

Team Round

GREATER BOSTON MATHEMATICS LEAGUE

MEET 4 – JANUARY 1999

TEAM ROUND

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SAT APPROVED CALCULATORS ALLOWED ON THIS ROUND

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1. Four letters are chosen randomly from the word *MATHEMATICS*. What is the probability the letters chosen can be used to spell the word *MATH*? [For example, *TAHM* can be used to spell *MATH*.] Write the answer in the form $\frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are relatively prime whole numbers.
2. Given the five positive numbers, 17, 4, 28, 23, and x , such that their mean equals their median, find all possible values for x .
3. From a standard deck of playing cards (no jokers), two cards are chosen at random and from a box containing four red, three blue and two white marbles, two marbles are chosen at random. What is the probability that at least one of the cards is a face card and the two marbles chosen are of different colors? Write the answer in the form $\frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are relatively prime whole numbers.

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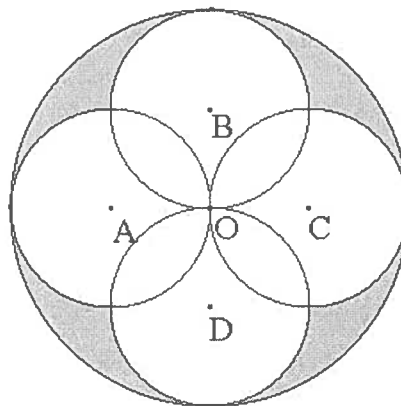
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1. What is the probability if three dice are shaken well and thrown, that the sum of the pips (numbers) on the three top faces either are less than five or greater than fourteen?

Express the probability in the rational form, $\frac{a}{b}$, where a and b are relatively prime whole numbers or if estimated, rounded to **4 decimal places**.

2. A circle, centered at O, has a radius of 4 cm. and congruent circles, centered at A, B, C, and D, all contain point O and are tangent internally to circle O. Points A, B, C, and D form a square. (See the figure.) Find the exact shaded area of the figure or if estimated, then rounded to **four decimal places**.



3. Five cards are chosen at random from a standard deck of playing cards containing no jokers. What is the probability that at least 3 out of 5 are of the same suit? Write the answer in decimal form rounded to **4 decimal places**.

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1. In a box are 6 red, 5 blue, 4 green and 3 yellow marbles. If 4 marbles are drawn at random from the box, what is the probability that that there are not three or four matching in color? Express the probability either as a rational number in reduced form or if estimated, round off to four decimal places.
2. Given circles centered at points A and E such that circle E contains point A and is internally tangent to circle A at point D . If \overline{BAED} , \overline{CFD} , $m\angle D = 15^\circ$, and $BD = 12$, find the area bounded by \overline{AB} , \widehat{BC} , \overline{CF} , and \widehat{AF} , as **boldly outlined** on the diagram. If estimating the area, round off the result to four decimal places.
3. An urn contains 6 red, 3 blue and 1 white marble. A regular decahedron has on its faces the numbers from 1 to 10, one number per face. In a game 2 marbles are picked at random from the urn and the decahedron is rolled. If both marbles are the same color and a prime number comes up on the top face, you win \$20. If different colored marbles are picked and the number on the top face is not prime, you win \$5. Otherwise, you win nothing. How many dollars is your expectation if you play one game?

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TEAM ROUND (12 MINUTES LONG)

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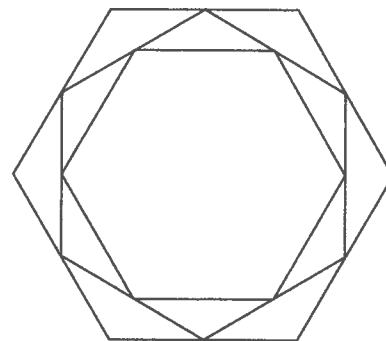
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1. From a box containing 10 red, 8 white, and 7 blue marbles, 6 are chosen at random. What is the probability that exactly 4 are the same color? Express the result in reduced rational form or if estimated round off to exactly 4 decimal places.

