{OD^2 - OB^2} = \sqrt{2}$ . Proceed as in Solution 1.

*Note.* It was intended, but not specified in the problem statement that triangle  $ABC$  is acute, so we accepted either of the two possible answers.

6. Six unit disks  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6$  are in the plane such that they don't intersect each other and  $C_i$  is tangent to  $C_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$  (where  $C_7 = C_1$ ). Let  $C$  be the smallest circle that contains all six disks. Let  $r$  be the smallest possible radius of  $C$ , and  $R$  the largest possible radius. Find  $R - r$ .

*Proposed by: Daniel Liu*

**Answer:**  $\sqrt{3} - 1$

The minimal configuration occurs when the six circles are placed with their centers at the vertices of a regular hexagon of side length 2. This gives a radius of 3.

The maximal configuration occurs when four of the circles are placed at the vertices of a square of side length 2. Letting these circles be  $C_1, C_3, C_4, C_6$  in order, we place the last two so that  $C_2$  is tangent to  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  and  $C_5$  is tangent to  $C_4$  and  $C_6$ . (Imagine pulling apart the last two circles on the plane; this is the configuration you end up with.) The resulting radius is  $2 + \sqrt{3}$ , so the answer is  $\sqrt{3} - 1$ .

Now we present the proofs for these configurations being optimal. First, we rephrase the problem: given an equilateral hexagon of side length 2, let  $r$  be the minimum radius of a circle completely containing the vertices of the hexagon. Find the difference between the minimum and maximum values in  $r$ . (Technically this  $r$  is off by one from the actual problem, but since we want  $R - r$  in the actual problem, this difference doesn't matter.)

*Proof of minimality.* We claim the minimal configuration stated above cannot be covered by a circle with radius  $r < 2$ . If  $r < 2$  and all six vertices  $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_6$  are in the circle, then we have that  $\angle O_1 O O_2 > 60^\circ$  since  $O_1 O_2$  is the largest side of the triangle  $O_1 O O_2$ , and similar for other angles  $\angle O_2 O O_3, \angle O_3 O O_4, \dots$ , but we cannot have six angles greater than  $60^\circ$  into  $360^\circ$ , contradiction. Therefore  $r \geq 2$ .

*Proof of maximality.* Let  $ABCDEF$  be the hexagon, and choose the covering circle to be centered at  $O$ , the midpoint of  $AD$ , and radius  $\sqrt{3} + 1$ . We claim the other vertices are inside this covering circle. First, we will show the claim for  $B$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $AC$ . Since  $ABC$  is isosceles and  $AM \geq 1$ , we must have  $BM \leq \sqrt{4 - 1} = \sqrt{3}$ . Furthermore,  $MO$  is a midline of  $ACD$ , so  $MO = \frac{CD}{2} = 1$ . Thus by the triangle inequality,  $OB \leq MB + OM = \sqrt{3} + 1$ , proving the claim. A similar argument proves the claim for  $C, E, F$ . Finally, an analogous argument to above shows if we define  $P$  as the midpoint of  $BE$ , then  $AP \leq \sqrt{3} + 1$  and  $DP \leq \sqrt{3} + 1$ , so by triangle inequality  $AD \leq 2(\sqrt{3} + 1)$ . Hence  $OA = OD \leq \sqrt{3} + 1$ , proving the claim for  $A$  and  $D$ . Thus the covering circle contains all six vertices of  $ABCDEF$ .

7. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $AB = 13, BC = 14, CA = 15$ . Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $ABC$ . Find the radius of the circle with nonzero radius tangent to the circumcircles of  $AHB, BHC, CHA$ .

*Proposed by: Michael Ren*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{65}{4}}$

**Solution 1.** We claim that the circle in question is the circumcircle of the anticomplementary triangle of  $ABC$ , the triangle for which  $ABC$  is the medial triangle.

