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 (Open Section, Round 1 Solution)

1. **Answer.** 1080

**Solution.** The number of complete revolutions the first coin  $A$  has turned through is the sum of two components: the number of revolutions round the stationary coin  $B$  if  $A$  were *sliding* on  $B$  and the number of revolutions round  $A$ 's own axis (perpendicular to its plane and through its centre) determined by the distance travelled on the circumference of  $B$ . Thus, the total number of revolutions is

$$1 + \frac{2\pi(2r)}{2\pi r} = 3.$$

Hence the number of degrees =  $3 \times 360 = 1080$ . □

2. **Answer.** 300

**Solution.** We claim that the school must be built in  $Z$ . Suppose the school is to be built at another point  $A$ . The change in distance travelled

$$\begin{aligned} &= 30ZA + 20YA + 10XA - 20YZ - 10XZ \\ &= 10(ZA + AX - ZX) + 20(ZA + AY - ZY) \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

by triangle inequality. Thus,  $\min(x + y) = 0 + 300 = 300$ . □

3. **Answer.** 8

**Solution.** We first obtain the prime factorization of  $30!$ . Observe that 29 is the largest prime number less than 30. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\lfloor \frac{30}{2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{30}{2^2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{20}{2^3} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{30}{2^4} \right\rfloor &= 26 \\ \left\lfloor \frac{30}{3} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{30}{3^2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{30}{3^3} \right\rfloor &= 14 \\ \left\lfloor \frac{30}{5} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{30}{5^2} \right\rfloor &= 7 \\ \left\lfloor \frac{30}{7} \right\rfloor &= 4 \\ \left\lfloor \frac{30}{11} \right\rfloor &= 2 \\ \left\lfloor \frac{30}{13} \right\rfloor &= 2 \\ \left\lfloor \frac{30}{17} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{30}{19} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{30}{23} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{30}{29} \right\rfloor &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 30! &= 2^{26} \cdot 3^{14} \cdot 5^7 \cdot 7^4 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \\
 \frac{30!}{10^7} &= 2^{19} \cdot 3^{14} \cdot 7^4 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \\
 &= 6^{14} \cdot 2^5 \cdot 7^4 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 23 \cdot 29 \\
 &\equiv 6(2)(1)(1)(9)(7)(9)(3)(9) \pmod{10} \\
 &\equiv 2(-1)(-3)(-1)(3)(-1) \pmod{10} \\
 &\equiv 8 \pmod{10},
 \end{aligned}$$

showing that the last non-zero digit is 8.

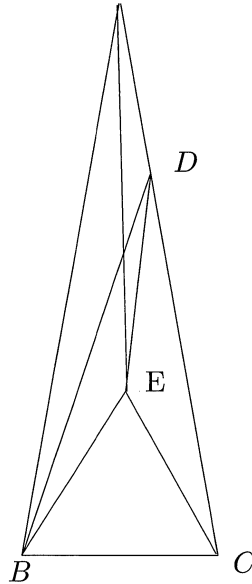
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4. **Answer.** 10

**Solution.** Let  $E$  be the point inside  $\triangle ABC$  such that  $\triangle EBC$  is equilateral. Connect  $A$  and  $D$  to  $E$  respectively.

It is clear that  $\triangle AEB$  and  $\triangle AEC$  are congruent, since  $AE = AE$ ,  $AB = AC$  and  $BE = CE$ . It implies that  $\angle BAE = \angle CAE = 10^\circ$ .

Since  $AD = BC = BE$ ,  $\angle EBA = \angle DAB = 20^\circ$  and  $AB = BA$ , we have  $\triangle ABE$  and  $\triangle BAD$  are congruent, implying that  $\angle ABD = \angle BAE = 10^\circ$ .



