

# 2020 CIME I Solutions Document

## Christmas Math Competitions

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1. (Answer: 252)

Say there are  $A$  moves of the form  $(x, y) \mapsto (x + 2, y + 1)$  and  $B$  moves of the form  $(x, y) \mapsto (x + 1, y + 2)$ . The final position is  $(15, 15)$ , so  $2A + B = A + 2B = 15$ . It follows that  $A = B = 5$ .

There are 10 moves in total, and 5 are of one type and 5 of the other. All permutations of these 10 moves are valid, so the answer is  $\binom{10}{5} = 252$ .

2. (Answer: 020)

Suppose  $k$  items were purchased, so that the price before tax is  $100N - k$  cents for some integer  $N$ . After a tax of 7.5%, i.e. a multiplier of  $43/40$  is applied, we need

$$\frac{43}{40}(100N - k)$$

to be an integer. It is equivalent for  $100N - k$  to be a multiple of 40. Thus  $k$  is a multiple of 20, but  $k = 20$  is achievable by taking  $N$  a sufficiently large odd number.

3. (Answer: 480)

Suppose  $t$  teams are formed. Then the number of students can be in the interval  $[12t, 15t]$ , thus the set of achievable  $n$  is the union of  $[12t, 15t]$  for all  $t$ .

Listing the first few sets, we see this set of achievable  $n$  begins

$$[12, 15] \cup [24, 30] \cup [36, 45] \cup [48, 60] \cup [60, 75] \cup [72, 90] \cup \dots$$

This motivates the conjecture that all  $n \geq 48$  are achievable. Indeed,  $n \in [48, 60]$  are all covered by  $t = 4$ , and for  $n \geq 60$ , an easy check shows that

$$\frac{n}{12} - 1 \geq \frac{n}{15} + 1 \implies \left\lfloor \frac{n}{12} \right\rfloor \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{15} \right\rfloor.$$

The requested sum is  $(1 + \dots + 11) + (16 + \dots + 23) + (31 + \dots + 35) + (46 + 47) = 480$ .

4. (Answer: 014)

The equation in its given form reveals nothing about  $x$ , so we square it:

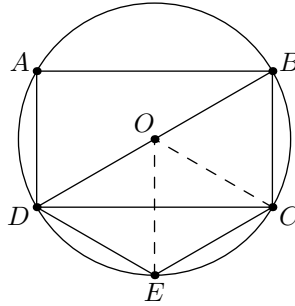
$$x^2 = 2x^2 - 2\sqrt{x^4 - \frac{1}{x^4}} \implies x^2 = 2\sqrt{x^4 - \frac{1}{x^4}}.$$

Square it again to eliminate the radical: we obtain

$$x^4 = 4 \left( x^4 - \frac{1}{x^4} \right) \implies 3x^4 = \frac{4}{x^4} \implies x^8 = \frac{4}{3}.$$

It follows that  $x = 2^{1/4} \cdot 3^{-1/8}$ , and the requested sum is  $1 + 4 + 1 + 8 = 14$ .

5. (Answer: 192)



Let  $O$  be the center of  $ABCD$ . Note that  $\angle BED = \angle BAD = 90^\circ$ , so  $E$  also lies on  $(ABCD)$ . Since  $BC, CE, ED$  are all equal,  $\angle BOC = \angle COE = \angle EOD = 60^\circ$ , so  $\triangle OBC, \triangle OCE, \triangle OED$  are equilateral.

Now  $[ECBD] = 3[BOC]$  and  $[ABCD] = 4[BOC]$ , so

$$[ABCD] = \frac{4}{3}[ECBD] = 192,$$

the answer.

6. (Answer: 100)

Let  $a = z^{50}$ . Then  $a^{17} + a^7 + 1 = 0$  and  $|a| = |z|^{50} = 1$ . Since  $a^{17}, a^7, 1$  have equal magnitude and sum to 0, their corresponding vectors are sides of an equilateral triangle, thus  $\{a^{17}, a^7\} = \{\exp(2\pi i/3), \exp(4\pi i/3)\}$ .

There are two cases:

- *Case 1:*  $a^7 = \exp(2\pi i/3)$  and  $a^{17} = \exp(4\pi i/3)$ . Note that

$$\exp(4\pi i/3) = a^{17} = (a^7)^2 \cdot a^3 = \exp(4\pi i/3) \cdot a^3,$$

so  $a$  is a third root of unity. It is easy to see that we must have  $a = \exp(2\pi i/3)$ .

- *Case 2:*  $a^7 = \exp(4\pi i/3)$  and  $a^{17} = \exp(2\pi i/3)$ . Note that

$$\exp(2\pi i/3) = a^{17} = (a^7)^2 \cdot a^3 = \exp(2\pi i/3) \cdot a^3,$$

so  $a$  is a third root of unity. It is easy to see that we must have  $a = \exp(4\pi i/3)$ .