2. The midpoints of the sides of a regular hexagon are connected forming a second regular hexagon. Then the midpoints of the sides of this second hexagon are connected forming a third regular hexagon. (See the figure to the right.) If this process continues forever, the sum of the areas of all the hexagons equals



$\sqrt{3}$ square centimeters. Find the exact number of centimeters (simplest radical form) in the sum of the perimeters of all the hexagons.

3. How many different 4-letter permutations are possible using any of the letters in the word *MINIMUM*.

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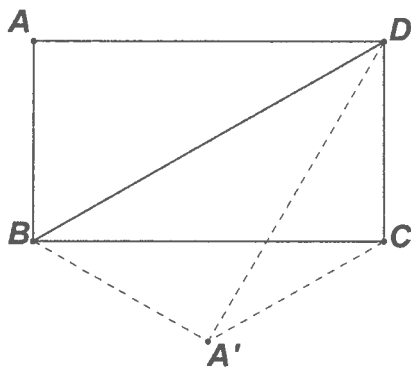
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1. Rectangle $ABCD$ is such that when A is reflected over diagonal BD , its reflection A' satisfies $A'C = AB$. If $AB < BC$ and $BD = 10$, find $AB:BC$.



2. The base \overline{AB} of a scalene triangle $\triangle ABC$ has length 8. The sum of the lengths of the other two sides is 10. If \underline{a} and \underline{b} denote the lengths of the other two sides \overline{BC} and \overline{AC} respectively and $a < b$, what range of values for \underline{a} guarantee that $m\angle ABC$ is obtuse?

3. Solve the following inequality over the reals: $\left| \frac{x+3}{x} \right| < x-1$

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1. Given: $A(2,2)$, $B(4,0)$, and $C(4,6)$

Find the volume of the solid formed when $\triangle ABC$ is rotated 360° about the y -axis.

2. The following are the first seven terms of an arithmetic sequence:

$$1-8x, 2x-4y, 4z-2x, 2y-6z, 6x-2, 5y+2z, 10x+4.$$

Find the value of $x+y+z$.

3. Determine the sum $\frac{1}{i^5} + \frac{4}{i^8} + \frac{9}{i^{11}} + \frac{16}{i^{14}} + \cdots + \frac{1600}{i^{122}}$ in $a+bi$ form.

This sum is equivalent to $\sum_{n=1}^{40} \frac{n^2}{i^{3n+2}}$.

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4 pts. 3. _____

SAT APPROVED CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS ROUND.

1. Find all values of x which satisfy $\frac{5}{|x-1|} - \frac{3}{x-1} \geq \frac{3}{2}$
2. There are K natural numbers less than or equal to 999 that are divisible by 8. Of these, J of them are also divisible by 3 or 5. Find the value of $\frac{K}{J}$ where J and K are relatively prime natural numbers.
3. A full house is three of a kind and two of another kind in any order. For ex: 11122, XOX XO. There are k ways you can draw 5 cards from a standard deck of 52 cards and have a full house. There are j ways you can throw 5 dice and get a full house. Find the value of $\frac{j}{k}$ in simplified form as the ratio of two relatively prime natural numbers.

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MEET 4 – JANUARY 2009

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3 pts. 2. _____

4 pts. 3. _____

SAT APPROVED CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS ROUND.

1. There are as many integers that do not satisfy the inequality $|4x - 9| \geq 7$ as there are integers that do satisfy the inequality $|9x - 4| < a$. Determine the minimum integer value of a for which this is true.
2. In a right triangle with sides of lengths 3, 4 and 5 units respectively, segments are drawn through the center of the inscribed circle parallel to the legs. Each segment has one endpoint on a leg and the other on the hypotenuse. Determine the positive difference between their lengths.
3. Let $A = \left\{ (x, y) \mid \frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 0 \right\}$, $B = \{ (x, y) \mid x = 6 \}$ and $C = \{ (x, y) \mid y = k \}$.

Determine the positive value of k for which the area of the region bounded by A and B is the same as the area of the region bounded by A and C .

