

OCTM Contest Answer Sheet 2001 (back)

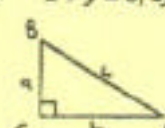
SOLUTIONS TO SELECTED PROBLEMS 2001

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17) 16 Since $x + y = 7$ and $(x + y)(x - y) = x^2 - y^2 = 21$, $x - y = 3$. Thus,
 $2x = (x + y) + (x - y) = 7 + 3 = 10 \Rightarrow x = 5$ and $y = 2$. Hence,
 $2x + 3y = 2 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 2 = 16$.

23) $k = 4n - 5$ $(8^{4n})(32x) = 4^{8n} \Rightarrow 2^{12n} \cdot 2^5 x = 2^{16n} \Rightarrow 2^{12n+5} x = 2^{16n} \Rightarrow x = \frac{2^{16n}}{2^{12n+5}}$
 Thus, $x = 2^{16n - (12n+5)} = 2^{4n-5}$.

25) $\frac{3}{5} = .6$ $x + y = 6, xy = 10$. Then $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{x+y}{xy} = \frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{5}$. OR $x = 3+i; y = 3-i$
 Find $\frac{1}{3+i} + \frac{1}{3-i}$

26) 2 $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C =$

 $\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^2 + (\sin 90^\circ)^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2} + 1 = \frac{c^2}{c^2} + 1 = 2$

31) $24c^2$ Suppose E is the remaining vertex of the original isosceles triangle. Note the area of $\triangle DCE$ is the area of $\triangle ABE$ minus the area of trapezoid $ABCD$. Thus, the area of $\triangle DCE$ is 18cm^2 . $\triangle DCE$ is similar to $\triangle ABE$ and has one fourth the area. Thus, the sides of $\triangle DCE$ are $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$ as long as the sides of $\triangle ABE$. In particular, $ED = \frac{1}{2}EA$ and $EC = \frac{1}{2}EB$. Thus, \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} are medians of $\triangle ABE$. Two medians of a triangle meet at a point that is $\frac{1}{3}$ the distance along the remaining median from the remaining side to the remaining vertex. Thus, $PT = \frac{1}{3}ET$. Since $\triangle ABE$ is isosceles, $\overline{ET} \perp \overline{AB}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area of } \triangle ABP &= \frac{1}{2} AB \cdot PT = \frac{1}{2} AB \cdot \frac{1}{3} ET = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} AB \cdot ET \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \text{area of } \triangle ABE = \frac{72}{3} = 24 \end{aligned}$$

32) $y = -\frac{4}{3}x + 2$ The center of this hyperbola is $(3, -2)$. One asymptote will pass through the center and the point $(3 - \sqrt{9}, -2 - \sqrt{16}) = (0, -6)$ and the other asymptote will pass through the center and the point $(3 + \sqrt{9}, -2 + \sqrt{16}) = (6, 2)$. Clearly the second asymptote passes closer to the origin and its y -intercept is 2. The slope of this line is $\frac{-2-2}{3-0} = -\frac{4}{3}$. Thus, the equation of this asymptote is $y = -\frac{4}{3}x + 2$.

33) $\frac{9}{2}, \frac{27}{4}$ Let $a < b$ be the two numbers. Then since $3, a, b$ are in geometric progression,

$$\frac{a}{3} = \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{3} = b. \text{ Since } a, b, 9 \text{ are in arithmetic progression,}$$

$$b - a = 9 - b \Rightarrow 2b = 9 + a. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$2 \frac{a^2}{3} = 9 + a \Rightarrow 2a^2 - 3a - 27 = 0 \Rightarrow (2a - 9)(a + 3) = 0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{9}{2} \text{ (since } a > 0).$$

$$\text{Then } b = \frac{(9/2)^2}{3} = \frac{81}{12} = \frac{27}{4}.$$

34) -4

$$z = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{88}{-22} = -4$$

37) $4\sqrt{2}$ First note that $\angle DAB$ is a right angle. Then since $AD=1$ and $AB=7$,
 $DB = \sqrt{1+49} = \sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$. Since $\angle DCB$ is a right angle,
 $2CD^2 = CD^2 + CB^2 = DB^2 = 50 \Rightarrow CD = 5$. Note the $m\angle ADB = \arctan 7$. Now
 apply the law of cosines to $\triangle ADC$:
 $AC^2 = AD^2 + CD^2 - 2 \cdot AD \cdot CD \cdot \cos(\arctan 7 + \frac{\pi}{4})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 + 25 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 5 \cdot [\cos(\arctan 7) \cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) - \sin(\arctan 7) \sin(\frac{\pi}{4})] \\ &= 26 - 10 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{50}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{7}{\sqrt{50}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] = 26 - 10 \left[\frac{1}{10} - \frac{7}{10} \right] = 32 \\ \text{Thus, } AC &= \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

39) all $x > 0, x \neq 1$
 Note since x appears as the base in the expression $\log_3 5$, we must have $x > 0, x \neq 1$. Furthermore for these possible x ,
 $(\log_3 x)(\log_3 5) = \log_3 5 \Leftrightarrow 3^{(\log_3 x)(\log_3 5)} = 3^{\log_3 5} \Leftrightarrow x^{\log_3 5} = 5 \Leftrightarrow 5 = 5$, a statement that is always true. Thus, the equation holds for all $x > 0, x \neq 1$.



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