Let  $A'B'C'$  be the anticomplementary triangle of  $ABC$ , such that  $A$  is the midpoint of  $B'C'$ ,  $B$  is the midpoint of  $A'C'$ , and  $C$  is the midpoint of  $A'B'$ . Denote by  $\omega$  the circumcircle of  $A'B'C'$ . Denote by  $\omega_A$  the circumcircle of  $BHC$ , and similarly define  $\omega_B, \omega_C$ .

Since  $\angle BA'C = \angle BAC = 180^\circ - \angle BHC$ , we have that  $\omega_A$  passes through  $A'$ . Thus,  $\omega_A$  can be redefined as the circumcircle of  $A'BC$ . Since triangle  $A'B'C'$  is triangle  $A'BC$  dilated by a factor of 2 from point  $A'$ ,  $\omega$  is  $\omega_A$  dilated by a factor of 2 from point  $A'$ . Thus, circles  $\omega$  and  $\omega_A$  are tangent at  $A'$ .

By a similar logic,  $\omega$  is also tangent to  $\omega_B$  and  $\omega_C$ . Therefore, the circumcircle of the anticomplementary triangle of  $ABC$  is indeed the circle that the question is asking for.

Using the formula  $R = \frac{abc}{4A}$ , we can find that the circumradius of triangle  $ABC$  is  $\frac{65}{8}$ . The circumradius of the anticomplementary triangle is double of that, so the answer is  $\frac{65}{4}$ .

**Solution 2.** It is well-known that the circumcircle of  $AHB$  is the reflection of the circumcircle of  $ABC$  over  $AB$ . In particular, the circumcircle of  $AHB$  has radius equal to the circumradius  $R = \frac{65}{8}$ . Similarly, the circumcircles of  $BHC$  and  $CHA$  have radii  $R$ . Since  $H$  lies on all three circles (in the question), the circle centered at  $H$  with radius  $2R = \frac{65}{4}$  is tangent to each circle at the antipode of  $H$  in that circle.

8. In triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB < AC$ , let  $H$  be the orthocenter and  $O$  be the circumcenter. Given that the midpoint of  $OH$  lies on  $BC$ ,  $BC = 1$ , and the perimeter of  $ABC$  is 6, find the area of  $ABC$ .

*Proposed by: Andrew Lin*

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{6}{7}}$

**Solution 1.** Let  $A'B'C'$  be the medial triangle of  $ABC$ , where  $A'$  is the midpoint of  $BC$  and so on. Notice that the midpoint of  $OH$ , which is the nine-point-center  $N$  of triangle  $ABC$ , is also the circumcenter of  $A'B'C'$  (since the midpoints of the sides of  $ABC$  are on the nine-point circle). Thus, if  $N$  is on  $BC$ , then  $NA'$  is parallel to  $B'C'$ , so by similarity, we also know that  $OA$  is parallel to  $BC$ .

Next,  $AB < AC$ , so  $B$  is on the minor arc  $AC$ . This means that  $\angle OAC = \angle OCA = \angle C$ , so  $\angle AOC = 180 - 2\angle C$ . This gives us the other two angles of the triangle in terms of angle  $C$ :  $\angle B = 90 + \angle C$  and  $\angle A = 90 - 2\angle C$ . To find the area, we now need to find the height of the triangle from  $A$  to  $BC$ , and this is easiest by finding the circumradius  $R$  of the triangle.