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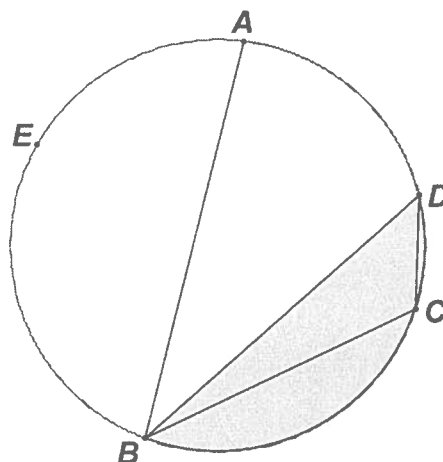
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1. Given: $m\widehat{AEB} = (3x)^\circ$
 $m\widehat{AD} = x^\circ$
 $m\angle BCD = 120^\circ$
 $BD = 9$

Compute the area of the shaded region.



2. Find all values of x which satisfy $\left\{ x \mid \frac{x^3 + 5x^2 + 10x + 8}{x^2 + 2x} \leq 0 \text{ and } |2x + 1| \leq |3x + 2| \right\}$.

3. Given: conics $C_1 : x^2 + y^2 - 10x + 4y - 36 = 0$, $C_2 : x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 20y + 44 = 0$
 $P, Q \in C_1 \cap C_2$

Find the (x, y) coordinates of center of the circle which passes through the points P , Q and $K(1, 0)$.

**GREATER BOSTON MATHEMATICS LEAGUE
MEET 4 – JANUARY 2011**

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3 pts. 2. $C =$ _____

4 pts. 3. { _____ }

CALCULATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THIS ROUND.

1. The areas of the faces of a rectangular solid are in a ratio of 3 : 4 : 6. If the lengths of the edges are all integers, compute all possible volumes of this solid less than 1000.

2. For all values of m , the line defined by $(y+4) = m(x-1)$ divides the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 + Ax + By + C = 0$ into two regions of equal area. Compute C , if the point $P(10, 8)$ lies on the boundary of the region.

3. Find $\left\{ x \mid \frac{(x^2 + 6x + 9)(4x^2 - 3x - 1)}{x^2 + 4x - 5} \geq 0 \right\}$

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- The probability the letters will be chosen in any order $MATH = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{165} = \frac{4}{165}$
- The mean of 4, 17, 23, 28, and x is $\frac{72+x}{5}$; if $x \leq 17$, then $\frac{72+x}{5} = 17 \Rightarrow x = 13$;
If $17 < x \leq 23$, then $\frac{72+x}{5} = x \Rightarrow x = 18$; If $x > 23$, then $\frac{72+x}{5} = 23 \Rightarrow x = 43 \Rightarrow$
Answer is $x = 13, 18$, or 43

- Probability of choosing at least 1 face card = $\frac{\binom{12}{1}\binom{40}{1} + \binom{12}{2}}{\binom{52}{2}}$

Probability of choosing 2 different colored marbles = $\frac{\binom{4}{1}\binom{3}{1} + \binom{4}{1}\binom{2}{1} + \binom{3}{1}\binom{2}{1}}{\binom{9}{2}}$

$$\frac{\binom{12}{1}\binom{40}{1} + \binom{12}{2} \times \left(\binom{4}{1}\binom{3}{1} + \binom{4}{1}\binom{2}{1} + \binom{3}{1}\binom{2}{1} \right)}{\binom{52}{2}} = \frac{91}{306}$$

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Sum of pips	possibilities	permutations
3	1-1-1	1
4	1-1-2	3
5	5-5-5	1
6	4-5-6	6
7	6-6-3	3
8	4-6-6	3
9	5-5-6	3
10	5-6-6	3
11	6-6-6	1

$$\text{probability} = \frac{24}{6^3} = \frac{1}{9}$$

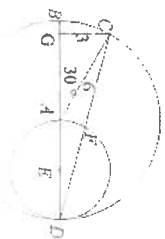
- Each of the four smaller circles have a radius = 2cm. The shaded area = area of circle O - 4 x area of smaller circle + area where circles A, B, C, and D overlap, which consists of 8 - 90° segments = $\pi \cdot 4^2 - 4 \cdot \pi \cdot 2^2 + 8 \left(\frac{1}{4} \pi \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2 \right) = 16\pi - 16\pi + 8(\pi \cdot 2) = 8\pi - 16$

$$\text{probability} = \frac{\binom{4}{1}\binom{13}{3} + \binom{4}{2}\binom{13}{2} + \binom{4}{3}\binom{13}{1} + \binom{4}{4}\binom{13}{0}}{\binom{52}{4}} = 0.3711$$

