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A continuación , se proporcionaran varios problemas matemáticos y se pide una resolución de los mismos .

Salida deseada : una resolución estructurada , rigurosa y razonada , que concluye con una solución final a la pregunta o preguntas planteadas .

Puedes extenderlo lo que quieras .

Problema 1 : """

Sea una función real de variable real continua y que contiene valores negativos en su imagen . Sabiendo que dicha función es multiplicativa , es decir , que lleva el producto de dos números en el producto de la evaluación , discutir los siguientes puntos :

- (a) ¿Qué se puede decir de la inyectividad de una función tal? ¿Y sobre la sobreyectividad ?
- (b) ¿Puedes dar un ejemplo de una función que verifique las propiedades del enunciado ?
- (c) ¿Cuántas funciones existen que verifican las propiedades del enunciado ?

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Okay, let me tackle this problem step by step . So, we have a multiplicative function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that's continuous and takes some negative values . The questions are about injectivity , surjectivity , examples , and how many such functions exist .

Starting with part (a). First, multiplicative functions satisfy $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$ for all real x and y . We also know it's continuous and has some negative values . Let's recall that for multiplicative functions , especially continuous ones , they often have exponential forms . For example , $f(x) = x^k$ is multiplicative , but it's not always continuous unless we restrict domains . Wait, but here the function is defined on all real numbers . Hmm.

Wait, but if the function is multiplicative over all real numbers , including negatives and zero , but it's continuous . However , the problem says the image contains negative values , so f is not always positive . Let me think . If f is multiplicative and continuous , then the standard examples are exponential functions , but exponentials are usually positive . Unless we have something like $f(x) = |x|^c * \text{sign}(x)$, maybe ? Because then , for x negative , the sign function would give -1, so $f(x)$ could be negative .

But first , injectivity . Let's consider if f is injective . Suppose $f(a) = f(b)$. Then , for $a \neq b$, this would violate injectivity . But since f is multiplicative , maybe we can find conditions . Also, multiplicative functions can't be zero everywhere except at zero , but since it's continuous and has negatives , maybe it's non-zero except at zero ? Wait, but multiplicative functions can have zeros . For example , $f(0) = f(0 * x) = f(0)f(x)$, so $f(0)$ must be 0 unless $f(x)$ is 1 for all x , which isn't the case here . So $f(0) = 0$. But then , at $x=0$, the function is zero . So, except at zero , maybe f is non-zero ? Because if $x \neq 0$, then $f(x)$ could be non-zero . Wait, if $x \neq 0$, and suppose $f(x) = 0$, then for any y , $f(xy) = f(x)f(y) = 0$. But since x is fixed and non-zero , xy can take any real value by varying y , so f would be zero everywhere , which contradicts that the image has negative values . Therefore , $f(x) \neq 0$ for $x \neq 0$. So f is non-zero except at $x=0$.

So $f: R \rightarrow R$ is continuous , multiplicative , $f(0)=0$, and for $x \neq 0$, $f(x) \neq 0$. Also, there's some x where $f(x) < 0$.

Now, injectivity . Let's check if f is injective on $R \setminus \{0\}$. Suppose $f(a) = f(b)$ for $a, b \neq 0$. Then , $f(a/b) = f(a)/f(b) = 1$ So if there exists some $c \neq 1$ such that $f(c) = 1$, then maybe f is not injective . Wait, but maybe the function is injective . Let's see . For continuous multiplicative functions , we can often write them as exponential functions . Wait, but for functions on R , multiplicative and continuous , they are usually of the form $f(x) = x^k$ for some exponent k , but adjusted for sign .

Wait, actually , if we consider $f: R \rightarrow R$ multiplicative and continuous , then for $x > 0$, $f(x)$ must be $e^{\{k \ln x\}} = x^k$. But for $x < 0$, since the function is defined on all reals and multiplicative , how do we handle negatives ? Let's think . If the function is multiplicative , then $f(-x) = f(-1)f(x)$. So, for $x < 0$, we can write $x = -|x|$, so $f(x) = f(-1)f(|x|)$. But $f(|x|)$ is $|x|^k$, so $f(x) = f(-1) * |x|^k$. Now, $f(-1)$ squared is $f((-1)^2) = f(1) = 1^k = 1$, so $f(-1)^2 = 1$ Therefore , $f(-1) = \pm 1$ But the function takes negative values , so $f(-1)$ must be -1 Because if $f(-1)$ were 1, then for any $x < 0$, $f(x) = f(-1)f(|x|) = 1 * |x|^k$, which is positive . But the problem states the function has negative values , so $f(-1)$ must be -1 Thus , for $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^k$. So overall , the function can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = & \{ \\ & x^k, \text{ if } x > 0; \\ & 0, \text{ if } x = 0; \\ & -|x|^k, \text{ if } x < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Wait, but does this work ? Let's check multiplicativity . Take two negative numbers , say $x = -a$ and $y = -b$, with $a, b > 0$. Then $f(xy) = f(ab) = (ab)^k$. On the other hand , $f(x)f(y) = (-a^k)(-b^k) = (ab)^k$. So that works . For x positive and y negative : $x = a$, $y = -b$. Then $xy = -ab$. $f(xy) = - (ab)^k$. $f(x)f(y) = a^k * (-b^k) = - (ab)^k$. Also works . And for x or y zero , $f(xy) = 0 = f(x)f(y)$. So yes, this function is multiplicative .

Now, since the function is continuous , we need to check continuity at $x = 0$. For x approaching 0 from the right , $f(x) = x^k$ approaches 0. From the left , $f(x) = -|x|^k$ approaches 0. So it's continuous at 0. Continuity elsewhere is handled by the exponential form .

Now, the exponent k must be such that the function is continuous . For $x > 0$, $f(x) = x^k$, which is continuous for any real k , but when we have $x < 0$ as $-|x|^k$, the exponent must be chosen so that there's no discontinuity except possibly at 0, but since we already handled continuity at 0, maybe k can be any real? Wait, but for the function to be continuous on all of \mathbb{R} , the exponents for positive and negative parts must align. Hmm, perhaps not. Let's see. For example , if k is an integer , then $f(x) = x^k$ is defined for all x , but in our case , we split into $x > 0$ and $x < 0$ with the sign . However , if k is not an integer , then x^k for negative x isn't real, which is why we use the $-|x|^k$ approach . But in any case , as long as k is such that the function is defined for all real x , which it is here because for $x < 0$, we have $-|x|^k$, which is real for any real k , provided $|x|^k$ is real. Wait, but $|x|^k$ is real for any real k when $|x| > 0$. So yes, this works .

But wait , for k to be a real number , we need to have x^k defined for $x > 0$, which is okay . So the function is continuous everywhere , including at 0, as long as the limits match , which they do (both approach 0).

Now, for injectivity . Let's consider when this function is injective . For $x > 0$, $f(x) = x^k$. If $k \neq 0$, then x^k is injective on $x > 0$ only if k is non-zero and the function is strictly monotonic . For example , if $k > 0$, then x^k is increasing if $k > 0$, but only injective on $x > 0$ if it's strictly increasing or decreasing . Wait, x^k for $k > 0$ is increasing on $x > 0$. For $k < 0$, it's decreasing . So in either case , for $x > 0$, f is injective if $k \neq 0$.

Similarly , for $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^k = -(-x)^k$. Let's consider the behavior here . For $x < 0$, if k is even , then $(-x)^k$ is positive , so $f(x) = -$ positive , which is negative . But wait , in our case , k can be any real. Wait, but we have to make sure that the function is injective on $x < 0$.

Suppose $k > 0$. Then for $x < 0$, $f(x) = -(-x)^k$. Let's let $t = -x$, so $t > 0$. Then $f(x) = -t^k$. So as t increases from 0 to infinity , t^k increases from 0 to infinity , so $-t^k$ decreases from 0 to -infinity . Thus , for $k > 0$, the function on $x < 0$ is strictly decreasing , hence injective . Similarly , for $k < 0$, t^k decreases as t increases , so $-t^k$ increases , so $f(x) = -t^k$ would be increasing , hence injective . So for any $k \neq 0$, the function is injective on both $x > 0$ and $x < 0$.

But what about overall injectivity ? Because we have to check that the images of positive and negative numbers don't overlap . For example , suppose there exists a positive x and a negative y such that $f(x) = f(y)$. Then $x^k = -(-y)^k$. Let's take $x > 0$ and $y < 0$, so $x^k = -(-y)^k$. But since $x > 0$ and $(-y) > 0$, this would imply $x^k + (-y)^k = 0$. So $x^k = -(-y)^k$. Let's set $y = -z$, $z > 0$. Then $x^k = -z^k$. But x and z are positive . So x^k is positive , and $-z^k$ is negative . Thus , equality is impossible unless $x=z=0$, which they aren't . Therefore , for $k \neq 0$, the images of positive and negative numbers under f are in positive and negative reals respectively (except that for $x < 0$, $f(x)$ is negative times a positive number , so negative). Therefore , the images of positive and negative numbers don't overlap , so f is injective on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, and since 0 is mapped to 0, which is unique , the entire function is injective .

Wait, but if k is 0, then $f(x) = 1$ for $x > 0$, -1 for $x < 0$, and 0 at 0. That would not be injective , but $k=0$ would make $f(x)$ constant on $x>0$ and $x<0$, which contradicts the requirement that the function is continuous except here $k=0$ would give a discontinuous function ? Wait, no. If $k=0$, then $f(x) = x^0 = 1$ for $x > 0$, but for $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^0 = -1$ So $f(x)$ is 1 for $x>0$, -1 for

$x < 0$, and 0 at 0. This function is not continuous at 0 because the left limit is -1, right limit is 1, but $f(0)=0$. So such a function with $k=0$ isn't continuous. Therefore, in our case, since the function is continuous, k cannot be zero. Hence, for the continuous multiplicative functions with negative values, k must be non-zero, and hence f is injective.

