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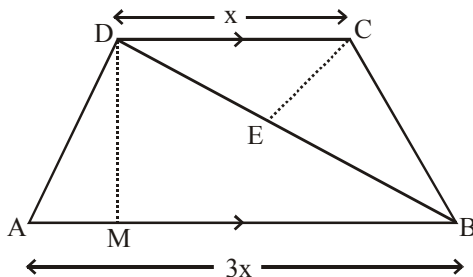
**SOLUTIONS**

Time allowed: 3 hours

1. Let ABCD be a trapezium in which  $AB \parallel CD$  and  $AB = 3CD$ . Let E be then: midpoint of the diagonal BD. If  $[ABCD] = n \times [CDE]$ , what is the value of n? (Here  $[\tau]$  denotes the area of the geometrical figure  $\tau$ .)

Ans. (08)

Sol.



$$[ABCA] = [ABD] + [BCA]$$

$$= \frac{3x}{2} \cdot H + \frac{x \cdot H}{2}$$

$$[ABCD] = \frac{4x \cdot H}{2} = 2x \cdot H$$

Also,  $[CDE] = \frac{1}{2}[BDC]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} xH$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} xH$$

$$\therefore \frac{[ABCD]}{[CDE]} = 8$$

$$[ABCD] = 8 \times [CDE]$$

So,  $\boxed{n=8}$

2. A number N in base 10, is 503 in base b and 305 in base b + 2. What is the product of the digits of N?

Ans. (64)

Sol.  $(N)_{10} = (503)_b = (305)_{b+2}$

$$\therefore N = 5b^2 + 3 = 3(b+2)^2 + 5$$

$$\therefore 5b^2 - 2 = 3(b^2 + 4 + 4b)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b^2 - 12b - 14 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 - 6b - 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (b-7)(b+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{b=7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore N &= 5(49) + 3 \\ &= 248\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Products of digits of } N &= 2 \times 4 \times 8 \\ &= 64\end{aligned}$$

3. If  $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{2k+1}{(k^2+k)^2} = 0.9999$  then determine the value of N.

**Ans. (99)**

**Sol.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{2k+1}{(k^2+k)^2} = 0.9999$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{k+k+1}{k^2(k+1)^2} = 0.9999$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \left[ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k+1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^N \left[ \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k+1} \right] = 0.9999$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^N \left( \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} \right) = 0.9999$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} = 0.9999$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(N+1)^2} = 0.0001$$

$$= (N+1)^2 = 10,000$$

$$\Rightarrow N+1 = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{N=99}$$

4. Let ABCD be a rectangle in which  $AB + BC + CD = 20$  and  $AE = 9$  where E is the mid-point of the side BC. Find the area of the rectangle.

**Ans. (19)**

**Sol.** Let  $AB = CD = x$   
and  $AD = BC = y$   
Then,

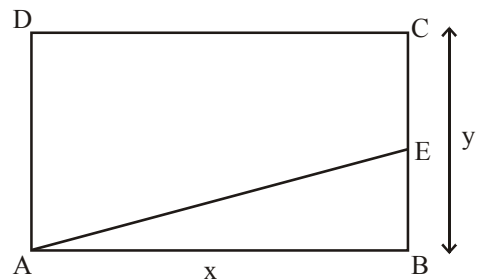
$$2x + y = 20, \quad x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} = 81 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{(20-2x)^2}{4} = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 100 + x^2 - 20x = 81$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 20x + 19 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore x = \frac{20 \pm \sqrt{400 - 152}}{4}$$



$$= \frac{20 \pm 2\sqrt{62}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{62}}{2}$$

$$\therefore y = 10 \mp \sqrt{62}$$

So, Area of rectagle =  $\frac{(10)^2 - 62}{2} = 19$

**Method II :**

$$x + y + x = 20$$

$$2x + y = 20$$

$$x + \frac{y}{2} = 10 \quad \dots (1)$$

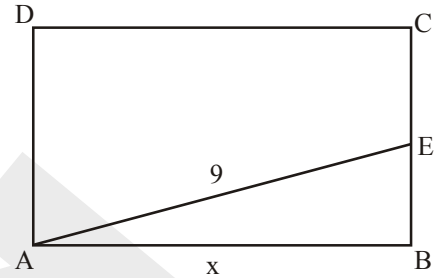
$$x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} = 81 \quad \dots (2)$$

Square Both side E<sub>C</sub> (1)

$$\left(x + \frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = 100$$

$$x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} + xy = 100$$

$$xy = 19$$



5. Find the number of integer solutions to  $|x| - 2020 < 5$ .

**Ans. (18)**

**Sol.**  $||x| - 2020| < 5$

$$- 5 < |x| - 2020 < 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2015 < |x| < 2025$$

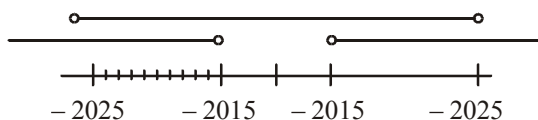
So,  $|x| > 2015$

$$\Rightarrow - 2015 > x > 2015 \quad \dots(1)$$

Also,  $|x| < 2025$

$$\Rightarrow - 2025 < x < 2025 \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)



So,  $x \in \{- 2024, - 2023, \dots, 2015, 2016, 2017, \dots, 2024\}$

No of integer solution = 18 Ans.

6. What is the least positive integer by which  $2^5 \cdot 3^6 \cdot 4^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 6^7$  should be multiplied so that, the product is a perfect square?

