

2006 AMC 12B Problems

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Problem 1

What is $(-1)^1 + (-1)^2 + \cdots + (-1)^{2006}$?

- (A) -2006 (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) 1 (E) 2006

Solution

Problem 2

For real numbers x and y , define $x\spadesuit y = (x + y)(x - y)$. What is $3\spadesuit(4\spadesuit 5)$?

- (A) -72 (B) -27 (C) -24 (D) 24 (E) 72

Solution

Problem 3

A football game was played between two teams, the Cougars and the Panthers. The two teams scored a total of 34 points, and the Cougars won by a margin of 14 points. How many points did the Panthers score?

- (A) 10 (B) 14 (C) 17 (D) 20 (E) 24

Solution

Problem 4

Mary is about to pay for five items at the grocery store. The prices of the items are \$7.99, \$4.99, \$2.99, \$1.99, and \$0.99. Mary will pay with a twenty-dollar bill. Which of the following is closest to the percentage of the \$20.00 that she will receive in change?

- (A) 5 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 20 (E) 25

Solution

Problem 5

John is walking east at a speed of 3 miles per hour, while Bob is also walking east, but at a speed of 5 miles per hour. If Bob is now 1 mile west of John, how many minutes will it take for Bob to catch up to John?

- (A) 30 (B) 50 (C) 60 (D) 90 (E) 120

Solution

Problem 6

Francesca uses 100 grams of lemon juice, 100 grams of sugar, and 400 grams of water to make lemonade. There are 25 calories in 100 grams of lemon juice and 386 calories in 100 grams of sugar. Water contains no calories. How many calories are in 200 grams of her lemonade?

- (A) 129 (B) 137 (C) 174 (D) 223 (E) 411

Solution

Problem 7

Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have two children. When they get into their family car, two people sit in the front, and the other two sit in the back. Either Mr. Lopez or Mrs. Lopez must sit in the driver's seat. How many seating arrangements are possible?

- (A) 4 (B) 12 (C) 16 (D) 24 (E) 48

Solution

Problem 8

The lines $x = \frac{1}{4}y + a$ and $y = \frac{1}{4}x + b$ intersect at the point $(1, 2)$. What is $a + b$?

- (A) 0 (B) $\frac{3}{4}$ (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) $\frac{9}{4}$

Solution

Problem 9

How many even three-digit integers have the property that their digits, read left to right, are in strictly increasing order?

- (A) 21 (B) 34 (C) 51 (D) 72 (E) 150

Solution

Problem 10

In a triangle with integer side lengths, one side is three times as long as a second side, and the length of the third side is 15. What is the greatest possible perimeter of the triangle?

- (A) 43 (B) 44 (C) 45 (D) 46 (E) 47

Solution

Problem 11

Joe and JoAnn each bought 12 ounces of coffee in a 16-ounce cup. Joe drank 2 ounces of his coffee and then added 2 ounces of cream. JoAnn added 2 ounces of cream, stirred the coffee well, and then drank 2 ounces. What is the resulting ratio of the amount of cream in Joe's coffee to that in JoAnn's coffee?

- (A) $\frac{6}{7}$ (B) $\frac{13}{14}$ (C) 1 (D) $\frac{14}{13}$ (E) $\frac{7}{6}$

