

Never Stand Still

Science

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB. Problem Sheet 15, September 10, 2019

1. AMC 2012 Senior Division, Q12.

Triangle PQR is right-angled at R. The circle with centre P and radius PR cuts PQ at S and the circle with centre Q and radius QS cuts QR at T.



If T bisects QR, find the ratio QS : SP.

2. Find all possible solutions to

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{4}$$

if x and y are positive integers.

- 3. Explain why a number made up of the same digit can only be prime if the digit is one and the number of digits is itself prime.
- 4. Find the smallest positive integer that is a multiple of 9 and has no odd digits.
- 5. Adapted from AMC 2012 Senior Division, Q21. Let p(x) be a polynomial such that

$$p(x) = (x-2)^{2019}(x+2019) + (x-2)^{2018}(x+2018) + \ldots + (x-2)(x+1).$$

Find the sum of the coefficients of p(x).

6. Let m and n be positive integers. Find the number of ordered pairs (m, n) such that the expression $(m - 8)(m - 10) = 2^n$ is satisfied.

Senior Questions

1. The triangular numbers are given by $T_n = 1 + 2 + \cdots + n$ for n a positive integer $(T_1 = 1)$.

Discover and prove a formula for

$$T_n\left(\frac{1}{T_1}+\frac{1}{T_2}+\ldots+\frac{1}{T_n}\right).$$

2. A, B, C and D are points on the parabola $y = x^2$ such that AB and CD intersect on the y-axis. Determine the x-coordinate of D in terms of the x-coordinates of A, B and C, which are a, b and c respectively.