**Ans. (15)**

**Sol.** Let  $M = 2^5 \cdot 3^6 \cdot 4^3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 6^7$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow M &= 2^{5+6+7} \cdot 3^{6+7} \cdot 5^3 \\ &= 2^{18} \cdot 3^{13} \cdot 5^3 \end{aligned}$$

For M to be a perfect square, M should be multiplied by  $3 \cdot 5 = 15$

7. Let ABC be a triangle with  $AB = AC$ . Let D be a point on the segment BC such that  $BD = 48\frac{1}{61}$  and  $DC = 61$ . Let E be a point on AD such that CE is perpendicular to AD and  $DE = 11$ . Find AE.

**Ans. (25)**

**Sol.** Right angle  $\triangle CED$

$$\begin{aligned} CE &= \sqrt{61^2 - 11^2} \\ &= \sqrt{72 \times 50} \\ &= 6 \times 10 = 60 \end{aligned}$$

Hence ABC is isosceles  $\triangle$

$\Rightarrow$  AF Divide

$BC = BF + FC$  ( $BF = FC$ )

$$48 + \frac{1}{61} + 61 = 2BF$$

$$109 + \frac{1}{61} = 2BF$$

$$54 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{122} = BF$$

$$54 + \frac{61+1}{122} = BF$$

$$54 + \frac{31}{61} = BF$$

In right angle  $\triangle AFC$

$$AC^2 = \left(54 + \frac{31}{61}\right)^2 + AF^2 \quad \dots (1)$$

In Right angle  $\triangle AEC$

$$AC^2 = (60^2) + (AE)^2 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$DF = BF - BD = 54 + \frac{31}{61} - 48 - \frac{1}{61}$$

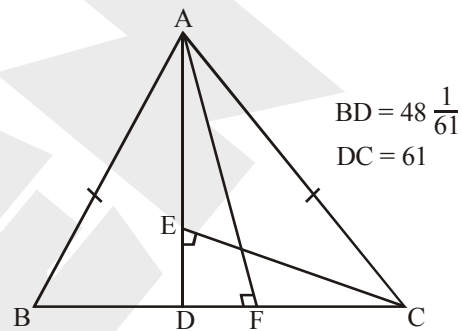
$$= 6 + \frac{30}{61}$$

So in Right angle triangle AFD

$$AD^2 = AF^2 + DF^2$$

$$(AE + ED)^2 - DF^2 = AF^2$$

$$(AE^2 + 11)^2 - \left(6 + \frac{30}{61}\right)^2 = AF^2$$



Equation (i) and (ii)

$$\Rightarrow \left(54 + \frac{31}{61}\right)^2 + (AE + 11)^2 = \left(6 + \frac{30}{31}\right)^2 = (60)^2 + AE^2$$

On solving  $AE = 25$

8. A 5-digit number (in base 10) has digits  $k, k + 1, k + 2, 3k, k + 3$  in that order, from left to right. If this number is  $m^2$  for some natural number  $m$ , find the sum of the digits of  $m$ .

**Ans. (15)**

**Sol.** According to the question,

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 &= 10^4 (K) + 10^3 (K + 1) + 10^2 (K + 2) + 10^1 (3K) + K + 3 \\ &= 10^4 K + 10^3 K + 10^2 K + 10 (3K) + K + 10^3 + 10^2 \cdot 2 + 3 \\ &= K (10^4 + 10^3 + 10^2 + 31) + 1203 \\ &= K(11131) + 1203 \end{aligned}$$

For  $K = 3$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 = 34,596$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 186$$

$\therefore$  Sum of the digits of  $m = 15$

9. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $AB = 5, AC = 4, BC = 6$ . The internal angle bisector of  $C$  intersects the side  $AB$  at  $D$ . Points  $M$  and  $N$  are taken on sides  $BC$  and  $AC$ , respectively, such that  $DM \parallel AC$  and  $DN \parallel BC$ . If  $(MN)^2 = \frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime positive integers then what is the sum of the digits of  $|p - q|$ ?

**Ans. (02)**

**Sol.**  $CD$  is the bisector of  $\angle C$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore AD = 2 \text{ and } BD = 3$$

Now,  $DM \parallel BC$

$$\therefore \frac{AD}{BD} = \frac{AN}{MC} = \frac{2}{3}$$

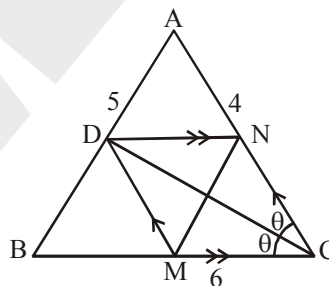
$$\therefore NC = \frac{3}{5} \times 4 = \frac{12}{5}$$

Also  $DM \parallel AC$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{BM}{MC} = \frac{BD}{DA} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore MC = \frac{2}{5} \times 6 = \frac{12}{5}$$

So,  $DMCM$  is a rhombus.



$$\text{Now, } \cos C = \frac{6^2 + 4^2 - 5^2}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 4} = \frac{\left(\frac{12}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{12}{5}\right)^2 - (MN)^2}{2\left(\frac{12}{5}\right)^2}$$

On solving integer get

$$MN^2 = \frac{126}{25} = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$\therefore |p - q| = 101$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sum of the digits of } |p - q| = 1 + 0 + 1 = 2$$

- 10.** Five students take a test on which any integer score from 0 to 100 inclusive is possible. What is the largest possible difference between the median and the mean of the scores? (The median of a set of scores is the middlemost score when the data is arranged in increasing order. It is exactly the middle score when there are an odd number of scores and it is the average of the two middle scores when there are an even number of scores.)

