



MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.

Problem Sheet 4, May 27, 2019¹

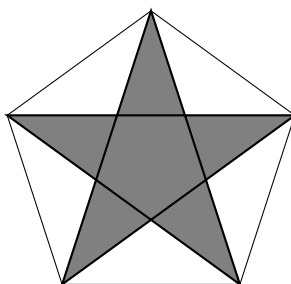
1. (a) What is the remainder when 2^{2019} is divided by 7?
(b) Find the last digit of 2^{2019} .
2. Gerald rolls 5 dice simultaneously. Each die has six faces labelled with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. What is the probability of getting 5 consecutive numbers as the outcome of the dice roll?

3. If $y = 2$ and

$$\sqrt{x + \sqrt{y + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{y + \dots}}}} = 7,$$

solve for x .

4. In a regular pentagon the diagonals are joined to form a star. What fraction of the pentagon does the star occupy?



5. Divide the numbers 24, 38, 39, 44, 45, 46, 48 into two sets in such a way that the sum of the numbers in each set is prime. Show that this can only be done in one way.
6. Find a positive integer x , such that if x is increased by 10%, then we get another positive integer with the sum of digits decreased by 10%.

¹Some problems from UNSW's publication *Parabola*, and the *Tournament of Towns in Toronto*

Senior Questions

1. Consider the points of intersection of the graphs $y = \cos x$ and $x = 100 \cos(100y)$ for which both coordinates are positive. Let a be the sum of their x -coordinates and b be the sum of their y -coordinates. Determine the value of $\frac{a}{b}$.
2. Prove that $\log_a(x) \log_b(y) = \log_b(x) \log_a(y)$.
3. Find all solutions of the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{1}{2} \left(y + \frac{1}{y} \right) \\y &= \frac{1}{2} \left(z + \frac{1}{z} \right) \\z &= \frac{1}{2} \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) \\t &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Generalise to 2019 variables.