We do this by the Extended Law of Sines. Letting  $AC = x$  and  $AB = 5 - x$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\sin(90 - 2C)} = \frac{x}{\sin(90 + C)} = \frac{5 - x}{\sin C} = 2R,$$

which can be simplified to

$$\frac{1}{\cos 2C} = \frac{x}{\cos C} = \frac{5 - x}{\sin C} = 2R.$$

This means that

$$\frac{1}{\cos 2C} = \frac{(x) + (5 - x)}{(\cos C) + (\sin C)} = \frac{5}{\cos C + \sin C}$$

and the rest is an easy computation:

$$\cos C + \sin C = 5 \cos 2C = 5(\cos^2 C - \sin^2 C)$$

$$\frac{1}{5} = \cos C - \sin C$$

Squaring both sides,

$$\frac{1}{25} = \cos^2 C - 2 \sin C \cos C + \sin^2 C = 1 - \sin 2C$$

so  $\sin 2C = \frac{24}{25}$ , implying that  $\cos 2C = \frac{7}{25}$ . Therefore, since  $\frac{1}{\cos 2C} = 2R$  from above,  $R = \frac{25}{14}$ . Finally, viewing triangle  $ABC$  with  $BC = 1$  as the base, the height is

$$\sqrt{R^2 - \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{12}{7}$$

by the Pythagorean Theorem, yielding an area of  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{12}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$ .

**Solution 2.** The midpoint of  $OH$  is the nine-point center  $N$ . We are given  $N$  lies on  $BC$ , and we also know  $N$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of  $EF$ , where  $E$  is the midpoint of  $AC$  and  $F$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ . The main observation is that  $N$  is equidistant from  $M$  and  $F$ , where  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ .

Translating this into coordinates, we pick  $B(-0.5, 0)$  and  $C(0.5, 0)$ , and arbitrarily set  $A(a, b)$  where (without loss of generality)  $b > 0$ . We get  $E(\frac{a+0.5}{2}, \frac{b}{2})$ ,  $F(\frac{a-0.5}{2}, \frac{b}{2})$ ,  $M(0, 0)$ . Thus  $N$  must have  $x$ -coordinate equal to the average of those of  $E$  and  $F$ , or  $\frac{a}{2}$ . Since  $N$  lies on  $BC$ , we have  $N(\frac{a}{2}, 0)$ .

Since  $MN = EN$ , we have  $\frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{b^2}{4}$ . Thus  $a^2 = b^2 + \frac{1}{4}$ . The other equation is  $AB + AC = 5$ , which is just

$$\sqrt{(a+0.5)^2 + b^2} + \sqrt{(a-0.5)^2 + b^2} = 5.$$

This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2a^2 + a} + \sqrt{2a^2 - a} &= 5 \\ \sqrt{2a^2 + a} &= 5 - \sqrt{2a^2 - a} \\ 2a^2 + a &= 25 - 10\sqrt{2a^2 - a} + 2a^2 - a \\ 25 - 2a &= 10\sqrt{2a^2 - a} \\ 625 - 100a + 4a^2 &= 200a^2 - 100a \\ 196a^2 &= 625 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a^2 = \frac{625}{196}$ , so  $b^2 = \frac{576}{196}$ . Thus  $b = \frac{24}{14} = \frac{12}{7}$ , so  $[ABC] = \frac{b}{2} = \frac{6}{7}$ .

9. In a rectangular box  $ABCDEFGH$  with edge lengths  $AB = AD = 6$  and  $AE = 49$ , a plane slices through point  $A$  and intersects edges  $BF, FG, GH, HD$  at points  $P, Q, R, S$  respectively. Given that  $AP = AS$  and  $PQ = QR = RS$ , find the area of pentagon  $APQRS$ .

*Proposed by: Yuan Yao*

**Answer:**

$$\boxed{\frac{141\sqrt{11}}{2}}$$

Let  $AD$  be the positive  $x$ -axis,  $AB$  be the positive  $y$ -axis, and  $AE$  be the positive  $z$ -axis, with  $A$  the origin. The plane, which passes through the origin, has equation  $k_1x + k_2y = z$  for some undetermined parameters  $k_1, k_2$ . Because  $AP = AS$  and  $AB = AD$ , we get  $PB = SD$ , so  $P$  and  $S$  have the same  $z$ -coordinate. But  $P(0, 6, 6k_2)$  and  $S(6, 0, 6k_1)$ , so  $k_1 = k_2 = k$  for some  $k$ . Then  $Q$  and  $R$  both have  $z$ -coordinate 49, so  $Q(\frac{49}{k} - 6, 6, 49)$  and  $R(6, \frac{49}{k} - 6, 49)$ . The equation  $QR^2 = RS^2$  then gives

$$\left(\frac{49}{k} - 6\right)^2 + (49 - 6k)^2 = 2\left(12 - \frac{49}{k} - 12\right)^2.$$

