

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\&= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\&= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\&= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

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Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

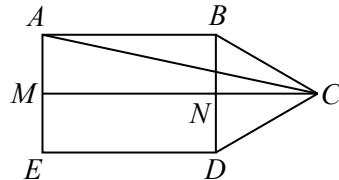
Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to

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Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$



$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

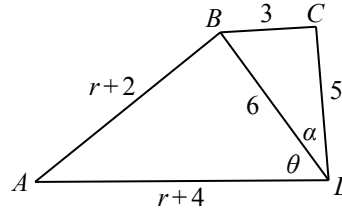
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r + 12}{3r + 12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$









1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

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When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

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The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

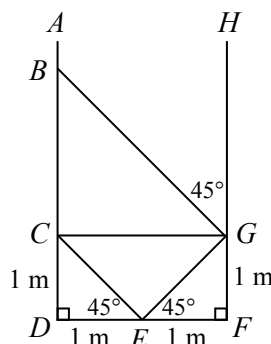
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

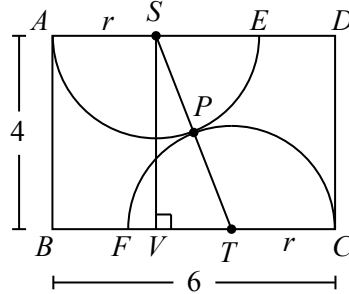
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

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Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\ &= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$



The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

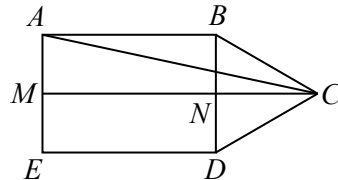
Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to both  $AE$  and  $BD$ .

*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$

$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$



If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

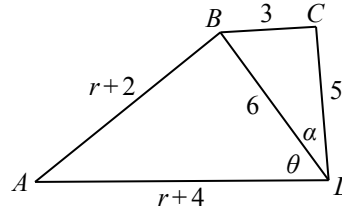
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r + 12}{3r + 12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$







1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .



- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

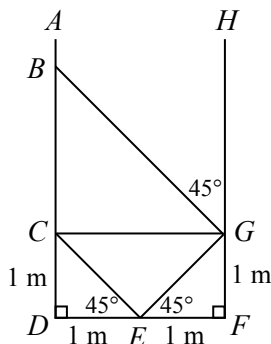
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

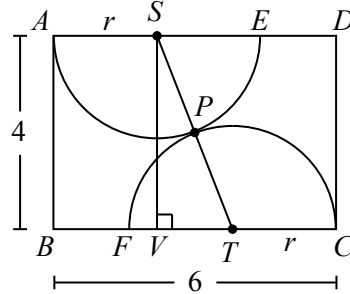
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\ &= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .



5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

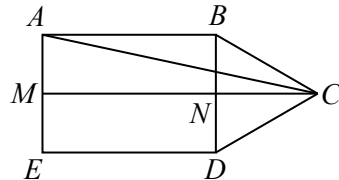
Thus,  $S_6$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to

*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$

$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$



1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

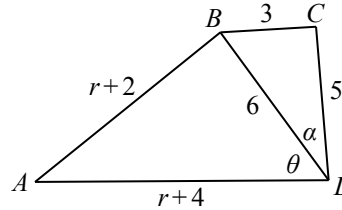
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r + 12}{3r + 12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$







1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.

Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

- (c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

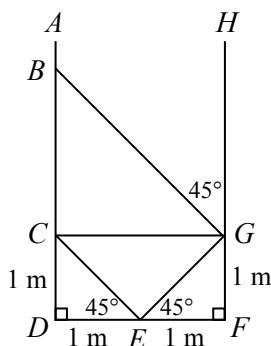
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.



- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

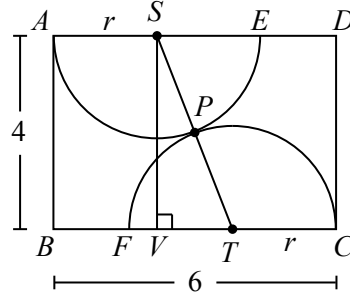
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\ &= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

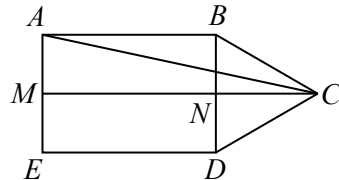


Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to both  $AE$  and  $BD$ .

