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1987 AHSME Problems

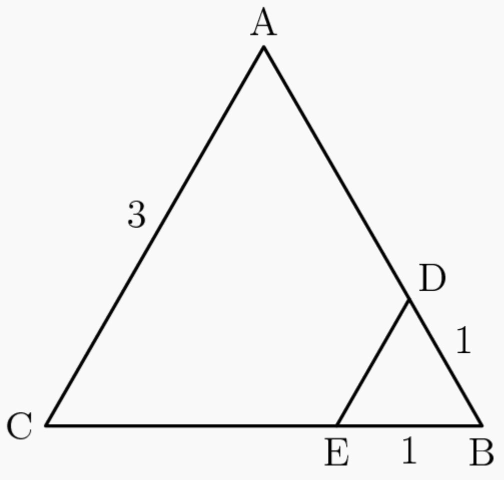
Problem 1

$(1+x^2)(1-x^3)$ equals

$\text{(A)}\ 1-x^5 \qquad \text{(B)}\ 1-x^6 \qquad \text{(C)}\ 1+x^2-x^3$
$\text{(D)}\ 1+x^2-x^3-x^5 \qquad \text{(E)}\ 1+x^2-x^3-x^6$

Problem 2

A triangular corner with side lengths $DB=EB=1$ is cut from equilateral triangle ABC of side length 3. The perimeter of the remaining quadrilateral is



$\text{(A)}\ 6 \qquad \text{(B)}\ 6\frac{1}{2} \qquad \text{(C)}\ 7 \qquad \text{(D)}\ 7\frac{1}{2} \qquad \text{(E)}\ 8$

Problem 3

How many primes less than 100 have 7 as the ones digit? (Assume the usual base ten representation)

$\text{(A)}\ 4 \qquad \text{(B)}\ 5 \qquad \text{(C)}\ 6 \qquad \text{(D)}\ 7 \qquad \text{(E)}\ 8$

Problem 4

$\frac{2^1+2^0+2^{-1}}{2^{-2}+2^{-3}+2^{-4}}$ equals

$\text{(A)}\ 6 \qquad \text{(B)}\ 8 \qquad \text{(C)}\ \frac{31}{2} \qquad \text{(D)}\ 24 \qquad \text{(E)}\ 512$

Problem 5

A student recorded the exact percentage frequency distribution for a set of measurements, as shown below. However, the student neglected to indicate N, the total number of measurements. What is the smallest possible value of N?

measured value	percent frequency
0	12.5
1	0
2	50
3	25
4	12.5
	100

$\textbf{(A)}\ 5 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 8 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 16 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 25 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 50$

Problem 6

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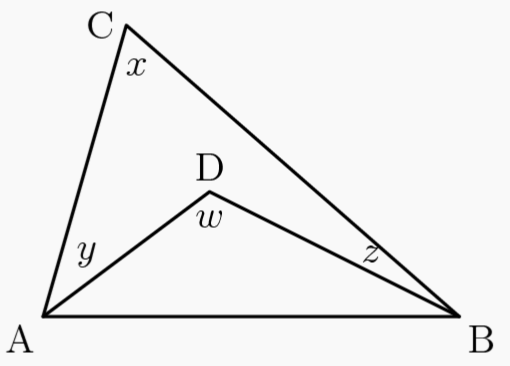
In the $\triangle ABC$ shown, D is some interior point, and x, y, z, w are the measures of angles in degrees. Solve for x in terms of y, z and w.



$\textbf{(A)}\ w-y-z \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ w-2y-2z \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 180-w-y-z$
$\textbf{(D)}\ 2w-y-z \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 180-w+y+z$

Problem 7

If $a-1=b+2=c-3=d+4$, which of the four quantities a,b,c,d is the largest?

$\textbf{(A)}\ a \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ b \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ c \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ d \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ \text{no one is always largest}$

Problem 8

In the figure the sum of the distances AD and BD is

$\textbf{(A)}\ \text{between 10 and 11} \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 12 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ \text{between 15 and 16}$
$\textbf{(D)}\ \text{between 16 and 17} \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 17$

Problem 9

The first four terms of an arithmetic sequence are $a, x, b, 2x$. The ratio of a to b is

$\textbf{(A)}\ \frac{1}{4} \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ \frac{1}{3} \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ \frac{1}{2} \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ \frac{2}{3} \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 2$

Problem 10

How many ordered triples (a,b,c) of non-zero real numbers have the property that each number is the product of the other two?

$\textbf{(A)}\ 1 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 2 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 3 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 4 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 5$

Problem 11

Let c be a constant. The simultaneous equations $\begin{array}{c} x-y=2 \\ cx+y=3 \end{array}$ have a solution (x, y) inside Quadrant I if and only if

$\textbf{(A)}\ c=-1 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ c>-1 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ c<\frac{3}{2} \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 0<c<\frac{3}{2}$
$\textbf{(E)}\ -1<c<\frac{3}{2}$

Problem 12

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In an office, at various times during the day the boss gives the secretary a letter to type, each time putting the letter on top of the pile in the secretary's in-box. When there is time, the secretary takes the top letter off the pile and types it. If there are five letters in all, and the boss delivers them in the order $1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5$, which of the following could not be the order in which the secretary types them?