□

5. **Answer.** 1

**Solution.** Since  $\frac{\cos^4 \alpha}{\cos^2 \beta} + \frac{\sin^4 \alpha}{\sin^2 \beta} = 1$ , set  $\cos \theta = \frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{\cos \beta}$  and  $\sin \theta = \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\sin \beta}$ . Then

$$\cos(\theta - \alpha) = \cos \theta \cos \alpha + \sin \theta \sin \alpha = \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1.$$

and so

$$\theta - \alpha = 2k\pi \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Thus  $\sin \theta = \sin \alpha$  and  $\cos \theta = \cos \alpha$ . Consequently,

$$\frac{\cos^4 \beta}{\cos^2 \alpha} + \frac{\sin^4 \beta}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \cos^2 \beta + \sin^2 \beta = 1.$$

□

6. **Answer.** 8748

**Solution.** Clearly, no  $x_i$  should be 1. If  $x_i \geq 4$ , then splitting it into two factors 2 and  $x_i - 2$  will give a product of  $2x_i - 4$  which is at least as large as  $x_i$ . Further,  $3 \times 3 > 2 \times 2 \times 2$ , so any three factors of 2 should be replaced by two factors of 3. Thus, split 25 into factors of 3, retaining two 2's, which means  $25 = 7 \times 3 + 2 \times 2$ . The maximum product is thus  $3^7 2^2 = 8748$ . □

7. **Answer.** 27

**Solution.** Since  $x^4 - 16x - 12 \equiv x^4 + 4x^2 + 4 - 4(x^2 + 4x + 4) \equiv (x^2 - 2x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 6)$ , we conclude that  $x_0 = 1 + \sqrt{3}$  and so  $1 + \sqrt{2.89} < x_0 < 1 + \sqrt{3.24}$ . Consequently,  $\lfloor 10x_0 \rfloor = 27$ . □

8. **Answer.** 504

**Solution.** Note that  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^2 = 3 - 2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2 = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$  and  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)(\sqrt{2} + 1) = 1$ . There are 1006 pairs of products in  $S$ ; each pair of the product can be either  $3 - 2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $3 + 2\sqrt{2}$  or 1. Let  $a$  be the number of these products with value  $3 - 2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $b$  be the number of these products with value  $3 + 2\sqrt{2}$  and  $c$  be the number of them with value 1. The  $a + b + c = 1006$ . Hence

$$S = a(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) + b(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) + c = 3a + 3b + c + 2\sqrt{2}(b - a).$$

For  $S$  to be a positive integer,  $b = a$  and thus  $2a + c = 1006$ . Further,

$$S = 6a + c = 6a + 1006 - 2a = 4a + 1006.$$

From  $2a + c = 1006$  and that  $0 \leq a \leq 503$ , it is clear that  $S$  can have 504 different positive integer values. □

9. **Answer.** 71

Note that  $x^2 + x - 110 = (x - 10)(x + 11)$ . Thus the set of real numbers  $x$  satisfying the inequality  $x^2 + x - 110 < 0$  is  $-11 < x < 10$ .

Also note that  $x^2 + 10x - 96 = (x - 6)(x + 16)$ . Thus the set of real numbers  $x$  satisfying the inequality  $x^2 + 10x - 96 < 0$  is  $-16 < x < 6$ .

Thus  $A = \{x : -11 < x < 10\}$  and  $B = \{x : -16 < x < 6\}$ , implying that

$$A \cap B = \{x : -11 < x < 6\}.$$

Now let  $x^2 + ax + b = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)$ , where  $x_1 \leq x_2$ . Then the set of integer solutions of  $x^2 + ax + b < 0$  is

$$\{k : k \text{ is an integer, } x_1 < k < x_2\}.$$

By the given condition,

$$\begin{aligned} \{k : k \text{ is an integer, } x_1 < k < x_2\} &= \{k : k \text{ is an integer, } -11 < k < 6\} \\ &= \{-10, -9, \dots, 5\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $-11 \leq x_1 < -10$  and  $5 < x_2 \leq 6$ . It implies that  $-6 < x_1 + x_2 < -4$  and  $-66 \leq x_1x_2 < -50$ .

From  $x^2 + ax + b = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)$ , we have  $a = -(x_1 + x_2)$  and  $b = x_1x_2$ . Thus  $4 < a < 6$  and  $-66 \leq b < -50$ . It follows that  $54 < a - b < 72$ .

Thus  $\max\{|a - b|\} \leq 71$ .

It remains to show that it is possible that  $\max\{|a - b|\} = 71$  for some  $a$  and  $b$ .