*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$

$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$



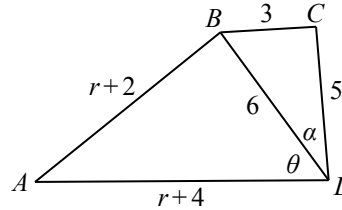
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r + 12}{3r + 12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$







1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

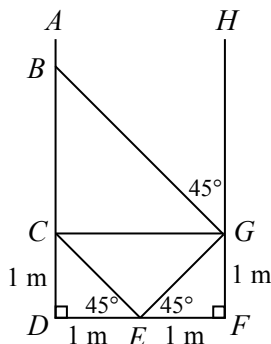
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .



5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

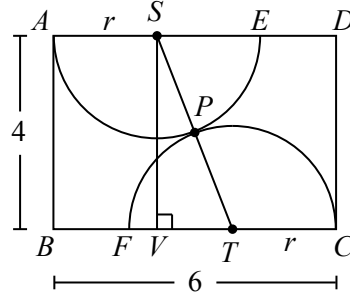
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\&= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\&= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\&= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

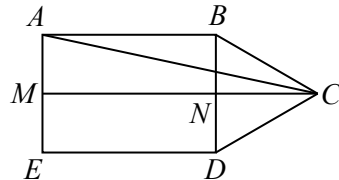
Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to both  $AE$  and  $BD$ .



*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$

$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

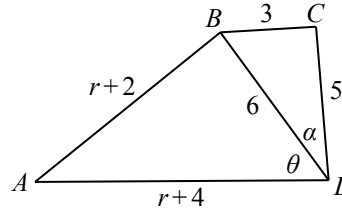
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r+12}{3r+12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$



$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$







1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

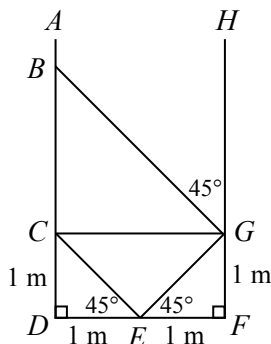
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

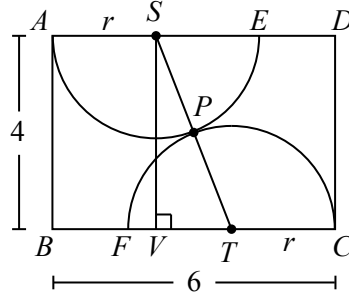
We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.



6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\ &= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

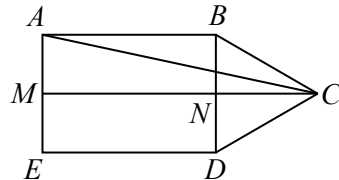
Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to both  $AE$  and  $BD$ .

*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .



$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$

$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

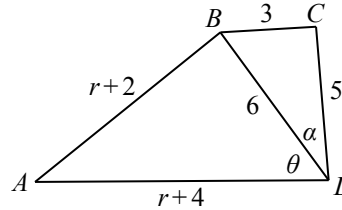
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r+48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r+12}{3r+12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$









1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

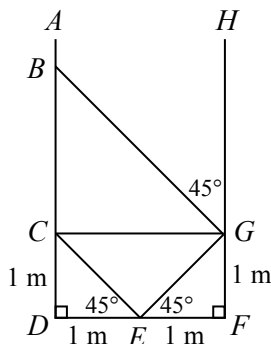
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

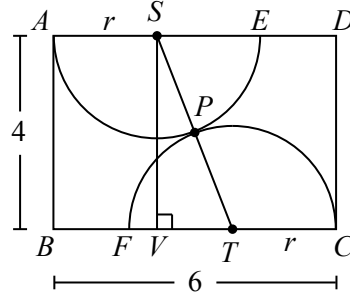
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .



7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\ &= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

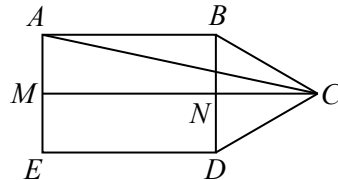
Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to both  $AE$  and  $BD$ .

