

## 2013 AUMC Solutions

### 1. An integral.

The value is  $\boxed{e^2 + 2 - 2/e}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{1/e}^{e^2} |\ln x| dx &= \int_{1/e}^1 (-\ln x) dx + \int_1^{e^2} (\ln x) dx \\ &= (-x \ln x + x) \Big|_{1/e}^1 + (x \ln x - x) \Big|_1^{e^2} \\ &= 1 - \left( -\frac{1}{e}(-1) + \frac{1}{e} \right) + (2e^2 - e^2) - (-1) \\ &= e^2 + 2 - 2/e. \end{aligned}$$

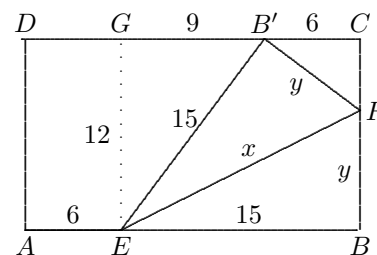
### 2. An arithmetic progression of 2013 terms.

Let  $d$  be the common difference in the arithmetic progression. Rationalize denominators to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_2} + \sqrt{a_3}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_{2012}} + \sqrt{a_{2013}}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_2}}{a_1 - a_2} + \frac{\sqrt{a_2} - \sqrt{a_3}}{a_2 - a_3} + \cdots + \frac{\sqrt{a_{2012}} - \sqrt{a_{2013}}}{a_{2012} - a_{2013}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{d}(\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_2} + \sqrt{a_2} - \sqrt{a_3} + \cdots + \sqrt{a_{2012}} - \sqrt{a_{2013}}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{d}(\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_{2013}}) = -\frac{1}{d} \frac{a_1 - a_{2013}}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_{2013}}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{d} \frac{-2012d}{\sqrt{a_{2012}} + \sqrt{a_{2013}}} = \frac{2012}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_{2013}}}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Length of a crease.

We'll show that  $\boxed{|EF| = 15\sqrt{5}/2}$ . Let  $x = |EF|$  and  $y = |BF| = |B'F|$ . Let  $G$  be the point where the line through  $E$  parallel to  $AD$  crosses  $CD$ . Then  $|GE| = |AD| = 12$ ,  $|EB'| = |EB| = 15$ , so  $|GB'| = 9$  by the Pythagorean Theorem. Then  $|B'C| = 6$ , and from the right triangle  $B'CF$ ,  $6^2 + (12 - y)^2 = y^2$ , giving  $y = 15/2$ . Finally, from the right triangle  $EBF$  we get  $x^2 = 15^2 + (15/2)^2$ , and  $x = 15\sqrt{5}/2$ .



**4. Roots are three consecutive integers.**

They are  $(p, q) = (12, 60)$  and  $(-12, -60)$ . If the roots are  $n - 1$ ,  $n$  and  $n + 1$ , then

$$47 = (n - 1)n + (n - 1)(n + 1) + n(n + 1) = 3n^2 - 1,$$

so  $n^2 = 16$  and  $n = \pm 4$ . Then  $q = (n - 1)n(n + 1)$  and  $p = (n - 1) + n + (n + 1) = 3n$ , so with  $n = 4$  we get  $(p, q) = (12, 60)$ , and with  $n = -4$ ,  $(p, q) = (-12, -60)$ .

**5. A polynomial of degree 2013.**

The remainder is  $x^2 + 4x$ . We know that the remainder is a polynomial of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ , so we may write

$$x^{2013} + x^{1013} + x^{513} + x^{113} + x^2 = (x^3 - x)Q(x) + ax^2 + bx + c \quad (1)$$

for some partial quotient  $Q(x)$  and remainder  $ax^2 + bx + c$ . Substituting successively  $x = 1$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $x = -1$  into (1), we obtain the three equations  $5 = a + b + c$ ,  $0 = c$ , and  $-3 = a - b + c$ . The solution of this system is  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $c = 0$ , so our remainder is as claimed.