Let  $a = 5$  and  $b = -66$ . Then  $x^2 + ax + b = (x + 11)(x - 6)$  and the inequality  $x^2 + ax + b < 0$  has solutions  $\{x : -11 < x < 6\}$ . So the set of integer solutions of  $x^2 + ax + b < 0$  is really the set of integers in  $A \cap B$ .

Hence  $\max\{|a - b|\} = 71$ . □

10. **Answer.** 8

**Solution.** We consider the polynomial

$$P(t) = t^3 + bt^2 + ct + d.$$

Suppose the root of the equation  $P(t) = 0$  are  $x, y$  and  $z$ . Then

$$-b = x + y + z = 14,$$

$$c = xy + xz + yz = \frac{1}{2} \left( (x + y + z)^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} (14^2 - 84) = 56$$

and

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 3d = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - xz - yz).$$

Solving for  $b, c$  and  $d$ , we get  $b = -14, c = 56$  and  $d = -64$ . Finally, since  $t^3 - 14t^2 + 56t - 64 = 0$  implies  $t = 2$  or  $t = 4$  or  $t = 8$ , we conclude that  $\max\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\} = 8$ . □

11. **Answer.** 38

**Solution.** Let  $n$  be an even positive integer. Then each of the following expresses  $n$  as the sum of two odd integers:  $n = (n - 15) + 15, (n - 25) + 25$  or  $(n - 35) + 35$ . Note that at least one of  $n - 15, n - 25, n - 35$  is divisible by 3, hence  $n$  can be expressed as the sum of two composite odd numbers if  $n > 38$ . Indeed, it can be verified that 38 cannot be expressed as the sum of two composite odd positive integers. □

12. **Answer.** 1936

**Solution.** We first show that  $a + b$  must be a perfect square. The equation  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{c}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{a-c}{c} = \frac{c}{b-c}$ . Write  $\frac{a-c}{c} = \frac{c}{b-c} = \frac{p}{q}$ , where  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ . From  $\frac{a-c}{c} = \frac{p}{q}$ , we have  $\frac{a}{p+q} = \frac{c}{q}$ . Since  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ , we must have  $q$  divides  $c$ . Similarly from  $\frac{b-c}{c} = \frac{q}{p}$ , we have  $\frac{b}{p+q} = \frac{c}{p}$ . Since  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ , we must have  $p$  divides  $c$ . Thus  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$  implies  $pq$  divides  $c$ . Therefore  $\frac{a}{p(p+q)} = \frac{b}{q(p+q)} = \frac{c}{pq}$  is an integer  $r$ . Then  $r$  divides  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , so that  $r = 1$  since  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ . Consequently,  $a + b = p(p+q) + q(p+q) = (p+q)^2$ .

Next the largest square less than or equal to 2011 is  $44^2 = 1936$ . As  $1936 = 1892 + 44$ , and  $\frac{1}{1892} + \frac{1}{44} = \frac{1}{43}$ , where  $\gcd(1892, 44, 43) = 1$ , we have  $a = 1892$ ,  $b = 44$  and  $c = 43$  give the largest value of  $a + b$ . These values of  $a, b, c$  can be obtained from the identity  $\frac{1}{m^2-m} + \frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{m-1}$ .  $\square$

13. **Answer.** 10

**Solution.** Suppose  $9[m] < 3[n]$ . Note that  $9[m] = 3^p$  and  $3[n] = 3^q$  for some integers  $p$  and  $q$ . Thus,  $q \geq p + 1$ . In particular,

$$2(9[m]) < 3(9[m]) = 3^{p+1} \leq 3^q = 3[n].$$

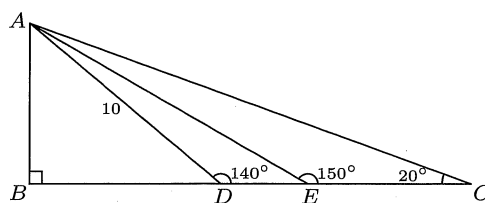
Then we have

$$9[m+1] = (3^2)^{9[m]} = 3^{2(9[m])} < 3^{3[n]} = 3[n+1].$$

Thus,  $9[m] < 3[n]$  implies  $9[m+1] < 3[n+1]$ . It is clear that  $9[2] = 81 = 3^4 < 3[3]$ . Continuing this way,  $9[9] < 3[10]$ . It is also clear that  $9[9] > 3[9]$ , hence the minimum value of  $n$  is 10.  $\square$

