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# IOQM SOLUTIONS (2024 – 25)

(Class – VIII to X)

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Note :

1.  $\gcd(a, b)$  denotes the greatest common divisor of integers  $a$  and  $b$ .
2.  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .
3. For a positive real number  $m$ ,  $\sqrt{m}$  denotes the positive square root of  $m$ . For example,  $\sqrt{4} = +2$
4. Unless otherwise stated all numbers are written in decimal notation.

### Questions with Solutions

1. The smallest positive integer that does not divide  $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 \times 9$  is

Ans. (11)

Sol.  $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7 \times 8 \times 9 \times 9!$

$$9! = 2^7 \times 3^4 \times 5^1 \times 7^1$$

$\therefore$  Smallest prime factor that not divide 91 is 11.

2. The number of four-digit odd numbers having digits 1,2,3,4 each occurring exactly once, is:

Ans. (12)

Sol.

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| —    | —    | —    | —    |
| ↑    | ↑    | ↑    | ↑    |
| 3    | 2    | 1    | 2    |
| ways | ways | ways | ways |

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways =  $3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 = 12$

3. The number obtained by taking the last two digits of  $5^{2024}$  in the same order is

Ans. (25)

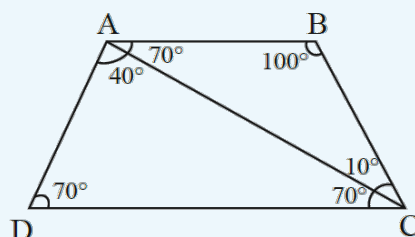
Sol. Last two digits of  $5^{2024} = 5^{2024} \bmod 100 \Rightarrow 5^2 = 25, 5^3 = 125, 5^4 = 625$

$\therefore$  for  $5^n$  for  $n$  more than 2, last two digits are 25

4. Let ABCD be a quadrilateral with  $\angle ADC = 70^\circ$ ,  $\angle ACD = 70^\circ$ ,  $\angle ACD = 10^\circ$  and  $\angle BAD = 110^\circ$ . The measure of  $\angle CAB$  (in degrees) is

Ans. (70)

Sol.



$$\angle D + \angle ACD + \angle DAC = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle DAC = 40^\circ \text{ So, } \angle CAB = 70^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle CAB + \angle CAD = \angle DAB$$

$$\therefore y + 40^\circ = 110^\circ \quad \therefore y = 70^\circ$$

5. Let  $a = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$ , let  $b = \frac{x}{z} + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y}$  and let  $c = \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z}\right)\left(\frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right)\left(\frac{z}{x} + \frac{x}{y}\right)$ .

The value of  $|ab - c|$  is

Ans. (1)

Sol.  $a = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$      $b = \frac{x}{z} + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y}$      $c = \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z}\right)\left(\frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right)\left(\frac{z}{x} + \frac{x}{y}\right)$

$$ab = \frac{x^2}{yz} + 1 + \frac{xz}{y^2} + \frac{xy}{z^2} + \frac{xy}{x^2} + 1 + 1 + \frac{zy}{x^2} + \frac{z^2}{xy} = 3 + \frac{x^2}{yz} + \frac{y^2}{xz} + \frac{z^2}{xy} + \frac{xz}{y^2} + \frac{xy}{z^2} + \frac{zy}{x^2}$$

$$= 3 + \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{xyz} + \frac{xz}{y^2} + \frac{xy}{z^2} + \frac{zy}{x^2}$$

$$c = \left(\frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z^2} + \frac{y}{x}\right)\left(\frac{z}{x} + \frac{x}{y}\right) = 2 + \frac{x^2}{yz} + \frac{z^2}{xy} + \frac{zx}{y^2} + \frac{y^2z}{xz^2} + \frac{xy^2}{yz^2} + \frac{yz}{x^2}$$

$$|ab - c| = 3 + \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{xyz} + \frac{xz}{y^2} + \frac{xy}{z^2} + \frac{zy}{x^2} - 2 - \frac{x^3}{xyz} - \frac{z^3}{xyz} - \frac{y^3}{xyz} - \frac{zx}{y^2} - \frac{xy}{x^2} - \frac{y^2}{x^2} = 1$$

6. Find the number of triples of real numbers (a, b, c) such that  $a^{20} + b^{20} + c^{20} = a^{24} + b^{24} + c^{24} = 1$

Ans. (6)