There are two possible values of  $a$ , and thus  $2 \cdot 50 = 100$  possible values of  $z$ .

7. (Answer: 312)

Let  $g(n) = f(1) + f(2) + \dots + f(n)$ . I claim that

$$g(n) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot (2n + 1)!!}.$$

To show this, we proceed by induction. The base case  $n = 1$  is obvious. If the hypothesis holds for all  $k < n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} g(n) &= f(n) + g(n-1) \\ &= \frac{n}{(2n+1)!!} + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot (2n-1)!!} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2n}{2 \cdot (2n+1)!!} - \frac{2n+1}{2 \cdot (2n+1)!!} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot (2n+1)!!}, \end{aligned}$$

proving the claim. Hence the numerator is  $K = \frac{1}{2}(4041!! - 1)$ .

We proceed by Chinese Remainder theorem. Modulo 125 is easy:  $4041!! \equiv 0 \pmod{125}$ , so  $K \equiv 62 \pmod{125}$ . To evaluate  $K$  modulo 8, we need  $4041!!$  modulo 16. Considering each residue modulo 16,

$$4041!! \equiv 3^{253} \cdot 5^{253} \cdot 7^{253} \cdot 9^{252} \cdot 11^{252} \cdot 13^{252} \cdot 15^{252} \pmod{16}.$$

Since  $\varphi(16) = 8$ , by Euler's theorem

$$4041!! \equiv 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}.$$

It follows that  $K \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ , and thus  $K \equiv 312 \pmod{1000}$ .

8. (Answer: 176)

**Solution by Justin Lee** Note that after day  $n$ ,

- the total population is at most  $2^{n+1} - 1$ , and
- the remainder when the population is divided by  $2^n$  can no longer change after this point.

Henceforth if the population decreases on day  $n + 1$ , for it to avoid extinction, the population must have been greater than  $2^n$  after day  $n$ , so it must have increased on day  $n$ .

Consider day  $n$ , where  $1 \leq n < 8$ . The population before day  $n$  is at most  $2^n - 1$ . If the population increases by  $2^n$  on day  $n$ , then after day  $n + 1$ , the population must be  $1 \pmod{2^{n+1}}$ . Since  $2^n < \text{day } n \text{ population} < 2^{n+1}$ , we see that on day  $n + 1$  we cannot increase the population or leave it unchanged. Thus, every increase must be followed by a decrease and every decrease must be preceded by an increase.

Given a sequence of "increase," "decrease," and "neither" such that the above condition is satisfied, note that every (increase, decrease) operation pair leaves the population unchanged, so the population after day 8 is 1 (we cannot increase on day 8, for that forces the population to decrease on day 9 by the modulo restraint on  $n = 9$ , but then we cannot decrease again on day 10, so the modulo restraint is not satisfied on day 10).

To count the number of such operations for the first 8 days, it suffices to place the decreases amongst 8 slots so that no two decreases are adjacent (this fixes the increases). Letting this be  $a_8$  we have  $a_6$  ways if we decrease on day 8 and  $a_7$  ways otherwise, so we have the recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ . Since  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_2 = 2$ , we find  $a_8 = 34$ .

On day 9, the population must increase, for if it remains the same, then after day 10 we cannot have the population  $\equiv 2^9 + 1 \pmod{2^{10}}$ ; similarly the population must increase on day 10.

Now days 11 through 18 are subject to the same constraints as days 1 through 8, so again, we have 34 ways. Moreover, similarly it follows that the population must have increased on days 19 and 20. Note that if the population ever reaches  $2^{20} + 2^{19} + 2^{10} + 2^9 + 1$ , it must do so on day 20. Hence, our probability is  $\frac{34^2}{3^{20}}$ , and the requested sum is  $1156 + 20 = 1176$ .

9. (Answer: 023)

**Solution by Kaiwen Li** Let  $C'$  be the reflection of  $C$  over  $\overline{AD}$ , and note that  $B, P, C'$  are collinear. Now, if we set  $\theta = \angle ABD = \angle AC'D$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} BP/CP &= BP/C'P \\ &= [ABD]/[AC'D] \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot AB \cdot BD \cdot \sin \theta \right) / \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot AC' \cdot C'D \cdot \sin \theta \right) \\ &= 15/8, \end{aligned}$$

and the requested sum is  $15 + 8 = 23$ .

10. (Answer: 418)

First note that  $n$  is even; otherwise,  $n$  odd implies all four terms on the right-hand side are odd, which is absurd. Thus  $d_1 = 1$  and  $d_2 = 2$ . We have three cases: (Henceforth,  $p$  and  $q$  always denote odd primes.)