14. **Answer.** 50

Direct calculation gives  $\angle DAC = 20^\circ$  and  $\angle BAD = 50^\circ$ . Thus  $AD = CD = 10$ . Also  $BD = 10 \sin 50^\circ$ . By sine rule applied to the triangle  $AEC$ , we have  $\frac{CE}{\sin 10^\circ} = \frac{AC}{\sin 150^\circ} = \frac{2 \times 10 \cos 20^\circ}{\sin 150^\circ} = 40 \cos 20^\circ$ . (Note that  $AD = DC$ .)



Therefore,  $BD \cdot CE = 400 \cos 20^\circ \sin 10^\circ \sin 50^\circ$ .

Direct calculation shows that  $\cos 20^\circ \sin 10^\circ \sin 50^\circ = \frac{1}{8}$  so that  $BD \cdot CE = 50$ .  $\square$

15. **Answer.** 34220

**Solution.** Note that the condition  $a_i \leq a_{i+1} - (i + 2)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  is equivalent to that

$$a_1 + 3 \leq a_2, \quad a_2 + 4 \leq a_3.$$

Let  $A$  be the set of all 3-element subsets  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  of  $S$  such that  $a_1 + 3 \leq a_2$  and  $a_2 + 4 \leq a_3$ .

Let  $B$  be the set of all 3-element subsets  $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$  of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 60\}$ .

We shall show that  $|A| = |B| = \binom{60}{3} = 34220$  by showing that the mapping  $\phi$  below is a bijection from  $A$  to  $B$ :

$$\phi : \{a_1, a_2, a_3\} \longrightarrow \{a_1, a_2 - 2, a_3 - 5\}.$$

First, since  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\} \in A$ , we have  $a_1 + 3 \leq a_2$  and  $a_2 + 4 \leq a_3$ , and so  $a_1 < a_2 - 2 < a_3 - 5$ , implying that  $\{a_1, a_2 - 2, a_3 - 5\} \in B$ .

It is clear that  $\phi$  is injective.

It is also surjective, as for any  $\{b_1, b_2, b_3\} \in B$  with  $b_1 < b_2 < b_3$ , we have  $\{b_1, b_2 + 2, b_3 + 5\} \in A$  and

$$\phi : \{b_1, b_2 + 2, b_3 + 5\} \longrightarrow \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}.$$

Hence  $\phi$  is a bijection and  $|A| = |B| = 34220$ . □

16. **Answer.** 32

**Solution.** It is clear that  $8(\cos 40^\circ)^3 - 6\cos 40^\circ + 1 = 0$ , since  $\cos 3A = 4\cos^3 A - 3\cos A$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{\sin^2 20^\circ} - \frac{1}{\cos^2 20^\circ} + 64\sin^2 20^\circ \\ = & \frac{3}{1 - \cos 40^\circ} - \frac{1}{1 + \cos 40^\circ} + 32(1 - \cos 40^\circ) \\ = & \frac{8\cos 40^\circ + 4}{1 - (\cos 40^\circ)^2} + 32 - 32\cos 40^\circ \\ = & \frac{8\cos 40^\circ + 4 - 32\cos 40^\circ + 32(\cos 40^\circ)^3}{1 - (\cos 40^\circ)^2} + 32 \\ = & 4 \times \frac{1 - 6\cos 40^\circ + 8(\cos 40^\circ)^3}{1 - (\cos 40^\circ)^2} + 32 \\ = & 32, \end{aligned}$$

where the last step follows from  $8(\cos 40^\circ)^3 - 6\cos 40^\circ + 1 = 0$ . □