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- Number of elements in the sample space = $\binom{18}{4} = 3060$; event having 3 of 1 color = $\binom{6}{3}\binom{12}{1} + \binom{5}{3}\binom{13}{1} + \binom{4}{3}\binom{14}{1} + \binom{3}{3}\binom{15}{1} = 441$; event having 4 of 1 color = $\binom{6}{4} + \binom{5}{4} + \binom{4}{4} + \binom{3}{4} = 21$; probability neither event occurs = $\frac{3060 - 441 - 21}{3060} = \frac{433}{510} = 0.8490$
- $m\angle BAC = 30^\circ \rightarrow CG = 3$; area of sector $ABC = \frac{1}{12}(36\pi) = 3\pi$; area of $\triangle ACD = \frac{1}{2}(6)(3) = 9 \rightarrow$
area bounded by \overline{DB} , \overline{DC} , $\widehat{BC} = 3\pi + 9$; by similarity
area bounded by \overline{DA} , \overline{DF} , $\widehat{AF} = \frac{1}{4}(3\pi + 9)$; by subtraction,



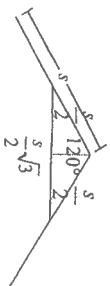
- the area bounded by \overline{AB} , \overline{CF} , \widehat{AF} , $\widehat{BC} = \frac{3}{4}(3\pi + 9)$
- Probability 2 marbles of same color = $\frac{6C_2 + 3C_2}{10C_2} = \frac{2}{5} \rightarrow$ probability 2 marbles of different colors = $\frac{3}{5}$; probability of a prime = $\frac{2}{5} \rightarrow$ probability a non-prime = $\frac{3}{5}$;
expectation = $\left(\frac{2}{5} \right) \left(\frac{2}{5} \right) (20) + \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) (5) = 5$

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- The sample space has $25C_6$ elements in it. The successful events are choosing 4 reds and 2 non-reds, 4 whites and 2 non-whites, 4 blues and 2 non-blues.
Therefore the probability = $\frac{10C_4 \cdot 15C_2 + 8C_4 \cdot 17C_2 + 7C_4 \cdot 18C_2}{25C_6} = \frac{211}{1012} = 0.2085$

- The ratio of the sides of each hexagon to the previous one = $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (See the figure on the right) \Rightarrow ratio of perimeters = $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and the ratio of area = $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{4}$; since the sum



$$\text{of areas} = \sqrt{3} \text{ and if } s = \text{side of the first, then } \frac{3s^2\sqrt{3}}{1-\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 6s^2\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow s^2 = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow s = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \sqrt{6} \Rightarrow \text{sum of perimeters} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{2-\sqrt{6}} = 2\sqrt{6}(2+\sqrt{6}) = 4\sqrt{6} + 6\sqrt{2}.$$

- Consider 5 cases: (i) $MMMM$ and a 4th letter (ii) $MMML$ (iii) $MMML$ and 2 different letters (iv) LL and 2 different letters (same number as (iii)) (v) 4 different letters;
therefore the number of permutations = $3 \cdot \frac{4!}{2!2!} + 3 \cdot \frac{4!}{2!} + 3 \cdot \frac{4!}{2!} + 4! = 114$.

Detailed Solutions to GBML Meet 4 – 2006

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1. The answer does not depend on the fact that $BD = 10$.

BAD is a right triangle and BAD' is a kite since reflections preserve angle measure and length.

Let x denote $m\angle ADB$ and $m\angle BDA'$.

Then $m\angle CDA' = 90 - 2x$.