*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$



(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$

$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

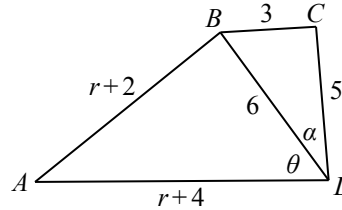
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r+12}{3r+12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$









1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio 1 : 4, then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is 1 : 6, which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

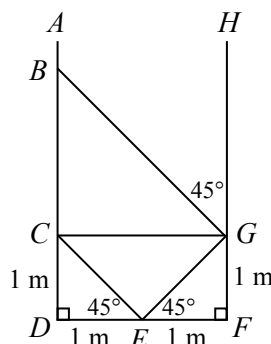
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

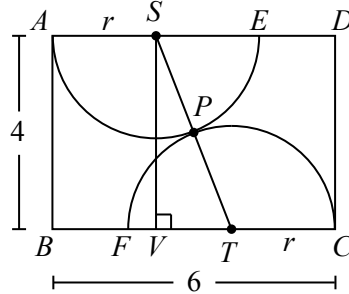
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .



(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\ &= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

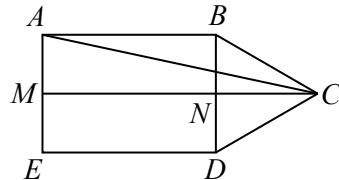
Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to

*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$



Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$

$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

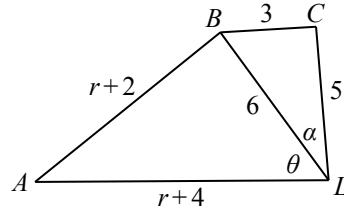
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r + 12}{3r + 12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$









1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

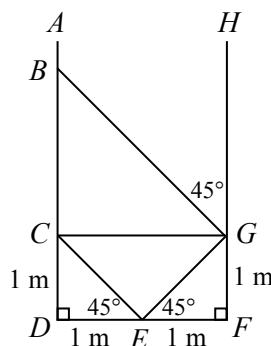
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

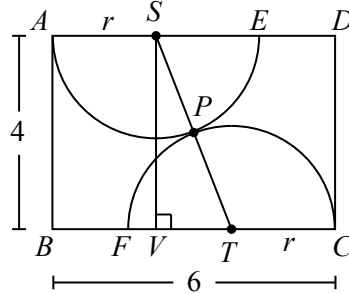
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .



The sum of the digits of this integer is  $1 + 2 + 1$  which equals 4.

To determine this integer without using a calculator, we can let  $x = 10^3$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(10^3 + 1)^2 &= (x + 1)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \\ &= (10^3)^2 + 2(10^3) + 1 \\ &= 1\,002\,001\end{aligned}$$

The slope of the line segment joining  $A(0, 8)$  and  $C(8, 2)$  is  $\frac{8-2}{0-8}$  which equals  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Solution 2*

Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AC$ .

Therefore, the slope of  $AC$  equals the slope of the line segment joining  $M(3, 9)$  to  $N(7, 6)$ ,

which is  $\frac{9-6}{3-7}$  or  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

(c) Since  $V(1, 18)$  is on the parabola, then  $18 = -2(1^2) + 4(1) + c$  and so  $c = 18 + 2 - 4 = 16$ .

5. (a) *Solution 1*

Suppose that  $S_0$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, -b)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(a, -b)$  to  $(a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Thus,  $S_1$  has coordinates  $(-a, -b + 2)$ .

Step 1 moves  $(-a, -b + 2)$  to  $(-a, b - 2)$ .

Step 2 moves  $(-a, b - 2)$  to  $(-a, b)$ .

Step 3 moves  $(-a, b)$  to  $(a, b)$ .

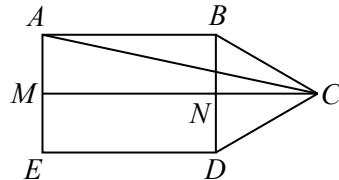
Thus,  $S_3$  has coordinates  $(a, b)$ , which are the same coordinates as  $S_0$ .