$\textbf{(A)}\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 2\ 4\ 3\ 5\ 1 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 3\ 2\ 4\ 1\ 5 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 4\ 5\ 2\ 3\ 1 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 5\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 1$

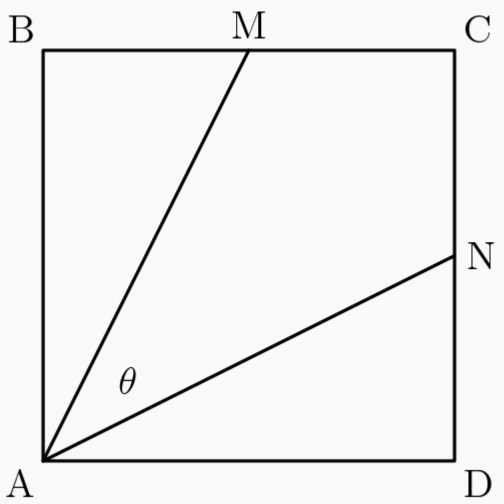
Problem 13

A long piece of paper 5 cm wide is made into a roll for cash registers by wrapping it 600 times around a cardboard tube of diameter 2cm, forming a roll 10 cm in diameter. Approximate the length of the paper in meters. (Pretend the paper forms 600 concentric circles with diameters evenly spaced from 2 cm to 10 cm.)

$\textbf{(A)}\ 36\pi \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 45\pi \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 60\pi \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 72\pi \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 90\pi$

Problem 14

$ABCD$ is a square and M and N are the midpoints of BC and CD respectively. Then $\sin \theta =$



$\textbf{(A)}\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ \frac{3}{5} \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5} \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ \frac{4}{5} \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ \text{none of these}$

Problem 15

If (x,y) is a solution to the system $xy=6 \qquad \text{and} \qquad x^2y+xy^2+x+y=63$, find x^2+y^2.

$\textbf{(A)}\ 13 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ \frac{1173}{32} \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 55 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 69 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 81$

Problem 16

A cryptographer devises the following method for encoding positive integers. First, the integer is expressed in base 5. Second, a 1-to-1 correspondence is established between the digits that appear in the expressions in base 5 and the elements of the set $\{V, W, X, Y, Z\}$. Using this correspondence, the cryptographer finds that three consecutive integers in increasing order are coded as VYZ, VYX, VVW, respectively. What is the base-10 expression for the integer coded as XYZ?

$\textbf{(A)}\ 48 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 71 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 82 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 108 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 113$

Problem 17

In a mathematics competition, the sum of the scores of Bill and Dick equalled the sum of the scores of Ann and Carol. If the scores of Bill and Carol had been interchanged, then the sum of the scores of Ann and Carol would have exceeded the sum of the scores of the other two. Also, Dick's score exceeded the sum of the scores of Bill and Carol. Determine the order in which the four contestants finished, from highest to lowest. Assume all scores were nonnegative.

$\textbf{(A)}\ \text{Dick, Ann, Carol, Bill} \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ \text{Dick, Ann, Bill, Carol} \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ \text{Dick, Carol, Bill, Ann}$
$\textbf{(D)}\ \text{Ann, Dick, Carol, Bill} \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ \text{Ann, Dick, Bill, Carol}$

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Problem 18

It takes A algebra books (all the same thickness) and H geometry books (all the same thickness, which is greater than that of an algebra book) to completely fill a certain shelf. Also, S of the algebra books and M of the geometry books would fill the same shelf. Finally, E of the algebra books alone would fill this shelf. Given that A, H, S, M, E are distinct positive integers, it follows that E is

$\textbf{(A)}\ \frac{AM+SH}{M+H} \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ \frac{AM^2+SH^2}{M^2+H^2} \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ \frac{AH-SM}{M-H} \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ \frac{AM-SH}{M-H} \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ \frac{AM^2-SH^2}{M^2-H^2}$

Problem 19

Which of the following is closest to $\sqrt{65}-\sqrt{63}$?

$\textbf{(A)}\ .12 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ .13 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ .14 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ .15 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ .16$

Problem 20

Evaluate $\log_{10}(\tan 1^{\circ})+\log_{10}(\tan 2^{\circ})+\log_{10}(\tan 3^{\circ})+\cdots+\log_{10}(\tan 88^{\circ})+\log_{10}(\tan 89^{\circ})$.

$\textbf{(A)}\ 0 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ \frac{1}{2}\log_{10}(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ \frac{1}{2}\log_{10}2 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 1 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ \text{none of these}$

Problem 21

There are two natural ways to inscribe a square in a given isosceles right triangle. If it is done as in Figure 1 below, then one finds that the area of the square is 441cm^2. What is the area (in cm^2) of the square inscribed in the same $\triangle ABC$ as shown in Figure 2 below?