Therefore, the function is injective.

Now, about surjectivity. Is f surjective? Let's see. For the function $f(x) = x^k$ for $x > 0$, and $-|x|^k$ for $x < 0$. The image of f is: For $x > 0$, $f(x) = x^k$, so if $k > 0$, the image is $(0, \infty)$. If $k < 0$, the image is $(0, \infty)$ as x^k approaches infinity as $x \rightarrow 0+$ and approaches 0 as $x \rightarrow \text{infty}$. Wait, no. For $k > 0$, x^k maps $(0, \infty)$ to $(0, \infty)$. For $k < 0$, x^k maps $(0, \infty)$ to $(0, \infty)$ as well, but it's decreasing. For $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^k$. If $k > 0$, then $|x|^k$ maps $(-\infty, 0)$ to $(0, \infty)$, so $f(x)$ maps to $(-\infty, 0)$. Similarly, if $k < 0$, $|x|^k$ maps to $(0, \infty)$, so $f(x)$ maps to $(-\infty, 0)$. Therefore, the entire image of f is $(-\infty, 0) \cup \{0\} \cup (0, \infty) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \cup \{0\} = \mathbb{R}$. Wait, but if $k > 0$, then for $x > 0$, $f(x)$ can take any positive value, and for $x < 0$, any negative value, and 0 at 0. So the function is surjective onto \mathbb{R} . Similarly, if $k < 0$, same reasoning. Thus, f is surjective.

Wait, but let me check. Suppose $k=1$. Then $f(x) = x$ for $x > 0$, $-x$ for $x < 0$. So $f(x) = |x| \text{ sign}(x)$ which is just x . Wait, no: $f(x)$ for $x < 0$ is $-|x| = x$, because $|x| = -x$ when $x < 0$. So $f(x) = x$ for all x . Which is the identity function, which is indeed bijective. So in that case, surjective.

If $k=2$, then $f(x) = x^2$ for $x > 0$, $-x^2$ for $x < 0$. The image would be $[0, \infty)$ for $x \geq 0$, and $(-\infty, 0)$ for $x < 0$. But wait, $x > 0$ maps to $(0, \infty)$, $x=0$ maps to 0, $x < 0$ maps to $(-\infty, 0)$. So combined, the image is \mathbb{R} , hence surjective. Similarly, if $k=-1$, $f(x) = 1/x$ for $x > 0$ (but wait, $x=0$ is handled, but for $k=-1$, $f(x) = x^{-1}$ for $x > 0$, which is $1/x$, and for $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^{-1} = -1/|x| = 1/x$ (since x is negative, $|x| = -x$, so $1/|x| = 1/(-x) = -1/x$, so $f(x) = -1/|x| = -(-1/x) = 1/x$). Wait, no, let's do it carefully. For $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^k$. If $k=-1$, $|x|^{-1} = 1/|x|$, so $f(x) = -1/|x|$. But $|x| = -x$ since $x < 0$, so $f(x) = -1/(-x) = 1/x$. So for $x < 0$, $f(x) = 1/x$, and for $x > 0$, $f(x) = 1/x$. But $x=0$ is not included. However, our function at $x=0$ is 0. Wait, but this would make the function $f(x) = 1/x$ for $x \neq 0$ and 0 at $x=0$. But that's not continuous at $x=0$. Because as x approaches 0 from either side, $f(x)$ tends to $\pm\infty$, not 0. Therefore, such a function with $k=-1$ isn't continuous on all of \mathbb{R} . Therefore, our previous assumption that the function is continuous must restrict the possible exponents k .

Wait a minute! Here's a mistake. Earlier, we assumed that the function is continuous everywhere, including at $x=0$. But for exponents $k \leq 0$, the function may not be continuous at $x=0$. For example, if $k=-1$, then as x approaches 0 from the right, $f(x) = x^{-1}$ goes to infinity, not zero. But the function is supposed to be continuous on all \mathbb{R} , so we must have that the limit as x approaches 0 from the right and left is $f(0)=0$. Therefore, for the function to be continuous at 0, we must have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} x^k = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0-} -|x|^k = 0$. So for the right limit, $x^k \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0+$ only if $k > 0$. Similarly, the left limit: $-|x|^k$ approaches 0 only if $|x|^k$ approaches 0, which also requires $k > 0$. Therefore, the function is continuous at 0 only if $k > 0$. Thus, the exponent k must be positive. Otherwise, if $k \leq 0$, the function is not continuous at 0, contradicting the problem's statement.

Ah! So I made a mistake earlier by not considering the continuity at 0. Therefore, the exponent k must be positive. So $k > 0$. Therefore, the function is of the form:

For $x > 0$: $f(x) = x^k$

For $x=0$: $f(0)=0$

For $x < 0$: $f(x) = -|x|^k = -(-x)^k$ (since $x < 0$, $|x| = -x$)

And $k > 0$ to ensure continuity at 0.

Therefore, in this case, for $k > 0$, the function f is continuous everywhere.

Now, let's re-express this. For any real x , $f(x)$ can be written as $f(x) = |x|^k * \text{sign}(x)$.

Because $\text{sign}(x)$ is 1 for $x > 0$, -1 for $x < 0$, and 0 for $x = 0$. So $f(x) = \text{sign}(x) * |x|^k$. Yes, that's another way to write it.

Now, with $k > 0$, is this function injective?

For $x > 0$, $f(x) = x^k$ which is injective because $k > 0$, so it's strictly increasing (if $k > 0$). For $x < 0$, $f(x) = -(-x)^k$. Let's substitute $y = -x$, so $y > 0$. Then $f(x) = -y^k$. Since y^k is injective (as $y > 0$ and $k > 0$), then $f(x)$ for $x < 0$ is $-y^k$, which is strictly decreasing (since y increases, y^k increases, so $-y^k$ decreases). Thus, on $x < 0$, f is strictly decreasing, hence injective. Also, the images for $x > 0$ are $(0, \infty)$, and for $x < 0$ are $(-\infty, 0)$. Hence, there's no overlap between the images of positive and negative numbers except at 0. Therefore, f is injective on \mathbb{R} .

Moreover, f is surjective? Let's check. For any $y > 0$, there exists $x > 0$ such that $x^k = y$, which is $x = y^{1/k}$. For any $y < 0$, there exists $x < 0$ such that $-(-x)^k = y$. Let $z = -x > 0$, then $-z^k = y \Rightarrow z^k = -y \Rightarrow z = (-y)^{1/k}$, since $-y > 0$. Therefore, $x = -(-y)^{1/k}$. And for $y=0$, $x=0$. Therefore, f is surjective. Hence, f is bijective.

Thus, for part (a), the function is both injective and surjective, i.e., bijective.

Wait, but the problem says "contiene valores negativos en su imagen", which I think means that the image includes negative values, which it does, as we saw. So, under these conditions, with $k > 0$, the function is bijective.

Now, moving to part (b), an example. The simplest example is the identity function, which is $f(x) = x$. Here, $k = 1$. It's multiplicative because $f(xy) = xy = f(x)f(y)$. Continuous, yes. And it takes negative values. So $f(x) = x$ is an example.

Another example would be $f(x) = x^3$. For $x > 0$, it's x^3 ; for $x < 0$, $-|x|^3 = -(-x)^3 = x^3$ (since $(-x)^3 = -x^3$ when $x < 0$). Wait, no. Wait, for $x < 0$, $|x| = -x$, so $|x|^3 = (-x)^3 = -x^3$. Then $f(x) = -|x|^3 = -(-x^3) = x^3$. So for $x < 0$, $f(x) = x^3$. Which is the same as the standard x^3 function. So $f(x) = x^3$ is another example. It's multiplicative because $(xy)^3 = x^3 y^3$. Continuous, yes. And it's bijective.

But wait, the general form is $\text{sign}(x)|x|^k$ with $k > 0$. So any such function with $k > 0$ would work. So examples include $f(x) = x$, $f(x) = x^3$, $f(x) = x^5$, etc., or even $f(x) = x^{1/2}$ but wait, $x^{1/2}$ isn't defined for $x < 0$. No, but in our case, for $x < 0$, it's $-|x|^{1/2}$, which would be $-\sqrt{-x}$, but $\sqrt{-x}$ is real only if $x \leq 0$. So for $x < 0$, $-\sqrt{-x}$ is real and negative. But then, the function would be:

For $x > 0$: \sqrt{x}

For $x < 0$: $-\sqrt{-x}$

For $x = 0$:

This function is continuous everywhere because as x approaches 0 from the right, \sqrt{x}

THIS FUNCTION IS CONTINUOUS EVERYWHERE BECAUSE AS X APPROACHES 0 FROM THE RIGHT, $\text{SIGN}(x)$

APPROACHES 0, AND FROM THE LEFT, $-\sqrt{-x}$ APPROACHES 0. HOWEVER, THIS FUNCTION IS $f(x) = \text{SIGN}(x)\sqrt{|x|}$. IS IT MULTIPLICATIVE? LET'S CHECK:

$f(xy) = \text{SIGN}(xy)\sqrt{|xy|} = \text{SIGN}(x)\text{SIGN}(y)\sqrt{|x||y|} = \text{SIGN}(x)\sqrt{|x|} * \text{SIGN}(y)\sqrt{|y|} = f(x)f(y)$. YES, BECAUSE $\sqrt{|x||y|} = \sqrt{|x|}\sqrt{|y|}$. SO THIS FUNCTION IS MULTIPLICATIVE. SO EVEN WITH $k=1/2$, IT'S MULTIPLICATIVE AND CONTINUOUS. SO THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE.

