

Determine all values a, b, c, d such that

$$a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot d = 17280$$

$$a > b > c > d$$

$$a + b + c = 40$$

$$b + c + d = 32$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

The solution can be computed using an exhaustive search algorithm. This approach utilizes the assumption that a, b, c and d are small positive integers. All values for a, b, c, d such that a, b, c, d can be iteratively examined and pruned so that they satisfy the given bounds.

solutions = 0 (The initial number of solutions)

product = 17280

sum a = 40

sum b = 32

for w in sum a (Iterates through values $0 \leq w < 40$)

 for x in sum a (Iterates through values $0 \leq x < 40$)

 for y in sum a (Iterates through values $0 \leq y < 40$)

 for z in sum b (Iterates through values $0 \leq z < 32$)

$a = w + 1$

$b = x + 1$

$c = y + 1$

$d = z + 1$

 if $a < b < c < d$ (Makes sure that the values are in descending order)

 if $a + b + c = \text{sum b}$ and $b + c + d = \text{sum a}$ (Checks for correct sums)

 if $a \cdot b \cdot c \cdot d = 17280$ (Checks for the correct product)

 solutions = solutions + 1 (Increments the solutions variable)

There is one solution that satisfies the given specifications.

$$a = 16, b = 15, c = 9, d = 8$$

$$16 \cdot 15 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 = 17280$$

$$16 + 15 + 9 = 40, 15 + 9 + 8 = 32$$