

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS  
CONTEST 6 - MARCH 2013 SOLUTION KEY**

**Team Round - continued**

C)  $\begin{cases} x = 3\sin(t) + 1 \\ y = 2\cos(t) - 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x-1}{3}\right)^2 = \sin^2(t) \text{ and } \left(\frac{y+5}{2}\right)^2 = \cos^2(t)$

Adding, we have the equation of a **semi-ellipse**, namely

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{9} + \frac{(y+5)^2}{4} = 1, \text{ where } 1 \leq x \leq 4$$

(since  $0 \leq t \leq \pi$  (not  $2\pi$ )). Thus, the graph is the right half of the ellipse.

The center is at  $(1, -5)$  and the major axis is horizontal,  $a = 3$  and  $b = 2$ .

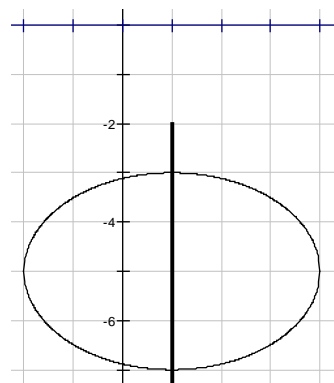
The major axis connects  $(-2, -5)$  and  $(4, -5)$ , and  $X_M = 4$ , but  $X_m = +1$ .

The minor axis connects  $(1, -3)$  and  $(1, -7)$ ,  $Y_M = -3$  and  $X_m = -7$ .

Thus,  $X_M Y_M - X_m Y_m = -12 + 7 = \underline{-5}$ .

Alternatively, by inspection, the largest and smallest values of  $x$  are  $1+3(1) = 4$  and  $1+3(0) = +1$ .

The largest and smallest values of  $y$  are  $-5 \pm 2(1) = -3$  and  $-7$ . Thus,  $X_M Y_M - X_m Y_m = \underline{-5}$ .



D) Assume the club wins  $N$  of the remaining  $k$  games, i.e. suffers  $k - N$  losses. Then:

$$\frac{72 + N}{110 + k} > 0.700 = \frac{7}{10} \Leftrightarrow 720 + 10N > 770 + 7k \Leftrightarrow N > \frac{7k + 50}{10} \text{ and}$$

$$k - N \geq 10 \Leftrightarrow N \leq k - 10 \text{ By the transitive property, } k - 10 > \frac{7k + 50}{10} \Leftrightarrow 10k - 100 > 7k + 50 \Leftrightarrow k > 50$$

Thus,  $k_{\min} = 51$  and our best record is attained if we lose only 10 of these, i.e. win 41 more games.  $(g, W) = (51, 72 + 41) = \underline{(51, 113)}$ .

Check:  $113/161 = 0.701^+$  and  $112/161 = 0.695^+$

E) On  $\overline{ST}$ , the 25 : 7 ratio on chord of length 8  $\Rightarrow 32x = 8 \Rightarrow 6\frac{1}{4}, 1\frac{3}{4}$

On  $\overline{QR}$ , the 5 : 1 ratio on chord of length 9  $\Rightarrow 6x = 9 \Rightarrow 7\frac{1}{2}, 1\frac{1}{2}$

Let  $O$  be the center of the circle of radius 5,  $P$  be the intersection point of the two chords of lengths 8 and 9.

Since a radius drawn perpendicular to any chord bisects the chord, let  $M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints.  $QM = RM = 4.5$  and  $SN = NT = 4$

Applying the Pythagorean Theorem in  $\triangle OMP$ ,

$$2.25^2 + 3^2 = \left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^2 + 9 = \frac{81 + 144}{16} = \frac{225}{16} \Rightarrow OP = \frac{15}{4} = 3\frac{3}{4}$$

Thus, the dart fell in region  $D$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit inside the circle of

radius 4, implying  $(k, d) = \left(D, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ . **Think we are home**

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