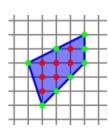
## Haverford Problem Solving Group November 17, 2021



**Problem 6.** Can the portion of any parabola inside a circle of radius 1 have a length greater than 4?

**Problem 10.** Suppose that a polygon has integer coordinates for all of its vertices. Let i be the number of integer points that are interior to the polygon, and let b be the number of integer points on its boundary (including vertices as well as points along the sides of the polygon). Then the area of this polygon is



$$i + \frac{b}{2} - 1.$$

**Problem 11.** Determine whether there exist non-constant polynomials P(x) and Q(x) with real coefficients satisfying

$$P(x)^{10} + P(x)^9 = Q(x)^{21} + Q(x)^{20}$$
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**Problem 12.** Ann and Bob play a game on an infinite checkered plane making moves in turn. A move consists in orienting any unit grid-segment that has not been oriented before. If at some stage some oriented segments form an oriented cycle, Bob wins.

- (a) Bob makes the first move. Does Bob have a strategy that guarantees him to win?
- (b) Ann makes the first move. Does Bob have a strategy that guarantees him to win?

**Problem 16.** Find a real number c and a positive number L for which

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{r^c \int_0^{\pi/2} x^r \sin x \, dx}{\int_0^{\pi/2} x^r \cos x \, dx} = L.$$

**Problem 18.** Let S be the set of all ordered triples (p,q,r) of prime numbers for which at least one rational number x satisfies  $px^2 + qx + r = 0$ . Which primes appear in seven or more elements of S?

**Problem 19.** Let  $f: [-1,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that:

- $f(x) = \frac{2-x^2}{2} f\left(\frac{x^2}{2-x^2}\right)$  for every x in [-1, 1],
- f(0) = 1, and
- $\lim_{x\to 1^-} \frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}}$  exists and is finite.

Prove that f is unique, and express f(x) in closed form.

## Previous problems solved by some of us.

**Problem 3.** Find the 2000<sup>th</sup> digit in the square root of N = 11...1, where N contains 1998 digits, all of them 1's.

**Problem 14.** Suppose that f is a function on the interval [1,3] such that  $-1 \le f(x) \le 1$  for all x and  $\int_1^3 f(x) dx = 0$ . How large can  $\int_1^3 \frac{f(x)}{x} dx$  be?

**Problem 15.** Let  $a_0 = 5/2$  and  $a_k = a_{k-1}^2 - 2$  for  $k \ge 1$ . Compute

$$\prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{a_k} \right)$$

in closed form.

**Problem 17.** Let p be an odd prime number. Determine how many p-element subsets A of  $\{1, 2, \ldots, 2p\}$  are such that the sum of elements of A is divisible by p.

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