**Ans. (40)**

**Sol.** 0, 0, 0, 100, 100

$$\text{difference}_{\max} = |\text{median} - \text{mean}|$$

$$\text{median} = 0$$

$$\text{mean} = \frac{0+0+0+100+100}{5} = 40$$

$$\text{difference}_{\max} = |40 - 0| = 40$$

- 11.** Let  $X = \{-5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $S = \{(a, b) \in X \times X : x^2 + ax + b \text{ and } x^3 + bx + a \text{ have at least a common real zero}\}$ . How many elements are there in  $S$ ?

**Ans. (24)**

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Sol. } x^2 + ax + b \sqrt{x^3 + bx + a} \\ \frac{x^3 + ax^2 + bx}{-ax^2 + a} \\ \frac{-ax^2 - a^2x - ab}{a^2x + a(b+1)} \end{array}$$

If a common root is there, then  $a^2x + a(b+1)$  must be a factor of  $x^2 + ax + b$ . So, for  $x = -\left(\frac{b+1}{a}\right)$  is a root of  $x^2 + ax + b$ .

$$\left(\frac{b+1}{a}\right)^2 - a\frac{(b+1)^2}{a} + b = 0$$

$$a = \pm (b + 1)$$

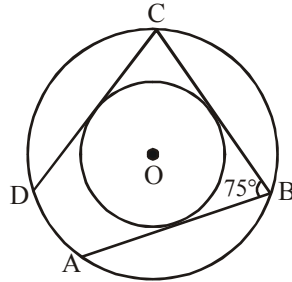
$$a - b = 1 \text{ or } a + b = -1$$

S  $\{(-1, 0), (0, -1), (-2, 1), (1, -2), (-3, 2), (2, -3), (-4, 3), (3, -4), (-5, 4), (4, -5), (2, 1), (3, 2), (4, 3), (5, 4), (-1, -2), (-2, -3), (-3, -4), (-4, -5), (1, 0)\}$

$(0, -2), (0, -3), (0, -4), (0, -5), (0, 6)$  are also the solution.

therefore total common solution = 24

12. Given a pair of concentric circles, chords AB, BC, CD, ... of the outer circle are drawn such that they all touch the inner circle. If  $\angle ABC = 75^\circ$ , how many chords can be drawn before returning to the starting point?



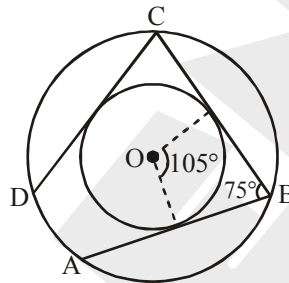
Ans. (24)

Sol. Here, central angle =  $105^\circ$

So, total number of chords

$$= \frac{360^\circ}{\gcd(105^\circ, 360^\circ)}$$

$$= \frac{360^\circ}{15^\circ} = 24$$



13. Find the sum of all positive integers  $n$  for which  $|2^n + 5^n - 65|$  is a perfect square.

Ans. (06)

Sol. Let  $m^2 = |2^n + 5^n - 65|$

For  $n = 2, m^2 = |4 + 25 - 65| = |-36| = 6^2$

For  $n \geq 3$

$$m^2 = |2^n + 5(5^{n-1} - 13)|$$

If  $n = 4, m^2 = 576 = 24^2$

If  $n \geq 5, m^2 = 2^n + 5 \text{ (ab } 25 - 13)$

$$= 2^n + 5 \cdot ab \ 12$$

$$= 2^n + xab \ 60 \quad (\text{where } x \in \mathbb{I}^+)$$

So, for  $n = 1, 3, 5, 7 \dots$  not possible as unit digit is 2 and 8.

Also, for  $n = 2k$

$$m^2 = 4k + 5(5^{2k-1} - 13)$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - (2^k)^2 = 5(5^{2k-1} - 13)$$

$$\Rightarrow (m - 2^k)(m + 2^k) = 5(5^{2k-1} - 13)$$

Here, last 2 digit always ends with 60 in RHS. So, not possible for  $n = 6, 8, 10, \dots$

$$\therefore n = 2 \text{ and } 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Sum of } n = 6$$

14. The product  $55 \times 60 \times 65$  is written as the product of five distinct positive integers. What is the least possible value of the largest of these integers?

Ans. (20)

Sol.  $55 \times 60 \times 65$

$$N = 5 \times 11 \times 12 \times 5 \times 13 \times 5$$

$$N = 5 \times 11 \times 13 \times 15 \times 20$$

So, least value of largest of these integers = 20

15. Three couples sit for a photograph in 2 rows of three people each such that no couple is sitting in the same row next to each other or in the same column one behind the other. How many arrangements are possible?