Therefore, examples are $f(x) = \text{SIGN}(x)|x|^k$ for any $k > 0$.

FOR PART (C), HOW MANY SUCH FUNCTIONS EXIST? EACH FUNCTION IS DETERMINED BY THE EXPONENT $k > 0$. SO THERE ARE INFINITELY MANY SUCH FUNCTIONS, ONE FOR EACH POSITIVE REAL NUMBER k . BUT WE NEED TO CONFIRM IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS BESIDES THESE.

WAIT, THE PROBLEM STATES THAT THE FUNCTION IS MULTIPLICATIVE, CONTINUOUS, AND HAS NEGATIVE VALUES. WE DERIVED THAT SUCH FUNCTIONS MUST BE OF THE FORM $\text{SIGN}(x)|x|^k$ WITH $k > 0$. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MULTIPLICATIVE CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS WITH NEGATIVE VALUES?

SUPPOSE THERE'S A FUNCTION f THAT'S MULTIPLICATIVE, CONTINUOUS, WITH NEGATIVE VALUES, BUT NOT OF THIS FORM. LET'S SEE. SUPPOSE $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS MULTIPLICATIVE AND CONTINUOUS. WE NEED TO SHOW THAT f MUST BE OF THE FORM $\text{SIGN}(x)|x|^k$.

FOR $x > 0$, SINCE f IS MULTIPLICATIVE AND CONTINUOUS, THE RESTRICTION TO $\mathbb{R}_{\{>0\}}$ MUST BE A CONTINUOUS MULTIPLICATIVE FUNCTION ON THE POSITIVE REALS. IT'S KNOWN THAT CONTINUOUS MULTIPLICATIVE FUNCTIONS ON POSITIVE REALS ARE OF THE FORM x^k FOR SOME REAL k . THEREFORE, $f(x) = x^k$ FOR $x > 0$.

FOR $x < 0$, AS BEFORE, MULTIPLICATIVITY REQUIRES $f(x) = f(-1)f(|x|)$. LET'S CONSIDER $x = -1$. THEN $f(-1)^2 = f(1) = 1^k = 1$. SO $f(-1) = \pm 1$. BUT SINCE THE FUNCTION HAS NEGATIVE VALUES, $f(-1)$ MUST BE -1 . OTHERWISE, IF $f(-1) = 1$, THEN FOR ANY $x < 0$, $f(x) = f(-|x|) = f(-1)f(|x|) = 1^k f(|x|) = |x|^k$, WHICH IS POSITIVE, CONTRADICTING THE PRESENCE OF NEGATIVE VALUES. Thus, $f(-1) = -1$, AND SO FOR $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^k$.

THEOREFORE, ALL SUCH FUNCTIONS ARE OF THE FORM $\text{SIGN}(x)|x|^k$ WITH $k > 0$. Hence, there's a bijection between the set of such functions and the positive real numbers, i.e., infinitely many, one for each $k > 0$.

But wait, could there be a function where the exponent k varies depending on other factors? For example, different exponents for different intervals? But given that the function is multiplicative and continuous, the exponent must be the same globally. Because multiplicativity forces the exponent to behave consistently. For example, $f(2) = 2^k$, then $f(4) = f(2 \cdot 2) = f(2)^2 = (2^k)^2 = 4^k$, which must also equal 4^k directly. So the exponent k is uniquely determined by the function's behavior on positive reals, which is forced by continuity and multiplicativity. Hence, each $k > 0$ gives a unique function, and all such functions are of this form. Therefore, there are infinitely many such functions, each corresponding to a unique $k > 0$.

So summarizing:

- The function is bijective (both injective and surjective).
- An example is $f(x) = x$ ($k=1$) or $f(x) = x^3$ ($k=3$), etc.
- There are infinitely many such functions, one for each positive real number k .

Resolución del Problema 1

(a) Inyectividad y Sobreyectividad

La función $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ es continua, multiplicativa ($f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$) y contiene valores negativos en su imagen.

1. Inyectividad:

- Dado que f es multiplicativa y no idénticamente cero (por contener valores negativos), se cumple $f(0) = 0$, y para $x \neq 0$, $f(x) \neq 0$.
- Para $x > 0$, la función se comporta como $f(x) = x^k$ con $k > 0$, que es estrictamente monótona (inyectiva).
- Para $x < 0$, $f(x) = -|x|^k$, que también es estrictamente monótona (inyectiva).
- Las imágenes de \mathbb{R}^+ y \mathbb{R}^- bajo f son disjuntas (positivos y negativos respectivamente), por lo que f es inyectiva en todo \mathbb{R} .

2. Sobreyectividad:

- Para $y > 0$, existe $x = y^{1/k} > 0$ tal que $f(x) = y$.
- Para $y < 0$, existe $x = -(-y)^{1/k} < 0$ tal que $f(x) = y$.
- Para $y = 0$, $f(0) = 0$.
- Por tanto, f cubre todo \mathbb{R} , siendo sobreyectiva.

Conclusión (a): La función es biyectiva (inyectiva y sobreyectiva).

(b) Ejemplo de función

Un ejemplo es la función identidad $f(x) = x$:

- **Multiplicativa:** $f(xy) = xy = f(x)f(y)$.
- **Continua:** Es una función lineal, continua en todo \mathbb{R} .
- **Contiene negativos:** $f(x) < 0$ para $x < 0$.

Otro ejemplo es $f(x) = \text{sign}(x)|x|^k$ con $k > 0$, como $f(x) = x^3$.

(c) Cantidad de funciones existentes

Todas las funciones que cumplen las condiciones son de la forma:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^k & \text{si } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{si } x = 0, \\ -|x|^k & \text{si } x < 0, \end{cases}$$

con $k > 0$. Cada valor de $k > 0$ define una función única. Como k puede ser

cualquier real positivo , hay infinitas funciones que satisfacen las propiedades .

Conclusión (c): Existen infinitas funciones de este tipo , una para cada $k > 0$.

Respuestas Finales:

- (a) La función es biyectiva .
- (b) Ejemplo: $f(x) = x$.
- (c) Existen infinitas funciones , parametrizadas por $k > 0$.

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Problema 2: """"

Dadas tres rectas en el plano , suponiendo que son todas distintas (no hay dos rectas coincidentes), determinar la cantidad de circunferencias tangentes (simultáneamente a las tres rectas) existente .

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Okay, let's tackle Problem 2. We need to determine the number of circles that are simultaneously tangent to three distinct lines in a plane. Hmm, first, I remember that when dealing with circles tangent to lines, the center of the circle must lie along the angle bisector of the angle formed by two lines. But here we have three lines, so maybe we have to consider how the three lines are arranged.

Wait, first, I should recall that in a plane, three distinct lines can either be concurrent (all intersecting at a single point) or form a triangle (each pair intersecting at different points). The number of tangent circles might depend on this configuration.

If the three lines are concurrent, meaning they all meet at one point, then there can't be a triangle formed. In that case, how would a circle be tangent to all three? Well, if all three lines pass through a common point, the circle would have to be tangent to each line, but since they all meet at a point, maybe the circle is centered somewhere relative to that point. Wait, but if all three lines pass through a point, say the origin, then any circle tangent to all three lines would have to be tangent at points equidistant from the origin. But I'm not sure. Maybe if the three lines form angles between them, the circle would have to be inscribed or excised in some way. But if they're concurrent, there's no triangle, so maybe there are infinitely many circles? Or none?

Alternatively, if the three lines form a triangle, then there are the standard incircle and excircles. For a triangle, there's one incircle (inside the triangle) and three excircles (each tangent to one side and the extensions of the other two). So that's four circles in total. But wait, the problem states three distinct lines, not necessarily forming a triangle. So depending on the configuration, the number changes.

So first, I need to consider the two cases: three lines forming a triangle or three concurrent lines.

Case 1: Three lines form a triangle. Then, as I recall, there are four circles: incircle and three excircles. Each of these is tangent to all three lines (sides of the triangle). So in this case, the answer would be four.

Case 2: Three lines are concurrent . Then, they all meet at a single point . Is there any circle tangent to all three lines? Let's think . Suppose three lines intersect at point O. A circle tangent to all three lines would have to touch each line at a point . But since all lines pass through O, the circle's center must lie at some distance from O. Let's say two of the lines form an angle , and the circle is tangent to those two lines. The center lies along the angle bisector . But the third line also passes through O. For the circle to be tangent to all three lines, the distance from the center to each line must be equal. But since the third line is concurrent , the distance from the center to the third line would have to be equal to the distance to the other two lines. However, the angle bisectors for the first two lines and the third line might not align. Wait, let's take specific angles . Suppose three lines concurrent at O with angles 120 degrees between each adjacent pair. Then, the angle bisectors for each pair would be the same line? No, each angle's bisector would be different . Wait, if three lines meet at O with equal angles of 120 degrees , then the angle bisectors would be three different lines . So a circle centered along any of these bisectors would be equidistant to two lines but not the third . Therefore , there's no point that is equidistant to all three lines in this case . Hence , there might be no such circle . But wait, maybe if the three lines are arranged such that their angles allow for a common distance . For example , if two lines form an angle α , and the third line is the angle bisector of α . Then, maybe a circle centered along that bisector could be tangent to all three . Wait, no, because the third line is the bisector , so the distance from the center to the two original lines would be equal, and the distance to the bisector line would be zero if the center is on the bisector . Wait, no. If the center is on the bisector , then the distance to the bisector line is the perpendicular distance . Suppose we have two lines forming angle α , and the third line is their bisector . Let the center be at distance d from the bisector line. Then the distance to each of the original two lines would be $d * \sin(\alpha/2)$. Wait, maybe not. Let me think geometrically . If the center is at a distance d from the bisector line, then to be tangent to the original two lines, which are at an angle α on either side of the bisector , the perpendicular distance to each of those lines would be $d * \sin(\alpha/2)$. So to have the same distance to all three lines , we need d (distance to bisector) = $d * \sin(\alpha/2)$. But unless $\sin(\alpha/2) = 1$, which would require $\alpha = 180$ degrees , meaning the two original lines are opposite , forming a straight line , and the third line is their bisector (which is any line perpendicular to them). But if the three lines are two lines forming a straight line and a third line bisecting them, then they are concurrent . In that case , a circle tangent to all three would have to be tangent to the two opposite lines (which are colinear) and the third line. But two lines are the same line, which contradicts the problem statement that all three lines are distinct . Therefore , in the case of three concurrent lines, there is no circle tangent to all three.

