

# OTIS Application Problems

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## Geometry Problems

### Problem A.1

The angle conditions imply  $\overline{AB}$  is tangent to  $(PSR)$  and  $\overline{AC}$  is tangent to  $(QRS)$ . Assume  $(PSR)$  and  $(QRS)$  are not the same circle. Then, since  $A$  has the same power with respect to both circles,  $A$  must lie on the radical axis,  $\overline{SR}$ , which is just  $\overline{BC}$ , so that is impossible. Hence, they are the same circle, and we are done.

### Problem A.2

It suffices to show that  $P$  and  $Q$  have the same power with respect to  $(ABC)$ . We claim triangles  $APQ$  and  $MLK$  are similar. We have

$$\angle MKL = \angle PML = \angle QML = \angle QPC = \angle QPA,$$

and likewise for the other angle.

Finally,

$$QB \cdot QA = 2MK \cdot QA = 2PA \cdot ML = PA \cdot PC,$$

so  $P$  and  $Q$  have the same power with respect to  $(ABC)$ .

### Problem A.3

Let  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$ , and  $S$  be the feet of the perpendiculars from  $E$  to  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$ , respectively. By a homothety with scale factor 2 at  $E$ , it suffices to prove  $PQRS$  is cyclic.

Notice that  $DSER$ ,  $ASEP$ ,  $BPEQ$ , and  $CQER$  are cyclic. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \angle RSP &= \angle RSE + \angle ESP \\ &= \angle CDE + \angle EAB \\ &= 180 - (\angle ECD + \angle ABE) \\ &= \angle DCE + \angle EBA \\ &= \angle RQE + \angle EQP \\ &= \angle RQP, \end{aligned}$$

so we are done.

## Inequalities Problems

### Problem B.1

We claim the answer is  $\sqrt{3}$ . This answer is achieved when  $a = b = c$ .

First, we homogenize the inequality:

$$\frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} \geq \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}.$$

Clearing denominators, we get

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 \geq abc\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}.$$

For convenience, perform the substitutions  $x = a^2$ ,  $y = b^2$ , and  $z = c^2$ . Then, after squaring both sides, we have

$$(xy + yz + xz)^2 \geq 3(x + y + z)xyz.$$

This reduces to

$$x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 \geq x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2.$$

Using Muirhead with  $(2, 2, 0) \succ (2, 1, 1)$  gives us the result.

### Problem B.3

First, we homogenize the inequality by multiplying the RHS by  $(a + c)(b + d) = ab + bc + cd + da = 1$ :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b + c + d} \geq \frac{1}{3}(ab + bc + cd + da)$$

Then, Holder gives us

$$\left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b + c + d} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} a(b + c + d) \right) \geq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)^2.$$

Noting that  $\sum_{cyc} a(b + c + d) = 2(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)$ , it suffices to prove

$$3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)^2 \geq 2(ab + bc + cd + da)(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd).$$

It is not hard to show by AM-GM that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \geq ab + bc + cd + da.$$

Also, using Muirhead with  $(2, 0, 0, 0) \succ (1, 1, 0, 0)$  yields

$$6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \geq 4(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd).$$

Putting these together yields the desired result.

## Additional Problems

### Problem C.1

The answer is 1270.

Python source code:

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1  # Find all primes up to 10^5
2  sieve = [0] * 100000
3  for i in range(2, 50001):
4      if sieve[i - 1] != 0:
5          continue
6      for j in range(2 * i, 100001, i):
7          sieve[j - 1] = 1
8  primes = []
9  for i in range(2, 100001):
10     if sieve[i - 1] == 0:
11         primes.append(i)
12
13 # Loop through primes^2
14 count = 0
15 for i in range(len(primes)):
16     p = primes[i]
17     for j in range(len(primes)):
18         q = primes[j]
19         N = p**2 + q**3
20         if len(str(N)) > 10:
21             break
22         if len(str(N)) < 10:
23             continue
24         fails = False
25         for c in range(10):
26             fails |= not str(c) in str(N)
27         if not fails:
28             count += 1
29 print(count)

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### Problem C.2

Let  $P(x, y)$  denote the assertion. First, we show  $f(0) = 0$ . Plugging in  $y = -f(x)^2$  for any  $x$ , we see that

$$f(xf(x) + f(-f(x)^2)) = 0.$$

For simplicity, let  $u$  be any value satisfying  $f(u) = 0$ . Then,  $P(0, u)$  gives

$$f(0) = f(0)^2 + u,$$

and  $P(u, u)$  gives

$$f(0) = u.$$

Thus,  $u = u^2 + u \implies u = 0$ .