Ans. (96)

Sol. Couples be

$B_1, G_1$

$B_2, G_2$

$B_3, G_3$

Case I :-

$B_1, B_2, B_3$  are in same row

then  $G_1, G_2, G_3$  can be arrange in other row in

Derrangement (3) = 2 ways

So,

$$(3! \times 2) \times 2 = 24 \text{ ways}$$

$\swarrow$                        $\searrow$                        $\searrow$   
 Arrange                  Arrange                   $R_1, R_2$   
 $B_1, B_2, B_3$                $G_1, G_2, G_3$

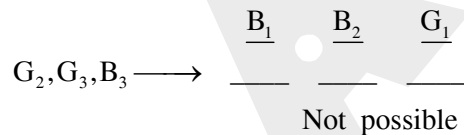
	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$
$R_1$	_____	_____	_____
$R_2$	_____	_____	_____

Case II :-

Two boys one girl in a row

Say if  $B_1, B_2$  then girl cannot be  $G_1$  or  $G_2$

because if say  $B_1, B_2, G_1$  in a row



$B_1, B_2, G_3$  in a row - 3!

In other row  $B_3, G_1, G_2$

in derrangement (3) = 2 ways

$$(3! \times 2) \times 2 = 24$$

Similarly if  $B_1, B_3, G_2 = 24$  ways

$$B_2, B_3, G_1 = 24 \text{ ways}$$

Total = 96 ways



16. The sides  $x$  and  $y$  of a scalene triangle satisfy  $x + \frac{2\Delta}{x} = y + \frac{2\Delta}{y}$ , where  $\Delta$  is the area of the triangle. If  $x = 60$ ,  $y = 63$ , what is the length of the largest side of the triangle?

Ans. (87)

Sol.  $x + \frac{2\Delta}{x} = y + \frac{2\Delta}{y}$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} xy \frac{\sin \theta}{x} = y + 2 \frac{1}{2} xy \frac{\sin \theta}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y \sin \theta = y + x \sin \theta$$

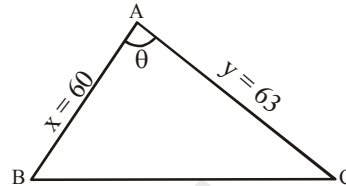
$$\Rightarrow x - y = \sin \theta (x - y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 90$$

$$\therefore BC = 87$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Largest side of } \triangle ABC = 87$$



17. How many two digit numbers have exactly 4 positive factors? (Here 1 and the number  $n$  are also considered as factors of  $n$ .)

Ans. (30)

Sol. If  $P_1$  &  $P_2$  are prime then

$$N = P_1 \times P_2 \text{ or } N = P^3.$$

Primes less than so are

$$2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47$$

$$\text{for } P_1 = 2 \quad P_2 \in (5, \dots, 47) = 13$$

$$P_1 = 3 \quad P_2 \in (5, \dots, 31) = 9$$

$$P_1 = 5 \quad P_2 \in (7, 11, \dots, 19) = 5$$

$$P_1 = 7 \quad P_2 \in (11, 13, 17) = 3$$

$$P^3 = 3^3$$

$$\text{Total number} = 13 + 9 + 5 + 3 + 1 = 30$$

18. If

$$\sum_{k=1}^{40} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}} \right) = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $b < c$ ,  $\gcd(b, c) = 1$ , then what is the value of  $a + b$ ?

Ans. (80)

Sol.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{40} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}} \right) = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{40} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{k^2 + 1 + 2k + k^2}{k^2(k+1)^2}} \right) = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{40} \left( \sqrt{(1)^2 + \frac{2k^2 + 2k}{k^2(k+1)^2} + \frac{1}{k^2(k+1)^2}} \right) = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{40} \sqrt{(1)^2 + \frac{2}{k(k+1)} + \left( \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \right)^2} = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{40} 1 + \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{40} 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{40} \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$= 40 + \sum_{k=1}^{40} \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 40 + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{41} \right) = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

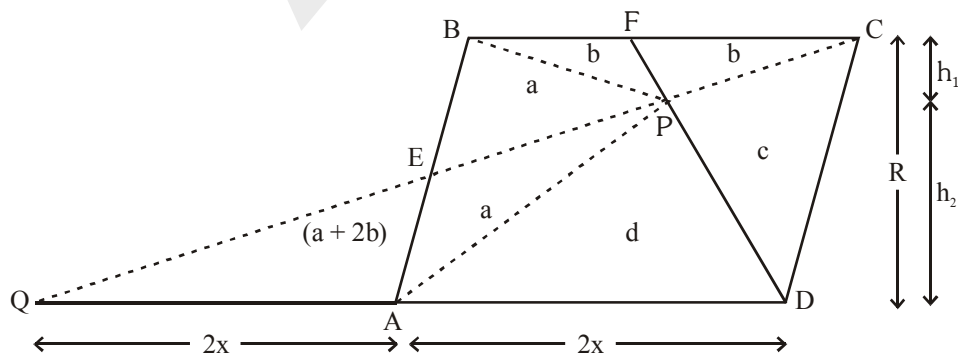
$$\Rightarrow 40 + \frac{40}{41} = a + \frac{b}{c}$$

$$a + b = 40 + 40 = 80$$

19. Let ABCD be a parallelogram. Let E and F be midpoints of AB and BC respectively. The lines EC and FD intersect in P and form four triangles APB, BPC, CPD and DPA. If the area of the parallelogram is 100 sq. units, what is the maximum area in sq. units of a triangle among these four triangles?