Wait, but maybe if the three concurrent lines are arranged such that there exists a point equidistant to all three . For three concurrent lines , the set of points equidistant to all three would require that the distances from the point to each line are equal. But for three lines through a common point , the loci of points equidistant to the three lines would be the intersection of the angle bisectors . However, in general , three concurrent lines don't have a common point equidistant to all three unless they are symmetrically arranged . For example , three lines at 120 degrees apart. In that case , the angle bisectors would intersect at the center but the distances might not be equal . Let's compute

Suppose three lines concurrent at O, each pair forming 120-degree angles. Let's find a point P such that the distance from P to each line is the same. The set of points equidistant to two lines is the angle bisector. For three lines, we need P to lie on all three bisectors. However, in this case, the angle bisectors of each pair of lines are the same as the third line. Wait, no. Each angle between two lines is 120 degrees, so the bisector would be a line that splits the 120 degrees into 60 degrees. But with three lines at 120 degrees, each bisector of a pair would be a line that is 60 degrees from each of the pair. However, these bisectors would not coincide with the third line. Instead, the three bisectors would themselves form another equilateral arrangement. Wait, maybe in this case, the three bisectors meet at a single point, the incenter. But for three concurrent lines, the incenter would be the same as the point of concurrency? No, because the incenter is the point equidistant to all three lines. But if the three lines are concurrent, then the only point equidistant to all three would be O itself, but the distance from O to each line is zero. However, a circle with center at O would have radius zero, which is not a valid circle. Therefore, there is no non-degenerate circle tangent to three concurrent lines.

Therefore, in the case of three concurrent lines, there are no circles tangent to all three. Whereas in the case where the three lines form a triangle, there are four circles: incircle and three excircles.

But wait, the problem states that the three lines are all distinct and not two are coincident. So if they form a triangle, the answer is four. If they are concurrent, the answer is zero. Therefore, the number of circles depends on whether the lines are concurrent or not.

But the problem says "determinar la cantidad de circunferencias tangentes (simultáneamente a las tres rectas) existente." So it's asking in general, given three distinct lines, how many circles are tangent to all three. But the answer depends on the configuration of the lines. However, the problem doesn't specify any particular configuration; it just says three distinct lines. So maybe the answer is that there can be either four or zero, depending on whether the lines form a triangle or are concurrent.

But wait, the problem says "determinar la cantidad", which implies a definite answer. Maybe I'm missing something. Let me check again.

Wait, there's another possibility: three parallel lines. If three lines are all parallel, then they can't form a triangle, and they're not concurrent. So in this case, how many circles are tangent to all three? Well, three parallel lines. A circle tangent to three parallel lines must have its center lying on the line midway between the two outermost lines. But since the lines are parallel, the distance between each pair must be the same. Wait, but three parallel lines would have two distances: between first and second, and second and third. If these distances are equal, then there's a possibility. For example, if three parallel lines are equally spaced, then there are two circles: one between the first and second, and another between the second and third. But wait, a circle tangent to three parallel lines must have a radius equal to half the distance between the outermost lines, but if the lines are equally spaced, then the middle line is at the midpoint. Wait, no. Let me think. Suppose three parallel lines with equations $y=0$, $y=a$, $y=2a$. Then a circle tangent to all three must have its center on the line $y=a$ (the middle line) and the radius would have to be a . But then the circle would touch

~~... , the distance from the center to the middle line would have to be zero, but then the circle would touch y=0 and y=2a, but the distance from the center (y=a) to the middle line y=a is zero. So the circle can't be tangent to the middle line unless it has radius zero, which is degenerate.~~

Therefore , there are no circles tangent to three distinct parallel lines.

Wait, maybe if the three parallel lines are not equally spaced . Suppose the lines are $y=0$, $y=d$, $y=D$, with $d \neq D/2$. Then a circle tangent to all three must have its center on the line $y = (D)/2$ (midway between $y=0$ and $y=D$), and the radius would be $D/2$. But then the distance from the center to the middle line $y=d$ would be $|D/2 - d|$. For the circle to be tangent to the middle line , this distance must equal the radius $D/2$. So $|D/2 - d| = D/2$. This implies that $d = 0$ or $d = D$. But the middle line is at $y=d$, which is between 0 and D, so this is impossible . Therefore , no such circle exists . Hence , three parallel lines cannot have a circle tangent to all three .

Therefore , three distinct lines can be in three configurations :

- 1 Forming a triangle : four circles (incircle and three excircles).
2. Concurrent at a point : no circles .
3. All parallel : no circles .

Hence , the number of circles tangent to three distinct lines is either four or zero , depending on whether the lines form a triangle or not.

But the problem states "determinar la cantidad de circunferencias tangentes ... existente ." So maybe the answer is generally four or zero , but the problem might expect us to say that there are four if the lines form a triangle , otherwise zero . However , the problem doesn't specify the configuration , so we need to answer based on the possible cases .

Wait, but in the problem statement , it's given that the three lines are all distinct and no two are coincident . The problem doesn't specify any particular arrangement . So the answer must cover all possibilities . But how can we answer the quantity without knowing the configuration ? Unless there's a general answer that applies regardless of the configuration .

Wait, perhaps I'm missing something . Let's think differently . In general , for three lines in the plane , the number of circles tangent to all three is four if the lines are in general position (forming a triangle), and fewer otherwise . But the problem asks "determinar la cantidad ", which might mean the maximum number possible , but the question is in Spanish , and the wording is "determinar la cantidad de circunferencias ... existente ", which translates to "determine the number of existing circles ...". So it's asking for the number depending on the configuration . However , since the problem doesn't specify the configuration , perhaps we have to state that there are four if the lines form a triangle (i.e., are not concurrent and not parallel), and zero otherwise . But the problem might be expecting the answer as four , assuming the general case where the lines form a triangle . But I need to be careful .

Alternatively , maybe there are always four circles , but some might coincide in special cases .

Wait, for example , if the triangle is equilateral , do the excircles and incircle have special properties ? No, even in an equilateral triangle , there are still four distinct circles : one incircle and three excircles . So regardless of the triangle's type , four circles .

But if the lines are concurrent or parallel , there are none . So the answer depends on the

configuration . However , the problem doesn't specify , so perhaps the answer is four, but with the caveat that this is only when the lines form a triangle . But since the problem is in Spanish and uses "determinar la cantidad ", maybe the expected answer is four, assuming the general case where the lines form a triangle . But I need to check standard results .

Wait, I recall that in plane geometry , three non-concurrent , non-parallel lines (i.e., forming a triangle) have exactly four circles tangent to all three : the incircle and three excircles . If the lines are concurrent or parallel , there are no such circles . Therefore , the number is four or zero . But the problem asks for the number of circles tangent to all three , given that the lines are distinct . So the answer would be that there are four if the lines form a triangle , and zero otherwise . But since the problem doesn't specify the configuration , the answer must state that it depends on whether the lines form a triangle or not. However , the problem might expect the answer as four , assuming the general case . But in mathematical problems like this, unless specified otherwise , the answer is usually the maximum possible , which is four . Alternatively , the problem might want to consider all possibilities .

Wait, looking back , the problem says "determinar la cantidad de circunferencias tangentes (simultáneamente a las tres rectas) existente ." So it's asking to determine the number of circles that exist , given three distinct lines . The answer depends on the configuration , but in the absence of specific information , we can't give a single number . However , perhaps the answer is four , as that's the case when the lines form a triangle , which is the generic case . Otherwise , if they are concurrent or parallel , which are special cases , the number is zero . But the problem might be expecting to answer that there are four circles when the lines are in general position (forming a triangle), and otherwise zero . But how to express this ?

Alternatively , maybe the answer is always four , but that's not true because if the lines are concurrent , there are none . So the correct answer is that there are four circles if the three lines form a triangle (i.e., they are not concurrent and not parallel), otherwise zero . Therefore , the number is either four or zero , depending on the configuration .

But the problem says "determinar la cantidad ", so perhaps it's expecting the possible numbers , explaining when each case occurs . However , in the way the problem is phrased , it might expect the answer to be four , considering the general case . But I need to be precise .

Let me verify with an example . Take three lines forming a triangle . The incircle touches all three sides , and each ex-circle touches one side and the extensions of the other two . That's four circles . Yes. If the three lines are concurrent , like three medians of a triangle intersecting at the centroid , then there is no circle tangent to all three because any circle tangent to two lines would have its center on the angle bisector , but the third line passes through the concurrency point , and the distances can't match . If the lines are parallel , as discussed , no circle can be tangent to all three .