17. **Answer.** 6029

**Solution.** Given the original equation

$$f(x^2 + x) + 2f(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 9x^2 - 15x,$$

we replace  $x$  by  $1 - x$  and obtain

$$f(x^2 - 3x + 2) + 2f(x^2 + x) = 9(1 - x)^2 - 15(1 - x) = 9x^2 - 3x - 6.$$

Eliminating  $f(x^2 - 3x + 2)$  from the two equations, we obtain

$$3f(x^2 + x) = 9x^2 + 9x - 12,$$

thereby

$$f(x^2 + x) = 3x^2 + 3x - 4 = 3(x^2 + x) - 4,$$

hence  $f(2011) = 3(2011) - 4 = 6029$ . □

18. **Answer.** 2112

**Solution.** We denote the numbers of regions divided by  $n$  circles by  $P(n)$ . We have  $P(1) = 2$ ,  $P(2) = 4$ ,  $P(3) = 8$ ,  $P(4) = 14, \dots$  and from this we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} P(1) &= 2, \\ P(2) &= P(1) + 2, \\ P(3) &= P(2) + 4, \\ P(4) &= P(3) + 6, \\ &\dots \quad \dots \\ P(n) &= P(n-1) + 2(n-1). \end{aligned}$$

Summing these equations, we obtain

$$P(n) = 2 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2(n-1) = 2 + n(n-1).$$

This formula can be shown by induction on  $n$  to hold true.

Base case:  $n = 1$  is obvious.

Inductive step: Assume that the formula holds for  $n = k \geq 1$ , i.e.,  $P(k) = 2 + k(k-1)$ . Consider  $k+1$  circles, the  $(k+1)$ -th circle intersects  $k$  other circles at  $2k$  points (for each one, it cuts twice), which means that this circle is divided into  $2k$  arcs, each of which divides the region it passes into two sub-regions. Therefore, we have in addition  $2k$  regions, and so

$$P(k+1) = P(k) + 2k = 2 + k(k-1) + 2k = 2 + k(k+1).$$

The proof by induction is thus complete.

Using this result, put  $n = 2011$ , the number of regions  $N = 2 + 2011 \cdot (2011 - 1) = 4042112$ . So, the last 4 digits are 2112.  $\square$

19. **Answer.** 6034

**Solution.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer.

If  $n \leq x < n + \frac{1}{3}$ , then  $2n \leq 2x < 2n + \frac{2}{3}$  and  $3n \leq 3x < 3n + 1$ , giving

$$N = [x] + [2x] + [3x] = n + 2n + 3n = 6n.$$

If  $n + \frac{1}{3} \leq x < n + \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $2n + \frac{2}{3} \leq 2x < 2n + 1$  and  $3n + 1 \leq 3x < 3n + \frac{3}{2}$ , giving

$$N = [x] + [2x] + [3x] = n + 2n + 3n + 1 = 6n + 1.$$

If  $n + \frac{1}{2} \leq x < n + \frac{2}{3}$ , then  $2n + 1 \leq 2x < 2n + \frac{4}{3}$  and  $3n + \frac{3}{2} \leq 3x < 3n + \frac{4}{3}$ , giving

$$N = [x] + [2x] + [3x] = n + 2n + 1 + 3n + 1 = 6n + 2.$$

If  $n + \frac{2}{3} \leq x < n + 1$ , then  $2n + \frac{4}{3} \leq 2x < 2n + 2$  and  $3n + 2 \leq 3x < 3n + 3$ , giving

$$N = [x] + [2x] + [3x] = n + 2n + 1 + 3n + 2 = 6n + 3.$$

Thus, “invisible” numbers must be of the form  $6n + 4$  and  $6n + 5$ . The 2011<sup>th</sup> “invisible” integer is  $4 + 6 \times \frac{2011 - 1}{2} = 6034$ .  $\square$

20. **Answer.** 95004

**Solution.** We shall prove that for any positive integer  $a$ , if  $f(a)$  denotes the sum of all nonnegative integer solutions to  $\lfloor \frac{n}{a} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{a+1} \rfloor$ , then

$$f(a) = \frac{1}{6}a(a^2 - 1)(a + 2).$$

Thus  $f(27) = 95004$ .

