Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League

Solutions Contest # 1

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1. Method 1: City #1 has 10 roads; city #2 adds 9 more roads, etc. So the number of roads is 10+9+8+7+6+5+4+3+2+1=55

Method 2: Each pair of cities has a road. The number of pairs is $_{11}C_2 = 55$.

- 2. The 1 requires two segments; the 4 requires four segments; and the 7 requires three segments. So there are 3 such digits.
- 3. They differ when one is false, the other two true. So there are 3 cases.
- 4. Method 1: The given says that f(3) = 5. Now let x = 4. On the new graph,

y = 2f(x-1) = 2f(4-1) = 2f(3) = 2(5) = 10.

Method 2: The point (3,5) is on f. f(x-1) moves it one to the right, to (4,5). Then the 2f multiplies the height by 2, so the result is (4,10).

- 5. There are certainly at least 10, but when one of those who failed looked, s/he also saw 10 failures, so there must be at least 11.
- 6. Solve for x, to get $x = \frac{n}{n-12} = \frac{n-12+12}{n-12} = 1 + \frac{12}{n-12}$, which will be an integer when n-12 divides 12. The largest such is when n-12=1, so x=13. Coincidentally n=13 also, but they need not be equal.