Therefore , the answer is: if the three lines form a triangle , there are four circles ; otherwise , none . But since the problem doesn't specify the configuration , the answer should state that the number is four when the lines are in general position (forming a triangle), and zero otherwise . However , in mathematical problems like this, unless told otherwise , the answer is usually four , as that's the maximum number and the typical case . But I need to check if there's a standard answer .

Looking up, the standard result is that three non-concurrent , non-parallel lines (forming a triangle) have four common tangent circles : the incircle and three excircles . Therefore , the answer is four. If the lines are concurrent or parallel , zero. Hence , the problem's answer is four, assuming the lines form a triangle . Since the problem states "tres rectas en el plano , suponiendo que son todas distintas ", but doesn't specify their arrangement , perhaps the answer is that there are four circles when the lines form a triangle , otherwise zero. But the problem asks to "determinar la cantidad ", so maybe the answer is four, considering the general case , and mentioning that in special cases (concurrent or parallel), there are none. But how to present this.

Alternatively , the problem might be intended to assume that the three lines are in general position , i.e., forming a triangle , hence the answer is four. Therefore , the number of circles is four.

Resolución del Problema 2

Para determinar la cantidad de circunferencias tangentes a tres rectas distintas en el plano , analizamos las posibles configuraciones de las rectas :

1. Rectas que forman un triángulo:

- Si las tres rectas no son concurrentes ni paralelas , se intersecan formando un triángulo . En este caso :
 - **Incircunferencia (1)**: Tangente a los tres lados del triángulo desde su interior .
 - **Excircunferencias (3)**: Cada una tangente a un lado del triángulo y a las extensiones de los otros dos lados . Hay una excircunferencia por cada lado .
- **Total**: 4 circunferencias .

2. Rectas concurrentes:

- Si las tres rectas se intersecan en un único punto , no existe una circunferencia no degenerada tangente a todas . La única posibilidad sería una circunferencia de radio cero (degenerada), que no es válida .
- **Total**: 0 circunferencias .

3. Rectas paralelas:

- Si las tres rectas son paralelas , no existe un punto equidistante a todas ellas que permita definir una circunferencia tangente simultáneamente .
- **Total**: 0 circunferencias .

Conclusión:

- Si las tres rectas forman un triángulo (no concurrentes ni paralelas), existen 4

circunferencias tangentes a todas ellas.

- En cualquier otra configuración (rectas concurrentes o paralelas), no existen circunferencias tangentes a las tres rectas .

Respuesta Final:

La cantidad de circunferencias tangentes a las tres rectas es **4** si las rectas forman un triángulo ; en caso contrario , no existe ninguna .

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Problema 3: """"

Tres amigos se sientan en una mesa circular a probar un juego de apuestas . Por suerte , para que nadie haga trampas , junto con las reglas del juego , un árbitro les acompaña en su aventura . Cada uno apuesta (sin que nadie más que el mismo jugador y el árbitro sepa la cantidad del jugador en cuestión) una cantidad de euros múltiplo de 12 y, por supuesto , de al menos 1 euro . Esta apuesta será la cantidad de dinero con que operarán . El árbitro indica que cada uno de los jugadores le pase al jugador de su derecha , en orden secuencial y hasta terminar un ciclo completo (es decir , hasta que todos hayan pasado dinero una vez , pero solo una vez) , respectivamente un medio , un tercio y un cuarto de sus tenencias al momento en que le toca pasar dinero . El jugador que primero pasa el dinero se decide de manera aleatoria . Gana , y por tanto se lleva todo el dinero , el jugador que cuente con más dinero al finalizar este intercambio . Una vez concluido el intercambio , el árbitro , exaltado por la emoción , exclama : "¡qué casualidad que tengáis el mismo dinero con el que empezasteis !". ¿Se puede saber con exactitud la cantidad de dinero que había apostado cada uno ? ¿Se puede saber , solo con esta información , quién gana ? ¿Existe posibilidad de tablas , es decir , que al menos dos jugadores tengan el mismo dinero y el tercero no les supere ?

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Okay, so let's tackle this problem step by step . It's about three friends sitting around a circular table , each betting an amount of money that's a multiple of 12 euros , at least 12 . They pass fractions of their money to the right in sequence : first a half , then a third , then a quarter . After one full cycle , the arbitrator says they all end up with the same amount they started with . The questions are: Can we determine exactly how much each person bet ? Can we tell who wins ? Is there a possibility of a tie ?

First, let me parse the problem again to make sure I understand . Each player starts with a multiple of 12 euros (so their initial amounts are 12, 24, 36, etc.) . The order of passing is random , but once decided , they pass in sequence . The fractions they pass are $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, and $\frac{1}{4}$, but the order depends on who starts first . After passing , the arbitrator notes that their final amounts are the same as they started . We need to find if the initial amounts can be determined exactly , if we can determine the winner , and if there's a possibility of a tie .

Wait, but the problem says that after the exchange , they have the same money they started with . So the process of passing money results in each player ending up with their original amount . So the operation is a kind of permutation that leaves their amounts invariant . Interesting .

But the key here is that the order of passing is random . The arbitrator says that "after concluding the exchange ", they have the same money . So regardless of the starting player, the cycle of passing (half, third , quarter) leads them back to their original amounts . Wait, but the order of passing depends on who starts first . For example , if player A starts first , the order would be A passes half, then B passes a third , then C passes a quarter . Then the cycle completes . But if the starting player is different , the order of the fractions passed changes . However , the problem states that "the player who first passes the money is decided randomly ". So the starting player is arbitrary , but the result is that after the exchange , their amounts are the same as they started . Wait, but the problem says that regardless of who starts first , they end up with the same amounts ? Or that in a particular instance , the starting player was chosen , and after that single cycle , they ended up with the same amounts . The problem says: "once concluded the exchange , the arbitrator ... exclaims ... same money as you started ". So in this particular instance , the exchange happened once , starting with a random player, and after that single cycle , they ended up with their original amounts .

But the problem says that the order is sequential and "hasta terminar un ciclo completo (es decir , hasta que todos hayan pasado dinero una vez, pero solo una vez)". So each player passes once , in order , starting from a randomly chosen player . So the sequence could be , for example , Player 1 starts , passes half, then Player 2 passes a third , then Player 3 passes a quarter . Alternatively , if Player 2 starts , then the order is Player 2 passes half, Player 3 passes a third , Player 1 passes a quarter . Etc.

But the result is that after this cycle , each player has the same amount as they started . So regardless of who started , the process leaves their amounts unchanged . Wait, but the problem states that the starting player is random , but in this particular instance , the result was that their amounts were preserved . So we have to consider that the starting player could be any of the three , but regardless of which one it was, the result would be the same ? Or maybe in this particular instance , the starting player was , say, Player A, and after the cycle , they all ended up with their original amounts . But the problem says "the arbitrator exclaims ... same money as you started ". So in this particular case , after the exchange (with a random starting player), they ended up with their initial amounts . So we need to model the passing process for any starting player and find the initial amounts that make this possible .

Alternatively , maybe the problem is that regardless of the starting player, the amounts are preserved . But that would be a stronger condition . The problem says "una vez concluido este intercambio ", so it's a single cycle starting with a random player, and in this instance , their amounts are preserved . So we need to find the initial amounts such that, for some starting player, after the cycle , the amounts are preserved . But the problem says the arbitrator noticed that they have the same money as they started . So the process must have preserved their amounts for the particular starting player chosen .

But maybe the problem is that regardless of the starting player, the cycle preserves the

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amounts . That would make the problem more interesting . But the way its phrased is . el árbitro indica que cada uno de los jugadores le pase al jugador de su derecha , en orden secuencial y hasta terminar un ciclo completo ...". So the order is sequential , starting from a randomly chosen player, but once the cycle is completed (all three have passed once), the amounts are preserved . So we need to model the passing for any starting player and find the initial amounts that satisfy the condition that after one cycle (starting with any player), the amounts return to their original values . Wait, but the problem says that in this particular case , the amounts were preserved . So maybe the starting player was such that the cycle preserved the amounts . But the problem is asking if we can determine the exact initial amounts , given that this preservation happened .

Alternatively , perhaps the key is that regardless of the starting player, the preservation occurs , which would impose constraints on the initial amounts . But I need to clarify .

Let me try to model this . Let's denote the three players as A, B, C, sitting in a circle . Each has an initial amount of x, y, z , respectively , all multiples of 12, at least 12. The process is: starting with a randomly chosen player, each in turn passes a fraction of their current amount to the right . The fractions are $1/2, 1/3$, and $1/4$, but the order depends on who starts . For example , if the starting player is A, the order is A passes $1/2$, then B passes $1/3$, then C passes $1/4$. If the starting player is B, then B passes $1/2$, C passes $1/3$, A passes $1/4$. Similarly for starting with C: C passes $1/2$, A passes $1/3$, B passes $1/4$.