**6. Integer values of a quotient.**

(a) There are  $14$  such integers, and (b) the largest is  $n = 871$ . By long division we find that

$$\frac{(n - 1)^2}{n + 29} = n - 31 + \frac{900}{n + 29}.$$

This is an integer if, and only if,  $n + 29$  is a divisor of 900. Now,  $900 = 2^2 3^2 5^2$ , which has  $3^3 = 27$  divisors (namely,  $2^r 3^s 5^t$  with  $r, s, t$  chosen from  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ ). As  $n$  is required to be positive,  $n + 29 \geq 30$ , and  $30 \cdot 30 = 900$ , so of the 27 divisors, 13 are smaller than 30 and 13 are larger. Thus there are 14 positive integers  $n$  such that  $n + 29$  is a divisor of 900. The largest is the one for which  $n + 29 = 900$ , namely  $n = 871$ .

**7. A quotient of tangents.**

We show that  $\boxed{\frac{\tan a}{\tan b} = \frac{m}{n}}$ . We have

$$\frac{\sin(a+b)}{\sin(a-b)} = \frac{\sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b}{\sin a \cos b - \cos a \sin b} = \frac{\frac{\sin a \cos b}{\cos a \sin b} + 1}{\frac{\sin a \cos b}{\cos a \sin b} - 1} = \frac{u+1}{u-1}$$

where  $u = \frac{\tan a}{\tan b}$ . Then

$$1 + \frac{2n}{m-n} = \frac{m+n}{m-n} = \frac{u+1}{u-1} = 1 + \frac{2}{u-1},$$

so that  $\frac{2}{u-1} = \frac{2n}{m-n}$ , and thus  $u-1 = \frac{m-n}{n} = \frac{m}{n} - 1$ , and  $\frac{\tan a}{\tan b} = u = \frac{m}{n}$ .

**8. m+n=2013.**

$\boxed{\text{No such integer exists}}$ . The fact that  $a$  has  $n$  digits means that  $10^{n-1} \leq a < 10^n$ . Then  $10^{3n-3} \leq a^3 < 10^{3n}$ , so  $m \in \{3n-2, 3n-1, 3n\}$  and  $m+n \in \{4n-2, 4n-1, 4n\}$ . Thus  $m+n$  is 2, 3 or 0 mod 4. But 2013 is 1 mod 4, so  $m+n$  cannot be 2013.

**9. Consecutive positive terms.**

The largest possible number of consecutive positive terms is  $\boxed{5}$ . The sequence starting 1,2,3,1,1 has 5 consecutive positive terms. We show that there cannot be six consecutive positive terms. It suffices to show that the first six terms cannot all be positive. We have  $a_{n+2} = a_n - a_{n-1}$ . If  $a_4 \leq a_3$ , then  $a_6 = a_4 - a_3 \leq 0$ . If  $a_4 > a_3$  and  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are positive, then  $a_2 - a_1 = a_4 > a_3$ , so  $a_3 < a_2 - a_1 < a_2$ , and  $a_5 = a_3 - a_2 < 0$ . Thus at least one of any six consecutive terms is non-positive.

**10. Rational or irrational?**

We show that  $\boxed{N \text{ is rational}}$  by showing that the sequence of final digits is periodic; i.e., that for some  $k$ ,  $T_{n+k}$  and  $T_n$  always have the same final digit. Consider that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{n+k} - T_n &= \frac{(n+k)(n+k+1)}{2} - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{n^2 + (2k+1)n + k(k+1) - n^2 - n}{2} = \frac{2kn + k(k+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

If  $k = 20$  we have  $T_{n+20} - T_n = 20n + 210 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ , so  $T_{n+20}$  and  $T_n$  always have the same final digit. Thus the decimal expansion of  $N$  is repeating, and  $N$  is rational.