



Regional Mathematical Olympiad-2013

Paper with Solution

Time : 3 hours

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Instructions :

- ☞ Calculators(in any form) and protactors are not allowed.
- ☞ Rulers and compasses are allowed.
- ☞ Answer all the questions. Maximum marks : 100
- ☞ Answer to each questions should start on a new page. Clearly indicate the question number.

1. Given that a,b,c,d,e are real numbers such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a + b + c + d + e &= 8 \\ a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 &= 16 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (a,b,c,d,e \text{ are all} \\ \text{positive}) \end{array}$$

Determine the maximum value of e.

[17]

Sol. Method-1 Given $a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$(a + b + c + d)^2 = (8 - e)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 2a(b + c + d) + 2b(c + d) + 2cd = (8 - e)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \geq (8 - e)^2 \quad \text{[Using A.M.} \geq \text{G.M.]}$$

$$\therefore 4(16 - e^2) \geq (8 - e)^2 \quad \text{[Given : } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 16 - e^2 \text{]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5e^2 \leq 16e$$

$$\Rightarrow e \leq 16/5$$

Method-2 For maximizing e, Take $a = b = c = d$

$$4a + e = 8 \quad \text{.....(1)}$$

$$4a^2 + e^2 = 16 \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

Solving (1) & (2)

$$e^2 + 4 \left(\frac{8 - e}{4} \right)^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 4e^2 + (64 + e^2 - 16e) = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 5e^2 - 16e = 0, e > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 16/5$$

2. Let a,b,c be the sides of a triangle and A is its area. Prove that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3} A$. [16]

Sol. **Method- 1**

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &= 4R^2 \sin^2 A + 4R^2 \sin^2 B + 4R^2 \sin^2 C && \text{[Using sine Rule]} \\ &= 4R^2 (\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C) \end{aligned}$$

We know that $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C \geq 2\sqrt{3} \sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C$

Now, $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 4R^2 (2\sqrt{3} \sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C)$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3}(2R \sin A)(2R \sin B) \sin C$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3} A$$

Method- 2

By A.M –G.M. inequality

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3(a^2 b^2 c^2)^{1/3}$$

We know that

$$ab = \frac{2A}{\sin C}, \quad bc = \frac{2A}{\sin B}, \quad ca = \frac{2A}{\sin A}$$

$$\therefore a^2 b^2 c^2 = \frac{8A^3}{\sin A \sin B \sin C}$$

Again we know that $G.M \leq A.M$.

$$(\sin A \sin B \sin C)^{1/3} \leq \frac{\sin A + \sin B + \sin C}{3} \leq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

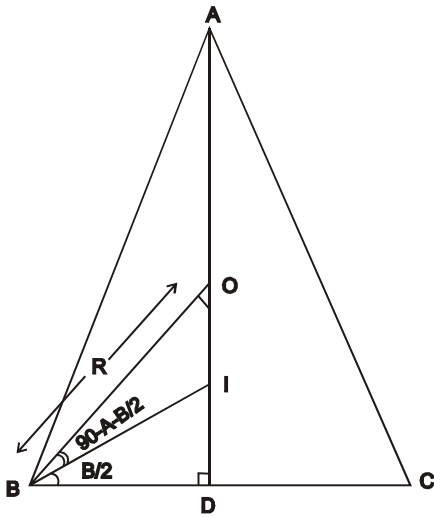
$$(\sin A \sin B \sin C)^3 \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin A \sin B \sin C} \geq \frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore a^2 b^2 c^2 \geq \frac{64A^3}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3(a^2 b^2 c^2)^{1/3} \geq 4\sqrt{3} A$$

3. Consider an isosceles triangle ABC. R is the radius of its circumscribed circle and r is the radius of its inscribed circle. Prove that the distance 'd' between the centres of these two circles is $\sqrt{R(R-2r)}$, when angle $A \leq 60^\circ$ and $AB = AC$. [17]

Sol.