After this sequence of passes , each player's amount is the same as they started . So we need to model the passing for each possible starting player and find x, y, z such that after the cycle , the amounts are preserved . Wait, but the problem states that the arbitrator exclaims that they have the same money as they started , which implies that regardless of the starting player, the amounts are preserved . Or maybe that in this particular instance , the starting player was chosen , and the preservation happened . However , the problem is in Spanish , and the exact wording is: "una vez concluido este intercambio , el árbitro , exaltado por la emoción , exclama: "¡qué casualidad que tengáis el mismo dinero con el que empezasteis !". So it's after the exchange has concluded , meaning that in this particular instance , they did the exchange starting with some player (randomly chosen), and the result was that they ended up with their initial amounts . Therefore , we need to find the initial amounts x, y, z such that there exists at least one starting player for which the cycle results in the preservation of amounts . But maybe the problem implies that for all possible starting players , the amounts are preserved , but that seems too strong . Alternatively , since the starting player is random , but in this case , it happened to preserve the amounts , so there exists at least one starting player order that preserves the amounts . However , the problem asks if we can determine the exact amounts each bet, so perhaps the preservation occurs for any starting player, which would give us three equations , allowing us to solve for x, y, z .

Alternatively , maybe the preservation occurs regardless of the starting player. Let's assume that first . Let's suppose that no matter who starts , after the cycle , the amounts are preserved . Then we can model the passing for each possible starting player and set up equations .

Alternatively , perhaps the preservation occurs because the process is cyclical and the order of passing (the fractions) are the same regardless of starting player. Wait, no. The fractions

are fixed as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, but the order in which they are applied depends on the starting player. For example , starting with A: A passes $\frac{1}{2}$, B passes $\frac{1}{3}$, C passes $\frac{1}{4}$. Starting with B: B passes $\frac{1}{2}$, C passes $\frac{1}{3}$, A passes $\frac{1}{4}$. Starting with C: C passes $\frac{1}{2}$, A passes $\frac{1}{3}$, B passes $\frac{1}{4}$.

Each starting player leads to a different sequence of fractions . However , the problem states that after the cycle , the amounts are the same. So perhaps the system is such that regardless of the starting player, the amounts are preserved . That would mean that for each starting player, the equations must hold. But that would give us three separate scenarios , each leading to the preservation of amounts , which might only be possible if $x=y=z$. But the problem states that they bet different amounts (since it's a multiple of 12, at least 12, but the problem doesn't say they are distinct). Wait, but the problem says "tres amigos ", "cada uno apuesta una cantidad ...". It doesn't say they have to be different , but the question is whether we can determine exactly their amounts . If they all bet the same amount , maybe that's a possibility , but let's check .

Alternatively , maybe the preservation occurs for at least one starting player. Let's suppose that in this particular instance , the starting player was such that the cycle preserved the amounts , and we need to find x , y , z that allow this.

To model this, let's take a specific starting player, say A, and model the passing .

Let's denote the initial amounts as x , y , z for A, B, C.

Case 1: Starting with A.

- A passes half of his money to B. So A gives $(\frac{1}{2})x$ to B.

After this pass:

A has $x - (\frac{1}{2})x = (\frac{1}{2})x$

B has $y + (\frac{1}{2})x$

C still has z .

Next, B passes a third of his current money to C.

B's current money : $y + (\frac{1}{2})x$

He passes $(\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x)$ to C.

After this pass:

B has $(y + (\frac{1}{2})x) - (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x) = (\frac{2}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x)$

C has $z + (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x)$

Then C passes a quarter of his current money to A.

C's current money : $z + (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x)$

He passes $(\frac{1}{4})(z + (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x))$ to A.

After this pass:

C has $(z + (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x)) - (\frac{1}{4})(z + (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x)) = (\frac{3}{4})(z + (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x))$

A has $(\frac{1}{2})x + (\frac{1}{4})(z + (\frac{1}{3})(y + (\frac{1}{2})x))$

Now, after all three passes , the final amounts should equal the initial amounts :

$$\text{For A: } \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}(z + \frac{1}{3}(y + \frac{1}{2}x)) = x$$

$$\text{For B: } \frac{2}{3}(y + \frac{1}{2}x) = y$$

$$\text{For C: } \frac{3}{4}(z + \frac{1}{3}(y + \frac{1}{2}x)) = z$$

These are three equations . Let's write them out.

Equation for A:

$$\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}[z + \frac{1}{3}(y + \frac{1}{2}x)] = x$$

Multiply through by 12 to eliminate denominators :

$$12 \cdot \frac{1}{2}x + 12 \cdot \frac{1}{4}[z + \frac{1}{3}(y + \frac{1}{2}x)] = 12x$$

Simplify :

$$6x + 3[z + \frac{1}{3}(y + \frac{1}{2}x)] = 12x$$

$$6x + 3z + (y + \frac{1}{2}x) = 12x$$

Combine like terms :

$$6x + 3z + y + 0.5x = 12x$$

$$6.5x + y + 3z = 12x$$

Rearranged :

$$y + 3z = 5.5x \rightarrow \text{Multiply by 2 to eliminate decimal :}$$

$$2y + 6z = 11x \rightarrow \text{Equation 1}$$

Equation for B:

$$\frac{2}{3}(y + \frac{1}{2}x) = y$$

Multiply both sides by 3:

$$2(y + 0.5x) = 3y$$

$$2y + x = 3y$$

$$x = y \rightarrow \text{Equation 2}$$

Equation for C:

$$\frac{3}{4}(z + \frac{1}{3}(y + 0.5x)) = z$$

Multiply both sides by 4:

$$3(z + \frac{1}{3}(y + 0.5x)) = 4z$$

$$3z + (y + 0.5x) = 4z$$

$$y + 0.5x = z \rightarrow \text{Equation 3}$$

Now, from Equation 2: $x = y$

From Equation 3: $y + 0.5x = z$. But since $x = y$, substitute :

$$x + 0.5x = z \rightarrow 1.5x = z \rightarrow z = \frac{3}{2}x$$

From Equation 1: $2y + 6z = 11x$ Since $y = x$ and $z = 1.5x$:

$$2x + 6*(1.5x) = 11x$$

$$2x + 9x = 11x \rightarrow 11x = 11x \rightarrow \text{Valid.}$$

So the solution is $x = y$, $z = 1.5x$. But x, y, z must be multiples of 12, and at least 12. Also, z must be a multiple of 12. Since $z = 1.5x$, then x must be a multiple of 12 such that $1.5x$ is also a multiple of 12. $1.5x = (3/2)x$. So $(3/2)x$ must be integer, which requires x to be a multiple of 8. But x is a multiple of 12. So x must be a multiple of 12 that is also a multiple of 8. The least common multiple of 12 and 8 is 24. Therefore, x must be a multiple of 24.

Let $x = 24k$, where k is a positive integer ($k \geq 1$, since $x \geq 12$). Then $y = x = 24k$, $z = 1.5x = 36k$.

But z must also be a multiple of 12, which it is since $36k$ is divisible by 12 ($36k = 3 * 12k$). So the minimal solution is $x = y = 24$, $z = 36$. Next possible is $x = y = 48$, $z = 72$, etc.

But the problem says "apuesta una cantidad de euros múltiplo de 12 y, por supuesto, de al menos 1 euro". Wait, the minimum is 12 euros. But our minimal solution is $x = y = 24$, $z = 36$. So the minimal possible bets are 24, 24, 36. However, the problem doesn't state that the amounts are distinct, but the third question asks if there's a possibility of a tie, meaning two or more players having the same amount. In our solution, $x = y = 24$, so two players have the same amount. But when the game ends, they all have the same as they started, so the winner would be the one with the highest initial amount, which is $z = 36$. So in this case, the third player would win.

But the problem asks if we can determine the exact amounts. If there are multiple possible solutions (like 24, 24, 36 ; 48, 48, 72 ; etc.), then we cannot determine the exact amounts, only their ratios. However, the problem states that each player bets a multiple of 12, but the minimal bet is 12. Wait, in our solution, x and y are 24, which is a multiple of 12. But the minimal possible is 12. Wait, but in our case, if $x = 24k$, then with $k=1$, $x=24$, which is allowed. If we tried $x=12$, then $z=1.5*12=18$, which is not a multiple of 12. Hence, x must be multiples of 24. Therefore, the minimal solution is 24, 24, 36, then 48, 48, 72, etc. Therefore, there are infinitely many solutions, differing by scaling. But the problem asks "¿Se puede saber con exactitud la cantidad de dinero que había apostado cada uno?" If there are infinitely many solutions, then no, we cannot determine the exact amounts. However, the problem might be structured such that the only possible solution is the minimal one, but given that multiples are allowed, unless there's an additional constraint.

Wait, but the problem mentions that the arbitrator says they have the same money as they started, which could imply that after the exchange, their amounts are preserved, but the problem doesn't say that this must hold for any starting player, just that in this particular instance, it did. However, our analysis was for the case when the starting player is A. But if the starting player is different, say B or C, would the same solution work?

Let's check for starting player B. Suppose the order is B starts, passes half, then C passes a third, then A passes a quarter.

Let's denote the initial amounts as x, y, z for A, B, C.

Starting with B:

- B passes half of y to C.

After B's pass:

B has $y - (1/2)y = (1/2)y$

C has $z + (1/2)y$

A remains x .

Next, C passes a third of his current money to A.

C's current money: $z + (1/2)y$

Passes $(1/3)(z + (1/2)y)$ to A.

After C's pass:

C has $(z + (1/2)y) - (1/3)(z + (1/2)y) = (2/3)(z + (1/2)y)$

A has $x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y)$

Then A passes a quarter of his current money to B.

A's current money: $x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y)$

Passes $(1/4)(x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y))$ to B.

After A's pass:

A has $(x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y)) - (1/4)(x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y)) = (3/4)(x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y))$

B has $(1/2)y + (1/4)(x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y))$

Set final amounts equal to initial:

For A: $(3/4)(x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y)) = x$

For B: $(1/2)y + (1/4)(x + (1/3)(z + (1/2)y)) = y$

For C: $(2/3)(z + (1/2)y) = z$

Let's solve these equations .

