

## Individual Events

I1	P	1	I2	P	12	I3	P	4	I4	P	35
	Q	4		Q	14		Q	7		Q	10
	R	2		R	1		R	14		R	10
	S	32		S	2		S	34		S	222

## Group Events

G1	a	4	G2	a	2	G3	a	3	G4	a	3840
	b	1001		b	3		b	20		b	1
	c	8		c	333333		c	14		c	3
	d	3		d	46		d	15		d	1853

## Individual Event 1

**I1.1**  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are the lengths of the opposite sides  $\angle A$ ,  $\angle B$  and  $\angle C$  of the  $\triangle ABC$  respectively.

If  $\angle C = 60^\circ$  and  $\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} = P$ , find the value of  $P$ .

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos 60^\circ = a^2 + b^2 - ab \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = c^2 + ab$$

$$P = \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} = \frac{a(a+c) + b(b+c)}{(b+c)(a+c)}$$

$$P = \frac{a^2 + ac + b^2 + bc}{ab + ac + bc + c^2} = \frac{ab + ac + bc + c^2}{ab + ac + bc + c^2} = 1$$

**I1.2** Given that  $f(x) = x^2 + ax + b$  is the common factor of  $x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 6$  and  $2x^3 + 7x^2 + 9x + 10$ . If  $f(P) = Q$ , find the value of  $Q$ . **Reference 1992 HI5, 1993 FI5.2, 2011 FI3.2**

Let  $g(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 6$ ;  $h(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 9x + 10$

$g(-3) = -27 + 36 - 15 + 6 = 0$ ,  $(x+3)$  is a factor of  $g(x)$ ; by division,  $g(x) = (x+3)(x^2 + x + 2)$

$h(-2.5) = -31.25 + 43.75 - 22.5 + 10 = 0$ ,  $(2x+5)$  is a factor of  $h(x)$ ; by division,  $h(x) = (2x+5)(x^2 + x + 2)$

$f(x) = \text{common factor} = (x^2 + x + 2)$

$$Q = f(P) = f(1) = 1 + 1 + 2 = 4$$

**I1.3** Given that  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{Q}{a+b}$  and  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} = R$ , find the value of  $R$ .

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{4}{a+b}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^2 = 4ab$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = 4ab$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = 0$$

$$a = b$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} = 2$$

**I1.4** Given that  $\begin{cases} a+b=R \\ a^2+b^2=12 \end{cases}$  and  $a^3+b^3=S$ , find the value of  $S$ .

$$\begin{cases} a+b=2 \dots\dots(1) \\ a^2+b^2=12 \dots\dots(2) \end{cases}$$

$$(1)^2 - (2): 2ab = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} ab = -4 \\ a+b=2 \end{cases}$$

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$$S = a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) = 2(12 + 4) = 32$$

## Individual Event 2

**I2.1** Suppose  $P$  is an integer and  $5 < P < 20$ . If the roots of the equation

$$x^2 - 2(2P - 3)x + 4P^2 - 14P + 8 = 0 \text{ are integers, find the value of } P.$$

**Reference: 2000 FI5.2, 2010 FI2.2, 2011 FI3.1, 2013 HG1**

$$\Delta = 4(2P - 3)^2 - 4(4P^2 - 14P + 8) = m^2$$

$$\left(\frac{m}{2}\right)^2 = 4P^2 - 12P + 9 - 4P^2 + 14P - 8 = 2P + 1$$

$$\because 5 < P < 20 \therefore 11 < 2P + 1 < 41$$

The only odd square lying in this interval is 25

$$\Rightarrow 2P + 1 = 25 = 5^2$$

$$\therefore P = 12$$

**I2.2**  $ABCD$  is a rectangle.  $AB = 3P + 4$ ,  $AD = 2P + 6$ .

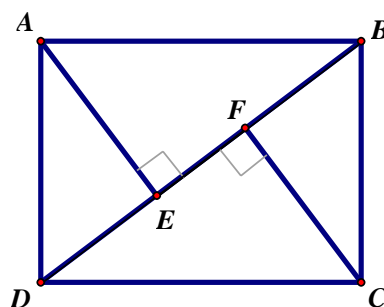
$AE$  and  $CF$  are perpendiculars to the diagonal  $BD$ .