Ans. (40)

Sol.



$$a + b = 25$$

$$b + c = 25$$

$$2a + 2b + c + d = 100$$

$$\Delta EQA \cong \Delta EBC$$

$$\Rightarrow [ECQ] = a + 2b$$

$$\Delta FPC \sim \Delta PDQ$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area of } \Delta FCP = \frac{h_1 \cdot x}{2}$$

$$\frac{h_1}{h_2} = \frac{x}{4x} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 = \frac{1}{5}h$$

$$\Rightarrow [FCP] = \frac{hx}{10} = \frac{2hx}{20} = \frac{100}{20} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 15$$

$$b = 5$$

$$c = 20$$

$$d = 100 - 2a - 2b - c = 40$$

20. A group of women working together at the same rate can build a wall in 45 hours. When the work started, all the women did not start working together. They joined the work over a period of time, one by one, at equal intervals. Once at work, each one stayed till the work was complete. If the first woman worked 5 times as many hours as the last woman, for how many hours did the first woman work?

**Ans. (75)**

**Sol.** Let there are 'n' women

$$\Rightarrow \text{Each woman's one hour work} = \frac{1}{45n}$$

$$\text{Also, } 5[t - (n-1)d] = t$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t = 5(n-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{45n} \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) [2t - (n-1)d] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{90} \left[ 2t - \frac{4t}{5} \right] = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 75 \text{ hours}$$

21. A total fixed amount of N thousand rupees is given to three persons A, B, C, every year, each being given an amount proportional to her age. In the first year, A got half the total amount. When the sixth payment was made, A got six-seventh of the amount that she had in the first year; B got Rs 1000 less than that she had in the first year; and C got twice of that she had in the first year. Find N.

Ans. (35)

Sol.	A	B	C
Age at beginning	a	b	c
Money at first year	$\frac{N}{2}$	$\frac{b}{b+c} \left( \frac{N}{2} \right)$	$\frac{c}{b+c} \left( \frac{N}{2} \right)$
Age at 6 <sup>th</sup> payment	a + 5	b + 5	c + 5
Money recieved	$\frac{6}{7} \left( \frac{N}{2} \right) = \frac{3N}{7}$	$\frac{b}{b+c} \left( \frac{N}{2} \right) - 1000$	$\frac{c}{b+c} (N)$

Amount  $\propto$  age  $\Rightarrow a = b + c$

$$\text{At 6}^{\text{th}} \text{ payment, } \frac{a+5}{a+b+c+15} = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b+c+5}{2b+2c+15} = \frac{3}{7} \Rightarrow \boxed{b+c=10}$$

$$\text{For C, at 6}^{\text{th}} \text{ payment : } \frac{c+5}{b+c+10} \times \frac{4N}{7} = \frac{c}{b+c} \times N$$

$$\frac{4}{7} \left( \frac{c+5}{20} \right) = \frac{c}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 2 \Rightarrow b = 8$$

For B, at 6<sup>th</sup> payment :

$$\frac{b+5}{b+c+10} \times \frac{4N}{7} = \frac{b}{b+c} \left( \frac{N}{2} \right) - 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13}{20} \times \frac{4N}{7} = \frac{8}{10} \left( \frac{N}{2} \right) - 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow N \left( \frac{2}{5} - \frac{13}{35} \right) = 1000$$

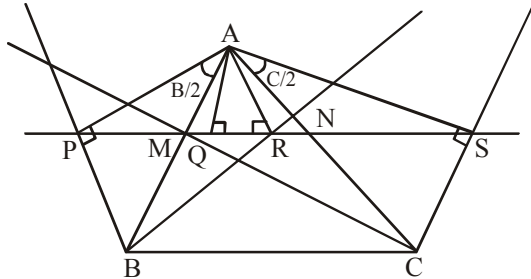
$$\Rightarrow N = 35,000$$

$$N = 35$$

22. In triangle ABC, let P and R be the feet of the perpendiculars from A onto the external and internal bisectors of  $\angle ABC$ , respectively; and let Q and S be the feet of the perpendiculars from A onto the internal and external bisectors of  $\angle ACB$ , respectively. If  $PQ = 7$ ,  $QR = 6$  and  $RS = 8$ , what is the area of triangle ABC?

Ans. (84)

Sol.



Let M, N be the midpoints of AB, AC. Join PM, NS

M is circumcentre of right angled

$$\begin{aligned} \triangle APB &\Rightarrow \angle MAP = \angle MPA = B/2 \\ &\Rightarrow \angle BMP = B = \angle MBC \\ &\Rightarrow PM \parallel BC \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $NS \parallel BC$

$$MN \parallel BC \quad (\text{midpoint theorem})$$

$$\Rightarrow P, M, N, S \text{ are collinear}$$

Now, Join MR, NQ

M is circumcentre of right angled  $\triangle ARB$

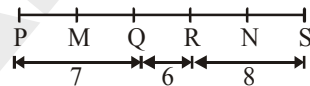
$$\begin{aligned} MR = MB &\Rightarrow \angle MRB = \angle MBR = B/2 = \angle RBC \\ &\Rightarrow MR \parallel BC \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $NQ \parallel BC$

M, Q, R, N are collinear

$$\Rightarrow PMQRNS \text{ is a straight line.}$$

Also PR, QS are diameters of cyclic quadrilateral APBR, ASCQ =  $PM = MR$  and  $QN = NS$



$$PM = MR = \frac{13}{2}, \quad QN = NS = \frac{14}{2} = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow PA = PB = \frac{13}{2}, \quad NA = NC = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow AB = 13 \Rightarrow AC = 14$$

$$MN = MR + QN - QR = \frac{13}{2} + 7 - 6 = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow BC = 2 MN = 15 \text{ (Mid point Theorem)}$$

Sides are 13, 14, 15

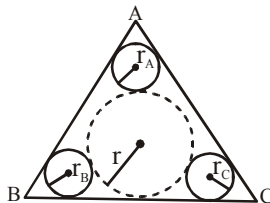
$$\Rightarrow \therefore \text{area} = 84 \text{ (Heron's formula)}$$

23. The incircle of a scalene triangle ABC touches BC at D, CA at E and AB at F. Let  $r_A$  be the radius of the circle inside ABC which is tangent to  $\Gamma$  and the sides AB and AC. Define  $r_B$  and  $r_C$  similarly. If  $r_A = 16$ ,  $r_B = 25$  and  $r_C = 36$ , determine the radius of  $\Gamma$ .