Given, Isosceles triangle $\triangle ABC$. Let O & I are circumcentre and incentre respectively.
 $\angle BAC \leq 60^\circ$, O & I lies on altitude of BC.

$$OB = R, IB = r \operatorname{cosec} \frac{B}{2} = 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

$$OI^2 = OB^2 + IB^2 - 2OB \cdot IB \cos(\angle IBO) \quad [\text{Using cosine rule in } \triangle IBO]$$

$$OI^2 = R^2 + 16R^2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - 2R (4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}) \cos \left(90^\circ - A - \frac{B}{2} \right)$$

$$OI^2 = R^2 + 16R^2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} - 8R^2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \left(\frac{C-A}{2} \right)$$

$$OI^2 = R^2 + 8R^2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \left[2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} - \cos \left(\frac{C-A}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$OI^2 = R^2 + 8R^2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \left(-\cos \left(\frac{A+C}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$OI^2 = R^2 + 8R^2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

$$OI^2 = R^2 - 2rR \quad \left[\text{Using } 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = r \right]$$

4. Find all positive integers for which $(2^n - 1)$ is divisible by 7.

Sol. Method- 1

$2^n - 1 \rightarrow$ divisible by 7

$$2^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$2^n \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

Clearly $2^{3k} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$, $2^{3k+1} \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$, $2^{3k+2} \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

hence, $n = 3k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Method- 2

We observe the following set $\{2^1, 2^2, 2^3, \dots, 2^n\}$

Note that the numbers are of 3 types with respect to 3 namely 2^{3k} or 2^{3k+1} or 2^{3k+2} where k is positive integer.

Case- I

If number is of 2^{3k} type

$$N = 2^{3k} = 8^k = (7 + 1)^k$$

expanding using binomial theorem

$$N = {}^kC_0 7^k + {}^kC_1 7^{k-1} + \dots + {}^kC_{k-1} 7 + 1$$

$$= (7m + 1)$$

$\therefore N - 1$ is divisible by 7

\therefore The whole case is the solution $\therefore n = 3k$ where $k \in \mathbb{N}$ is the solution

Case- II

If number is of 2^{3k+1} type

$$N = 2 \cdot 8^k$$

$$= 2(7 + 1)^k$$

similarly expanding we get

$$N = 7m + 2$$

$\therefore N - 1$ is divisible by 7

\therefore no solution

Case- III

If number is of 2^{3k+2} type

$$N = 4 \cdot 8^k$$

$$= 4(7 + 1)^k$$

similarly expanding we get

$$N = 7m + 4$$

$\therefore N - 1$ not divisible by 7

\therefore no solution

5. Solve $(x^2 + x - 2)^3 + (2x^2 - x - 1)^3 = 27(x^2 - 1)$ for real x .

Sol. $(x^2 + x - 2)^2 + (2x^2 - x - 1)^3 = 27(x^2 - 1)$

$$(x - 1)^3 (x + 1)^3 + (2x + 1)^3 (x - 1)^3 = 27(x + 1)^3 (x - 1)^3$$

$$(x - 1)^3 = 0$$

$\therefore x = 1$ is one of the solution.

Now let , $a = x + 2$, $b = 2x + 1$, $c = -3x - 3$

Hence, $a + b + c = x + 2 + 2x + 1 - 3x - 3 = 0$

If $a + b + c = 0$ then, $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

So equation becomes $3(x + 2)(2x + 1)(-3x - 3) = 0$

$$(x + 2)(2x + 1)(-3x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = -2, -\frac{1}{2}, -1$$

Hence solution set is $\{-1, -\frac{1}{2}, -2, 1\}$

6. Determine all non negative integral pairs (x, y) for which $(xy - 7)^2 = x^2 + y^2$.

Sol. Method- 1

$$(xy - 7)^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y)^2 + xy(12 - xy) = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow xy(12 - xy) = 0 \text{ and } x + y = 7$$

Case -I

$$xy = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3, y = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 4, y = 3$$

Case -II $xy = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, y = 7 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 7, y = 0$$

Required ordered pairs are : $(3, 4) (4, 3) (0, 7) (7, 0)$

Method- 2

$$(xy - 7)^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (xy - 6)^2 + 13 = (x+y)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y - xy + 6)(x + y + xy - 6) = 13$$

Case -I

$$x + y + xy - 6 = 13$$

$$x + y - xy + 6 = 1$$

On solving $(x, y) \equiv (4, 3), (3, 4)$

Case -II

$$x + y + xy - 6 = 1$$

$$x + y - xy + 6 = 13$$

On solving $(x, y) \equiv (0, 7), (7, 0)$

In all other cases negative solutions are obtained

hence solution set is $(3, 4) (4, 3), (7, 0) (0, 7)$