If  $EF = Q$ , find the value of  $Q$ .

$$AB = 40, AD = 30, BD = 50, \text{ let } \angle ADB = \theta, \cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$DE = AD \cos \theta = 30 \times \frac{3}{5} = 18 = BF$$

$$EF = 50 - 18 - 18 = 14$$



**I2.3** There are less than  $4Q$  students in a class. In a mathematics test,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the students got grade

A,  $\frac{1}{7}$  of the students got grade B, half of the students got grade C, and the rest failed. Given

that  $R$  students failed in the mathematics test, find the value of  $R$ .

$$4Q = 56, \text{ let the number of students be } x, \text{ then } x \text{ is divisible by } 2, 3 \text{ and } 7.$$

i.e.  $x$  is divisible by 42, as  $x < 56$ , so  $x = 42$

$$R = \text{number of students failed in mathematics} = 42 \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1; R = 1$$

**I2.4**  $[a]$  represents the largest integer not greater than  $a$ . For example,  $\left[2\frac{1}{3}\right] = 2$ .

Given that the sum of the roots of the equation  $[3x + R] = 2x + \frac{3}{2}$  is  $S$ , find the value of  $S$ .

**Reference: 1994 HG9**

$$[3x + 1] = 2x + \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 3x + 1 = 2x + \frac{3}{2} + a, \text{ where } 0 \leq a < 1$$

$$a = x - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 0 \leq x - \frac{1}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow 2.5 \leq 2x + \frac{3}{2} < 4.5$$

$$\because 2x + \frac{3}{2} \text{ is an integer } \therefore 2x + \frac{3}{2} = 4 \text{ or } 3$$

$$x = 0.75 \text{ or } 1.25$$

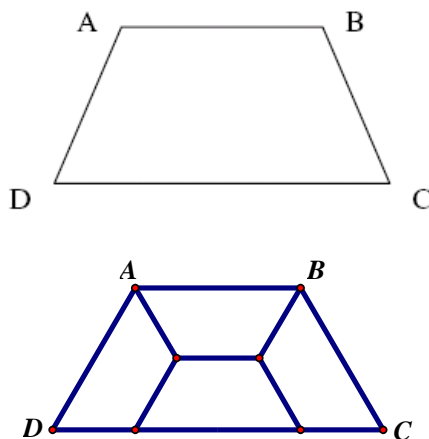
$$S = 0.75 + 1.25 = 2$$

### Individual Event 3

**I3.1**  $ABCD$  is a trapezium such that  $\angle ADC = \angle BCD = 60^\circ$  and  $AB = BC = AD = \frac{1}{2}CD$ . If this trapezium is divided into  $P$

equal portions ( $P > 1$ ) and each portion is similar to trapezium  $ABCD$  itself, find the minimum value of  $P$ .

From the graph,  $P = 4$



**I3.2** The sum of tens and units digits of  $(P + 1)^{2001}$  is  $Q$ . Find the value of  $Q$ .

$5^{2001} = 100a + 25$ , where  $a$  is a positive integer.

$Q = 2 + 5 = 7$ .

**I3.3** If  $\sin 30^\circ + \sin^2 30^\circ + \dots + \sin^Q 30^\circ = 1 - \cos^R 45^\circ$ , find the value of  $R$ .

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^7} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}^R}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{2^7} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{\frac{R}{2}}}$$

$$R = 14$$

**I3.4** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 8x + (R + 1) = 0$ . If  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta^2}$  are the roots of the equation  $225x^2 - Sx + 1 = 0$ , find the value of  $S$ .