Sol.  $a^{20} + b^{20} + c^{20} = a^{24} + b^{24} + c^{24} = 1$

As  $a^{20} \leq a^{24}$

$\therefore$  even power  $\Rightarrow$  a, b, c should be either 0, 1 or -1

If  $a = 1$  or  $a = -1 \therefore a^{20} = a^{24} = 1$

If  $b = 0$  then  $b^{24} = b^{20} = 0$  &  $c = 0$

$\therefore$  Possible solutions are :

|              |             |             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| $a = \pm 1,$ | $b = 0,$    | $c = 0$     |
| $a = 0$      | $b = \pm 1$ | $c = 0$     |
| $a = 0$      | $b = 0$     | $c = \pm 1$ |

$\therefore$  Total No of Solutions 6

7. Determine the sum of all possible surface areas of a cube two of whose vertices are (1,2,0) and (3,3,2)

Ans. (99)

Sol.  $A \equiv (1, 2, 0), \quad B \equiv (3, 3, 2)$

$$AB = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 4} = 3$$

AB will be either side, face diagonal or main diagonal of cube.

So Case 1: AB is side  $\rightarrow$  S.A. =  $6 \times (3)^2 = 54$

Case 2 : AB is main diagonal :  $\sqrt{3}a = 3 \Rightarrow a = \sqrt{3}$

Surface area =  $6 \times 3 = 18$

Case – 3 : AB face diagonal :  $\sqrt{2}a = 3 \Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$

Surface are =  $6 \times a^2 = 3 \times \frac{9}{2} = 27$

So, sum of different possible surface area =  $54 + 18 + 27 = 99$

8. Let  $n$  be the smallest integer such that the sum of digits of  $n$  is divisible by 5 as well as the sum of digits of  $(n + 1)$  is divisible by 5 . What are the first two digits of  $n$  in the same order?

Ans. (49)

Sol.  $n = 49999$

$\therefore$  Sum =  $4 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 9 = 40$  divisible by 5

$n = 50000$  sum is 5 divisible by 5

So, 1st 2 digits of  $n$  is 49

9. Consider the grid of points  $X = \{(m, n) \mid 0 \leq m, n \leq 4\}$ .

We say a pair of points  $\{(a, b), (c, d)\}$  in  $X$  is a knight-move pair if  $(c = a \pm 2 \text{ and } d = b \pm 1)$  or  $(c = a \pm 1 \text{ and } d = b \pm 2)$ . The number of knight-move pairs in  $X$  is:

Ans. (48)

|                                                     |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---|
| Sol. $(0, -1) \rightarrow (3, 1), (1, 2)$           | 2 |
| $(1, +0) \rightarrow (3, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0)$        | 3 |
| $(2, 0) \rightarrow (3, 2), (1, 2), (4, 1), (0, 1)$ | 4 |
| $(3, -0) \rightarrow (4, 2), (2, 2), (1, 0)$        | 3 |
| $(4, 0) \rightarrow (0, 1), (3, 2)$                 | 2 |

$R_1$  gives 14 ordered pairs.

$R_2$  gives 20 ordered pairs.

$R_3$  gives 28 ordered pairs.

$R_4$  gives 20 ordered pairs.

$R^5$  gives 14 ordered pairs.

$$= 96$$

So, total unordered pairs = 48

10. Determine the number of positive integral values of  $p$  for which there exists a triangle with sides  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  which satisfy  $a^2 + (p^2 + 9^2)b^2 + 9c^2 - 6ab - 6pbc = 0$

Ans. (5)

Sol.  $a^2 + (p^2 + 9)b^2 + 9c^2 - 6ab - 6pbc = 0$

$$a^2 - 6ab + 9b^2 + p^2b^2 + 9c^2 - 6pbc = 0$$

$$(a - 3b)^2 + (pb - 3c)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 3b \text{ \& } pb = 3c \Rightarrow \frac{a}{3} = b = \frac{c}{\left(\frac{p}{3}\right)} = \lambda$$

Applying triangular inequality,

$$3\lambda + \frac{p\lambda}{3} > \lambda \Rightarrow p > -6$$

$$3\lambda + \lambda > \frac{p\lambda}{3} \Rightarrow 12 > p$$

$$\frac{p\lambda}{3} + \lambda > 3\lambda \Rightarrow p > 6 \Rightarrow 6 < p < 12$$

So, value of  $p$  is 05.