Starting with C's equation :

$$(2/3)(z + (1/2)y) = z$$

Multiply both sides by 3:

$$2(z + 0.5y) = 3z$$

$$2z + y = 3z \rightarrow y = z \rightarrow \text{Equation C_eq}$$

From B's equation :

$$(1/2)y + (1/4)(x + (1/3)(z + 0.5y)) = y$$

Multiply through by 12 to eliminate denominators :

$$6y + 3[x + (1/3)(z + 0.5y)] = 12y$$

Simplify :

$$6y + 3x + (z + 0.5y) = 12y$$

$$6y + 3x + z + 0.5y = 12y$$

Combine like terms :

$$3x + z + 6.5y = 12y$$

$$3x + z = 5.5y \rightarrow \text{Multiply by 2:}$$

$$6x + 2z = 11y \rightarrow \text{Equation B_eq}$$

From C_eq: $y = z$. Substitute into B_eq:

$$6x + 2y = 11y \rightarrow 6x = 9y \rightarrow 2x = 3y \rightarrow x = (3/2)y \rightarrow \text{Equation B_sol}$$

Now, A's equation :

$$(3/4)(x + (1/3)(z + 0.5y)) = x$$

Substitute $z = y$ (from C_eq):

$$(3/4)(x + (1/3)(y + 0.5y)) = x$$

Simplify inside :

$$(3/4)(x + (1/3)(1.5y)) = x$$

$$(3/4)(x + 0.5y) = x$$

Multiply both sides by 4:

$$3(x + 0.5y) = 4x$$

$$3x + 1.5y = 4x$$

$$1.5y = x \rightarrow x = (3/2)y \rightarrow \text{which matches B_sol.}$$

So again, we have $x = (3/2)y$, and from C_eq, $y = z$.

But the initial amounts must be multiples of 12. Let's see:

Let $y = z = 24k$ (since y must be such that $x = (3/2)y$ is a multiple of 12). So y must be a multiple of 8 to make x a multiple of 12. Because $(3/2)y = x$ must be multiple of 12, so y must be multiple of 8. But y must also be a multiple of 12 (as per the problem's bet condition). The LCM of 8 and 12 is 24. Therefore, $y = z = 24k$, $x = 36k$, for $k \geq 1$.

So the minimal solution here is $y = z = 24$, $x = 36$. This is different from the previous case where starting with A gave $x = y = 24$, $z = 36$. Wait, so depending on the starting player, the solution is different? That suggests that if the preservation occurs for a particular starting player, the initial amounts are determined differently. However, the problem states that the preservation occurred in this particular instance, but the starting player was chosen randomly. Therefore, we need to find initial amounts that work for whichever starting player was chosen. But since the problem says that the preservation occurred, we need to find x, y, z such that regardless of the starting player, the amounts are preserved. Otherwise, if the preservation only occurs for a specific starting player, then the solution depends on that, but since the starting player is random, the only way the preservation could be guaranteed is if it works for all starting players. Otherwise, it's possible that the preservation happened by chance for that particular starting player.

This complicates things . Let's consider that the preservation must hold for all possible starting players . That is, the equations must hold whether the cycle starts with A, B, or C. If that's the case , then we need to solve the system of equations for all three starting scenarios , which would likely lead to a unique solution .

Let's check .

From the first case (starting with A), we had:

$$x = y$$

$$z = 1.5x$$

From the second case (starting with B), we had:

$$y = z$$

$$x = 1.5y$$

From the third case (starting with C), let's model it.

Starting with C:

C passes half of z to A.

After C's pass:

$$C \text{ has } z - (1/2)z = (1/2)z$$

$$A \text{ has } x + (1/2)z$$

B remains y.

Next, A passes a third of his current money to B.

$$A's \text{ current money: } x + (1/2)z$$

Passes $(1/3)(x + (1/2)z)$ to B.

After A's pass:

$$A \text{ has } (x + (1/2)z) - (1/3)(x + (1/2)z) = (2/3)(x + (1/2)z)$$

$$B \text{ has } y + (1/3)(x + (1/2)z)$$

Then B passes a quarter of his current money to C.

$$B's \text{ current money: } y + (1/3)(x + (1/2)z)$$

Passes $(1/4)[y + (1/3)(x + (1/2)z)]$ to C.

After B's pass:

$$B \text{ has } (3/4)[y + (1/3)(x + (1/2)z)]$$

$$C \text{ has } (1/2)z + (1/4)[y + (1/3)(x + (1/2)z)]$$

Set final amounts equal to initial :

$$\text{For A: } (2/3)(x + (1/2)z) = x$$

$$\text{For B: } (3/4)[y + (1/3)(x + (1/2)z)] = y$$

$$\text{For C: } (1/2)z + (1/4)[y + (1/3)(x + (1/2)z)] = z$$

Let's solve these .

A's equation :

$$(2/3)(x + 0.5z) = x$$

Multiply by 3:

$$2(x + 0.5z) = 3x$$

$$2x + z = 3x \rightarrow z = x \rightarrow \text{Equation A_eq}$$

B's equation :

$$(3/4)[y + (1/3)(x + 0.5z)] = y$$

Multiply by 4:

$$3[y + (1/3)(x + 0.5z)] = 4y$$

$$3y + x + 0.5z = 4y \rightarrow x + 0.5z = y \rightarrow \text{Equation B_eq}$$

C's equation :

$$(1/2)z + (1/4)[y + (1/3)(x + 0.5z)] = z$$

Multiply through by 12 to eliminate denominators :

$$6z + 3[y + (1/3)(x + 0.5z)] = 12z$$

$$6z + 3y + x + 0.5z = 12z$$

Combine like terms :

$$3y + x + 6.5z = 12z \rightarrow 3y + x = 5.5z \rightarrow \text{Multiply by 2: } 6y + 2x = 11z \rightarrow \text{Equation C_eq}$$

From A_eq: $z = x$

From B_eq: $x + 0.5z = y$. But $z = x$, so:

$$x + 0.5x = y \rightarrow 1.5x = y \rightarrow y = 1.5x$$

From C_eq: $6y + 2x = 11z$ Since $y = 1.5x$ and $z = x$:

$$6*(1.5x) + 2x = 11x \rightarrow 9x + 2x = 11x \rightarrow 11x = 11x \rightarrow \text{Valid}.$$

So in this case , $z = x$, $y = 1.5x$. So the initial amounts are x , $1.5x$, x . But they must be multiples of 12. So x must be a multiple of 12, and $1.5x$ must be a multiple of 12. $1.5x = (3/2)x$, so x must be a multiple of 8. Since x is a multiple of 12, LCM(12,8)=24. So $x = 24k$, $y=36k$, $z=24k$.

Thus , the minimal solution here is $x=24$, $y=36$, $z=24$.

Now, combining the three cases :

- Starting with A: $x=y=24k$, $z=36k$
- Starting with B: $x=36k$, $y=z=24k$
- Starting with C: $x=24k$, $y=36k$, $z=24k$

If we require that the preservation occurs for all three starting players , then all three sets of equations must hold simultaneously . That would require :

From starting with A: $x = y, z = 1.5x$

From starting with B: $y = z, x = 1.5y$

From starting with C: $z = x, y = 1.5x$

So substituting :

From A: $x = y, z = 1.5x$

From B: $y = z \rightarrow$ since $y = x$, then $z = x$, but from A, $z = 1.5x \rightarrow x = 1.5x \rightarrow x = 0$, which contradicts the minimal bet of 12. Therefore, there's no solution that satisfies all three starting conditions simultaneously. Hence, the preservation cannot occur for all three starting players. Therefore, the only possibility is that the preservation occurred for a specific starting player, and the problem doesn't specify which one. Therefore, the initial amounts must correspond to one of the three cases above, depending on which player started.

However, the problem states that the starting player was chosen randomly, and the preservation occurred. But without knowing which player started, we cannot uniquely determine the initial amounts. However, the problem asks "¿Se puede saber con exactitud la cantidad de dinero que había apostado cada uno?" If there are multiple solutions (like the three different cases), then no. But perhaps the problem implies that the preservation occurs regardless of the starting player, leading to $x=y=z=0$, which is impossible. Hence, the only way the preservation can occur is if all three have zero, which is invalid. Therefore, the only possible solutions are when the preservation occurs for a specific starting player, and thus the initial amounts are determined up to scaling. But since the minimal bet is 12, and they must be multiples of 12, the minimal solutions are:

- If starting with A: (24,24,36)
- Starting with B: (36,24,24)
- Starting with C: (24,36,24)

But the problem doesn't tell us which player started, so we cannot determine the exact amounts; we can only determine the ratios. However, the problem specifies that each player's bet is a multiple of 12, and the minimal is 12. But in our solutions, the minimal amounts are 24,24,36 or permutations. Because if we take $k=1$, then the bets are 24,24,36, etc. But wait, if we set $k=1/2$, we'd get $x=12$, but then $z=1.5x=18$, which is not a multiple of 12. Hence, the minimal solution is indeed 24,24,36. So the answer would be that the initial amounts must be in the ratio 24:24:36, or permutations thereof, scaled by k (multiple of 12). But the problem asks if we can determine the exact amounts. Since there are infinitely many solutions ($24k, 24k, 36k$ for $k \geq 1$), we cannot determine the exact amounts unless there's a minimality assumption. But the problem doesn't state minimality, just that each bet is at least 12. Therefore, the answer would be that we cannot determine the exact amounts, but they must be in the ratios 2:2:3 (simplifying 24:24:36 by dividing by 12 gives 2:2:3). Therefore, the exact amounts cannot be determined; they are multiples of 12 in the ratio 2:2:3. Hence, the answer to the first question is no, we cannot determine the exact amounts, only their ratios. However, the problem is in Spanish, and the exact wording asks "¿Se puede saber con exactitud la cantidad de dinero que había apostado cada uno?" So, "Can we determine

with exactitude the amount each bet?" Given that there are infinitely many solutions (24,24,36 ; 48,48,72 ; etc.), the answer is no.

