

# 2006 AMC 12A Problems

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## Problem 1

Sandwiches at Joe's Fast Food cost **3** dollars each and sodas cost **2** dollars each. How many dollars will it cost to purchase **5** sandwiches and **8** sodas?

- (A) 31      (B) 32      (C) 33      (D) 34      (E) 35

Solution

## Problem 2

Define  $x \otimes y = x^3 - y$ . What is  $h \otimes (h \otimes h)$ ?

- (A)  $-h$       (B) 0      (C)  $h$       (D)  $2h$       (E)  $h^3$

Solution

## Problem 3

The ratio of Mary's age to Alice's age is **3 : 5**. Alice is **30** years old. How old is Mary?

- (A) 15      (B) 18      (C) 20      (D) 24      (E) 50

Solution

## Problem 4

A digital watch displays hours and minutes with AM and PM. What is the largest possible sum of the digits in the display?

- (A) 17      (B) 19      (C) 21      (D) 22      (E) 23

Solution

### Problem 5

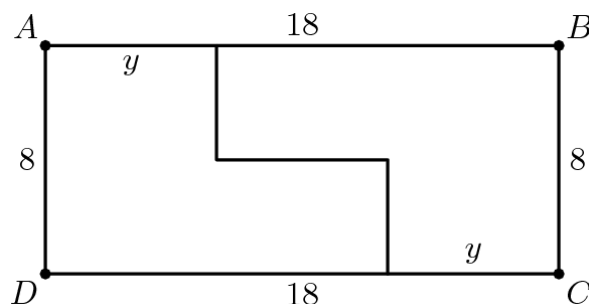
Doug and Dave shared a pizza with 8 equally-sized slices. Doug wanted a plain pizza, but Dave wanted anchovies on half the pizza. The cost of a plain pizza was 8 dollars, and there was an additional cost of 2 dollars for putting anchovies on one half. Dave ate all the slices of anchovy pizza and one plain slice. Doug ate the remainder. Each paid for what he had eaten. How many more dollars did Dave pay than Doug?

- (A) 1      (B) 2      (C) 3      (D) 4      (E) 5

Solution

### Problem 6

The  $8 \times 18$  rectangle  $ABCD$  is cut into two congruent hexagons, as shown, in such a way that the two hexagons can be repositioned without overlap to form a square. What is  $y$ ?



- (A) 6      (B) 7      (C) 8      (D) 9      (E) 10

Solution

### Problem 7

Mary is 20% older than Sally, and Sally is 40% younger than Danielle. The sum of their ages is 23.2 years. How old will Mary be on her next birthday?

- (A) 7      (B) 8      (C) 9      (D) 10      (E) 11

Solution

### Problem 8

How many sets of two or more consecutive positive integers have a sum of 15?

- (A) 1      (B) 2      (C) 3      (D) 4      (E) 5

Solution

### Problem 9

Oscar buys 13 pencils and 3 erasers for \$1.00. A pencil costs more than an eraser, and both items cost a whole number of cents. What is the total cost, in cents, of one pencil and one eraser?

- (A) 10      (B) 12      (C) 15      (D) 18      (E) 20

Solution

### Problem 10

For how many real values of  $x$  is  $\sqrt{120 - \sqrt{x}}$  an integer?

- (A) 3      (B) 6      (C) 9      (D) 10      (E) 11

Solution

### Problem 11

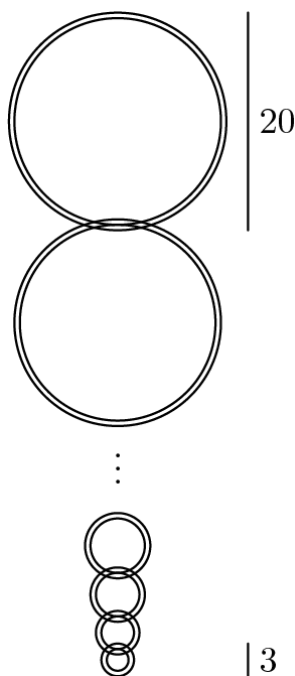
Which of the following describes the graph of the equation  $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2$ ?

- (A) the empty set      (B) one point      (C) two lines      (D) a circle      (E) the entire plane

Solution

### Problem 12

A number of linked rings, each 1 cm thick, are hanging on a peg. The top ring has an outside diameter of 20 cm. The outside diameter of each of the outer rings is 1 cm less than that of the ring above it. The bottom ring has an outside diameter of 3 cm. What is the distance, in cm, from the top of the top ring to the bottom of the bottom ring?

