MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE CONTEST 5 - FEBRUARY 2017 SOLUTION KEY

Team Round - continued

E) First we find the radius of circle O. Since the radius of any circle inscribed in a triangle is given

by the triangle's area divided by its semi-perimeter, we have $r = EO = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{\frac{3+4+5}{2}} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$.

Concentrate on circle *P* in the diagram at the left below.

$$AE = 3, EO = 1 \Rightarrow AO = \sqrt{10}$$

Let DP = r and AD = x. Note that $\Delta DAP \sim \Delta EAO$.

$$\frac{r}{1} = \frac{x}{3} = \frac{AP}{\sqrt{10}} \Rightarrow x = 3r \Rightarrow AP = r\sqrt{10}$$

$$AP + PO = AO \Leftrightarrow r\sqrt{10} + r + 1 = \sqrt{10} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\sqrt{10} - 1}{\sqrt{10} + 1}$$
. Rationalizing, $r_3 = \frac{\mathbf{11} - \mathbf{2}\sqrt{\mathbf{10}}}{\mathbf{9}}$.

Concentrate on circle Q in the middle diagram below.

$$BH = 2$$
, $OH = 1 \Rightarrow OB = \sqrt{5}$

Let
$$QG = r$$
 and $BG = x$. Note that $\triangle GBQ \sim \triangle HBO \Rightarrow \frac{r}{1} = \frac{x}{2} = \frac{BQ}{\sqrt{5}} \Rightarrow x = 2r \Rightarrow BQ = r\sqrt{5}$

$$BQ + QO = OB \Leftrightarrow r\sqrt{5} + r + 1 = \sqrt{5} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{\sqrt{5} + 1}$$
. Rationalizing, $r_2 = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$.

Concentrate on circle *R* in the diagram at the right below.

Let RK = r and CK = x. Note that $\Delta KCR \sim \Delta JCO$.

$$\frac{r}{1} = \frac{x}{1} = \frac{CR}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow x = r \Rightarrow CR = r\sqrt{2} . \quad CR + RO = CO \Leftrightarrow r\sqrt{2} + r + 1 = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2} + 1}$$

Rationalizing, $r_1 = 3 - 2\sqrt{2}$

Thus,
$$(r_1, r_2, r_3) = \left(3 - 2\sqrt{3}, \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{11 - 2\sqrt{10}}{9}\right)$$
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