Ans. (74)

Sol. Using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{r_a \cdot r_b} + \sqrt{r_b \cdot r_c} + \sqrt{r_c \cdot r_a} \\ &= \sqrt{16 \cdot 25} + \sqrt{25 \cdot 36} + \sqrt{36 \cdot 16} \\ &= 20 + 30 + 24 = 74 \end{aligned}$$



24. A light source at the point (0, 16) in the coordinate plane casts light in all directions. A disc (a circle along with its interior) of radius 2 with center at (6, 10) casts a shadow on the X axis. The length of the shadow can be written in the form  $m\sqrt{n}$  where m, n are positive integers and n is square-free. Find  $m + n$ .

Ans. (21)

Sol. Here, PQ is the required length of shadow.

Now, slope of  $BO_1 = -1$

Let  $\angle PBA = \angle ABQ = \theta$

Then,

$$\angle OPB = 45^\circ + \theta, \quad \angle BQO = 45^\circ - \theta$$

$$\text{Also, } OB = 16, O_1B = 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore OP = \frac{16}{\tan(45 + \theta)} \text{ and } OQ = \frac{16}{\tan(45 - \theta)}$$

$$\text{So, } PQ = OQ - OP$$

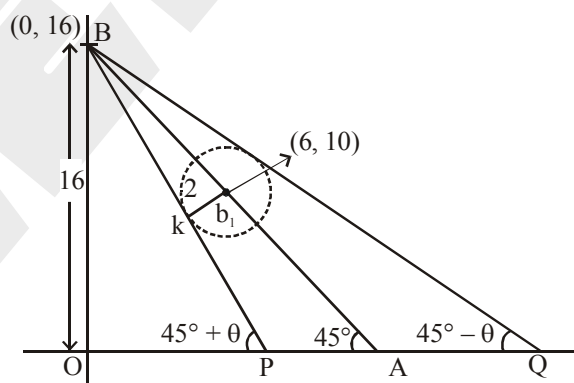
$$\begin{aligned} &= 16 \left( \frac{1}{\tan(45 - \theta)} - \frac{1}{\tan(45 + \theta)} \right) \\ &= 16 \left( \frac{\tan \theta + 1}{-\tan \theta + 1} - \frac{-\tan \theta + 1}{\tan \theta + 1} \right) \\ &= 16 \left( \frac{4 \tan \theta}{-\tan^2 \theta + 1} \right) \quad \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But, In } \Delta BO_1K, \tan \theta = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{17}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}$$

$$\therefore PQ = \frac{16 \cdot 4 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \right)}{1 - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \right)^2}$$

$$PQ = 4\sqrt{17} = m\sqrt{n}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{m + n = 21}$$



25. For a positive integer  $n$ , let  $\langle n \rangle$  denote the perfect square integer closest to  $n$ . For example,  $\langle 74 \rangle = 81$ ,  $\langle 18 \rangle = 16$ . If  $N$  is the smallest positive integer such that

$$\langle 91 \rangle \cdot \langle 120 \rangle \cdot \langle 143 \rangle \cdot \langle 180 \rangle \cdot \langle N \rangle = 91 \cdot 120 \cdot 143 \cdot 180 \cdot N$$

find the sum of the squares of the digits of  $N$ .

**Ans. (56)**

**Sol.**  $\langle 91 \rangle = 100$

$$\langle 120 \rangle = 121$$

$$\langle 143 \rangle = 144$$

$$\langle 180 \rangle = 169$$

$$\therefore 81 \cdot 121 \cdot 144 \cdot 169 \cdot \langle N \rangle = 91 \cdot 120 \cdot 143 \cdot 180 \cdot N$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle N \rangle = \frac{91 \cdot 120 \cdot 143 \cdot 180 \cdot N}{100 \cdot 121 \cdot 144 \cdot 169}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle N \rangle = \frac{21}{22} N$$

Now to make  $\langle N \rangle$  to be a perfect square, we can take smallest  $N$  to be  $2 \cdot 11 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 = 162$

$$\therefore \langle N \rangle = \frac{21}{22} N = \frac{3 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 11 \cdot 3 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 11} = (21)^2 = 441$$

Which is the nearest perfect square to 462.

$$\therefore \text{Sum of square of digits of } 462 \text{ is } 4^2 + 6^2 + 2^2 \\ = 16 + 36 + 4 = 56$$

26. In the figure below, 4 of the 6 disks are to be colored black and 2 are to be colored white. Two colorings that can be obtained from one another by a rotation or a reflection of the entire figure are considered the same.