**Reference: 1996 FI2.2**

$$x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0, \alpha = 3, \beta = 5$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{25} = \frac{34}{225} = \frac{S}{225}$$

$$S = 34$$

**Individual Event 4**

**I4.1** Let  $a^{\frac{2}{3}} + b^{\frac{2}{3}} = 17\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $x = a + 3a^{\frac{1}{3}}b^{\frac{2}{3}}$  and  $y = b + 3a^{\frac{2}{3}}b^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . If  $P = (x + y)^{\frac{2}{3}} + (x - y)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ , find the value of  $P$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \left(a + 3a^{\frac{2}{3}}b^{\frac{1}{3}} + 3a^{\frac{1}{3}}b^{\frac{2}{3}} + b\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \left(a - 3a^{\frac{2}{3}}b^{\frac{1}{3}} + 3a^{\frac{1}{3}}b^{\frac{2}{3}} - b\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \left(a^{\frac{1}{3}} + b^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} + \left(a^{\frac{1}{3}} - b^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{3 \times \frac{2}{3}} \\
 P &= \left(a^{\frac{1}{3}} + b^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2 + \left(a^{\frac{1}{3}} - b^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2 \\
 &= a^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2a^{\frac{1}{3}}b^{\frac{1}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}} - 2a^{\frac{1}{3}}b^{\frac{1}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= 2\left(a^{\frac{2}{3}} + a^{\frac{2}{3}}\right) \\
 &= 2 \times 17.5 = 35
 \end{aligned}$$

**I4.2** If a regular  $Q$ -sided polygon has  $P$  diagonals, find the value of  $Q$ .

**Reference:** 1984 FG10.3, 1985 FG8.3, 1988 FG6.2, 1989 FG6.1, 1991 FI2.3, 2005 FI1.4

The number of diagonals =  $C_2^Q - Q = 35$

$$\frac{Q(Q-1)}{2} - Q = 35$$

$$Q^2 - 3Q - 70 = 0$$

$$Q = 10$$

**I4.3** Let  $x = \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}$  and  $y = \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}} - \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}$ . If  $R = \frac{x^6 + y^6}{40}$ , find the value of  $R$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2)(x^4 + y^4 - x^2y^2)}{40} \\
 &= \frac{\left(\frac{Q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}} + \frac{Q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}\right) \left[\left(\frac{Q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{Q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{Q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{Q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}\right)\right]}{40} \\
 &= \frac{Q \left[2\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)^2 + 2\left(\sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{\frac{Q}{2}}\right)^2\right]}{40} \\
 &= \frac{10(5^2 + 3 \times 5)}{40} = 10
 \end{aligned}$$

**I4.4**  $[a]$  represents the largest integer not greater than  $a$ . For example,  $[2.5] = 2$ .

If  $S = \left\lfloor \frac{2001}{R} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2001}{R^2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2001}{R^3} \right\rfloor + \dots$ , find the value of  $S$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \left\lfloor \frac{2001}{10} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2001}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2001}{1000} \right\rfloor + \dots \\
 &= 200 + 20 + 2 + 0 + \dots = 222
 \end{aligned}$$

### Group Event 1

**G1.1** Given that  $(a + b + c)^2 = 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$  and  $a + b + c = 12$ , find the value of  $a$ .

Sub. (2) into (1),  $12^2 = 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 48 \dots\dots(3)$$

$$(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow 12^2 = 48 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + bc + ca = 48$$

$$2[a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (ab + bc + ca)] = (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2$$

$$2[48 - 48] = 0 = (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c$$

$$a + b + c = 3a = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4$$

**G1.2** Given that  $b \left[ \frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{1999 \times 2001} \right] = 2 \times \left[ \frac{1^2}{1 \times 3} + \frac{2^2}{3 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{1000^2}{1999 \times 2001} \right]$ , find the value of  $b$ .

Note that  $\frac{1}{(2r-1) \times (2r+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2r-1} - \frac{1}{2r+1} \right)$  and  $\frac{r^2}{(2r-1) \times (2r+1)} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{2r-1} - \frac{1}{2r+1} \right)$

$$\frac{1}{1 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{1}{1999 \times 2001} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{1999} - \frac{1}{2001} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2001} \right) = \frac{1000}{2001}$$

$$\frac{1^2}{1 \times 3} + \frac{2^2}{3 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{1000^2}{1999 \times 2001} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \dots + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{1999} - \frac{1}{2001} \right) \quad (1000 \text{ terms})$$

$$= \frac{1000}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{1999} - \frac{1}{2001} \right) = \frac{1000}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2001} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1000}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{2000}{2001} = 250 + \frac{250}{2001} = 250 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2001} \right) = \frac{250 \cdot 2002}{2001}$$

