

Geometry Performance Contest - Solutions

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1. **Problem:** Given regular pentagon $ABCDE$, point F is inside the pentagon such that ABF is an equilateral triangle. Find the measure of $\angle FCD$ in degrees.

Solution: Each interior angle of a regular pentagon is 108° and 60° for an equilateral triangle. Thus, $\angle FBC = 48^\circ$. Because $BF = BC$, $\triangle FBC$ is isosceles, so $\angle BFC = \angle BCF = 66^\circ$. We then have $\angle FCD = 108^\circ - \angle BCF = \boxed{42^\circ}$.

2. **Problem:** In right triangle ABC , $\angle B = 90^\circ$, M is the midpoint of AC , and points X and Y are on sides AB and BC respectively. Given that $\angle XMY = 90^\circ$, if $BX > AX$, $AX = 6$, and $CY = 9$, find XY .

Solution: Construct a line through C parallel to AB such that this line intersects the extension of XM at X' . From vertical angles $\angle AMX = \angle CMX'$ and from parallel lines $\angle XAM = \angle X'CM$, and because M is the midpoint of AC , $AM = MC$. Therefore, $\triangle AMX$ is congruent to $\triangle CMX'$, so $X'C = AX = 6$ and $XM = MX'$. Because of the latter, $XY = X'Y$. From the Pythagorean Theorem, $X'Y = \sqrt{CX'^2 + CY^2} = \boxed{3\sqrt{13}}$.

3. **Problem:** In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = 13$, $BC = 14$, and $CA = 15$. Point D lies on side BC such that triangles ABD and ACD have equal inradii of length $6 - 2\sqrt{3}$. Find the length of AD .

Solution: The area of $\triangle ABC$ is 84 from Heron's formula (or by noticing that the altitude to BC has length 12). Let $r = 6 - 2\sqrt{3}$. Because $[ABD] = \frac{1}{2}r(AB + BD + DA) = \frac{1}{2}r(13 + BD + DA)$ and $[ACD] = \frac{1}{2}r(AC + CD + DA) = \frac{1}{2}r(15 + CD + DA)$, we have

$$84 = \frac{1}{2}r(13 + BD + DA) + \frac{1}{2}r(15 + CD + DA) = \frac{1}{2}r(28 + (BD + CD) + 2DA) = \frac{1}{2}r(28 + 14 + 2DA) = r(21 + DA)$$

$$\text{so } DA = \frac{84}{r} - 21 = (21 + 7\sqrt{3}) - 21 = \boxed{7\sqrt{3}}.$$

4. **Problem:** Let $[ABC]$ denote the area of $\triangle ABC$. Given rectangle $MNPQ$, X and Y are on PQ and NP , respectively, such that $[MNY] = 12$ and $[YPX] = [XQM] = 8$. If $MN = x$ where $x = \frac{7\pi\sqrt{3}}{5}$, find $[MXY]$.

Solution: Let $MQ = y$. We have $NY = \frac{24}{x}$ and $QX = \frac{16}{y}$. Therefore, $YP = y - \frac{24}{x}$ and $XP = x - \frac{16}{y}$. We now have the following equation from $\triangle XPY$:

$$16 = \left(y - \frac{24}{x}\right) \left(x - \frac{16}{y}\right) \Rightarrow xy + \frac{16 \cdot 24}{xy} - 24 - 16 = 16 \Rightarrow (xy)^2 - 56xy + 16 \cdot 24 = 0 \Rightarrow (xy - 48)(xy - 8) = 0$$

Since xy represents the area of rectangle $MNPQ$, it must be larger than 8, so we find $xy = 48$. Thus, $[MXY] = xy - [MNY] - [YPX] - [XQM] = 48 - 12 - 8 - 8 = \boxed{20}$.

5. **Problem:** Quadrilateral $ABCD$ is inscribed in a circle such that $AB = BC = 6$, $AD = 4$, and $\angle CDA = 120^\circ$. Find BD .

Solution: Because $ABCD$ is inscribed in a circle and $\angle CDA = 120^\circ$, $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$. Because of this and the fact that $\triangle ABC$ is isosceles, $\triangle ABC$ is in fact equilateral so $AC = 6$. Using the law of cosines on $\triangle ACD$, $6^2 = 16 + CD^2 + 4CD \Rightarrow CD^2 + 4CD - 20 = 0$. Solving for CD , $CD = 2\sqrt{6} - 2$. From Ptolemy's Theorem, $6BD = 6(2\sqrt{6} - 2) + 6(4)$ so $BD = \boxed{2\sqrt{6} + 2}$.

6. **Problem:** In triangle PQR , the circle with diameter PR intersects segments PQ and QR at M and N respectively, such that $PM < RN$. If $[PQR] = 4[QMN]$ and it is given that one of the angles in $\triangle PQR$ is 1.4 times another angle, find the maximum possible value of $\angle QPR$ in degrees.

Solution: $\angle QMN = 180^\circ - \angle NMP = \angle PRN$. Therefore, triangles QMN and QRP are similar, so $\frac{QM}{QR} = \frac{QN}{QP}$. (This fact can also be deduced using Power of a Point.) From the fact that $\frac{[QMN]}{[PQR]} = \frac{1}{4}$, we have $\frac{QM \cdot QN}{QP \cdot QR} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{QN}{QP} = \frac{1}{2}$. Because PR is a diameter, $\angle PNR = \angle PNQ = 90^\circ$. $\angle PQN$ is therefore $\arccos(\frac{1}{2}) = 60^\circ$. Using the fact that one angle is 1.4 times another, there are only three possible cases to check for the remaining angles and we find that the one that yields the greatest value of $\angle QPR$ is when $\angle QPR = \boxed{84^\circ}$, $\angle PQR = 60^\circ$, and $\angle QRP = 36^\circ$.