$\Delta BA'C \cong \Delta A'CD$ (by SSS)

$\rightarrow m\angle 1 = m\angle 2 = m\angle 3 = 90 - 2x$

$\rightarrow m\angle 4 = 4x \rightarrow m\angle 5 = 180 - 4x$

Angles 2 and 5 must be complementary \rightarrow

$90 - 2x + (180 - 4x) = 90 \rightarrow x = 30$

Thus, ΔBAD is a 30-60-90 right triangle and $AB : BC = 1 : \sqrt{3}$

Suppose $A(-4, 0)$ and $B(4, 0)$ and the third vertex is $C(x, y)$.

Stated conditions \rightarrow locus of third vertex $C(x, y)$ is a horizontal ellipse w/ $c = 4$, $a = 5$ and $b = 3$.

Sketch the ellipse and the focal chord at B . The equation is $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$.

At point C ($x = 4$), ΔABC is a right triangle and $a = BC = \frac{1}{2}$ length of a focal chord, i.e. $b^2/a = 9/5$. As point C rotates CW towards the rightmost vertex, $m\angle ABC$ increases and a decreases to 1. As point C rotates CCW towards the uppermost vertex, $m\angle ABC$ becomes acute and increases to 5 when ΔABC becomes isosceles.

Thus, $1 < a \leq 9/5$ guarantees $m\angle ABC$ is obtuse.

3. The absolute value expression is equivalent to either $\frac{x+3}{x}$ or $-\frac{x+3}{x} = \frac{-x-3}{x}$

If the quotient is positive, use the first expression, otherwise use the second.

(I) positive

(II) negative

(III) positive

Answers outside the domain of definition are extraneous and must be rejected.

Case I: Domain of definition I: $x < -3$ or III: $x > 0$

$$\text{Equivalent inequality: } \frac{x+3}{x} < x-1 \Rightarrow \frac{x+3}{x} - x + 1 < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-x^2 + 2x + 3}{x} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{(x-3)(x+1)}{x} > 0$$

Critical values are at -1, 0 and 3. At the extreme left, all three expressions are negative producing a negative quotient. As we cross each critical value, exactly one more factor becomes positive. Thus, the quotient is positive for $-1 < x < 1$ or $x \geq 3$. Only the latter is within the domain of definition.

Case 2: Domain of definition II: $-3 < x < 0$

$$\text{Equiv. inequality: } \frac{-x-3}{x} < x-1 \Rightarrow \frac{-x-3}{x} - x + 1 < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-x^2 - 3 - x^2 + x}{x} < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-x^2 + x - 3}{x} > 0$$

Since the numerator is always positive, only $x > 0$ satisfies this inequality, but all these values are outside the domain of definition and are extraneous.

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1. Rotating about the Y -axis, the rectangle $CRAA'$ generates a washer shaped region of height 4, inner radius of 2 and outer radius of 4.

The rectangle $RBOA$ generates a washer shaped region of height 2, and the same inner and outer radii. From the diagram it is clear that the volume of the region generated by ΔABC equals half the sum of the volumes of the regions generated by these two rectangles.

$$\text{Thus, } V = \frac{1}{2} [\pi(4^2)4 - \pi(2^2)4] + [\pi(4^2)2 - \pi(2^2)2] = \frac{1}{2} (48\pi + 24\pi) = 36\pi$$

Note that relocating point A anywhere along the vertical line $x = 2$ does not change the answer.

2. Let d denote the difference between successive terms of the arithmetic sequence. Then:

$$1 - 15 = 2d = 4x + 6 \rightarrow d = 2x + 3$$

$$12 = 1 + d \rightarrow 2x - 4y = 4 - 6x \rightarrow y = 2x - 1$$

$$14 - 5 = d \rightarrow 2y - 10x + 2x = 2x + 3 \rightarrow z = (4x - 5)/10$$

Thus, the 7 terms (in terms of x) are:

$$1 - 8x, 4 - 6x, \frac{-2}{5}x - 2, \frac{8}{5}x + 1, 6x - 2, \frac{54}{5}x - 6 \text{ and } 10x + 4$$

$$15 - 14 = d \rightarrow 6x - 2 - (\frac{8}{5}x + 1) = 2x + 3 \rightarrow 4x - 6 = \frac{8}{5}x \rightarrow 12x = 30$$

$$\rightarrow (x, y, z) = (\frac{5}{2}, 4, \frac{1}{2}) \rightarrow x + y + z = 7$$