This is equivalent to

$$(49 - 6k)^2(k^2 + 1) = 2(49 - 12k)^2,$$

which factors as

$$(k - 7)(36k^3 - 336k^2 - 203k + 343) = 0.$$

This gives  $k = 7$  as a root. Note that for  $Q$  and  $R$  to actually lie on  $FG$  and  $GH$  respectively, we must have  $\frac{49}{6} \geq k \geq \frac{49}{12}$ . Via some estimation, one can show that the cubic factor has no roots in this range (for example, it's easy to see that when  $k = 1$  and  $k = \frac{336}{36} = \frac{28}{3}$ , the cubic is negative, and it also remains negative between the two values), so we must have  $k = 7$ .

Now consider projecting  $APQRS$  onto plane  $ABCD$ . The projection is  $ABCD$  save for a triangle  $Q'CR'$  with side length  $12 - \frac{49}{k} = 5$ . Thus the projection has area  $36 - \frac{25}{2} = \frac{47}{2}$ . Since the area of the projection equals  $[APQRS] \cdot \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the (smaller) angle between planes  $APQRS$  and  $ABCD$ , and since the planes have normal vectors  $(k, k, -1)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  respectively, we get  $\cos \theta = \frac{(k, k, -1) \cdot (0, 0, 1)}{\sqrt{k^2 + k^2 + 1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k^2 + 1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{99}}$  and so

$$[APQRS] = \frac{47\sqrt{99}}{2} = \frac{141\sqrt{11}}{2}.$$

10. In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AB = 13, BC = 14, CA = 15$ . Squares  $ABB_1A_2, BCC_1B_2, CAA_1C_2$  are constructed outside the triangle. Squares  $A_1A_2A_3A_4, B_1B_2B_3B_4, C_1C_2C_3C_4$  are constructed outside the hexagon  $A_1A_2B_1B_2C_1C_2$ . Squares  $A_3B_4B_5A_6, B_3C_4C_5B_6, C_3A_4A_5C_6$  are constructed outside the hexagon  $A_4A_3B_4B_3C_4C_3$ . Find the area of the hexagon  $A_5A_6B_5B_6C_5C_6$ .

Proposed by: Yuan Yao

**Answer:** 19444

**Solution 1.**

We can use complex numbers to find synthetic observations. Let  $A = a, B = b, C = c$ . Notice that  $B_2$  is a rotation by  $-90^\circ$  (counter-clockwise) of  $C$  about  $B$ , and similarly  $C_1$  is a rotation by  $90^\circ$  of  $B$  about  $C$ . Since rotation by  $90^\circ$  corresponds to multiplication by  $i$ , we have  $B_2 = (c - b) \cdot (-i) + b = b(1 + i) - ci$  and  $C_1 = (b - c) \cdot i + c = bi + c(1 - i)$ . Similarly, we get  $C_2 = c(1 + i) - ai$ ,  $A_1 = ci + a(1 - i)$ ,  $A_2 = a(1 + i) - bi$ ,  $B_1 = ai + b(1 - i)$ . Repeating the same trick on  $B_1B_2B_3B_4$  et. al, we get  $C_4 = -a + b(-1 + i) + c(3 - i)$ ,  $C_3 = a(-1 - i) - b + c(3 + i)$ ,  $A_4 = -b + c(-1 + i) + a(3 - i)$ ,  $A_3 = b(-1 - i) - c + a(3 + i)$ ,  $B_4 = -c + a(-1 + i) + b(3 - i)$ ,  $B_3 = c(-1 - i) - a + b(3 + i)$ . Finally, repeating the same trick on the outermost squares, we get  $B_6 = -a + b(3 + 5i) + c(-3 - 3i)$ ,  $C_5 = -a + b(-3 + 3i) + c(3 - 5i)$ ,  $C_6 = -b + c(3 + 5i) + a(-3 - 3i)$ ,  $A_5 = -b + c(-3 + 3i) + a(3 - 5i)$ ,  $A_6 = -c + a(3 + 5i) + b(-3 - 3i)$ ,  $B_5 = -c + a(-3 + 3i) + b(3 - 5i)$ .