Solution

Problem 12

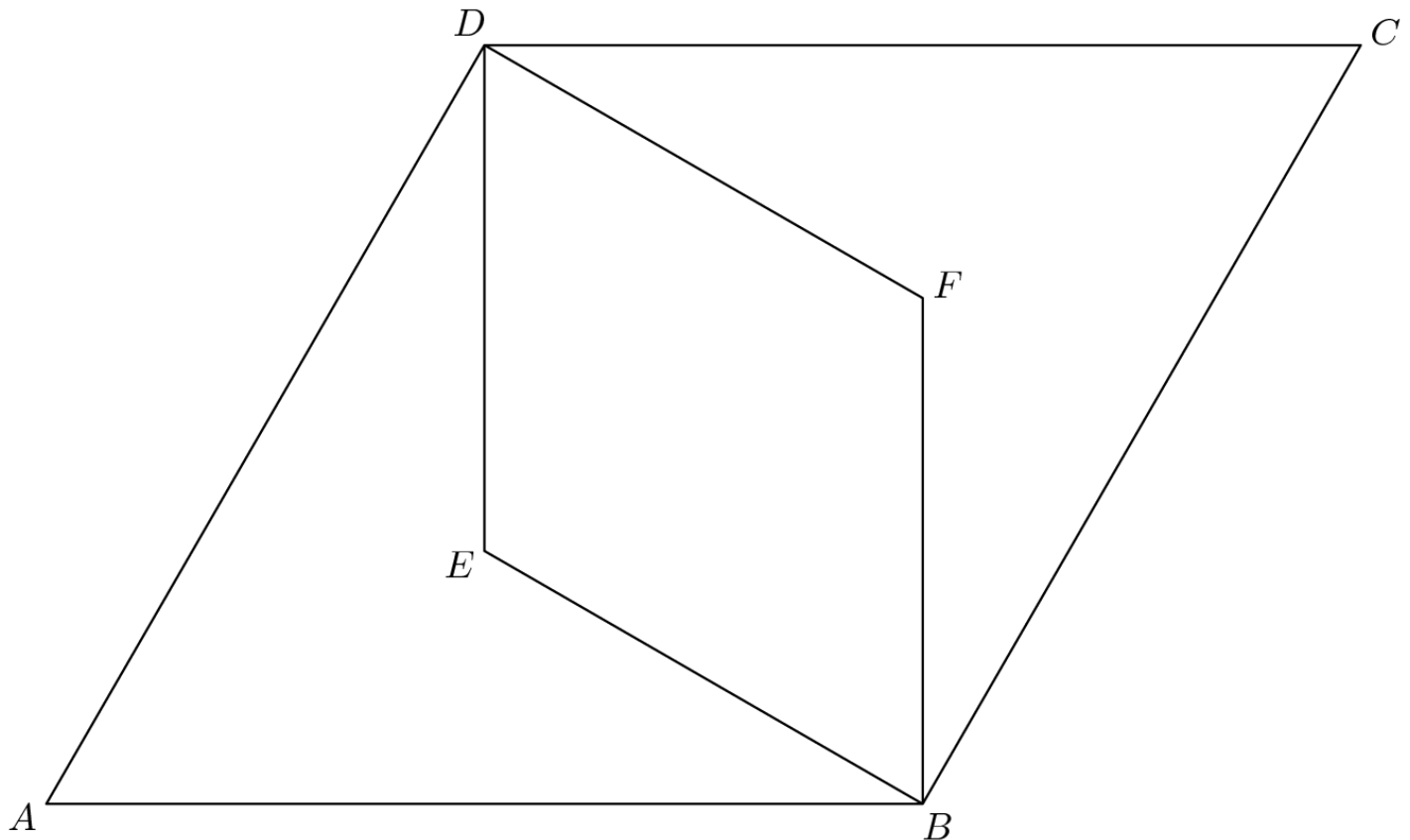
The parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ has vertex (p, p) and y -intercept $(0, -p)$, where $p \neq 0$. What is b ?

- (A) $-p$ (B) 0 (C) 2 (D) 4 (E) p

Solution

Problem 13

Rhombus $ABCD$ is similar to rhombus $BFDE$. The area of rhombus $ABCD$ is 24, and $\angle BAD = 60^\circ$. What is the area of rhombus $BFDE$?



- (A) 6 (B) $4\sqrt{3}$ (C) 8 (D) 9 (E) $6\sqrt{3}$

Solution

Problem 14

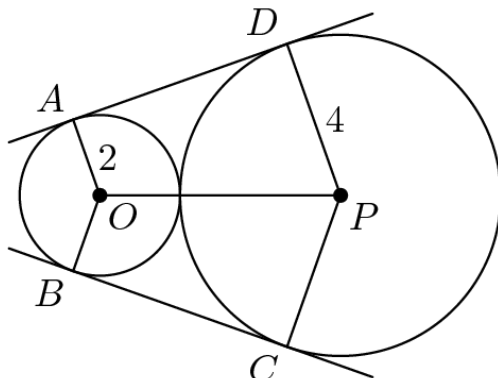
Elmo makes N sandwiches for a fundraiser. For each sandwich he uses B globs of peanut butter at 4 cents per glob and J globs of jam at 5 cents per glob. The cost of the peanut butter and jam to make all the sandwiches is \$2.53. Assume that B , J and N are all positive integers with $N > 1$. What is the cost of the jam Elmo uses to make the sandwiches?

- (A) 1.05 (B) 1.25 (C) 1.45 (D) 1.65 (E) 1.85

Solution

Problem 15

Circles with centers O and P have radii 2 and 4, respectively, and are externally tangent. Points A and B are on the circle centered at O , and points C and D are on the circle centered at P , such that \overline{AD} and \overline{BC} are common external tangents to the circles. What is the area of hexagon $AOBCPD$?



- (A) $18\sqrt{3}$ (B) $24\sqrt{2}$ (C) 36 (D) $24\sqrt{3}$ (E) $32\sqrt{2}$

Solution

Problem 16

Regular hexagon $ABCDEF$ has vertices A and C at $(0, 0)$ and $(7, 1)$, respectively. What is its area?