11. The positive real numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , satisfy :

$$\frac{a}{2b+1} + \frac{2b}{3c+1} + \frac{3c}{a+1} = 1;$$

$$\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{2b+1} + \frac{1}{3c+1} = 2$$

What is the value of  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$  ?

Ans. (12)



Sol. Equ. (1)  $\times$  (2)

$$\frac{2a}{2b+1} + \frac{4b}{3c+1} + \frac{6c}{a+1} = 2 \quad \dots\dots\dots (A)$$

$$\frac{1}{2b+1} + \frac{1}{3c+1} + \frac{1}{a+1} \quad \dots\dots\dots (B)$$

Then, Equ. (A) – Equ. (B), we get

$$\frac{2a-1}{2b+1} + \frac{4b-1}{3c+1} + \frac{6c+1}{a+1} = 0$$

$$\text{As } a, b, c > 0 \Rightarrow 2a-1=4b-1=6c-1=0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{4}, c = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 2 + 4 + 6 = 12$$

Alternative solutions

Let,  $a+1=x$ ,  $2b+1=y$ ,  $3c+1=z$

$$\frac{x-1}{y} + \frac{y-1}{z} + \frac{z-1}{x} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} = 3$$

But by AM  $\geq$  GM (as  $x, y, z > 0$ )

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \geq 3 \text{ and equality holds iff } x = y = z \Rightarrow a+1 = 2b+1 = 3c+1 \Rightarrow a = 2b = 3c = \frac{1}{2}$$

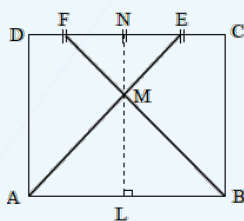
$$\therefore \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{12}$$

12. Consider a square ABCD of side length 16. Let E, F be points on CD such that CE = EF = FD

Let the line BF and AE meet in M. The area of  $\triangle MAB$  is

Ans. (96)

Sol.



The side of a sequence is 16

Then,

$$CF = EF = DE = \frac{16}{3}$$

Let  $MN = h$ ,

Then,  $LM = 16 - h$

Now,  $\triangle MEF \sim \triangle MAB$

$$\therefore \frac{16-h}{h} = \frac{\frac{16}{3}}{\frac{16}{3}} \Rightarrow 16 - h = 3h \Rightarrow h = 4$$

$$\therefore (\triangle MAB) = \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times (24) = 96 \text{ sq. unit}$$

13. Three positive integers  $a, b, c$  with  $a > c$  satisfies the following equations:

$ac + b + c = bc + a + 66$ ,  $a + b + c = 32$  Find the value of  $a$ .

Ans. (19)

Sol:  $ac + b + c = bc + a + 66$ ,  $a + b + c = 32$

$$\Rightarrow ac + b + c - bc - a = 66 \Rightarrow c(a + 1) + b(1 - c) - 1 - a = 65$$

$$\Rightarrow (c - 1)(1 + a) + b(1 - c) = 65 = (c - 1)(1 + a - b) = 65$$

$$= (c - 1)(1 + a - b) = 1 \times 65 \times 5 \times 13 = 13 \times 5 = 65 \times 1$$

|          | $(c - 1)$ | $(1 + a - b)$ | $(a, b, c)$      |                                                |
|----------|-----------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Case – 1 | 1         | 65            | $(47, -17, 2)$   | Note possible as $a, b, c$ are +ve integers    |
| Case – 2 | 5         | 13            | $(19, 7, 6)$     | Possible as all given conditions are satisfied |
| Case – 3 | 13        | 5             | $(11, 7, 14)$    | Not possible as $a > c$                        |
| Case – 4 | 65        | 1             | $(-17, -17, 66)$ | Note possible as $a, b$ are +ve integers       |

Only Possible value of  $a = 19$

14. Initially, there are  $3^{80}$  particles at the origin  $(0, 0)$ . At each step the particles are moved to points above the  $x$  - axis as follows: if there are  $n$  particles at any point  $(x, y)$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor$  of them are moved to  $(x+1, y+1)$  and the remaining to  $(x-1, y+1)$ .

