



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS LEAGUES

PLAYOFFS – 2009

Round 2: Algebra 1

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1. For real  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $x^2 - xy + y^2 = \frac{42}{x+y}$  and  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = \frac{12}{x-y}$ , what is the value of  $x$ ?

2. Let  $p$  and  $d$  be positive integers. If  $|x - p| < d$  has 7 integral solutions, determine the value of  $d$ .

3. The following five distinct integers are written in increasing order: 7, 8, 10,  $x$ ,  $y$ . List all ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  such that the average of the five numbers equals the median of them. (Proper notation must be used in your answer.)

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Round 3: Geometry

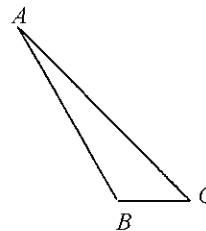
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1. In right triangle  $ABC$ ,  $m\angle C = 90$ .  $D$  lies on  $\overline{BC}$  such that  $AD = DB = CD\sqrt{10}$ . Determine the numerical value of  $\frac{AC}{CD}$ .

2. Find, in simplified exact form, the number of square units in the area of  $\triangle ABC$  given  $AC = 6$ ,  $m\angle B = 120^\circ$ , and  $m\angle A = 15^\circ$ .



3. In equilateral triangle  $ABC$ , medians  $\overline{CD}$  and  $\overline{BE}$  intersect at  $F$ . Determine the ratio of the perimeter of  $ADFE$  to the perimeter of  $FBC$ , in simplified, exact form.

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Round 4: Algebra 2

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1. A polynomial has integer coefficients and the leading coefficient is 1. If two of the roots are  $2i$  and  $1 - i$ , find the sum of the coefficients of the polynomial of least degree.

2. Let  $f$  be a cubic whose coefficients are all <sup>non-negative</sup> ~~positive~~ integers and  $f(1) = 3$ . Find the sum of the least and greatest possible values of  $f(2)$ . (The coefficient of  $x^3$  is not zero.)

3. Let  $a_1 = 2$  and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$ . For how many values of  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 2009$ ,  
is  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i$  divisible by 7?

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Round 5: Analytic Geometry

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1. Let  $f$  be a strictly increasing function on the open interval  $(1, 2)$ . Determine the number of integral values of  $k$  such that  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 3x + k$  has a zero on  $(1, 2)$ .

2. Determine all values of  $k$  such that the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 5x}{2x^3 - x^2 + k}$  intersects its horizontal asymptote in 2 points.

3. The vertices of  $\triangle ABC$  are  $A(1, 2)$ ,  $B(4, k)$ , and  $C(k, 8)$ .

Find the sum of all values of  $k$  such that the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is 9.

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Round 6: Trig and Complex Numbers

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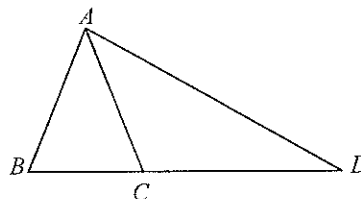
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1. In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $BA = 6$ ,  $BC = 8$ , and  $\angle B$  is acute. If the area of  $ABC$  is 20 square units, find  $\cos B$ .

2. Determine the largest real number  $a$  such that  $\left| \frac{1}{1+i} - a \right| = 1$ .

3. Given  $AB = AC = 8$ ,  $BC = 4$ , and  $CD : AD = 3 : 4$ , find the number of units in the length of  $\overline{AD}$ .



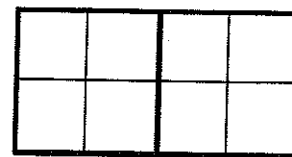
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Team Round

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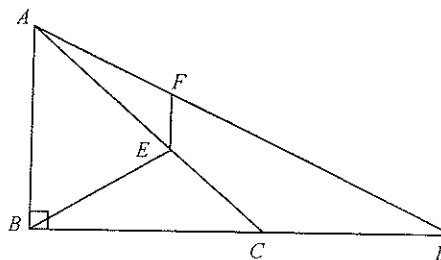
1. The digits 1, 2, 3, and 4 are to be placed into the boxes at the right in such a way that all four digits are in each row and all four are in each 2 by 2 box outlined with darker lines. In how many distinct ways can the numbers be placed in the boxes?



2. For how many integral values of  $n$  between 1 and 2009 inclusive is the following an integer?

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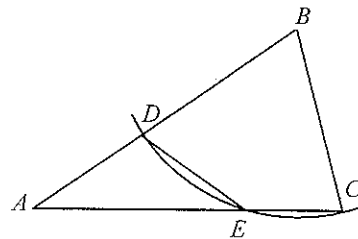
3. Starting at the base of a vertical light post  $\overline{AB}$ , Efe walks up inclined plank  $\overline{BE}$ , stopping at  $E$ . If  $AB = 18$ ,  $m\angle EBC = 30^\circ$ ,  $BE = 12$ , and Efe's height, i.e., segment  $\overline{EF}$ , is 6 units in length, determine the number of units in the length of Efe's shadow on the floor, namely the length of  $\overline{CD}$ .



4. In circle  $O$ ,  $m\widehat{BA} = m\widehat{AC} = 60^\circ$  and  $P$  lies on circle  $O$  not on minor  $\widehat{BC}$ . Find the value of the ratio  $\frac{PC + PB}{PA}$ .

5. For  $x, y, z > 0$ , if  $x + \frac{1}{y} = a$ ,  $y + \frac{1}{z} = b$ , and  $z + \frac{1}{x} = c$ , find the minimum value of the product  $abc$ .

6. In an acute triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\overline{BC}$  is the shortest side and is taken as the radius of a circle with center  $B$ ; this circle intersects  $\overline{AB}$  at  $D$  and  $\overline{AC}$  at  $E$ . If  $AD = DE$ , find all possible degree measures for angle  $A$ .





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*Answer Sheet*

Round 1

1. 4
2. 10
3. 28

Round 2

1. 3
2. 4
3. (11,14), (12,13)

Round 3

1. 3
2.  $9 - 3\sqrt{3}$
3.  $(\sqrt{3} - 1) : 1$

Round 4

1. 5
2. 34
3. 574

Round 5

1. 12
2.  $k > -25$
3. 6

Round 6

1.  $\frac{\sqrt{11}}{6}$
2.  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$
3. 16

Team

1. 96
2. 44
3.  $9\sqrt{3}$
4.  $\sqrt{3} : 1$
5. 8
6.  $30 < \theta < 45$