Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League

Solutions Contest #5

2004-2005



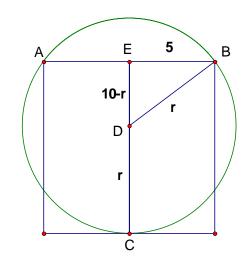
- 19. There are 210 taking both math and science, so there are 385 210 = 175 taking math, but not science, and 240 210 = 30 taking science, but not math. This accounts for 210 + 175 + 30 = 415 so far. So the number taking neither is 430 415 = 15. Thus the probability is $\frac{15}{430} = \frac{3}{86}$.
- 20. Method 1: Find the equations of any two medians and solve the system.

Method 2: the centroid is the average of the vertices, so the coordinates are $\left(\frac{1+2+9}{3}, \frac{4+7+(-2)}{3}\right) = (4,3)$.

Method 3: the midpoint of one of the sides is (5,1) and the point is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way from there to the opposite vertex, (2,7). That gets us to (4,3).

Method 4: The three medians of a triangle are concurrent at a point which is $\frac{2}{3}$ the distance from any vertex.

21. In the figure shown, D is the center of the circle with radius r. Use the Pythagorean Theorem on right triangle DEB to get $(10-r)^2 + 5^2 = r^2$, and $r = \frac{25}{4}$. Or use the power theorem (also called the intersecting chord theorem). AE=5 and E to the circle is x so 10x = 25, x = 2.5. The diameter is $\frac{25}{2}$ and the radius is $\frac{25}{4}$.



22. The equation simplifies to $y = \frac{(2x+1)^2(x+1)}{(3x-4)^3}$ So the only vertical

asymptote is $x = \frac{4}{3}$ and since the numerator and denominator have the same degree, there is a horizontal asymptote, which is $y = \frac{4}{27}$. $x \ne -\frac{1}{2}$, $x \ne -\frac{1}{2}$, $x \ne -1$.

- 23. The region is one-sixth of a circle of radius 6. So the area of $\frac{1}{6} \cdot 36\pi = 6\pi$
- 24. Method 1: $y = \frac{92-5x}{7} = 13 + \frac{1-5x}{7}$ and we are dealing with integers so 1-5x must be a multiple of 7. So 1-5x = ..., -14, -7, 0, 7, 14, 21,... and for each x we can compute the value of y. But we only take values where x and y are both positive. Those which work are (17, 1), (10, 6), and (3, 11).

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Method 2: Work mod 5 and we get $2y \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$, so $y \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$. So y = 1, 6, 11, ... and we check to find x values that fit and are positive.