Then,  $P(0, x)$  gives

$$f(f(x)) = x,$$

and thus  $f$  is an involution, and therefore bijective. Next,  $P(f(t), 0)$  gives

$$f(tf(t)) = t^2,$$

and  $P(t, 0)$  gives

$$f(tf(t)) = f(t)^2.$$

Thus,  $f(t) \in \{-t, t\}$  for all  $t$ .

Assume for the sake of contradiction that  $f(a) = a$  and  $f(b) = -b$  for nonzero  $a, b$ . Then,  $P(a, b)$  yields

$$f(a^2 - b) = a^2 + b,$$

which implies either  $a$  or  $b$  is zero. Therefore, the possible functions for  $f(x)$  are  $f(x) = x$  and  $f(x) = -x$ . These can be easily checked to work.

### Problem C.3

The answer is 16. This is achievable; simply take  $P(x) = (x + 1)^4$ . Now, we show it is the minimum.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=1}^4 (x_j + 1) &= \prod_{j=1}^4 (x_j - i)(x_j + i) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^4 (x_j - i) \prod_{j=1}^4 (x_j + i) \\ &= [(d - b + 1) + (c - a)i][(d - b + 1) - (c - a)i] \\ &= (d - b + 1)^2 + (c - a)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|d - b + 1| + |-1| \geq |d - b| \geq 5$  by the triangle inequality, we know  $|d - b + 1| \geq 4$ . Thus, the minimum value of the desired expression is  $4^2 + 0^2 = 16$ .

### Problem C.4

Given a word, define a streak to be a maximal contiguous subsequence with all characters equal. We claim that all words with a streak of length 1 work. Indeed, if Banana chooses  $k$ , Ana can simply supply the word created by replacing any streak of length 1 in Ana's original word with  $k$  copies of the streak. Clearly, this word has exactly  $k$  subsequences matching Ana's original word. So, it suffices to show all other words do not work.

Let Ana's original word be  $w = \{w_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq L}$ , where  $L$  is the length of her word. If  $w$  does not have a streak of length 1, then for all  $1 \leq i \leq L$ , either  $w_{i-1} = w_i$  or  $w_i = w_{i+1}$ . We claim that it is impossible for Ana to supply a word with exactly 2 subsequences equal to  $w$ .

Assume FTSOC that Ana can supply a word  $\{x_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq M}$  of length  $M$  with exactly two subsequences equal to  $w$ . We will get a contradiction by constructing another subsequence equal to  $w$ .

Denote the two distinct subsequences by  $\{x_{a_i}\}$  and  $\{x_{b_i}\}$ , where  $\{a_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq L}$  and  $\{b_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq L}$  are indexing sequences (i.e., increasing and with terms in  $[1, M]$ ).

First, we claim that  $\{a_i\}$  and  $\{b_i\}$  differ by exactly one element. If not, then let  $n > m$  be any two indices in which they differ.

Assume WLOG that  $a_n > b_n$ . Then, we claim the sequence

$$b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}, a_n, a_{n+1}, \dots, a_L$$

is an indexing sequence for a subsequence of  $\{x_i\}$  equal to  $w$ . It suffices to show  $a_n > b_{n-1}$ , but this is true because  $a_n > b_n > b_{n-1}$ . Furthermore, this sequence differs from  $\{a_i\}$

at index  $m$  and from  $\{b_i\}$  at index  $n$ , so this is a third valid subsequence, giving us a contradiction.

Next, let  $m$  be the index at which the indexing subsequences differ. Assume WLOG that  $a_m > b_m$ . Then, we have two cases.

**Case 1:**  $w_{m-1} = w_m$ . In this case, we replace  $a_{m-1}$  with  $b_m$  to get another indexing sequence. Specifically, we have  $x_{b_m} = w_m = w_{m-1}$  and  $a_m > b_m > b_{m-2} = a_{m-2}$ , so

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-2}, b_m, a_m, a_{m+1}, a_{m+2}, a_{m+3}, \dots, a_L$$

is an indexing sequence for a third valid subsequence.

**Case 2:**  $w_{m+1} = w_m$ . In this case, we replace  $a_m$  with  $b_m$  and  $a_{m+1}$  with  $a_m$  to get another indexing sequence. Specifically, we have  $x_{a_m} = w_m = w_{m+1}$  and  $a_m > b_m > b_{m-1} = a_{m-1}$ , so

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-2}, a_{m-1}, b_m, a_m, a_{m+2}, a_{m+3}, \dots, a_L$$

is an indexing sequence for a third valid subsequence.

Thus, we have a contradiction in either case, and we are done.