

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL STATE MATHEMATICS MEET
WISCONSIN MATHEMATICS COUNCIL
 March 1 – 5, 2021

Problem Set #1 – The Disco ‘70s

Score: _____
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Name: _____

Team: _____

[Reduce all common fractions. Simplify and rationalize denominators. Unless otherwise specified, a decimal approximation will **not** be accepted. When allowed, round decimal approximations to **3** decimal places. **No rounding should be done except on the final answer.**]

Answers

1. (1 point) – from 1972 (our very first contest)

From 6 oz. of white paint (container A), 1 oz. is put into 6 oz. of red paint (container B). 1 oz. of the white-red mixture in container B is then put into container A. Which resulting mixture, container A or container B, is more diluted from its original state?

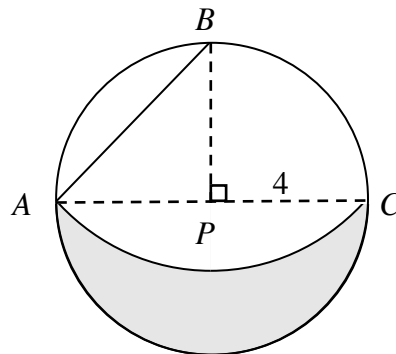
2. (3 points) – from 1974

A turtle and a rabbit are team members in a 96-foot relay race, each running half the distance. If the turtle runs the first half at an average rate of 4 feet per second, how fast must the rabbit run the second half of the race so that together they average 6 feet per second for the entire race?

_____ ft/sec

3. (5 points) – from 1979

In the figure to the right, the radius of circle P is four units and the top border of the shaded region is a circular arc with radius \overline{AB} and center at B . \overline{AC} is a diameter of circle P . Find the area of the shaded region.



_____ units²

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Problem Set #2 – The Awesome ‘80s

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Answers

1. (1 point) – from 1983

The sum of three sides of a rectangle is 8 units. What is the greatest possible perimeter of the rectangle if its area is 6 square units?

_____ units

2. (3 points) – from 1980

Team A and team B are playing a series of games. If the odds for either team to win any given game are even, and team A must win two games or team B must win three games to win the series, what is the probability that team A will win the series?

3. (5 points) – from 1985

John can do a job in 12 days if Jim helps him for 7 of those days. But Jim takes 14 days to do the same job if John helps him for 7 of those days. If John and Jim work at steady rates, how many days would it take John alone to do the job?

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Problem Set #3 – The Dot-Com ‘90s

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Answers

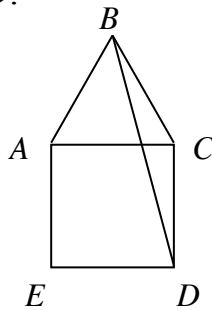
1. (1 point) – from 1997

If 1, 2, and 4 are three of the digits of the four-digit number N , and if N is divisible by 4, what is the greatest possible value of N ?

2. (3 points) – from 1991

Equilateral triangle ABC rests on top of square $ACDE$. Find the measure of $\angle ABD$.

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3. (5 points) – from 1994

McDonald’s sells Chicken McNuggets in boxes of 6, 9, or 20 nuggets. Call “ N ” a McNugget number if it is possible to order boxes of McNuggets such that the order contains exactly N McNuggets. [For example, 12 and 15 are McNugget numbers, but 10 and 11 are not.] What is the largest number that is not a McNugget number?

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Problem Set #4 – The Millennial ‘00s

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Answers

1. (1 point) – from 2009

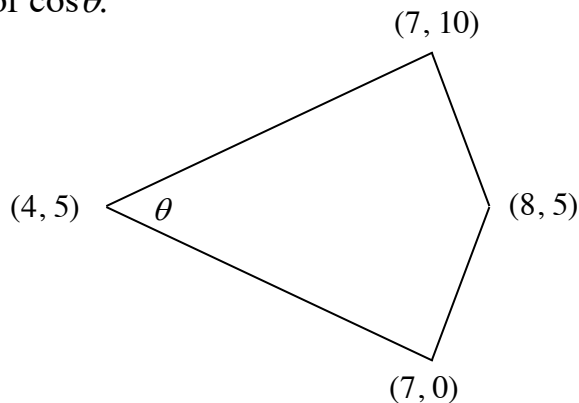
If $\sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2}$, then $\sin x \cos x = ?$

2. (3 points) – from 2009

At the grocery store, Mary bought 2 apples, 3 grapefruit, and 5 peaches, and she paid \$9 for them. Chris bought an apple, 2 grapefruit, and a peach, paying \$4 for them. Deb bought 5 apples, 4 grapefruit, and 3 peaches, for a cost of \$10. How much does a single grapefruit cost?

3. (5 points) – from 2001

In the quadrilateral shown below, find the **exact value** of $\cos \theta$.



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Problem Set #5 – The Recent ‘10s

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Answers

1. (1 point) – from 2018

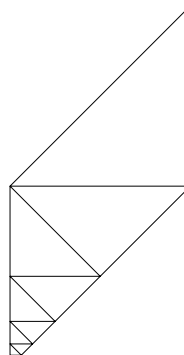
If $\log_b 2 = x$ and $\log_b 5 = y$, write $\log_b 20^{18}$ in terms of x and y .

2. (3 points) – from 2011

Pirates are a notoriously lazy lot. To motivate them, the Captain declares that on days that they work capturing merchant vessels, they earn 7 pieces of gold. On days that they lag about on the deck and don’t work, they will be charged 5 pieces of gold. After 365 days of plundering, each pirate has earned a net total of only 11 pieces of gold. How many days did they work capturing merchant vessels?

3. (5 points) – from 2017

This figure, made up of ever smaller isosceles right triangles, continues indefinitely. If the area of this figure equals its perimeter, find this common value.



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50th Anniversary Problem (not appearing on any past problem sets)

4. (5 points) – new problem for 2021

An unfair coin has a $\frac{20}{21}$ probability of landing heads side _____

up when flipped. If this coin is flipped 50 times, what is the probability that the total number of heads is even?

You may express your answer as a decimal approximation or as an exact numerical expression.