3. Let T denote the required sum.

$$T = i^3 + 4i^4 + 9i^5 + 16i^6 + \dots + 1600i^{40}$$

$$\text{Subtracting, } iT = i^4 + 4i^5 + 9i^6 + \dots + 1521i^{42} + 1600i^{43}$$

$$(1-i)T = i^3 + 3i^4 + 5i^5 + 7i^6 + \dots + 79i^{42} + 1600i^{44}$$

$$\text{Subtracting } (1-i)T - iT = T(1-i)^2 = i^3 + 2i^4 + 2i^5 + 2i^6 + \dots + 2i^{42} - 1679i^{43} + 1600i^{44}$$

$$\rightarrow T(1-i)^2 - i^3 + 1679i^3 - 1600i^{44} = 2(i^4 + i^5 + \dots + i^{42}) \quad (39 \text{ terms} = 9 \text{ groups of } 4 \text{ plus } 3)$$

$$\rightarrow -2iT + i - 1679i - 1600 = 2(9i + i - 1 - i) + 1 + i - 1 = 2i$$

$$\rightarrow T = \frac{-2i}{1680i + 1600} = \frac{-840 + 800i}{1600}$$

1. The equivalent inequalities:

$$\text{For } x < 1, \frac{-5}{x-1} \geq \frac{3}{x-1} \rightarrow \frac{8}{1-x} \geq 0 \rightarrow \frac{13+3x}{2(1-x)} \geq 0 \rightarrow -13/3 \leq x < 1$$

$$\text{For } x > 1, \frac{5}{x-1} \geq \frac{3}{x-1} \rightarrow \frac{2}{x-1} \geq 0 \rightarrow \frac{7-3x}{2(x-1)} \geq 0 \rightarrow 1 < x < 7/3$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{13}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{7}{3} \text{ and } x \neq 1$$

2. $\frac{999}{8} = 124, \frac{999}{24} = 41, \frac{999}{40} = 24, \frac{999}{120} = 8 \rightarrow 41 + 24 - 8 = 57 \rightarrow \frac{K}{J} = \frac{57}{124}$

3. Fullhouse (cards)

Pick a denomination - 13 ways

Pick 3 cards from that denomination - 4 ways

Pick a different denomination - 12 ways

Pick 2 cards from that denomination - $4C_2 = 6$ ways

$$k = 13(4)(12)(6)$$

Full house (dice)

Pick 3 position - $3C_1 = 10$ ways

Pick a filler number - 6 ways

Fill the remaining 2 positions with a different filler number - 5 ways

$$\rightarrow \frac{J}{K} = \frac{25}{312}$$

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- $|4x-9| \geq 7 \rightarrow 4x-9 \geq 7 \text{ or } 4x-9 \leq -7 \rightarrow x \geq 4 \text{ or } x \leq \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \text{non-solutions: } 1, 2, 3$

$$|9x-4| < a \rightarrow -a < 9x-4 < a \rightarrow \frac{4-a}{9} < x < \frac{4+a}{9}$$

Unless the value of a is positive, the inequality $|9x-4| < a$ has no solutions.

$$a = 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{5}{9} \rightarrow \text{no integer solutions}$$

$$a = 13 \rightarrow -1 < x < \frac{17}{9} \rightarrow \text{only 2 integer solutions, namely 0 and 1}$$

$$a = 14 \rightarrow \frac{-10}{9} < x < 2 \rightarrow 3 \text{ integer solutions, namely } -1, 0 \text{ and } 1$$

2.