The given equation becomes:  $b \cdot \frac{1000}{2001} = 2 \cdot \frac{250 \cdot 2002}{2001} \Rightarrow b = 1001$

**G1.3** A six-digit number 1234xy is divisible by both 8 and 9. Given that  $x + y = c$ , find the value of  $c$ .

**Reference: 2003 FI4.1, 2017 HI1**

The number formed by last 3 digits must be divisible by 8 and the sum of digits must be divisible by 9. i.e.  $400 + 10x + y$  is divisible by 8 and  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + x + y = 9m$

$$10x + y = 8n \dots\dots(1); x + y = 9m - 10 \dots\dots(2)$$

$$(1) - (2): 9x = 8n - 9m + 9 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 1 \text{ or } 10$$

When  $n = 1$ , (1) has no solution; when  $n = 10$ ,  $x = 8$ ,  $y = 0$ ;  $c = x + y = 8$

**G1.4** Suppose  $\log_x t = 6$ ,  $\log_y t = 10$  and  $\log_z t = 15$ . If  $\log_{xyz} t = d$ , find the value of  $d$ .

**Reference: 1999 FG1.4, 2015 HI7**

$$\frac{\log t}{\log x} = 6, \frac{\log t}{\log y} = 10, \frac{\log t}{\log z} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log x}{\log t} = \frac{1}{6}, \frac{\log y}{\log t} = \frac{1}{10}, \frac{\log z}{\log t} = \frac{1}{15}$$

$$\frac{\log x}{\log t} + \frac{\log y}{\log t} + \frac{\log z}{\log t} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{15} = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{\log x + \log y + \log z}{\log t} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{\log xyz}{\log t} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$d = \frac{\log t}{\log xyz} = 3$$

## Group Event 2

**G2.1** Given that  $x = \sqrt{7 - 4\sqrt{3}}$  and  $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 5}{x^2 - 4x + 3} = a$ , find the value of  $a$ .

**Reference: 1993 FI1.4, 1999 HG3, 2011 HI7, 2015 FI4.2, 2015 FG3.1**

**Reference: 1993 HI9, 2000HG1, 2007 HG3, 2009HG2**

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{7 - 4\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{4 - 2\sqrt{12} + 3} \\ &= \sqrt{\sqrt{4}^2 - 2\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}^2} \\ x &= \sqrt{(\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3} = 2 - \sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{3} &= 2 - x \\ \Rightarrow 3 &= (2 - x)^2 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 1 &= 0 \\ a &= \frac{x^2 - 4x + 5}{x^2 - 4x + 3} = \frac{x^2 - 4x + 1 + 4}{x^2 - 4x + 1 + 2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

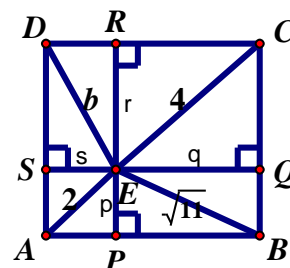
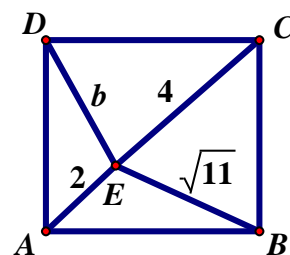
**G2.2**  $E$  is an interior point of the rectangle  $ABCD$ . Given that the lengths of  $EA$ ,  $EB$ ,  $EC$  and  $ED$  are 2,  $\sqrt{11}$ , 4 and  $b$  respectively, find the value of  $b$ .

**Reference: 1994 FG10.1-2, 2003 FI3.4, 2018 HI7**

Let  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$  and  $S$  be the foot of perpendiculars drawn from  $E$  onto  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$  and  $DA$  respectively.  $PE = p$ ,  $QE = q$ ,  $RE = r$ ,  $SE = s$ .