- If  $\{d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4\} = \{1, 2, p, q\}$ , then  $1 + 2^2 + p^3 + q^4$  is odd, so no solutions.
- If  $\{d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4\} = \{1, 2, p, 2p\}$ , then  $p \mid 1 + 2^2$ , so  $p = 5$ . It follows that  $n = 10130$ .
- If  $\{d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4\} = \{1, 2, 4, p\}$ , then  $p = 3$  gives  $n = 288$ . If  $p \geq 5$ , then  $4p \mid 1 + 2^2 + 4^3 + p^4$ , from which  $p \mid 1 + 2^2 + 4^3 = 69$ . The latter forces  $p = 23$ , which fails.

The requested sum is  $288 + 10130 = 10418$ .

11. (Answer: 209)

Let  $a = BC$ ,  $b = CA$ ,  $c = AB$ ,  $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$ , and  $K$  be the area of  $\triangle ABC$ . Remark that since  $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$ , if the  $C$ -excircle touches  $\overline{AB}, \overline{BC}, \overline{CA}$  at  $C', A', B'$ , respectively, then  $CA'I_C B'$  is a square, so  $r_C = I_A A' = CA' = s$ . It is known that

$$K = r_A(s - a) = r_B(s - b) = r_C(s - c).$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} s(s - c) &= \frac{(a + b + c)(a + b - c)}{4} = \frac{(a + b)^2 - c^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{(a + b)^2 - a^2 - b^2}{4} = \frac{ab}{2} = K, \end{aligned}$$

and by Heron's  $(s - a)(s - b) = K$  as well. Check that

$$r_A + r_B = \frac{K}{s - a} + \frac{K}{s - b} = K \left( \frac{c}{(s - a)(s - b)} \right) = c.$$

Furthermore,

$$ab = 2K = 2 \cdot \frac{K}{s - a} \cdot \frac{K}{s - b} = 2r_A r_B.$$

Hence,  $a^2 + b^2 = (r_A + r_B)^2$  and  $2ab = 4r_A r_B$ . Adding,  $a + b = \sqrt{(r_A + r_B)^2 + 4r_A r_B}$ , and it readily follows that

$$r_C = \frac{a + b + c}{2} = \frac{r_A + r_B + \sqrt{(r_A + r_B)^2 + 4r_A r_B}}{2},$$

which evaluates to  $10 + \sqrt{199}$ . The requested sum is  $10 + 199 = 209$ .

12. (Answer: 048)

Recall the identity

$$x^4 + x^2 + 1 = (x^2 - x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1).$$

By definition,

$$a_i = 2^{2^{i+1}} - 2^{2^i} + 1.$$

We will compute  $7a_0 a_1 \cdots a_{10}$ . I claim that

$$7 \prod_{i=0}^n a_i = 2^{2^{i+2}} + 2^{2^{i+1}} + 1.$$

This can be shown using induction. The base case,  $n = 0$ , is clear, and if the hypothesis holds for  $n - 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \prod_{i=0}^n a_i &= a_n \cdot 7 \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \\ &= (2^{2^{i+1}} - 2^{2^i} + 1) (2^{2^{i+1}} + 2^{2^i} + 1) \\ &= 2^{2^{i+2}} + 2^{2^{i+1}} + 1, \end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

Note that  $1/7 = 0.\overline{001}_2$ . I claim the sum of the digits of  $\frac{1}{7} (2^{2^{12}} + 2^{2^{11}} + 1)$  is

$$\left\lfloor \frac{2^{12}}{3} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2^{11}}{3} \right\rfloor + 1.$$

Indeed, the 1's from the first term occupy the  $k$ th digits counting from the right, whereas  $k \equiv 2^{12} + 1 \pmod{3}$ , and the 1's from the second term occupy digits with  $k \equiv 2^{11} + 1 \pmod{3}$ . This is the desired answer since no two of  $\{2^{12} + 1, 2^{11} + 1, 1\}$  are congruent modulo 3.

Finally, the answer is  $1365 + 682 + 1 = 2048$ .

13. (Answer: 225)

**Solution by Anthony Wang** Let  $a_n$  be expected value of the last summand in the expression, and  $b_n$  be the expected value of the rest. We wish to find  $a_8 + b_8$ . It is not hard to see that

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{2}n + \frac{1}{2}n \cdot a_{n-1} = \frac{n}{2}(a_{n-1} + 1), \quad \text{and} \\ b_n &= \frac{1}{2}b_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}(a_{n-1} + b_{n-1}) = b_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2}a_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a_1 = 1$  and  $b_1 = 0$ , we have  $a_2 = 2$ ,  $a_3 = \frac{9}{2}$ ,  $a_4 = 11$ ,  $a_5 = 30$ ,  $a_6 = 93$ ,  $a_7 = 329$ , and  $a_8 = 1320$ , by repeatedly applying the first recurrence. Then