Let  $n$  be a solution to  $\lfloor \frac{n}{a} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{a+1} \rfloor$ . Write  $n = aq + r$ , where  $0 \leq r < a$ . Thus  $\lfloor \frac{n}{a} \rfloor = q$ . Also  $n = (a+1)q + r - q$ . Since  $\lfloor \frac{n}{a+1} \rfloor = q$ , we have  $0 \leq r - q$ , that is,  $q \leq r < a$ . Therefore for each  $q = 0, 1, \dots, a-1$ ,  $r$  can be anyone of the values  $q, q+1, \dots, a-1$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} \sum_{r=q}^{a-1} (qa + r) \\ &= \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} (a-q)qa + \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} \sum_{r=q}^{a-1} r \\ &= a^2 \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} q - a \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} q^2 + \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} \sum_{q=0}^r r \\ &= a^2 \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} q - a \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} q^2 + \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} r(r+1) \\ &= a^2 \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} q - a \sum_{q=0}^{a-1} q^2 + \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} r^2 + \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} r \\ &= (a^2 + 1) \cdot \frac{1}{2}a(a-1) + (1-a) \cdot \frac{1}{6}a(2a-1)(a-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}a(a^2 - 1)(a + 2). \end{aligned}$$

□

21. **Answer.** 48

By using factor formulae and double angle formulae:

$$\frac{\sin A + \sin B + \sin C}{\cos A + \cos B + \cos C} = \frac{4 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{1 + 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{12}{7},$$

and

$$\sin A \sin B \sin C = 8 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} = \frac{12}{25}.$$

Solving these equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} &= 0.1 \\ \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$\sin \frac{C}{2} = \cos \left( \frac{A+B}{2} \right) = \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} - \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2},$$



multiplying both sides by  $\sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}$ , we get

$$\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} = 0.6 \sin \frac{C}{2} - 0.1 \cos \frac{C}{2}.$$

or equivalently,

$$(1 - t^2)t = 0.6\sqrt{1 - t^2} - 0.1t \iff 11t - 10t^3 = 6\sqrt{1 - t^2},$$

where  $t = \cos \frac{C}{2}$ . This equation solves for  $t = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}}$ , and so the corresponding values of  $\sin C$  are

$$1, 0.8, 0.6$$

and hence  $100s_1s_2s_3 = 100 \cdot 1 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.6 = 48$ .  $\square$

## 22. Answer. 8

**Solution.** We first prove that if  $x \geq 8$ , then  $z = 2$ . To this end, we observe that the left hand side of the equation  $1! + 2! + 3! + \dots + x!$  is divisible by 3, and hence  $3 \mid y^z$ . Since 3 is a prime,  $3 \mid y$ . So,  $3^z \mid y^z$  by elementary properties of divisibility.

On the other hand, when  $x = 8$ ,

$$1! + 2! + \dots + 8! = 46233$$

is divisible by  $3^2$  but not by  $3^3$ . Now, note that if  $n \geq 9$ , then we have  $3^3 \mid n!$ . So, when  $x \geq 8$ , the left hand side is divisible by  $3^2$  but not by  $3^3$ . This means that  $z = 2$ .

We now prove further that when  $x \geq 8$ , then the given equation has no solutions. To prove this, we observe that  $x \geq 8$  implies that

$$1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + \underbrace{5! + \dots + x!}_{\text{divisible by 5}} \equiv 3 \pmod{5}.$$

Since we have deduced that  $z = 2$ , we only have  $y^2 \equiv 0, 1, -1 \pmod{5}$ . This mismatch now completes the argument that there are no solutions to the equation when  $x \geq 8$ .

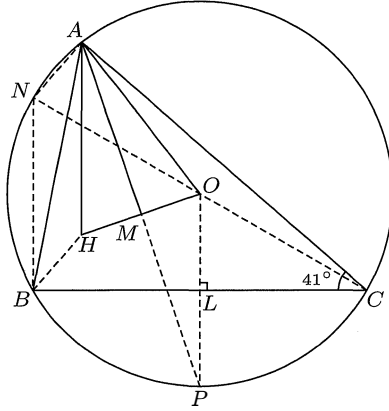
So the search narrows down to  $x < 8$ . By exhaustion, it is easy to find that there is only one solution:

$$x = y = 3, z = 2.$$

Thus, the sum of this only combination must be the largest and is equal to  $3 + 3 + 2 = 8$ .  $\square$