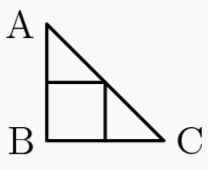

Figure 1

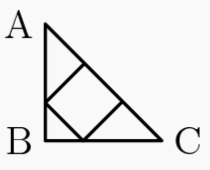

Figure 2

$\textbf{(A)}\ 378 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 392 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 400 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 441 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 484$

Problem 22

A ball was floating in a lake when the lake froze. The ball was removed (without breaking the ice), leaving a hole 24 cm across as the top and 8 cm deep. What was the radius of the ball (in centimeters)?

$\textbf{(A)}\ 8 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 12 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 13 \qquad \textbf{(D)}\ 8\sqrt{3} \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 6\sqrt{6}$

Problem 23

If p is a prime and both roots of $x^2+px-444p=0$ are integers, then

$\textbf{(A)}\ 1<p\le 11 \qquad \textbf{(B)}\ 11<p\le 21 \qquad \textbf{(C)}\ 21<p\le 31$
$\textbf{(D)}\ 31<p\le 41 \qquad \textbf{(E)}\ 41<p\le 51$

Problem 24

How many polynomial functions f of degree ≥ 1 satisfy $f(x^2)=[f(x)]^2=f(f(x))$?

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(A) 0 **(B)** 1 **(C)** 2 **(D)** finitely many but more than 2
(E) ∞

Problem 25

ABC is a triangle: $A = (0,0), B = (36,15)$ and both the coordinates of C are integers. What is the minimum area $\triangle ABC$ can have?

(A) $\frac{1}{2}$ **(B)** 1 **(C)** $\frac{3}{2}$ **(D)** $\frac{13}{2}$ **(E)** there is no minimum

Problem 26

The amount 2.5 is split into two nonnegative real numbers uniformly at random, for instance, into 2.143 and $.357$, or into $\sqrt{3}$ and $2.5-\sqrt{3}$. Then each number is rounded to its nearest integer, for instance, 2 and 0 in the first case above, 2 and 1 in the second. What is the probability that the two integers sum to 3?

(A) $\frac{1}{4}$ **(B)** $\frac{2}{5}$ **(C)** $\frac{1}{2}$ **(D)** $\frac{3}{5}$ **(E)** $\frac{3}{4}$

Problem 27

A cube of cheese $C = \{(x,y,z) | 0 \le x,y,z \le 1\}$ is cut along the planes $x = y, y = z$ and $z = x$. How many pieces are there? (No cheese is moved until all three cuts are made.)

(A) 5 **(B)** 6 **(C)** 7 **(D)** 8 **(E)** 9

Problem 28

Let a, b, c, d be real numbers. Suppose that all the roots of $z^4 + az^3 + bz^2 + cz + d = 0$ are complex numbers lying on a circle in the complex plane centered at $0 + 0i$ and having radius 1. The sum of the reciprocals of the roots is necessarily

(A) a **(B)** b **(C)** c **(D)** $-a$ **(E)** $-b$

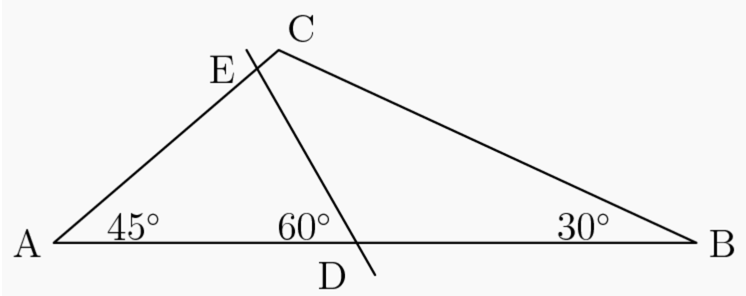
Problem 29

Consider the sequence of numbers defined recursively by $t_1 = 1$ and for $n > 1$ by $t_n = 1 + t_{(n/2)}$ when n is even and by $t_n = \frac{1}{t_{(n-1)}}$ when n is odd. Given that $t_n = \frac{19}{87}$, the sum of the digits of n is

(A) 15 **(B)** 17 **(C)** 19 **(D)** 21 **(E)** 23

Problem 30

In the figure, $\triangle ABC$ has $\angle A = 45^\circ$ and $\angle B = 30^\circ$. A line DE, with D on AB and $\angle ADE = 60^\circ$, divides $\triangle ABC$ into two pieces of equal area. (Note: the figure may not be accurate; perhaps E is on CB instead of AC.) The ratio $\frac{AD}{AB}$ is



(A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ **(B)** $\frac{2}{2+\sqrt{2}}$ **(C)** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ **(D)** $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}$ **(E)** $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{12}}$

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