Now,  $\frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{2}{1}$  and so  $AD = 2BD = 4x$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AE$  and  $N$  is the midpoint of  $BD$ .

Since  $AE = BD = 2x$ , then  $AM = ME = BN = ND = x$ .

Join  $M$  to  $N$  and  $N$  to  $C$  and  $A$  to  $C$ .



Since  $ABDE$  is a rectangle, then  $MN$  is parallel to  $AB$  and so  $MN$  is perpendicular to

*Solution 2*

Suppose that the arithmetic sequence with  $n$  terms has first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ .

Then  $t_3 = a + 2d = 5$  and  $t_{n-2} = a + (n - 3)d = 95$ .

$$a = \frac{6 + 6\sqrt{2}}{3 - 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{1 - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(2 + 2\sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})}{(1 - \sqrt{2})(1 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} + 4}{1 - 2} = -6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

(b) Using the definition of  $f$ , the following equations are equivalent:

$$f(a) = 0$$

$$2a^2 - 3a + 1 = 0$$

Case 1:  $b = 5$

Here,  $ac^6d^4e = 2^{16} \cdot 3^5$  and  $a, c, d, e$  are four distinct integers chosen from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$ . Since  $ac^6d^4e$  includes exactly 5 factors of 3 and the possible values of  $a, c, d, e$  that are divisible by 3 are 3 and 6, then either  $d = 3$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 6, or  $d = 6$  and one of  $a$  and  $e$  is 3. No other placements of the multiples of 3 can give exactly 5 factors of 3.

Case 1a:  $b = 5, d = 3, a = 6$



$$N = \frac{(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!) \cdot 2 \cdots (1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200)}{200!}$$

Since  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 199 \cdot 200 = 200!$ , we can conclude that

$$N = 2^{200}(1!)^2(3!)^2 \cdots (397!)^2(399!)^2$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt{N} = 2^{100}(1!)(3!) \cdots (397!)(399!)$$

If  $a$  is even, then  $\frac{a}{2}$  is an integer and so

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - b\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{4} - 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} \cdot b + b^2 + \frac{3a^2}{4} = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

Thus, if  $K = \frac{a}{2} - b$  and  $L = \frac{a}{2}$ , we have  $K^2 + 3L^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$ .

If  $b$  is even, then  $\frac{b}{2}$  is an integer and so a similar algebraic argument shows that

$$\left(b - \frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

1	1	1	1	0
3	1	7	2	1
5	3	19	4	1

10. (a) We label the centres of the outer circles, starting with the circle labelled  $Z$  and proceeding clockwise, as  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J$ , and  $K$ , and the centre of the circle labelled  $Y$

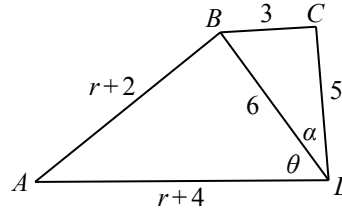
By congruent triangles,  $\angle ALK = \theta$  and

$$\angle BLC = \angle DLC = \angle DLE = \angle FLE = \angle FLG = \angle HLG = \angle HLJ = \angle KLJ = \alpha$$

The angles around  $L$  add to  $360^\circ$  and so  $2\theta + 8\alpha = 360^\circ$  which gives  $\theta + 4\alpha = 180^\circ$  and so  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ .

Since  $\theta = 180^\circ - 4\alpha$ , then  $\cos \theta = \cos(180^\circ - 4\alpha) = -\cos 4\alpha$ .

Consider  $\triangle ALB$  and  $\triangle BLC$ .



By the cosine law in  $\triangle ALB$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} AB^2 &= AL^2 + BL^2 - 2 \cdot AL \cdot BL \cdot \cos \theta \\ (r+2)^2 &= (r+4)^2 + 6^2 - 2(r+4)(6) \cos \theta \\ 12(r+4) \cos \theta &= r^2 + 8r + 16 + 36 - r^2 - 4r - 4 \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{4r + 48}{12(r+4)} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{r+12}{3r+12} \end{aligned}$$

By the cosine law in  $\triangle BLC$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 &= BL^2 + CL^2 - 2 \cdot BL \cdot CL \cdot \cos \alpha \\ 3^2 &= 6^2 + 5^2 - 2(6)(5) \cos \alpha \\ 60 \cos \alpha &= 36 + 25 - 9 \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{52}{60} \\ \cos \alpha &= \frac{13}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos \alpha = \frac{13}{15}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2\alpha &= 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{169}{225} - 1 \\ &= \frac{338}{225} - \frac{225}{225} \\ &= \frac{113}{225} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{25\,538}{50\,625} - \frac{50\,625}{50\,625}$$









1. (a) *Solution 1*

If  $x \neq -2$ , then  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(x+2)}{x+2} = 3$ .