Using Pythagoras' Theorem, it can be proved that

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 + s^2 &= 4 \dots\dots\dots(1) \\ p^2 + q^2 &= 11 \dots\dots\dots(2) \\ q^2 + r^2 &= 16 \dots\dots\dots(3) \\ r^2 + s^2 &= b^2 \dots\dots\dots(4) \\ (1) + (3) - (2) - (4): 0 &= 4 + 16 - 11 - b^2 \\ b &= 3 \end{aligned}$$



**G2.3** Given that  $111111222222 = c \times (c + 1)$ , find the value of  $c$ .

**Reference 1996 FG7.2**  $111aaa = b \times (b + 1) \dots\dots$

$$\begin{aligned} 111111222222 &= 111111000000 + 222222 \\ &= 111111 \times 1000000 + 2 \times 111111 \\ &= 111111 \times 1000002 \\ 111111222222 &= 111111 \times 3 \times 333334 = 333333 \times 333334 \\ c &= 333333 \end{aligned}$$

**G2.4** Given that  $\cos 16^\circ = \sin 14^\circ + \sin d^\circ$  and  $0 < d < 90$ , find the value of  $d$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sin d^\circ &= \cos 16^\circ - \sin 14^\circ \\ \sin d^\circ &= \sin 74^\circ - \sin 14^\circ \\ \sin d^\circ &= 2 \cos \frac{74^\circ + 14^\circ}{2} \sin \frac{74^\circ - 14^\circ}{2} \\ \sin d^\circ &= \cos 44^\circ = \sin 46^\circ \\ d &= 46 \end{aligned}$$

### Group Event 3

**G3.1** Given that the solution of the equation  $\sqrt{3x+1} + \sqrt{3x+6} = \sqrt{4x-2} + \sqrt{4x+3}$  is  $a$ , find the value of  $a$ .

$$\sqrt{3x+6} - \sqrt{4x-2} = \sqrt{4x+3} - \sqrt{3x+1}$$

$$(\sqrt{3x+6} - \sqrt{4x-2})^2 = (\sqrt{4x+3} - \sqrt{3x+1})^2$$

$$3x+6+4x-2-2\sqrt{12x^2+18x-12} = 4x+3+3x+1-2\sqrt{12x^2+13x+3}$$

$$\sqrt{12x^2+18x-12} = \sqrt{12x^2+13x+3}$$

$$12x^2+18x-12 = 12x^2+13x+3$$

$$x = 3$$

**G3.2** Suppose the equation  $x^2y - x^2 - 3y - 14 = 0$  has only one positive integral solution  $(x_0, y_0)$ . If  $x_0 + y_0 = b$ , find the value of  $b$ .

$$(y-1)x^2 = 3y+14$$

$$x^2 = \frac{3y+14}{y-1} = \frac{3y-3+17}{y-1} = 3 + \frac{17}{y-1}$$

$$y = 18, x = 2$$

$$b = 20$$

**G3.3**  $ABCD$  is a cyclic quadrilateral.  $AC$  and  $BD$  intersect at  $G$ . Suppose  $AC = 16$  cm,  $BC = CD = 8$  cm,  $BG = x$  cm and  $GD = y$  cm. If  $x$  and  $y$  are integers and  $x + y = c$ , find the value of  $c$ .

As shown in the figure, let  $CG = t$ ,  $AG = 16 - t$ .

Let  $\angle CBG = \theta$ ,  $\angle ACB = \alpha$ .

Then  $\angle CAB = \theta$  (eq. chords eq.  $\angle$ s)

Then  $\triangle BCG \sim \triangle ACB$  (equiangular)

$$t : 8 = 8 : 16 \text{ (ratio of sides, } \sim \Delta \text{s)}$$

$$t = 4$$

It is easy to see that  $\triangle ADG \sim \triangle BCG$  (equiangular)

$$(16 - t) : y = x : t \text{ (ratio of sides, } \sim \Delta \text{s)}$$

$$(16 - 4) \times 4 = xy$$

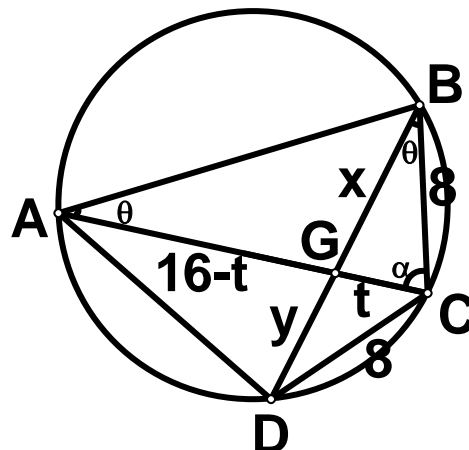
$$xy = 48$$

Assume that  $x$  and  $y$  are integers, then possible pairs of  $(x, y)$  are  $(1, 48)$ ,  $(2, 24)$ , ...,  $(6, 8)$ , ...,  $(48, 1)$ .