For example, after the first step, there are  $3^{79}$  particles each at  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(0, 1)$  and  $(-1, 1)$ . After the second step, there are  $3^{78}$  particles each at  $(-2, 2)$  and  $(2, 2)$ ,  $2 \times 3^{78}$  particles each at  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2)$ , and  $3^{79}$  particles at  $(0, 2)$ . After 80 steps, the number of particles at  $(79, 80)$  is:

Ans. (80)

Sol:  $1 \rightarrow 3^{79} \ 3^{79} \ 3^{79}$

$2 \rightarrow 3^{78}, 2 \cdot 3^{78}, 3 \cdot 3^{78}, 2 \cdot 3^{78} \ 3^{78}$

$3 \rightarrow 3^{77}, 3 \cdot 3^{77}, 6 \cdot 3^{77}, 7 \cdot 3^{77}, 6 \cdot 3^{77}, 3 \cdot 3^{77} \ 3^{77}$

After 79<sup>th</sup> step  $(79, 79)$  has 3 particles &  $(78, 79)$  has  $79 \times 3$  Particles

After 80<sup>th</sup> step  $(79, 80)$  has  $\frac{79 \times 3}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = 80$

15. Let  $X$  be the set consisting of twenty positive integers  $n, n+2, \dots, n+38$ . The smallest value of  $n$  for which any three numbers  $a, b, c \in X$ , not necessarily distinct, form the sides of an acute-angled triangle is:

Ans. (92)

Sol: Sides:  $n, n, n+38$

$$n + n > n + 38 \Rightarrow n > 38$$

$\therefore$  It is acute

$$n^2 + n^2 > (n + 38)^2 \Rightarrow n^2 - 76n > 38^2$$

$$n - 38 > \sqrt{2} \cdot 38$$

$$n > 91$$

Therefore smallest  $n = 92$

16. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function satisfying the relation  $4f(3-x) + 3f(x) = x^2$  for any real  $x$ . Find the value of  $f(27) - f(25)$  to the nearest integer. (Here  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers.)

Ans. (8)

Sol:  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function such that

$$4f(3-x) + 3f(x) = x^2$$



Replace  $x$  by  $3 - x$ ,

$$\text{Then } 4f(x) + 3f(3-x) = (3-x)^2$$

On solving 1 and 2

$$f(x) = \frac{4(3-x)^2 - 3x^2}{7} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 24x + 36}{7}$$

$$f(27) - f(25) = \frac{1}{7} \left[ (27^2 - 25^2) - 24(27 - 25) \right] = \frac{1}{7} [2 \times 52 - 48] = \frac{56}{7} = 8$$

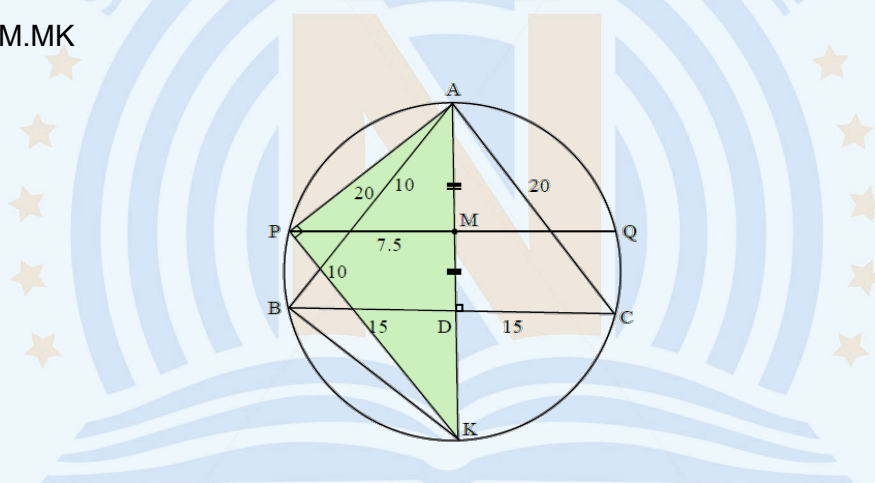
So, required value to nearest integer = 8

17. Consider an isosceles triangle ABC with sides  $BC = 30$ ,  $CA = AB = 20$ . Let D be the foot of the perpendicular from A to BC, and let M be the midpoint of AD. Let PQ be chord of the circumcircle of triangle ABC, such that M lies on PQ and PQ is parallel to BC. The length of PQ is:

Ans. (25)

Sol. In right  $\triangle PAK$

$$PM^2 = AM \cdot MK$$



$$= \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2} \left( \frac{80\sqrt{7}}{7} - \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2} \right) = \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{2} \times \sqrt{7} \times \frac{125}{14} = \frac{625}{2}$$

$$PM = \frac{25}{2} = PQ = 2PM = 25$$

18. Let  $p$ ,  $q$  be two-digit numbers neither of which are divisible by 10. Let  $r$  be the four-digit number by putting the digits of  $p$  followed by the digits of  $q$  (in order). As  $p$ ,  $q$  vary, a computer prints  $r$  on the screen if  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$  and  $p + q$  divides  $r$ . Suppose that the largest number that is printed by the computer is  $N$ . Determine the number formed by the last two digits of  $N$  (in the same order).