In other words, for every  $x \neq -2$ , the expression is equal to 3.

Therefore, when  $x = 11$ , we get  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = 3$ .

*Solution 2*

When  $x = 11$ , we obtain  $\frac{3x+6}{x+2} = \frac{3(11)+6}{11+2} = \frac{39}{13} = 3$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

The point at which a line crosses the  $y$ -axis has  $x$ -coordinate 0.

Because  $A$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  and  $B$  has  $x$ -coordinate  $1$ , then the midpoint of  $AB$  is on the  $y$ -axis and is on the line through  $A$  and  $B$ , so is the point at which this line crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The midpoint of  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  is  $(\frac{1}{2}(-1+1), \frac{1}{2}(5+7))$  or  $(0, 6)$ .

Therefore, the line that passes through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

*Solution 2*

The line through  $A(-1, 5)$  and  $B(1, 7)$  has slope  $\frac{7-5}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

Since the line passes through  $B(1, 7)$ , its equation can be written as  $y - 7 = 1(x - 1)$  or  $y = x + 6$ .

The line with equation  $y = x + 6$  has  $y$ -intercept 6.

(c) First, we find the coordinates of the point at which the lines with equations  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = x + 9$  intersect.

Equating values of  $y$ , we obtain  $3x + 7 = x + 9$  and so  $2x = 2$  or  $x = 1$ .

When  $x = 1$ , we get  $y = x + 9 = 10$ .

Thus, these two lines intersect at  $(1, 10)$ .

Since all three lines pass through the same point, the line with equation  $y = mx + 17$  passes through  $(1, 10)$ .

Therefore,  $10 = m \cdot 1 + 17$  which gives  $m = 10 - 17 = -7$ .

2. (a) Suppose that  $m$  has hundreds digit  $a$ , tens digit  $b$ , and ones (units) digit  $c$ .

From the given information,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are distinct, each of  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  is less than 10,  $a = bc$ , and  $c$  is odd (since  $m$  is odd).

The integer  $m = 623$  satisfies all of these conditions. Since we are told there is only one such number, then 623 must be the only answer.

Why is this the only possible value of  $m$ ?

We note that we cannot have  $b = 1$  or  $c = 1$ , otherwise  $a = c$  or  $a = b$ .

Thus,  $b \geq 2$  and  $c \geq 2$ .

Since  $c \geq 2$  and  $c$  is odd, then  $c$  can equal 3, 5, 7, or 9.

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $a = bc$ , then if  $c$  equals 5, 7 or 9,  $a$  would be larger than 10, which is not possible.

Thus,  $c = 3$ .

Since  $b \geq 2$  and  $b \neq c$ , then  $b = 2$  or  $b \geq 4$ .

If  $b \geq 4$  and  $c = 3$ , then  $a > 10$ , which is not possible.

Therefore, we must have  $c = 3$  and  $b = 2$ , which gives  $a = 6$ .

- (b) Since Eleanor has 100 marbles which are black and gold in the ratio  $1 : 4$ , then  $\frac{1}{5}$  of her marbles are black, which means that she has  $\frac{1}{5} \cdot 100 = 20$  black marbles.  
 When more gold marbles are added, the ratio of black to gold is  $1 : 6$ , which means that she has  $6 \cdot 20 = 120$  gold marbles.  
 Eleanor now has  $20 + 120 = 140$  marbles, which means that she added  $140 - 100 = 40$  gold marbles.

(c) First, we see that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n} + \frac{n}{n} + \frac{15}{n} = n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$ .

This means that  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n + 1 + \frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

Since  $n + 1$  is an integer, then  $\frac{n^2 + n + 15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer.