Since the radius of the inscribed circle in a triangle is given by $r_c = \frac{A(\Delta)}{s(\Delta)}$, where s denotes the

$$\text{semi-perimeter, we have } r = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{\frac{1}{2}(3+4+5)} = \frac{6}{6} = 1.$$

Let x and y denote the required lengths of the horizontal and vertical segments in the diagram at the right. From similar triangles, we have

$$(AARS \sim \Delta ACB) \frac{x}{4} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } (\Delta PQB \sim \Delta ACB) \frac{y}{3} = \frac{3}{4} \text{ and}$$

$$\rightarrow (x, y) = \left(\frac{8}{3}, \frac{9}{4}\right) \text{ and } |x-y| = \frac{32-27}{12} = \frac{5}{12}.$$

3.

A is equivalent to $y^2 = \frac{4}{9}x^2$ or $y = \pm \frac{2}{3}x$. B and C denote vertical and horizontal lines respectively.

$$(OP, AB) = (k, 3k) \rightarrow \text{the area of region \#1 is } \frac{3k^2}{2}$$

$$(OQ, CD) = (6, 8) \rightarrow \text{area of region \#2 is } 24.$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{3k^2}{2} = 24 \rightarrow k = \pm 4$$

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- $\angle BCD$ is an inscribed angle with intercepted arc \widehat{BED} .

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{1}{2}(3x+x) = 120^\circ$$

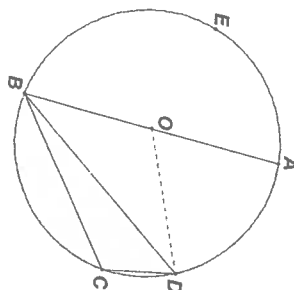
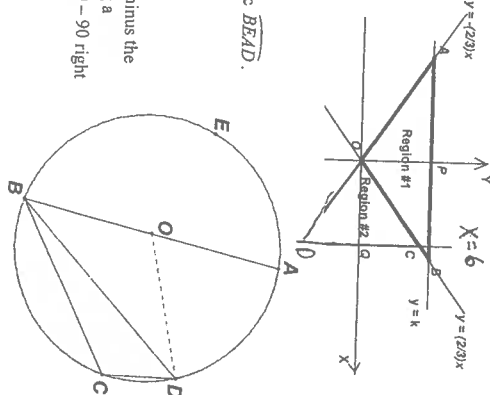
$\rightarrow x = 60$ and \widehat{AB} must be a diameter

Let O denote the center of the circle. Then:

The shaded area equals the area of sector BOD minus the area of $\triangle BOD$. Since $m\angle BOD = 120^\circ$, dropping a perpendicular from O to \widehat{BD} creates two $30-60-90$ right triangles. $BD = 9 \rightarrow BO = OD = 3\sqrt{3}$

$$\text{Thus, we have } \frac{\pi(3\sqrt{3})^2}{3} - \frac{1}{2}(3\sqrt{3})^2 \sin 120^\circ$$

$$= 9\pi - \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{36\pi - 27\sqrt{3}}{4} \text{ (or equivalent)}$$



- Rewrite the first condition $\frac{x^2+5x^2+10x+8}{x^2+2x} \leq 0$ as $\frac{(x^2+3x+4)(x+2)}{x(x+2)} \leq 0$

Completing the square, $\frac{\left(\left(x+\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{7}{4}\right)(x+2)}{x(x+2)} \leq 0$, we note the first term in the numerator is always positive. $(x+2)$ can be cancelled, provided $x \neq -2$.

Therefore, the solution set is equivalent to $\left\{x \mid \frac{1}{x} \leq 0 \text{ and } x \neq -2\right\} \rightarrow \left\{x \mid x < 0 \text{ and } x \neq -2\right\}$

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$$\text{The second condition } |2x+1| \leq |3x+2| \rightarrow \begin{cases} -2x-1 \leq 3x+2 \text{ for } x \leq -\frac{2}{3} \\ -2x-1 \leq 3x+2 \text{ for } -\frac{2}{3} < x < -\frac{1}{2} \\ 2x+1 \leq 3x+2 \text{ for } x \geq -\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Simplifying each inequality over their stated domains is summarized below:



Thus, the second condition has the solution set $\left\{x \mid x \leq -1 \text{ or } x \geq -\frac{3}{5}\right\}$

Taking the intersection, we have $x \leq -1$ and $x \neq -2$ or $-\frac{3}{5} \leq x < 0$

$$3. C_1 - C_2 \rightarrow -16x + 24y - 80 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{3y-10}{2} \quad ***$$