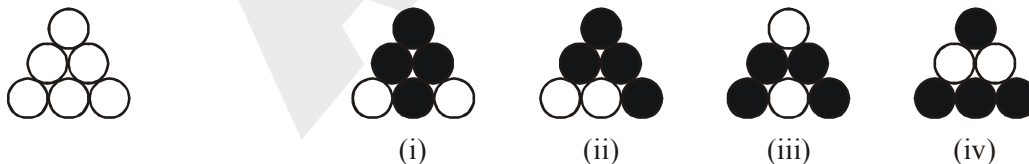
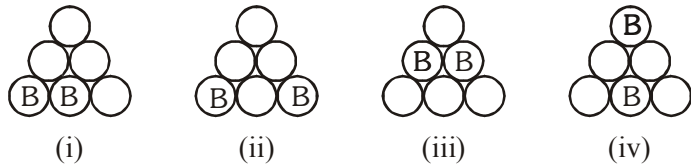


Fig.1

There are only four such colorings for the given two colors, as shown in Figure 1. In how many ways can we color the 6 disks such that 2 are colored black, 2 are colored white, 2 are colored blue with the given identification condition?

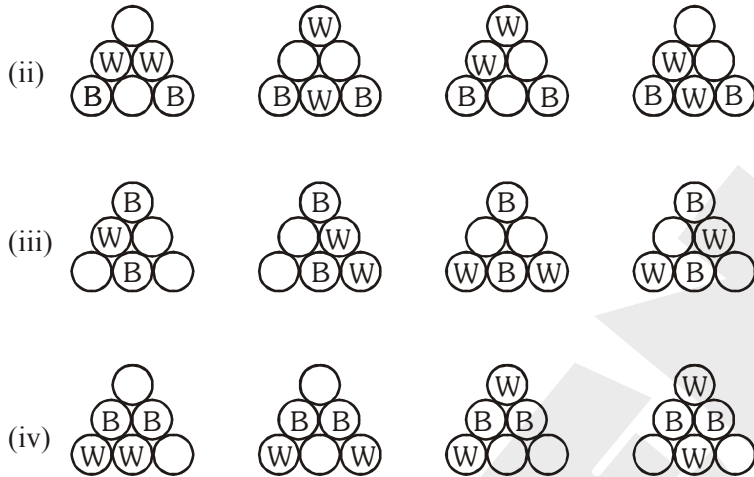
**Ans. (18)**

**Sol.** We can colour 2 black in following four mutually exclusive ways



In (i) 2 W and 2 Blue can be placed in  $\frac{4!}{2!2!} = 6$  ways

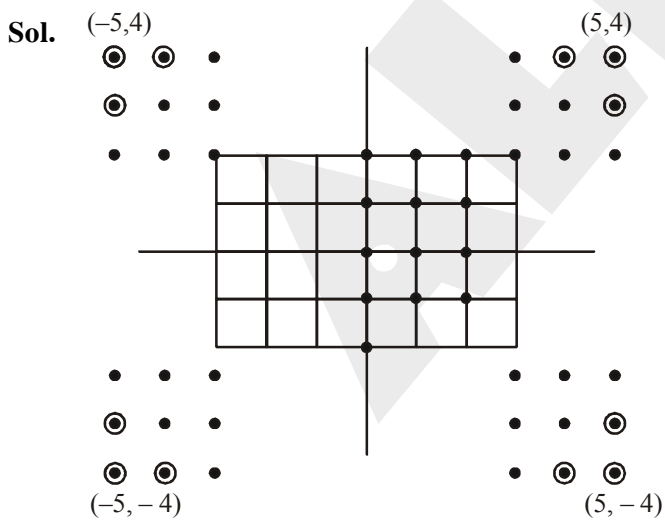
In (ii), (iii), (iv) we have 4 ways to colour as shown :



Hence total ways =  $6 + 3 \times 4 = 18$  ways.

**27.** A bug travels in the coordinate plane moving only along the lines that are parallel to the x axis or y axis. Let  $A = (-3, 2)$  and  $B(3, -2)$ . Consider all possible paths of the bug from A to B of length at most 14. How many points with integer coordinates lie on at least one of these paths?

**Ans. (87)**



So, there are total of 11 vertical line and 9 horizontal lines creating a total of 99 integral coordinates.

Now, among these 99 points, the points which are marked in red, these must be excluded, as bug has to cover up at most 14 steps (i.e., length = 14)

So, there are  $99 - 12 = 87$  points with integer coordinates.



28. A natural number  $n$  is said to be good if  $n$  is the sum of  $r$  consecutive positive integers, for some  $r \geq 2$ . Find the number of good numbers in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$ .

**Ans. (93)**

**Sol.** Let us check several values of  $r$  starting from 2 i.e.

$$r = 2 : \{(1, 2); (2, 3); (3, 4); \dots (49, 50)\}$$

These are 49 pairs with  $n = 3, 5, 7, \dots, 99$

$$r = 3 : \{(1, 2, 3); (2, 3, 4); \dots (32, 33, 34)\}$$

These are 32 pairs with  $n = 6, 9, 12, \dots, 99$

$$r = 4 : \{(1, 2, 3, 4); (2, 3, 4, 5); (3, 4, 5, 6) \dots (23, 24, 25, 26)\}$$

These are 23 pairs with  $n = 10, 14, \dots, 98$

$$r = 5 : \{(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) : \dots (18, 19, 20, 21, 22)\}$$

These are 18 pairs with  $n = 15, 20, \dots, 100$ .