Ans. (13)

Sol:  $p + q \mid 100p + q \Rightarrow p + q \mid 99p$

As  $(p, q) = 1 \Rightarrow (p + q, p) \Rightarrow p + q \mid 99$

$\therefore$  For largest value,  $p + q = 99$ .

$q$  can't be 10.

If  $q = 11 \Rightarrow p = 88$  but  $(p, q) = 11$

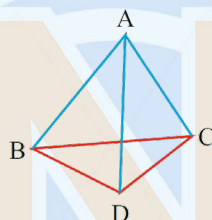
So  $q = 12$   $p = 87$  but  $(12, 87) = 3 \neq 1$

$\therefore q = 13$  &  $p = 86$  so  $N = 8613$

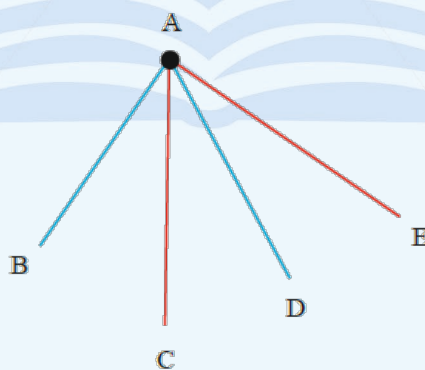
19. Consider five points in the plane, with no three of them collinear. Every pair of points among them is joined by a line. In how many ways can we color these lines by red or blue, so that no three of the points form a triangle with lines of the same color.

Ans. (12)

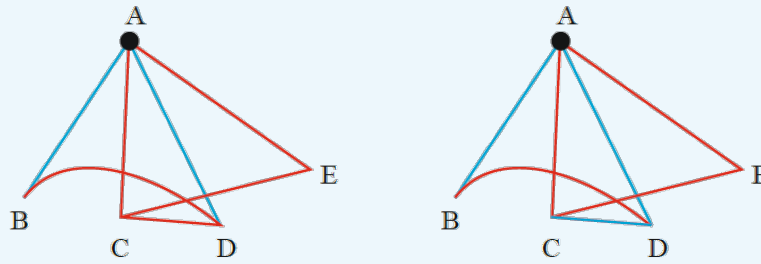
Sol: If from same vertex suppose we get 3 Blue say AC, AB, AD are all blue, then we can't color any of edge BC, BD, CD blue. So they all are red, and we get red  $\Delta$



Hence no 3 edges from any vertex are all of same colors, so each vertex has 2R & 2B edges so there are  ${}^4C_2$  ways to select colours of edges from the vertex A.



If AB, AD & AC, CE are red then, BD is red & CE is Blue and DC can be any colour R or B



Hence there are  $6 \times 2 = 12$  ways

20. On a natural number  $n$  you are allowed two operations: (1) multiply  $n$  by 2 or (2) subtract 3 from  $n$ . For example, starting with 8 you can reach 13 as follows:  $8 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 13$ . You need two steps and you cannot do in less than two steps. Starting from 11, what is the least number of steps required to reach 121?

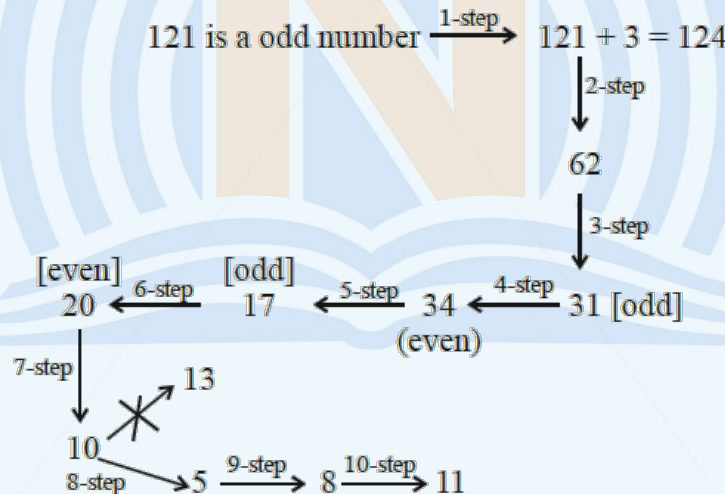
Ans. (10)

Sol: Reformulate the problem to reaching 11 starting from 121 by option:-

a) Divide  $n$  by 2

b) Add 3 to  $n$ .

