

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE
CONTEST 2 - NOVEMBER 2015 SOLUTION KEY**

Team Round - continued

$$E) \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) + \cos(240^\circ) + \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \tan^2(135^\circ) - 3\tan(180^\circ) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - 1 - 0 = -\frac{(\sqrt{3}+2)}{2}$$

Since $\sqrt{1} < \sqrt{3} < \sqrt{4}$, we know $1 < \sqrt{3} < 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} < 1$

Adding 1, we have $\frac{3}{2} < \frac{\sqrt{3}+2}{2} < 2$ and, therefore, $(a, b) = \underline{(-2, -1)}$.

Some students remember that $\sqrt{3} \approx 1.732$ (the year of George Washington's birth) and, therefore, $\frac{(\sqrt{3}+2)}{2} \approx \frac{3.732}{2} \approx 1.8^+$ and the same result follows.

F) \overline{BP} is a trisector of $\angle B$, so that $m\angle PBC < m\angle ABP$.

\overline{CQ} is a bisector of $\angle C$.

$$m\angle BDC = k = 140^\circ$$

Case 1: A is the vertex angle

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 40 \\ 3x = 2y \end{cases} \Rightarrow (x, y) = (16, 24) \text{ and } m\angle A = 180 - (2 \cdot 48) = \underline{84^\circ}$$

Case 2: B is the vertex angle (No solution)

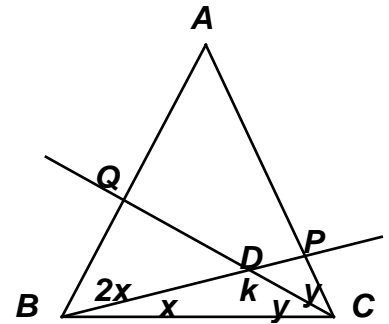
$$\begin{cases} x + y = 40 \\ m\angle A = 2y = 180 - (3x + 2y) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 4y = 180 \Rightarrow 3x + 4(40 - x) = 180 \Rightarrow 160 - x = 180 \Rightarrow x = -20$$

Case 3: C is the vertex angle

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 40 \\ m\angle A = 3x = 180 - (3x + 2y) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x + 2y = 180 \Rightarrow 3x + (40 - x) = 90 \Rightarrow (x, y) = (25, 15) \Rightarrow m\angle A = \underline{75^\circ}$$



Additional Challenges:

Suppose that $m\angle BDC = k^\circ$.

- Show that if $k = 130$, $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.
- Show that if A is the vertex angle, $105 < k < 180$.
- Show that if $k = 125^\circ$, there are 3 possible measures for $\angle A$, namely 30° , 48° , 52.5° .
- Is there a k -value which gives three different integer values for $m\angle A$?

Your analysis can start here:

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 180 - k \\ 3x = 2y \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = 72 - \frac{2k}{5}, y = 108 - \frac{3k}{5}. \text{ A as vertex angle gives } A = \frac{12}{5}k - 252, B = C = 216 - \frac{6}{5}k$$

Talk these questions over with your teammates.

Share your ideas with your coach and/or me (olson.re@gmail.com). Thanks.