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$$r = 11 : \{(1, 2, \dots, 11); (2, 3, \dots, 12); \dots (4, 5, \dots, 14)\}$$

$$r = 12 : \{(1, 2, \dots, 12); (2, 3, \dots, 13)\}$$

$$r = 13 : \{(1, 2, \dots, 13)\}$$

observing this, we observe that  $n = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64$  is not coming.

$$\therefore \text{ Good numbers} = 100 - 7 \\ = 93$$

29. Positive integers  $a, b, c$  satisfy  $\frac{ab}{a-b} = c$ . What is the largest possible value of  $a + b + c$  not exceeding 99?

**Ans. (99)**

**Sol.**  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{I}^+$

$$\frac{ab}{a-b} = c$$

$$\frac{a-b}{ab} = \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{c}$$

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

Let  $\text{gcd}(a, c) = k$ , then  $a = kx, c = ky$ , which in turns gives  $b$  also to be a multiple of  $k$ . So,  $a, b, c$  all must be a multiple of  $k$ .

One possible solution is  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}$

i.e.,  $a = 3, b = 2, c = 6$

So, other solutions can be taken

$$a = 3k, b = 2k, c = 6k$$

Now,  $a + b + c \leq 99$

$$kx + ky + kz \leq 99$$

$$k(x + y + z) \leq 99 = 9 \times 11$$

Lets check for the largest possible value i.e, 99

$$k(x + y + z) = 99$$

Suppose  $k = 9$  and considering

$$a = 3 \times 9 = 27$$

$$b = 2 \times 9 = 18$$

and  $c = 6 \times 9 = 54$ , and checking  $\frac{1}{18} = \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{54}$  which is satisfying and giving the largest possible value of  $a + b + c$  to be  $18 + 27 + 54 = 99$

- 30.** Find the number of pairs  $(a, b)$  of natural numbers such that  $b$  is a 3-digit number,  $a + 1$  divides  $b - 1$  and  $b$  divides  $a^2 + a + 2$ .

**Ans. (16)**

**Sol.**  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a + 1 \mid b - 1$$

$$b \mid a^2 + a + 2$$

let  $b - 1 = k(a + 1)$ , where  $k$  is any positive integer.

$$b = ka + k + 1$$

$$\text{Now } ka + k + 1 \mid a^2 + a + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow ka + k + 1 \mid ka^2 + ka + 2k$$

$$ka + k + 1 \mid ka^2 + ka + 2k - (ka^2 + ka + a)$$

$$ka + k + 1 \mid 2k - a$$

Put

$$a = 2x, \text{ such that } ka + k + 1 \mid 0$$

$$\text{then } b = k(2x) + k + 1$$

$$= 2k^2 + k + 1$$

$$\text{Now, } 100 \leq b \leq 999$$

$$\text{So, } 100 \leq 2k^2 + k + 1 \leq 999$$

Checking certain values of  $k$ , we get  $k \in [7, 22]$

these are 16 possible values by  $b$ .

$\therefore$  16 pairs of  $(a, b)$ .

**Alternate Solution :**

$a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b$  is 3 digit

$$a + 1 \mid b - 1 \Rightarrow b - 1 = (a + 1)k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$b \mid a^2 + a + 2 \Rightarrow a^2 + a + 2 = b\ell \text{ for some } \ell \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + a + 2 = [(a + 1)k + 1]\ell$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + a(1 - k\ell) + 2 - k\ell - \ell = 0$$

$$D = (k\ell - 1)^2 - 4(2 - k\ell - \ell)$$

$$D = (k\ell + 1)^2 + 4(\ell - 2)$$

$\therefore a \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $D = \text{perfect square} = \lambda^2$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(k\ell + 1)^2 + 4(\ell - 2) = \lambda^2$$

Case 1 : If  $\ell = 2$ ,  $D = (k\ell + 1)^2$

$$a = \frac{k\ell - 1 + k\ell + 1}{2} = k\ell = 2k$$

$$b = (a + 1)k + 1 = 2k^2 + k + 1$$

$$k = 7, \quad b = 106, \quad a = 14$$

$$k = 8, \quad b = 137, \quad a = 16$$

⋮  
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⋮

$$\underline{k = 22, \quad b = 991, \quad a = 44}$$

16 pairs of  $(a, b)$

Case 2 : If  $\ell \neq 2 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - (k\ell + 1) = 4(\ell - 2)$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + k\ell + 1)(\lambda - k\ell - 1) = 4(\ell - 2)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Both  $\lambda + k\ell + 1$  and  $\lambda - k\ell - 1$  must be even

$\frac{\lambda + k\ell + 1 = 2(\ell - 2)}{\lambda - k\ell}$ $\frac{2(k\ell + 1) = 2(\ell - 3)}{k\ell = \ell - 4}$ <p style="text-align: center;"><math>&gt; \ell \quad &lt; \ell</math> Not possible</p>	$\frac{\lambda + k\ell + 1 = \ell - 2}{\lambda - k\ell - 1 = 4}$ $\frac{2(k\ell + 1) = \ell - 6}{k\ell + 1 = \frac{\ell - 4}{2}}$ <p style="text-align: center;"><math>&gt; \ell \quad &lt; \ell</math> Not possible</p>
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If we further reduce the value of  $\lambda + k\ell + 1$  and increase  $\lambda - k\ell - 1$  we can see that after subtracting both equation,  $LHS > \ell$  but  $RHS < \ell$ .

Hence only Case 1 ( $\ell = 2$ ) is possible & 16 ordered pairs.