Using triangle inequality  $x + t > 8$  and  $8 + t > x$  in  $\triangle BCG$ , the only possible combinations are:

$$(x, y) = (6, 8) \text{ or } (8, 6)$$

$$c = x + y = 14$$



**G3.4** Given that  $5^{\log 30} \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\log 0.5} = d$ , find the value of  $d$ .

$$\log 30 \log 5 + \log 0.5 \log \frac{1}{3} = \log d$$

$$\log (3 \times 10) \log \frac{10}{2} + (-\log 2)(-\log 3) = \log d$$

$$(\log 3 + 1)(1 - \log 2) + \log 2 \log 3 = \log d$$

$$\log 3 + 1 - \log 3 \log 2 - \log 2 + \log 2 \log 3 = \log d$$

$$\log d = \log 3 + 1 - \log 2 = \log \frac{3 \times 10}{2}$$

$$d = 15$$

## Group Event 4

**G4.1**  $x_1 = 2001$ . When  $n > 1$ ,  $x_n = \frac{n}{x_{n-1}}$ . Given that  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_{10} = a$ , find the value of  $a$ .

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{x_1} \Rightarrow x_1 x_2 = 2$$

$$x_4 = \frac{4}{x_3} \Rightarrow x_3 x_4 = 4$$

$$x_6 = \frac{6}{x_5} \Rightarrow x_5 x_6 = 6$$

$$x_8 = \frac{8}{x_7} \Rightarrow x_7 x_8 = 8$$

$$x_{10} = \frac{10}{x_9} \Rightarrow x_9 x_{10} = 10$$

Multiply these equations gives  $a = x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_{10} = 2 \times 4 \times 6 \times 8 \times 10 = 32 \times 120 = 3840$

**G4.2** Given that the units digit of  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + 2001^3$  is  $b$ , find the value of  $b$ .

Arrange the numbers in groups of 10 in ascending order, the units digit of sum each group is the same (except the last number,  $2001^3$ ).

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + 10^3 \equiv \cancel{1} + \cancel{8} + \cancel{7} + \cancel{4} + 5 + \cancel{6} + \cancel{3} + \cancel{2} + \cancel{9} + 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$\equiv 5 \pmod{10}$$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + 2000^3 + 2001^3 \equiv 200(5) + 1 \pmod{10}$$

So  $b = 1$

**G4.3** A and B ran around a circular path with constant speeds. They started from the same place and at the same time in opposite directions. After their first meeting, B took 1 minute to go back to the starting place. If A and B need 6 minutes and  $c$  minutes respectively to complete one round of the path, find the value of  $c$ .

In one minute, A and B ran  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{c+6}{6c}$  of the total distance.

They will meet at the first time after  $\frac{6c}{c+6}$  minutes.

After 1 more minute, (i.e. total time elapsed =  $\frac{6c}{c+6} + 1$  minutes), B returned to the starting point.

$$\text{So } \left( \frac{6c}{c+6} + 1 \right) \times \frac{1}{c} = 1$$

$$6c + c + 6 = c^2 + 6c$$

$$c^2 - c - 6 = 0$$

$$(c-3)(c+2) = 0$$

$$c = 3$$

**G4.4** The roots of the equation  $x^2 - 45x + m = 0$  are prime numbers. Given that the sum of the squares of the roots is  $d$ , find the value of  $d$ .

**Reference: 1996 HG8, 1996 FG7.1, 2005 FG1.2, 2012 HI6**

Let the roots be  $\alpha, \beta$ .  $\alpha + \beta = 45$ ,  $\alpha\beta = m$

The sum of two prime numbers  $\alpha + \beta = 45$

$\alpha = 2$ ,  $\beta = 43$  (2 is the only even prime number)

$$d = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 4 + 43^2 = 1853$$