The expression  $\frac{15}{n}$  is an integer exactly when  $n$  is a divisor of 15.

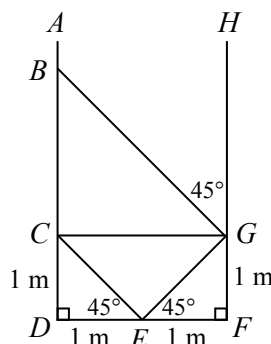
Since  $n$  is a positive integer, then the possible values of  $n$  are 1, 3, 5, and 15.

3. (a) First, we note that a triangle with one right angle and one angle with measure  $45^\circ$  is isosceles.

This is because the measure of the third angle equals  $180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  which means that the triangle has two equal angles.

In particular,  $\triangle CDE$  is isosceles with  $CD = DE$  and  $\triangle EFG$  is isosceles with  $EF = FG$ . Since  $DE = EF = 1$  m, then  $CD = FG = 1$  m.

Join  $C$  to  $G$ .



Consider quadrilateral  $CDFG$ . Since the angles at  $D$  and  $F$  are right angles and since  $CD = GF$ , it must be the case that  $CDFG$  is a rectangle.

This means that  $CG = DF = 2$  m and that the angles at  $C$  and  $G$  are right angles.

Since  $\angle CGF = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle DCG = 90^\circ$ , then  $\angle BGC = 180^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$  and  $\angle BCG = 90^\circ$ .

This means that  $\triangle BCG$  is also isosceles with  $BC = CG = 2$  m.

Finally,  $BD = BC + CD = 2 \text{ m} + 1 \text{ m} = 3 \text{ m}$ .

- (b) We apply the process two more times:

	$x$	$y$		$x$	$y$
Before Step 1	24	3	Before Step 1	81	4
After Step 1	27	3	After Step 1	85	4
After Step 2	81	3	After Step 2	340	4
After Step 3	81	4	After Step 3	340	5

Therefore, the final value of  $x$  is 340.

- (c) The parabola with equation  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$  has two distinct  $x$ -intercepts exactly when the discriminant of the quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 6x + k = 0$  is positive.  
 Here, the discriminant equals  $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \cdot k \cdot k = 36 - 4k^2$ .  
 The inequality  $36 - 4k^2 > 0$  is equivalent to  $k^2 < 9$ .  
 Since  $k$  is an integer and  $k \neq 0$ , then  $k$  can equal  $-2, -1, 1, 2$ .  
 (If  $k \geq 3$  or  $k \leq -3$ , we get  $k^2 \geq 9$  so no values of  $k$  in these ranges give the desired result.)

4. (a) Since  $\frac{a}{b} < \frac{4}{7}$  and  $\frac{4}{7} < 1$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} < 1$ .

Since  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $a < b$ .

Since the difference between  $a$  and  $b$  is 15 and  $a < b$ , then  $b = a + 15$ .

Therefore, we have  $\frac{5}{9} < \frac{a}{a+15} < \frac{4}{7}$ .

We multiply both sides of the left inequality by  $9(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $5(a+15) < 9a$  from which we get  $5a + 75 < 9a$  and so  $4a > 75$ .

From this, we see that  $a > \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \geq 19$ .

We multiply both sides of the right inequality by  $7(a+15)$  (which is positive) to obtain  $7a < 4(a+15)$  from which we get  $7a < 4a + 60$  and so  $3a < 60$ .

From this, we see that  $a < 20$ .

Since  $a$  is an integer, then  $a \leq 19$ .

Since  $a \geq 19$  and  $a \leq 19$ , then  $a = 19$ , which means that  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{19}{34}$ .

- (b) The first 6 terms of a geometric sequence with first term 10 and common ratio  $\frac{1}{2}$  are  $10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{5}{16}$ .

Here, the ratio of its 6th term to its 4th term is  $\frac{5/16}{5/4}$  which equals  $\frac{1}{4}$ . (We could have determined this without writing out the sequence, since moving from the 4th term to the 6th involves multiplying by  $\frac{1}{2}$  twice.)

The first 6 terms of an arithmetic sequence with first term 10 and common difference  $d$  are  $10, 10 + d, 10 + 2d, 10 + 3d, 10 + 4d, 10 + 5d$ .