From here, we observe the following synthetic observations.

- S1.  $B_2C_1C_4B_3, C_2A_1A_4C_3, A_2B_1B_4A_3$  are trapezoids with bases of lengths  $BC, 4BC; AC, 4AC; AB, 4AB$  and heights  $h_a, h_b, h_c$  respectively (where  $h_a$  is the length of the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$ , and likewise for  $h_b, h_c$ )
- S2. If we extend  $B_5B_4$  and  $B_6B_3$  to intersect at  $B_7$ , then  $B_7B_4B_3 \cong BB_1B_2 \sim B_7B_5B_6$  with scale factor 1:5. Likewise when we replace all  $B$ 's with  $A$ 's or  $C$ 's.

*Proof of S1.* Observe  $C_1 - B_2 = c - b$  and  $C_4 - B_3 = 4(c - b)$ , hence  $B_2C_1 \parallel B_3C_4$  and  $B_3C_4 = 4B_2C_1$ . Furthermore, since translation preserves properties of trapezoids, we can translate  $B_2C_1C_4B_3$  such that  $B_2$  coincides with  $A$ . Being a translation of  $a - B_2$ , we see that  $B_3$  maps to  $B'_3 = 2b - c$  and  $C_4$  maps to  $C'_4 = -2b + 3c$ . Both  $2b - c$  and  $-2b + 3c$  lie on the line determined by  $b$  and  $c$  (since  $-2 + 3 = 2 - 1 = 1$ ), so the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$  is also the altitude from  $A$  to  $B'_3C'_4$ . Thus  $h_a$  equals the length of the altitude from  $B_2$  to  $B_3C_4$ , which is the height of the trapezoid  $B_2C_1C_4B_3$ . This proves S1 for  $B_2C_1C_4B_3$ ; the other trapezoids follow similarly.

*Proof of S2.* Notice a translation of  $-a + 2b - c$  maps  $B_1$  to  $B_4$ ,  $B_2$  to  $B_3$ , and  $B$  to a point  $B_8 = -a + 3b - c$ . This means  $B_8B_3B_4 \cong BB_1B_2$ . We can also verify that  $4B_8 + B_6 = 5B_3$  and  $4B_8 + B_5 = 5B_4$ , showing that  $B_8B_5B_6$  is a dilation of  $B_8B_4B_3$  with scale factor 5. We also get  $B_8$  lies on  $B_3B_6$  and  $B_5B_4$ , so  $B_8 = B_7$ . This proves S2 for  $B_3B_4B_5B_6$ , and similar arguments prove the likewise part.

Now we are ready to attack the final computation. By S2,  $[B_3B_4B_5B_6] + [BB_1B_2] = [B_7B_5B_6] = [BB_1B_2]$ . But by the  $\frac{1}{2}ac \sin B$  formula,  $[BB_1B_2] = [ABC]$  (since  $\angle B_1BB_2 = 180^\circ - \angle ABC$ ). Hence,

$[B_3B_4B_5B_6] + [BB_1B_2] = 25[ABC]$ . Similarly,  $[C_3C_4C_5C_6] + [CC_1C_2] = 25[ABC]$  and  $[A_3A_4A_5A_6] + [AA_1A_2] = 25[ABC]$ . Finally, the formula for area of a trapezoid shows  $[B_2C_1C_4B_3] = \frac{5BC}{2} \cdot h_a = 5[ABC]$ , and similarly the other small trapezoids have area  $5[ABC]$ . The trapezoids thus contribute area  $(75 + 3 \cdot 5) = 90[ABC]$ . Finally,  $ABC$  contributes area  $[ABC] = 84$ .