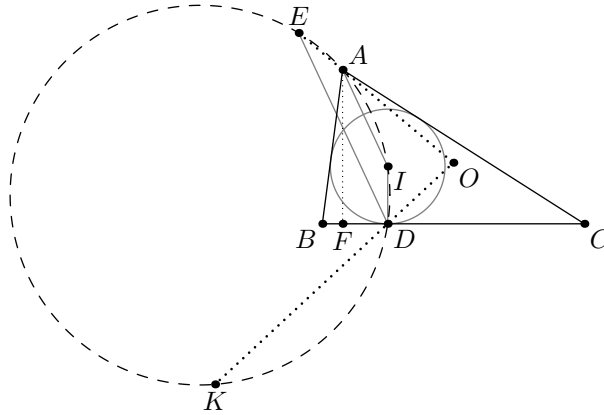
$$b_8 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + 2 + \frac{9}{2} + 11 + 30 + 93 + 329 \right) = \frac{941}{4},$$

by the second recurrence. Thus

$$a_8 + b_8 = 1320 + \frac{941}{4} = \frac{6221}{4},$$

and the requested sum is  $6221 + 4 = 6225$ .

14. (Answer: 093)



Let  $\overline{AO}$  intersect  $(AIO)$  again at  $E$ , and let  $F$  be the foot from  $A$  to  $\overline{BC}$ . Note that  $\overline{AF}$  and  $\overline{AO}$  are isogonal wrt.  $\angle BAC$ , but  $\overline{AF} \parallel \overline{ID}$ . Consequently,

$$\angle AID = \angle IAF = \angle OAI = \angle EAI,$$

whence  $AIDE$  is an isosceles trapezoid. In particular,  $AE = ID$ .

When  $AB = 5$ ,  $BC = 7$ ,  $CA = 8$ , we have  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ , so the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is given by  $K = 10\sqrt{3}$ , the semiperimeter is  $s = 10$ , the inradius is  $r = \sqrt{3}$ , and the circumradius is  $R = \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Plugging in the numbers,

$$OD \cdot OK = OA \cdot OE = R(R + r) = \frac{70}{3}.$$

If  $M$  denotes the midpoint of  $\overline{BC}$ , we can compute  $BD = s - b = 2$ , so  $DM = \frac{3}{2}$ . Since  $\angle BOM = \angle A = 60^\circ$  and  $BM = \frac{7}{2}$ , we have  $OM = \frac{7}{2\sqrt{3}}$ . Thus

$$OD = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{7}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{57}}{3}.$$

It follows that  $OK = \frac{70}{\sqrt{57}}$  and  $DK = \frac{17\sqrt{57}}{19}$ . The requested sum is  $17 + 57 + 19 = 93$ .

15. (Answer: 302)

Consider the sequence  $(b_i)$  with  $0 \leq b_i < 6$  and  $b_i \equiv a_i \pmod{6}$ . The number of *mismatches* of  $(b_i)$  is the number of  $i$  with  $b_i > b_{i+1}$ .

Note that  $\lfloor a_i/6 \rfloor$  increases if and only if  $(b_i)$  has a mismatch at index  $i$ , so we are counting the number of permutations of  $(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  with exactly two mismatches.

Let  $f(n)$  be the number of permutations of  $(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  with exactly  $n$  mismatches. Note that  $f(0) = f(5)$ ,  $f(1) = f(4)$ ,  $f(2) = f(3)$  since reversing add sequence with  $n$  mismatches gives a sequence with  $5 - n$  mismatches. Hence  $f(0) + f(1) + f(2) = 360$ .

It is easy to determine  $f(0) = 1$ , since the only permutation with no mismatches is  $(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  itself. It suffices to evaluate  $f(1)$ . For a sequence  $(b_i)$  with one mismatch, let  $S$  be the set of elements before the mismatch and  $T$  the elements after (hence

$|S \cup T| = 6$  and  $|S \cap T| = 0$ ). The elements of  $S$  appear in  $(b_i)$  in increasing order, and the elements of  $T$  also appear in increasing order, so we need to count the number of  $S$  determine a sequence with exactly 1 mismatch.

A sequence  $(b_i)$  determined by  $S$  and  $T$  has one mismatch if and only if  $\max S > \min T$ , as  $\max S$  and  $\min T$  must be adjacent in  $(b_i)$ , and between them is where we divided  $S$  and  $T$ . To count the number of such  $S$ , we use complementary counting.

There are a total of  $2^6 = 64$  subsets of  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . For  $\max S < \min T$ ,  $S$  must consist of the first  $k$  nonnegative integers for some  $0 \leq k \leq 6$ , so 7 subsets are invalid, and the rest work. We conclude  $f(1) = 57$ .

Finally  $f(2) = 360 - 1 - 57 = 302$ , and we are done.