Clearly, since 121 is a large number. Optimal solution would maximize the repetition of a).



21. An integer  $n$  is such that  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{9} \right\rfloor$  is a three digit number with equal digit, and  $\left\lfloor \frac{n-172}{4} \right\rfloor$  is a 4 digit number with the digits 2, 0, 2, 4 in some order. What is the remainder when  $n$  is divided by 100 ?

Ans. (91)

Sol.  $\left[\frac{n}{9}\right] = 3$  digit number with equal digits

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{n}{9}\right] = (100 + 10 + 1)K = 111k \Rightarrow 111k \leq \frac{n}{9} < 111k + 1 \Rightarrow 999k \leq n < +999k + 9$$

Where  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 7$

$$n_{\max} = 8991 + 9 = 9000 \Rightarrow 2024 \leq \left[\frac{n-172}{4}\right] \leq 4220 \Rightarrow 2024 \leq \frac{n-172}{4} < 4221$$

$$8096 \leq n - 172 \leq 16884$$

$$8268 \leq n < 17056$$

From (A) only possible values of  $n$  exist when  $k = 9$ .

$$\text{For } k = 9 \Rightarrow 8991 \leq n < 8991 + 9$$

$$\text{So } n = 8991$$

When  $n$  is divided by 100 remainder is 91

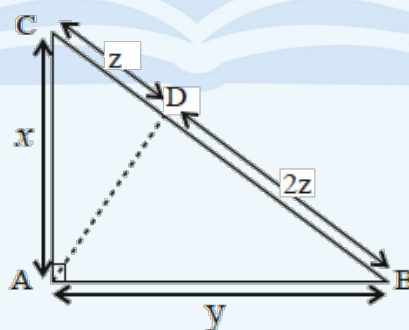
22. In a triangle ABC,  $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$ , Let D be the point on BC such that  $AB + BD = AC + CD$ .

Suppose  $BD : DC = 2 : 1$ .

If  $\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{m + \sqrt{p}}{n}$ , where  $m, n$  are relatively prime positive integers and  $p$  is a prime number, determine the value of  $m + n + p$ .

Ans. (34)

Sol.



$$x^2 + y^2 = 9z^2$$

$$x + z = y + 2z \Rightarrow x = y + z \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 9(x - z)^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 9x^2 + 9y^2 - 18xy$$

$$4x^2 + 4y^2 - 9xy = 0 \Rightarrow 4\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2 - 9\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 64}}{8} = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{17}}{8} \Rightarrow m + n + p = 34$$

23. Consider the fourteen numbers,  $1^4, 2^4, \dots, 14^4$ . The smallest natural number  $n$  such that they leave distinct remainders when divided by  $n$  is :

Ans: (31)

Sol :  $1^4, 2^4, \dots, 14^4$

$$x^4 \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

$$y^4 \equiv b \pmod{n} \text{ such that } a \neq b \text{ for } x \neq y \text{ and } x, y \in \{1, 2, \dots, 14\}$$

$$(x^4 - y^4) = (a - b) \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - y)(x + y)(x^2 + y^2) = (a - b) \pmod{n} \Rightarrow n \mid (x - y)(x + y)(x^2 + y^2) \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

We have to find minimum  $n$  with condition (i)

Clearly,  $n > 27$  as  $(x + y) \in \{3, \dots, 27\}$

Now  $n = 28, x = 6, y = 8$  works

$n = 29, x = 5, y = 2$  works

$n = 30, x = 8, y = 2$  works

for  $n = 31$ , there are no such  $x, y$ ,

$$31 \mid \underbrace{(x - y)(x + y)(x^2 + y^2)}_{\text{Must be prime factor}}$$

$31 \mid (x^2 + y^2)$  and  $31 \mid (x - y)(x + y) \Rightarrow 31$  will be the answer