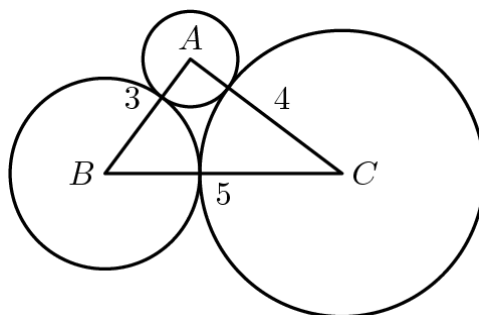


- (A) 171      (B) 173      (C) 182      (D) 188      (E) 210

Solution

### Problem 13

The vertices of a  $3-4-5$  right triangle are the centers of three mutually externally tangent circles, as shown. What is the sum of the areas of the three circles?



- (A)  $12\pi$       (B)  $\frac{25\pi}{2}$       (C)  $13\pi$       (D)  $\frac{27\pi}{2}$       (E)  $14\pi$

Solution

### Problem 14

Two farmers agree that pigs are worth **300** dollars and that goats are worth **210** dollars. When one farmer owes the other money, he pays the debt in pigs or goats, with "change" received in the form of goats or pigs as necessary. (For example, a **390** dollar debt could be paid with two pigs, with one goat received in change.) What is the amount of the smallest positive debt that can be resolved in this way?

- (A) \$5      (B) \$10      (C) \$30      (D) \$90      (E) \$210

Solution

### Problem 15

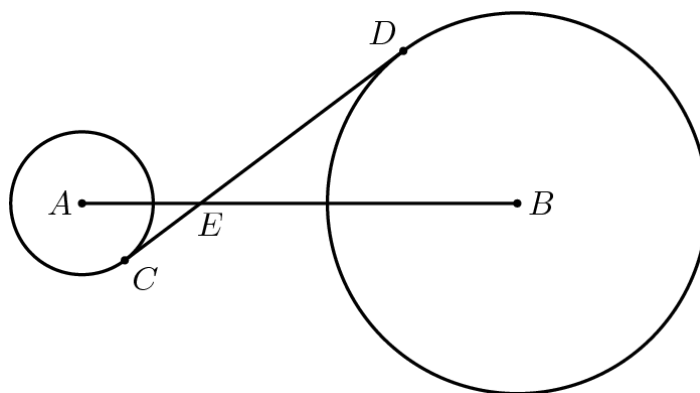
Suppose  $\cos x = 0$  and  $\cos(x + z) = 1/2$ . What is the smallest possible positive value of  $z$ ?

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$       (B)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$       (C)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$       (D)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$       (E)  $\frac{7\pi}{6}$

Solution

### Problem 16

Circles with centers  $A$  and  $B$  have radii **3** and **8**, respectively. A common internal tangent intersects the circles at  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively. Lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  intersect at  $E$ , and  $AE = 5$ . What is  $CD$ ?



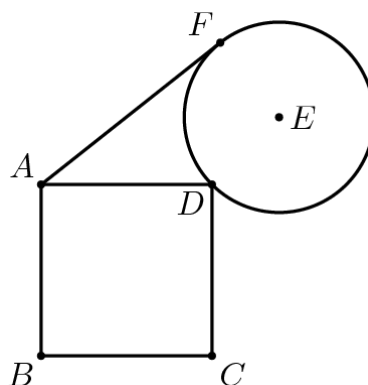
- (A) 13      (B)  $\frac{44}{3}$       (C)  $\sqrt{221}$       (D)  $\sqrt{255}$       (E)  $\frac{55}{3}$

Solution

### Problem 17

Square  $ABCD$  has side length  $s$ , a circle centered at  $E$  has radius  $r$ , and  $r$  and  $s$  are both rational. The circle passes through  $D$ , and  $D$  lies on  $\overline{BE}$ . Point  $F$  lies on the circle, on the same side of  $\overline{BE}$  as  $A$ .

Segment  $AF$  is tangent to the circle, and  $AF = \sqrt{9 + 5\sqrt{2}}$ . What is  $r/s$ ?