Here, the ratio of the 6th term to the 4th term is  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d}$ .

Since these ratios are equal, then  $\frac{10 + 5d}{10 + 3d} = \frac{1}{4}$ , which gives  $4(10 + 5d) = 10 + 3d$  and so

$40 + 20d = 10 + 3d$  or  $17d = -30$  and so  $d = -\frac{30}{17}$ .

5. (a) Let  $a = f(20)$ . Then  $f(f(20)) = f(a)$ .

To calculate  $f(f(20))$ , we determine the value of  $a$  and then the value of  $f(a)$ .

By definition,  $a = f(20)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $20 \leq p \leq 30$ .

The prime numbers between 20 and 30, inclusive, are 23 and 29, so  $a = f(20) = 2$ .

Thus,  $f(f(20)) = f(a) = f(2)$ .

By definition,  $f(2)$  is the number of prime numbers  $p$  that satisfy  $2 \leq p \leq 12$ .

The prime numbers between 2 and 12, inclusive, are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, of which there are 5.

Therefore,  $f(f(20)) = 5$ .

- (b) Since  $(x - 1)(y - 2) = 0$ , then  $x = 1$  or  $y = 2$ .

Suppose that  $x = 1$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(1 - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$1 + yz = 9$$

or

$$-2(z + 2) = 0$$

$$yz = 8$$

From the first of these equations,  $z = -2$ .

From the second of these equations,  $y(-2) = 8$  and so  $y = -4$ .

Therefore, if  $x = 1$ , the only solution is  $(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2)$ .

Suppose that  $y = 2$ . In this case, the remaining equations become:

$$(x - 3)(z + 2) = 0$$

$$x + 2z = 9$$

From the first equation  $x = 3$  or  $z = -2$ .

If  $x = 3$ , then  $3 + 2z = 9$  and so  $z = 3$ .

If  $z = -2$ , then  $x + 2(-2) = 9$  and so  $x = 13$ .

Therefore, if  $y = 2$ , the solutions are  $(x, y, z) = (3, 2, 3)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (13, 2, -2)$ .

In summary, the solutions to the system of equations are

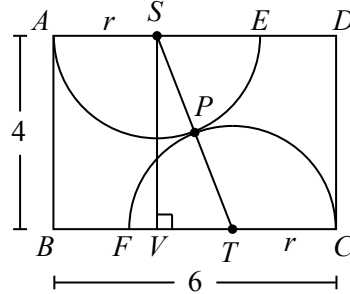
$$(x, y, z) = (1, -4, -2), (3, 2, 3), (13, 2, -2)$$

We can check by substitution that each of these triples does indeed satisfy each of the equations.

6. (a) Draw a perpendicular from  $S$  to  $V$  on  $BC$ .

Since  $ASVB$  is a quadrilateral with three right angles, then it has four right angles and so is a rectangle.

Therefore,  $BV = AS = r$ , since  $AS$  is a radius of the top semi-circle, and  $SV = AB = 4$ . Join  $S$  and  $T$  to  $P$ . Since the two semi-circles are tangent at  $P$ , then  $SPT$  is a straight line, which means that  $ST = SP + PT = r + r = 2r$ .



Consider right-angled  $\triangle SVT$ . We have  $SV = 4$  and  $ST = 2r$ .

Also,  $VT = BC - BV - TC = 6 - r - r = 6 - 2r$ .

By the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} SV^2 + VT^2 &= ST^2 \\ 4^2 + (6 - 2r)^2 &= (2r)^2 \\ 16 + 36 - 24r + 4r^2 &= 4r^2 \\ 52 &= 24r \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $r = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6}$ .

- (b) Since  $\triangle ABE$  is right-angled at  $A$  and is isosceles with  $AB = AE = 7\sqrt{2}$ , then  $\triangle ABE$  is a  $45^\circ$ - $45^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle ABE = 45^\circ$  and  $BE = \sqrt{2}AB = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7\sqrt{2} = 14$ .