24. Consider the set  $F$  of all polynomials whose coefficients are in the set of  $\{0, 1\}$ .

$$\text{Let } q(x) = x^3 + x + 1.$$

The number of polynomials  $p(x)$  in  $F$  of degree 14 such that the product  $p(x)q(x)$  is also in  $F$  is

Ans. (50)

$$\text{Sol.. } p(x)q(x) = (x^{14} + \dots)(x^3 + x + 1)$$

$$P(x) = x^{14} \rightarrow 1 \text{ case}$$

$$P(x) = x^{14} + x^\alpha$$

Where  $\alpha = 10, 9, 8, \dots, 1, 0 \rightarrow 11$  case



|                |                             |   |                        |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| $\alpha = 10,$ | $\beta = 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1,$ | } | $\rightarrow 28$ cases |
| $\alpha = 9,$  | $0$                         |   |                        |
| $\alpha = 8,$  | $\beta = 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0$  |   |                        |
| $\alpha = 7,$  | $\beta = 4, 3, 2, 1, 0$     |   |                        |
| $\alpha = 6,$  | $\beta = 3, 2, 1, 0$        |   |                        |
| $\alpha = 5,$  | $\beta = 2, 1, 0$           |   |                        |
| $\alpha = 4,$  | $\beta = 1, 0$              |   |                        |
|                | $\beta = 0$                 |   |                        |

$$p(x) = x^{14} + x^\alpha + x^\beta + x^\gamma$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 10, \quad \beta = 6 \quad \gamma = 2, 1, 0 \\ \alpha = 10, \quad \beta = 5 \quad \gamma = 1, 0 \\ \alpha = 10, \quad \beta = 4 \quad \gamma = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow 6 \text{ cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 9, \quad \beta = 5 \quad \gamma = 1, 0 \\ \alpha = 9, \quad \beta = 4 \quad \gamma = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow 3 \text{ cases}$$

$$\alpha = 8, \quad \beta = 4, \quad \gamma = 0 \rightarrow 1 \text{ cases}$$

Hence, total case =  $1 + 11 + 28 + 6 + 3 + 1 = 50$  cases

25. A finite set  $M$  of positive integers consists of distinct perfect squares and the number 92. The average of the numbers in  $M$  is 85. If we remove 92 from  $M$ , the average drops to 84. If  $N^2$  is the largest possible square in  $M$ , what is the value of  $N$ ?

Ans. (22)

Sol.  $M = \{a_1^2, a_2^2, \dots, a_k^2, 92\}$

$$a_1^2, a_2^2, \dots, a_k^2 + 92 = 85(k+1)$$

$$a_1^2, a_2^2, \dots, a_k^2 = 84k \Rightarrow 92 = 85k + 85 - 84k \Rightarrow k = 7$$

$$84 \times 7 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + 7^2 + 22^2 = 588$$

$$N = 22$$

26. The sum of  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  for all real numbers  $x$  satisfying the equation  $16 + 15x + 15x^2 = \lfloor x \rfloor^3$  is

Ans. (33)

Sol. As  $x - 1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x$

$$\text{So } x^3 \geq 15x^2 + 15x + 16 \text{ gives } x \geq 16$$

So possible value of x are 16, 17

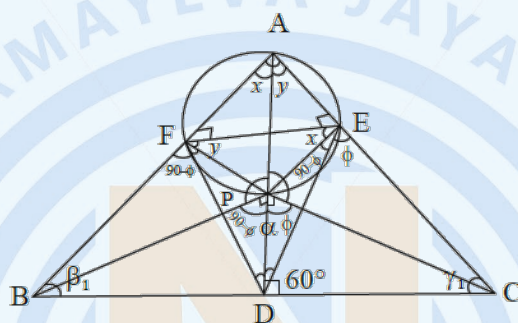
$\therefore$  sum of x = 33

27. In a triangle ABC, a point P in the interior of ABC is such that  $\angle BPC - \angle BAC = \angle CPA - \angle CBA$   
 $= \angle APB - \angle ACB$

Suppose  $\angle BAC = 30^\circ$  and  $AP = 12$ . Let D, E, F be the feet of perpendiculars from P on to BC, CA, AB respectively. If  $m\sqrt{n}$  is the area of the triangle DEF where m, n are integers with n prime, then what is the value of the product mn ?