- (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (B)  $\frac{5}{9}$       (C)  $\frac{3}{5}$       (D)  $\frac{5}{3}$       (E)  $\frac{9}{5}$

Solution

### Problem 18

The function  $f$  has the property that for each real number  $x$  in its domain,  $1/x$  is also in its domain and

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x$$

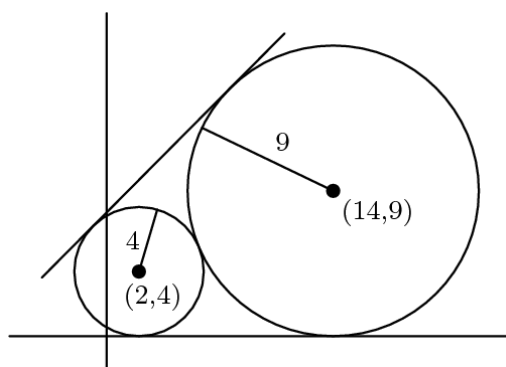
What is the largest set of real numbers that can be in the domain of  $f$ ?

- (A)  $\{x|x \neq 0\}$  and  $x \neq 1$       (B)  $\{x|x < 0\}$  and  $x \neq 1$       (C)  $\{x|x > 0\}$       (D)  $\{x|x \neq -1$   
(E)  $\{-1, 1\}$

Solution

### Problem 19

Circles with centers  $(2, 4)$  and  $(14, 9)$  have radii 4 and 9, respectively. The equation of a common external tangent to the circles can be written in the form  $y = mx + b$  with  $m > 0$ . What is  $b$ ?



- (A)  $\frac{908}{119}$       (B)  $\frac{909}{119}$       (C)  $\frac{130}{17}$       (D)  $\frac{911}{119}$       (E)  $\frac{912}{119}$

Solution

### Problem 20

A bug starts at one vertex of a cube and moves along the edges of the cube according to the following rule. At each vertex the bug will choose to travel along one of the three edges emanating from that vertex. Each edge has equal probability of being chosen, and all choices are independent. What is the probability that after seven moves the bug will have visited every vertex exactly once?

- (A)  $\frac{1}{2187}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{729}$       (C)  $\frac{2}{243}$       (D)  $\frac{1}{81}$       (E)  $\frac{5}{243}$

Solution

### Problem 21

Let

$$S_1 = \{(x, y) | \log_{10}(1 + x^2 + y^2) \leq 1 + \log_{10}(x + y)\}$$

and

$$S_2 = \{(x, y) | \log_{10}(2 + x^2 + y^2) \leq 2 + \log_{10}(x + y)\}.$$

What is the ratio of the area of  $S_2$  to the area of  $S_1$ ?

- (A) 98      (B) 99      (C) 100      (D) 101      (E) 102

Solution

### Problem 22

A circle of radius  $r$  is concentric with and outside a regular hexagon of side length 2. The probability that three entire sides of hexagon are visible from a randomly chosen point on the circle is  $1/2$ . What is  $r$ ?

- (A)  $2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}$     (B)  $3\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}$     (C)  $2\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{3}$     (D)  $3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}$     (E)  $6\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$

Solution

### Problem 23

Given a finite sequence  $S = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  of  $n$  real numbers, let  $A(S)$  be the sequence

$$\left( \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}, \frac{a_2 + a_3}{2}, \dots, \frac{a_{n-1} + a_n}{2} \right)$$

of  $n - 1$  real numbers. Define  $A^1(S) = A(S)$  and, for each integer  $m$ ,  $2 \leq m \leq n - 1$ , define  $A^m(S) = A(A^{m-1}(S))$ . Suppose  $x > 0$ , and let  $S = (1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{100})$ . If  $A^{100}(S) = (1/2^{50})$ , then what is  $x$ ?

- (A)  $1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$     (B)  $\sqrt{2} - 1$     (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$     (D)  $2 - \sqrt{2}$     (E)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Solution

### Problem 24

The expression

$$(x + y + z)^{2006} + (x - y - z)^{2006}$$

is simplified by expanding it and combining like terms. How many terms are in the simplified expression?

- (A) 6018    (B) 671, 676    (C) 1, 007, 514    (D) 1, 008, 016    (E) 2, 015, 028

Solution

### Problem 25

How many non-empty subsets  $S$  of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 15\}$  have the following two properties?

- (1) No two consecutive integers belong to  $S$ .
- (2) If  $S$  contains  $k$  elements, then  $S$  contains no number less than  $k$ .

- (A) 277    (B) 311    (C) 376    (D) 377    (E) 405

Solution

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