But wait, in the case where the preservation occurs for a specific starting player, the ratios are different . For example , starting with A gives $x=y=24$, $z=36$; starting with B gives $x=36$, $y=z=24$; starting with C gives $x=24$, $y=36$, $z=24$. So depending on who started , the ratios are different . However , the problem doesn't tell us who started , so we cannot know which ratio applies . Therefore , the only way the amounts can be preserved is if they are in one of these three configurations . But since the starting player is random , and the preservation occurred , we cannot determine which configuration it is. Therefore , the answer to the first question is no—it's not possible to determine the exact amounts , only that they are in the ratios corresponding to the starting player's position . However , if the problem implies that the preservation must hold for any starting player, which would require $x=y=z$, but that's impossible because then $z=1.5x$ from the first case , implying $x=0$. Hence , there's no solution where preservation holds for all starting players , so the only possible solutions are the ones where preservation holds for a specific starting player. Therefore , the exact amounts cannot be uniquely determined ; they can be 24,24,36 or permutations , scaled by multiples of 12. Hence , answer to (a) is no, we cannot determine the exact amounts , only their ratios .

For the second question : "¿Se puede saber, solo con esta información , quién gana?" Given that the amounts are preserved , the winner is the one with the highest initial amount . In each of the possible configurations , there is one player with a higher amount . For example , if starting with A, $x=y=24$, $z=36$, so player C wins . If starting with B, $x=36$, $y=z=24$, so player A wins . If starting with C, $x=24$, $y=36$, $z=24$, so player B wins . But since the starting player is random , and the preservation only occurs if the initial amounts correspond to that starting player's configuration , the winner would be the player who is not in the pair with equal amounts . However , since we don't know which starting player was chosen , we cannot determine which player won . However , the problem states that the preservation occurred , so the winner must be the player with the highest initial amount in that particular configuration . But without knowing the starting player, we cannot determine who that is. Therefore , the answer to (b) is no, we cannot determine the winner from the information given .

For the third question : "¿Existe posibilidad de tablas , es decir, que al menos dos jugadores tengan el mismo dinero y el tercero no les supere?" In each of the possible configurations , two players have the same amount ($24k$), and the third has $36k$. Therefore , the third player has more money than the other two . Hence , there are no ties for first place , but there is a tie for second . However , the problem defines "tablas" as at least two players having the same money and the third not surpassing them . Since the third player does surpass them ($36k > 24k$), there is no possibility of a tie for first place . Therefore , the answer to (c) is no, there's no possibility of a tie .

Resolución del Problema 3

(a) Determinación de las apuestas iniciales

Sean x, y, z las apuestas iniciales de los jugadores A, B, C (múltiplos de 12, ≥ 12). Tras un ciclo de transferencias (mitad , tercio , cuarto), los montos finales coinciden

con los iniciales . Analizamos las ecuaciones para cada orden de inicio posible :

1. Caso 1: Inicio con A:

- Transferencias : $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A$.
- Se obtiene : $x = y, z = 1.5x$.
- Solución : $x = y = 24k, z = 36k$, con $k \geq 1$

2. Caso 2: Inicio con B:

- Transferencias : $B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$.
- Se obtiene : $y = z, x = 1.5y$.
- Solución : $x = 36k, y = z = 24k$.

3. Caso 3: Inicio con C:

- Transferencias : $C \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$.
- Se obtiene : $z = x, y = 1.5x$.
- Solución : $x = z = 24k, y = 36k$.

Conclusión: Las apuestas deben estar en proporciones 2:2:3 o permutaciones (ejemplo mínimo: 24, 24, 36). Sin embargo , al existir infinitos múltiplos (24k, 24k, 36k), **no se puede determinar con exactitud las cantidades** , solo su relación .

(b) Determinación del ganador

En cada configuración válida , un jugador tiene 36k (mayor cantidad), y los otros dos 24k. Por ejemplo :

- Si inicia A: Gana C.
- Si inicia B: Gana A.
- Si inicia C: Gana B.

Como el orden de inicio es aleatorio y no se especifica , **no se puede determinar quién ganó** , ya que depende del jugador que inició el ciclo .

(c) Posibilidad de tablas

En todas las soluciones válidas , dos jugadores tienen igual monto (24k), y el tercero tiene 36k. El tercero siempre supera a los demás , por lo que **no hay empate en el primer lugar**. Los dos jugadores con 24k empatan en segundo lugar, pero no se considera "tablas" según la definición del problema (al menos dos con igual monto y el tercero no les supera).

Respuestas Finales:

- (a) No se puede determinar exactamente las cantidades , pero deben estar en proporción 2:2:3 (o permutaciones).
- (b) No se puede determinar al ganador sin conocer el orden de inicio .
- (c) No hay posibilidad de tablas: siempre hay un único ganador.

 This response is AI-generated , for reference only .

Deepseek Chat

En el segundo problema creo que te equivocas . ¿Qué ocurre en el caso de haber dos rectas paralelas y ser la restante secante con respecto a ambas ?



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Okay, the user is pointing out a potential mistake in Problem 2. They mention the case where two lines are parallel and the third is a transversal . Let me re-examine my previous answer.

In my initial resolution , I considered three scenarios : forming a triangle , concurrent lines , and all three parallel . The user is correct —I didn't account for the case where exactly two lines are parallel and the third intersects them .

So, let's analyze this new scenario . If two lines are parallel and the third cuts through both , the configuration isn't a triangle , nor are all three parallel or concurrent . In this setup , can there be circles tangent to all three lines ?

First, recall that a circle tangent to two parallel lines must have its center on the midline between them . The third line , which is a transversal , would intersect this midline at some point . For a circle to be tangent to all three , it must be tangent to both parallels (so centered on the midline) and also tangent to the transversal .

However , the distance from the center (on the midline) to the transversal must equal the radius (which is half the distance between the parallels). But the midline is equidistant from both parallels , so the radius is fixed . The transversal intersects the midline at a point , and the circle must pass through that point with the fixed radius . But unless the transversal is positioned such that its distance from the midline equals the radius , there might be two circles (one on each side of the transversal) or none .

Wait, actually , since the transversal isn't parallel , there should be two possible circles : one on each side of the transversal relative to the midline . But the radius is fixed by the distance between the parallels . Let me formalize this .

Let the two parallel lines be separated by distance $2d$ (so midline is at distance d from each). The third line intersects the midline at angle θ . The circle's center is on the midline , at a distance r (radius) from the third line. But r must also equal d . So, the distance from the center to the third line is d . Using the formula for distance from a point to a line, this would give two positions along the midline where the circle can be placed , symmetric with respect to the intersection point . Therefore , two circles exist in this case .

Therefore , in the case of two parallels and a transversal , there are two circles tangent to all three lines . Thus , my initial answer was incomplete . The total number of circles depends on the configuration :

- Triangle : 4 circles (incircle + 3 excircles)
- Two parallels + transversal : 2 circles
- All concurrent or all parallel : 0 circles

So the user is correct —there's another case with two circles . Therefore , the answer should be modified to account for this scenario . The number of circles can be 4, 2, or 0 depending on the arrangement of the lines .

Revisión del Problema 2: Caso de dos rectas paralelas y una secante

El usuario tiene razón : en la resolución inicial no se consideró el caso donde **dos rectas son paralelas y la tercera es secante a ambas**. Analicemos este escenario :

Configuración de dos rectas paralelas y una secante :

1. Geometría de las rectas:

- Sean L_1 y L_2 dos rectas paralelas separadas por una distancia $2d$.
- La tercera recta L_3 es secante a ambas , cortándolas en puntos distintos .

2. Posibles circunferencias tangentes:

- Una circunferencia tangente a L_1 y L_2 debe tener su centro en la **línea media** entre ellas , a distancia d de ambas .
- Para ser también tangente a L_3 , el centro debe estar a distancia d de L_3 (igual al radio). Esto define **dos posiciones posibles** del centro en la línea media :
 - Una a un lado de L_3 .
 - Otra al lado opuesto de L_3 .

Ejemplo visual:

- Si L_1 y L_2 son horizontales y L_3 es diagonal , existen dos circunferencias simétricas respecto al punto de corte de L_3 con la línea media .
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Clasificación final de casos:

1. Tres rectas formando un triángulo:

- **4 circunferencias** (incircunferencia + 3 excircunferencias).

2. Dos rectas paralelas y una secante:

- **2 circunferencias** (centros en la línea media , simétricas respecto a L_3).

3. Todas concurrentes o todas paralelas:

- **0 circunferencias** (no existe solución no degenerada).
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Respuesta corregida:

La cantidad de circunferencias tangentes a tres rectas distintas depende de su disposición :

- Si las rectas **forman un triángulo**: **4 circunferencias**.
- Si hay **dos paralelas y una secante**: **2 circunferencias**.
- Si son **todas concurrentes o paralelas**: **0 circunferencias**.

Conclusión:

La afirmación inicial era incompleta . La respuesta correcta debe incluir el caso de dos paralelas y una secante , donde existen **2 circunferencias tangentes**.