Ans. (27)

Sol.



$$\alpha - \alpha_1 = \beta - \beta_1 = \gamma - \gamma_1 = \theta \text{ (Say), Given } \alpha_1 = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{Observe AFPE is cyclic} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \alpha_1}{EF} = \frac{1}{AP} \Rightarrow EF = AP \sin \alpha_1 = 12 \times \frac{1}{2} = 6$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \gamma_1 + 3\theta$$

$$2\pi = \pi + 3\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \alpha = \alpha_1 + \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

By angle change we get  $\angle FDE = 60^\circ$

If the area is constant irrespective of the position of P then for  $AP = 12$  (P moving on circle with center A) at some position of P,  $DF = ED \Rightarrow \triangle DEF$  to be equilateral

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (EF)^2 = 9\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow mn = 27$$

28. Find the largest positive integer  $n < 30$  such that  $\frac{1}{2}(n^8 + 3n^4 - 4)$  is not divisible by the square of any prime number

Ans. (20)

Sol. If  $n$  is odd  $n^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

$$\frac{1}{2}(n^8 + 3n^4 - 4) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

So we want  $n$  even

$$\text{If } x^2 + 3x - 4 = (x^2 + 4)(x^2 - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{b^2}$$

$$\phi^2 \mid \frac{1}{2}(n^8 + 3n^4 - 4) = \frac{1}{2}(n^4 + 4)(n^4 - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(n^4 + 4)(n^2 + 1)(n + 1)(n - 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(n^4 + 4)(n^2 + 1)(n + 1)(n - 1) = \frac{1}{2}((n + 1)^2 + 1)((n - 1)^2 + 1)(n + 1)(n - 1)(n^2 + 1)$$

By trial and error

$$n = 28 \quad 3^2 \mid 27 = 28 - 1$$

$$n = 26 \quad 5^2 \mid 26 - 1$$

$$n = 24 \quad 5^2 \mid 24 + 1$$

$$n = 22 \quad \text{Exp} = \frac{1}{2}(530)(484 + 1)(21)(23)$$

$$5^2 \mid \text{Exp.}$$

$$n = 20 \quad \text{Exp} = \frac{1}{2}(442)(362)(21)(19)(401)$$

works

29. Let  $n = 29^{19} 3^{12}$ .

Let  $M$  denote the number of positive divisors of  $n^2$  which are less than  $n$  but would not divide  $n$ . What is the number formed by taking the last two digits of  $M$  ( $n$  the same order) ?

Ans. (28)

Sol. The divisor of  $n^2$  that does not divide  $n$  and is less than  $n$  will be of type  $2^a \cdot 3^b$  where  $a \leq 38$ ,  $b \leq 24$

Now in order that it does not divide  $n$

Either  $a > 19$  or  $b > 12$

Consider divisor of type  $2^{19+x}, 3^{12-y}$

$$= n \times \frac{2^x}{3^y} > n \text{ if } 2^x > 3^y$$

$$< n \text{ if } 2^x < 3^y$$

For each  $(x, y)$ ,  $1 \leq x \leq 19$  &  $1 \leq y \leq 12$

There is unique required factor of  $n^2$  which is less than  $n$  & does not divide  $n$ .

$$\text{No of such factor} = 12 \times 19 = 228$$

$$\text{Ans} = 28$$

30. Let ABC be a right-angled triangle with  $\angle B = 90^\circ$ . Let the length of the altitude BD be equal to 12. What is the minimum possible length of AC, given that AC and the perimeter of triangle ABC are integers?

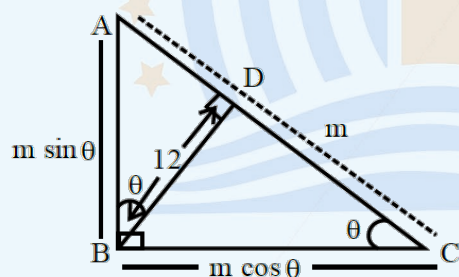
Ans. (25)

Sol. Let AC = m and perimeter is m + n

$$\Rightarrow AB + BC = n$$

$$AB = m \sin \theta, BC = m \cos \theta \Rightarrow m(\sin \theta + \cos \theta) = n$$

$$m \sin \theta \cos \theta = 12 \Rightarrow m > 24$$



$$\Rightarrow m^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2 \times 12}{m} \right) = n^2 \Rightarrow \frac{m^2(m+24)}{m} = n^2 \Rightarrow m(m+24) = n^2$$

$$m = 25 \text{ \& } n^2 = 49 \times 25$$

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