- (A) $20\sqrt{3}$ (B) $22\sqrt{3}$ (C) $25\sqrt{3}$ (D) $27\sqrt{3}$ (E) 50

Solution

Problem 17

For a particular peculiar pair of dice, the probabilities of rolling 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on each die are in the ratio $1 : 2 : 3 : 4 : 5 : 6$. What is the probability of rolling a total of 7 on the two dice?

- (A) $\frac{4}{63}$ (B) $\frac{1}{8}$ (C) $\frac{8}{63}$ (D) $\frac{1}{6}$ (E) $\frac{2}{7}$

Solution

Problem 18

An object in the plane moves from one lattice point to another. At each step, the object may move one unit to the right, one unit to the left, one unit up, or one unit down. If the object starts at the origin and takes a ten-step path, how many different points could be the final point?

- (A) 120 (B) 121 (C) 221 (D) 230 (E) 231

Solution

Problem 19

Mr. Jones has eight children of different ages. On a family trip his oldest child, who is 9, spots a license plate with a 4-digit number in which each of two digits appears two times. "Look, daddy!" she exclaims. "That number is evenly divisible by the age of each of us kids!" "That's right," replies Mr. Jones, "and the last two digits just happen to be my age." Which of the following is not the age of one of Mr. Jones's children?

- (A) 4 (B) 5 (C) 6 (D) 7 (E) 8

Solution

Problem 20

Let x be chosen at random from the interval $(0, 1)$. What is the probability that $\lfloor \log_{10} 4x \rfloor - \lfloor \log_{10} x \rfloor = 0$? Here $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denotes the greatest integer that is less than or equal to x .

- (A) $\frac{1}{8}$ (B) $\frac{3}{20}$ (C) $\frac{1}{6}$ (D) $\frac{1}{5}$ (E) $\frac{1}{4}$

Solution

Problem 21

Rectangle $ABCD$ has area 2006 . An ellipse with area 2006π passes through A and C and has foci at B and D . What is the perimeter of the rectangle? (The area of an ellipse is $ab\pi$ where $2a$ and $2b$ are the lengths of the axes.)

- (A) $\frac{16\sqrt{2006}}{\pi}$ (B) $\frac{1003}{4}$ (C) $8\sqrt{1003}$ (D) $6\sqrt{2006}$ (E) $\frac{32\sqrt{1003}}{\pi}$

Solution

Problem 22

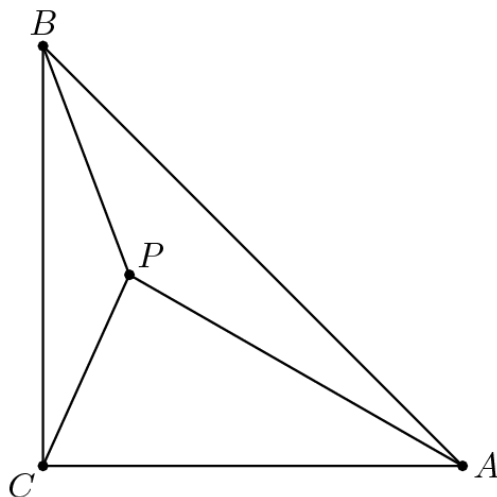
Suppose a , b and c are positive integers with $a + b + c = 2006$, and $a!b!c! = m \cdot 10^n$, where m and n are integers and m is not divisible by 10 . What is the smallest possible value of n ?

- (A) 489 (B) 492 (C) 495 (D) 498 (E) 501

Solution

Problem 23

Isosceles $\triangle ABC$ has a right angle at C . Point P is inside $\triangle ABC$, such that $PA = 11$, $PB = 7$, and $PC = 6$. Legs \overline{AC} and \overline{BC} have length $s = \sqrt{a + b\sqrt{2}}$, where a and b are positive integers. What is $a + b$?



- (A) 85 (B) 91 (C) 108 (D) 121 (E) 127

Solution

Problem 24

Let S be the set of all points (x, y) in the coordinate plane such that $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$. What is the area of the subset of S for which $\sin^2 x - \sin x \sin y + \sin^2 y \leq \frac{3}{4}$?

- (A) $\frac{\pi^2}{9}$ (B) $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$ (C) $\frac{\pi^2}{6}$ (D) $\frac{3\pi^2}{16}$ (E) $\frac{2\pi^2}{9}$

Solution

Problem 25

A sequence a_1, a_2, \dots of non-negative integers is defined by the rule $a_{n+2} = |a_{n+1} - a_n|$ for $n \geq 1$. If $a_1 = 999$, $a_2 < 999$ and $a_{2006} = 1$, how many different values of a_2 are possible?

- (A) 165 (B) 324 (C) 495 (D) 499 (E) 660

Solution

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