## 23. Answer. 38

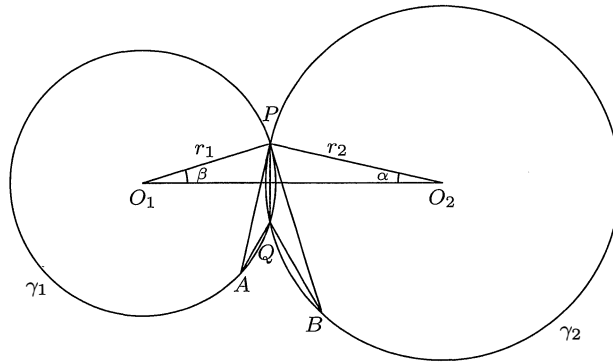
Let  $P$  be the midpoint of the arc  $BC$  not containing  $A$  on the circumcircle of the triangle  $ABC$ . Then  $OP$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $BC$ . Since  $AM$  bisects  $\angle A$ , the points  $A, M, P$  are collinear. As both  $AH$  and  $OP$  are perpendicular to  $BC$ , they are parallel. Thus  $\angle HAM = \angle OPM = \angle OAM$ . Also  $\angle HMA = \angle OMP$ . Since  $HM = OM$ , we have the triangles  $AHM$  and  $POM$  are congruent. Therefore  $AH = PO = AO$ .



Let  $L$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ . It is a known fact that  $AH = 2OL$ . To see this, extend  $CO$  meeting the circumcircle of the triangle  $ABC$  at the point  $N$ . Then  $ANBH$  is a parallelogram. Thus  $AH = NB = 2OL$ . Therefore in the right-angled triangle  $OLC$ ,  $OC = OA = AH = 2OL$ . This implies  $\angle OCL = 30^\circ$ . Since the triangle  $ABC$  is acute, the circumcentre  $O$  lies inside the triangle. In fact  $\angle A = 60^\circ$  and  $\angle B = 79^\circ$ . Then  $\angle OAC = \angle OCA = 41^\circ - 30^\circ = 11^\circ$ . Consequently,  $\angle HAO = 2\angle OAM = 2 \times (30^\circ - 11^\circ) = 38^\circ$ .  $\square$

24. **Answer.** 30

Let  $PO_1 = r_1$  and  $PO_2 = r_2$ . First note that  $O_1O_2$  intersects  $PQ$  at the midpoint  $H$  (not shown in the figure) of  $PQ$  perpendicularly. Next observe that  $\angle APQ = \angle PBQ = \angle PO_2O_1$ , and  $\angle BPQ = \angle PAQ = \angle PO_1O_2$ . Therefore  $\angle APB = \angle APQ + \angle BPQ = \angle PO_2O_1 + \angle PO_1O_2$ .



Let  $\angle PO_2O_1 = \alpha$  and  $\angle PO_1O_2 = \beta$ . Then  $\sin \alpha = \frac{PQ}{2r_2}$ ,  $\cos \alpha = \frac{O_2H}{r_2}$  and  $\sin \beta = \frac{PQ}{2r_1}$ ,  $\cos \beta = \frac{O_1H}{r_1}$ . Thus  $\sin \angle APB = \sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{PQ}{2r_2} \cdot \frac{O_1H}{r_1} + \frac{O_2H}{r_2} \cdot \frac{PQ}{2r_1} = \frac{PQ \cdot (O_1H + O_2H)}{2r_1r_2} = \frac{PQ \cdot O_1O_2}{2r_1r_2} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Since  $\angle APB$  is acute, it is equal to  $30^\circ$ .  $\square$

25. **Answer.** 2

**Solution.** Let

$$a_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i}^{-1}.$$

Assume that  $n \geq 3$ . It is clear that

$$a_n = 2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i}^{-1} > 2.$$

Also note that

$$a_n = 2 + 2/n + \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \binom{n}{i}^{-1}.$$

Since  $\binom{n}{i} \geq \binom{n}{2}$  for all  $i$  with  $2 \leq i \leq n-2$ ,

$$a_n \leq 2 + 2/n + (n-3) \binom{n}{2}^{-1} \leq 2 + 2/n + 2/n = 2 + 4/n.$$

So we have show that for all  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$2 < a_n \leq 2 + 4/n.$$

Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 2.$$

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