By S1, the outside squares have side lengths  $4BC, 4CA, 4AB$ , so the sum of areas of the outside squares is  $16(AB^2 + AC^2 + BC^2)$ . Furthermore, a Law of Cosines computation shows  $A_1A_2^2 = AB^2 + AC^2 + 2 \cdot AB \cdot AC \cdot \cos \angle BAC = 2AB^2 + 2AC^2 - BC^2$ , and similarly  $B_1B_2^2 = 2AB^2 + 2BC^2 - AC^2$  and  $C_1C_2^2 = 2BC^2 + 2AC^2 - AB^2$ . Thus the sum of the areas of  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  et. al is  $3(AB^2 + AC^2 + BC^2)$ . Finally, the small squares have area add up to  $AB^2 + AC^2 + BC^2$ . Aggregating all contributions from trapezoids, squares, and triangle, we get

$$[A_5A_6B_5B_6C_5C_6] = 91[ABC] + 20(AB^2 + AC^2 + BC^2) = 7644 + 11800 = 19444.$$

**Solution 2.** Let  $a = BC, b = CA, c = AB$ . We can prove S1 and S2 using some trigonometry instead.

*Proof of S1.* The altitude from  $B_3$  to  $B_2C_1$  has length  $B_2B_3 \sin \angle BB_2B_1 = B_1B_2 \sin \angle BB_2B_1 = BB_1 \sin \angle B_1BB_2 = AB \sin \angle ABC = h_a$  using Law of Sines. Similarly, we find the altitude from  $C_4$  to  $B_2C_1$  equals  $h_a$ , thus proving  $B_2C_1C_4B_3$  is a trapezoid. Using  $B_1B_2 = \sqrt{2a^2 + 2c^2 - b^2}$  from end of Solution 1, we get the length of the projection of  $B_2B_3$  onto  $B_3C_4$  is  $B_2B_3 \cos \angle BB_2B_1 = \frac{(2a^2 + 2c^2 - b^2) + a^2 - c^2}{2a} = \frac{3a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2a}$ , and similarly the projection of  $C_1C_4$  onto  $B_3C_4$  has length  $\frac{3a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a}$ . It follows that  $B_3C_4 = \frac{3a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2a} + a + \frac{3a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a} = 4a$ , proving S1 for  $B_2C_1C_4B_3$ ; the other cases follow similarly.

*Proof of S2.* Define  $B_8$  to be the image of  $B$  under the translation taking  $B_1B_2$  to  $B_4B_3$ . We claim  $B_8$  lies on  $B_3B_6$ . Indeed,  $B_8B_4B_3 \cong BB_1B_2$ , so  $\angle B_8B_3B_4 = \angle BB_2B_1 = 180^\circ - \angle B_3B_2C_1 = \angle B_2B_3C_4$ . Thus  $\angle B_8B_3C_4 = \angle B_4B_3B_2 = 90^\circ$ . But  $\angle B_6B_3C_4 = 90^\circ$ , hence  $B_8, B_3, B_6$  are collinear. Similarly we can prove  $B_5B_4$  passes through  $B_8$ , so  $B_8 = B_7$ . Finally,  $\frac{B_7B_3}{B_7B_6} = \frac{B_7B_4}{B_7B_5} = \frac{1}{5}$  (using  $B_3B_6 = 4a, B_4B_5 = 4c, B_7B_3 = a, B_7B_4 = c$ ) shows  $B_7B_4B_3 \sim B_7B_5B_6$  with scale factor 1:5, as desired. The likewise part follows similarly.