$P, Q \in C_1 \cap C_2 \rightarrow$ the coordinates of P and Q satisfy both equations. Therefore, substituting,

$$*** \rightarrow \left(\frac{3y-10}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 - 10\left(\frac{3y-10}{2}\right) + 4y - 36 = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{9y^2-60y+100}{4}\right) + y^2 - 5(3y-10) + 4y - 36 = 0$$

$$9y^2 - 60y + 100 + 4y^2 - 60y + 200 + 16y - 144 = 0$$

$$13y^2 - 104y + 156 = 13(y^2 - 8y + 12) = 13(y-6)(y-2) = 0$$

$\rightarrow y = 2, 6 \rightarrow x = -2, 4 \rightarrow P(-2, 2), Q(4, 6)$

The center of the circle lies on the intersection of the perpendicular bisectors of any two chords of the circle.

chord \overline{PQ} - midpoint: $(1, 4)$, slope: $\frac{2}{3} \rightarrow (y-4) = \frac{3}{2}(x-1) \rightarrow (1) \quad 3x + 2y - 11 = 0$

chord \overline{PK} - midpoint: $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$, slope: $-\frac{2}{3} \rightarrow (y-1) = \frac{3}{2}\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right) \rightarrow (2) \quad 6x - 4y + 7 = 0$

Solving simultaneously, $(6x - 4y + 7 = 0) + 2(3x + 2y - 11 = 0) \rightarrow 12x - 15 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{5}{4}$

Substituting in (1), $\frac{15}{4} + 2y - 11 = 0 \rightarrow 15 + 8y - 44 = 0 \rightarrow 8y = 29 \rightarrow y = \frac{29}{8}$

The coordinates of the center is $\left(\frac{5}{4}, \frac{29}{8}\right)$.

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1. Let the dimensions of the rectangular solid be L , W and H . Then:

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$$LW : LH : WH = 3 : 4 : 5 \Rightarrow \frac{L}{H} = \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}} \text{ and } \frac{W}{H} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow H = 2L \text{ and } 3H = 4W = 6L$$

Thus, all dimensions can be expressed in terms of L .

$$L : W : H = L : \frac{3}{2}L : 2L = 2 : 3 : 4$$

$$\text{Let } (L, W, H) = (2k, 3k, 4k) \text{ and the volume will be } 24k^3.$$

$$\text{For } k = 4, \text{ the volume exceed } 1000. \quad k = 1, 2, 3 \Rightarrow V = \underline{24, 192, 648}.$$

2. The line defined by $(y+4) = m(x-1)$ must pass through the center of the circle.

If this must be true for all values of m , then the center of the circle must be $(1, -4)$. WHY? Let \overleftrightarrow{AB} and \overleftrightarrow{PQ} be two lines through

$(1, -4)$ with different slopes. \overleftrightarrow{AB} and \overleftrightarrow{PQ} must both be diameters and the center of the circle must lie on both segments. The only common point is $O(1, -4)$.

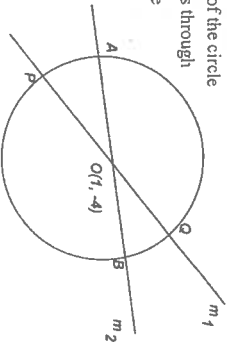
Thus, O is the center and OC is a radius.

Applying the distance formula, $OC = 15$

$$x^2 + y^2 + Ax + By + C = 0 \text{ becomes}$$

$$(x-1)^2 + (y+4)^2 = 225 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 8y - 208 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \underline{-208}.$$



$$3. \frac{(x^2 + 6x + 9)(4x^2 - 3x - 1)}{x^2 + 4x - 5} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{(x+3)^2(4x+1)(x-1)}{(x+5)(x-1)} \geq 0$$

$$x \neq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{(x+3)^2(4x+1)}{(x+5)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Critical points at } x = -5, -3 \text{ and } -1/4.$$

There is a sign change at $x = -5$ and $-1/4$, but not at $x = -3$.