Since  $\triangle BCD$  is right-angled at  $C$  with  $\frac{DB}{DC} = \frac{8x}{4x} = 2$ , then  $\triangle BCD$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, which means that  $\angle DBC = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $\angle ABC = 135^\circ$ , then  $\angle EBD = \angle ABC - \angle ABE - \angle DBC = 135^\circ - 45^\circ - 30^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

Now consider  $\triangle EBD$ . We have  $EB = 14$ ,  $BD = 8x$ ,  $DE = 8x - 6$ , and  $\angle EBD = 60^\circ$ .

Using the cosine law, we obtain the following equivalent equations:

$$\begin{aligned} DE^2 &= EB^2 + BD^2 - 2 \cdot EB \cdot BD \cdot \cos(\angle EBD) \\ (8x - 6)^2 &= 14^2 + (8x)^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cos(60^\circ) \\ 64x^2 - 96x + 36 &= 196 + 64x^2 - 2(14)(8x) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ -96x &= 160 - 14(8x) \\ 112x - 96x &= 160 \\ 16x &= 160 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the only possible value of  $x$  is  $x = 10$ .

7. (a) *Solution 1*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible. This means that  $g^{-1}(g(a)) = a$  for every real number  $a$  and  $g(g^{-1}(b)) = b$  for every real number  $b$ .

Therefore,  $g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) = g(f(a))$  for every real number  $a$ .

This means that

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(a)) &= g(f(g^{-1}(g(a)))) \\ &= 2(g(a))^2 + 16g(a) + 26 \\ &= 2(2a - 4)^2 + 16(2a - 4) + 26 \\ &= 2(4a^2 - 16a + 16) + 32a - 64 + 26 \\ &= 8a^2 - 6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if  $b = f(a)$ , then  $g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(g(b)) = b = f(a)$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = g^{-1}(g(f(a))) = g^{-1}(8a^2 - 6)$$

Since  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , then  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{2}y + 2$ .

Therefore,

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{2}(8a^2 - 6) + 2 = 4a^2 - 1$$

and so  $f(\pi) = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

*Solution 2*

Since the function  $g$  is linear and has positive slope, then it is one-to-one and so invertible.

To find a formula for  $g^{-1}(y)$ , we start with the equation  $g(x) = 2x - 4$ , convert to  $y = 2g^{-1}(y) - 4$  and then solve for  $g^{-1}(y)$  to obtain  $2g^{-1}(y) = y + 4$  and so  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{y + 4}{2}$ .

We are given that  $g(f(g^{-1}(x))) = 2x^2 + 16x + 26$ .

We can apply the function  $g^{-1}$  to both sides to obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(g^{-1}(x)) &= g^{-1}(2x^2 + 16x + 26) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= \frac{(2x^2 + 16x + 26) + 4}{2} && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f(g^{-1}(x)) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 15 && \text{(knowing a formula for } g^{-1}) \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= x^2 + 8x + 16 - 1 \\ f\left(\frac{x + 4}{2}\right) &= (x + 4)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want to determine the value of  $f(\pi)$ .

Thus, we can replace  $\frac{x + 4}{2}$  with  $\pi$ , which is equivalent to replacing  $x + 4$  with  $2\pi$ .

Thus,  $f(\pi) = (2\pi)^2 - 1 = 4\pi^2 - 1$ .

(b) *Solution 1*

Using logarithm laws, the given equations are equivalent to

$$\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\log_2(\sin x) - \log_2(\cos y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Adding these two equations, we obtain  $2\log_2(\sin x) = -1$  which gives  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$

and so  $\sin x = 2^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , then  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\log_2(\sin x) + \log_2(\cos y) = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\log_2(\sin x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\log_2(\cos y) = -1$ , which gives  $\cos y = 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .

*Solution 2*

First, we note that  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$  and  $2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{2^1 2^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

From the given equations, we obtain

$$\sin x \cos y = 2^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos y} = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Multiplying these two equations together, we obtain  $(\sin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $\sin x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , it must be the case that  $\sin x \geq 0$  and so  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq x < 180^\circ$ , we obtain  $x = 45^\circ$  or  $x = 135^\circ$ .

Since  $\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , we obtain  $\cos y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Since  $0^\circ \leq y < 180^\circ$ , then  $y = 60^\circ$ .

Therefore,  $(x, y) = (45^\circ, 60^\circ)$  or  $(x, y) = (135^\circ, 60^\circ)$ .