

## **Solutions Pamphlet**

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- 1. Answer (C): Leah has 7 pennies and 6 nickels, which are worth 37 cents.
- 2. Answer (C): The special allows Orvin to purchase balloons at  $\frac{1+\frac{2}{3}}{2} = \frac{5}{6}$  times the regular price. Because Orvin had just enough money to purchase 30 balloons at the regular price, he may now purchase  $30 \cdot \frac{6}{5} = 36$  balloons.
- 3. Answer (E): The fraction of Randy's trip driven on pavement was  $1 \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{5} = \frac{7}{15}$ . Therefore the entire trip was  $20 \div \frac{7}{15} = \frac{300}{7}$  miles.
- 4. Answer (B): Let a muffin cost m dollars and a banana cost b dollars. Then 2(4m+3b) = 2m+16b, and simplifying gives  $m = \frac{5}{3}b$ .
- 5. Answer (A): Denote the height of a pane by 5x and the width by 2x. Then the square window has height  $2 \cdot 5x + 6$  inches and width  $4 \cdot 2x + 10$  inches. Solving  $2 \cdot 5x + 6 = 4 \cdot 2x + 10$  gives x = 2. The side length of the square window is 26 inches.
- 6. Answer (D): Let *a* be the amount in a regular lemonade. Then a large lemonade holds  $\frac{3}{2}a$ , and Ann had  $\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2}a = \frac{3}{8}a$  lemonade left right before she gave Ed part of her drink. She gave him  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{8}a + 2 = \frac{1}{8}a + 2$  ounces. Because Ann and Ed drank the same amount of lemonade, it follows that  $a + (\frac{1}{8}a + 2) = \frac{3}{2}a (\frac{1}{8}a + 2)$ , and  $4 = \frac{1}{4}a$ . Thus a = 16 ounces,  $\frac{3}{2}a = 24$  ounces, and together they drank 16 + 24 = 40 ounces.
- 7. Answer (D): Let  $x = \frac{n}{30-n}$  so that  $n = \frac{30x}{x+1}$ . Because x and x+1 are relatively prime, it follows that x + 1 must be a factor of 30. Because n is positive and less than 30 it follows that  $x + 1 \ge 2$ . Thus x + 1 equals 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, or 30. Hence there are 7 possible values for n, namely 15, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28, and 29.
- 8. Answer (C): As indicated by the leftmost column  $A + B \leq 9$ . Then both the second and fourth columns show that C = 0. Because A, B, and C are distinct digits, D must be at least 3. The following values for (A, B, C, D) show that D may be any of the 7 digits that are at least 3: (1, 2, 0, 3), (1, 3, 0, 4), (2, 3, 0, 5), (2, 4, 0, 6), (2, 5, 0, 7), (2, 6, 0, 8), (2, 7, 0, 9).

- 9. Answer (B): By the Pythagorean Theorem, AC = 5. Because  $5^2 + 12^2 = 13^2$ , the converse of the Pythagorean Theorem applied to  $\triangle DAC$  implies that  $\angle DAC = 90^\circ$ . The area of  $\triangle ABC$  is 6 and the area of  $\triangle DAC$  is 30. Thus the area of the quadrilateral is 6 + 30 = 36.
- 10. Answer (D): Let m be the total mileage of the trip. Then m must be a multiple of 55. Also, because m = cba abc = 99(c a), it is a multiple of 9. Therefore m is a multiple of 495. Because m is at most a 3-digit number and a is not equal to 0, m = 495. Therefore c a = 5. Because  $a + b + c \leq 7$ , the only possible abc is 106, so  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1 + 0 + 36 = 37$ .

## OR

Let *m* be the total mileage of the trip. Then *m* must be a multiple of 55. Also, because m = cba - abc = 99(c - a), c - a is a multiple of 5. Because  $a \ge 1$  and  $a+b+c \le 7$ , it follows that c = 6 and a = 1. Therefore b = 0, so  $a^2+b^2+c^2=37$ .

- 11. Answer (E): The numbers in the list have a sum of  $11 \cdot 10 = 110$ . The value of the 11th number is maximized when the sum of the first ten numbers is minimized subject to the following conditions.
  - If the numbers are arranged in nondecreasing order, the sixth number is 9.
  - The number 8 occurs either 2, 3, 4, or 5 times, and all other numbers occur fewer times.

If 8 occurs 5 times, the smallest possible sum of the first 10 numbers is

If 8 occurs 4 times, the smallest possible sum of the first 10 numbers is

$$1 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 10 + 10 = 80.$$

If 8 occurs 3 times, the smallest possible sum of the first 10 numbers is

$$1 + 1 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 9 + 9 + 10 + 10 + 11 = 75.$$

If 8 occurs 2 times, the smallest possible sum of the first 10 numbers is

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 8 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 + 13 = 77.$$

Thus the largest possible value of the 11th number is 110 - 75 = 35.

- 12. Answer (B): Denote a triangle by the string of its side lengths written in nonincreasing order. Then S has at most one equilateral triangle and at most one of the two triangles 442 and 221. The other possible elements of S are 443, 441, 433, 432, 332, 331, and 322. All other strings are excluded by the triangle inequality. Therefore S has at most 9 elements.
- 13. Answer (C): There is a triangle with side lengths 1, *a*, and *b* if and only if a > b 1. There is a triangle with side lengths  $\frac{1}{b}$ ,  $\frac{1}{a}$ , and 1 if and only if  $\frac{1}{a} > 1 \frac{1}{b}$ , that is,  $a < \frac{b}{b-1}$ . Therefore there are no such triangles if and only if  $b 1 \ge a \ge \frac{b}{b-1}$ . The smallest possible value of *b* satisfies  $b 1 = \frac{b}{b-1}$ , or  $b^2 3b + 1 = 0$ . The solution with b > 1 is  $\frac{1}{2}(3 + \sqrt{5})$ . The corresponding value of *a* is  $\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{5})$ .
- 14. Answer (D): Denote the edge lengths by x, y, and z. The surface area is 2(xy+yz+zx) = 94 and the sum of the lengths of the edges is 4(x+y+z) = 48. Therefore  $144 = (x+y+z)^2 = x^2+y^2+z^2+2(xy+yz+zx) = x^2+y^2+z^2+94$ , so  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 50$ . By the Pythagorean Theorem applied twice, each of the 4 internal diagonals has length  $\sqrt{50}$ , and their total length is  $4\sqrt{50} = 20\sqrt{2}$ . A right rectangular prism with edge lengths 3, 4, and 5 satisfies the conditions of the problem.
- 15. Answer (C): Because  $k \ln k = \ln(k^k)$  and the log of a product is the sum of the logs,  $p = \ln \prod_{k=1}^{6} k^k$ . Therefore  $e^p$  is the integer  $1^1 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 4^4 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 6^6 = 2^{16} \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5^5$ , and the largest power of 2 dividing  $e^p$  is  $2^{16}$ .
- 16. Answer (E): Because P(0) = k, it follows that  $P(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + k$ . Thus P(1) = a + b + c + k = 2k and P(-1) = -a + b - c + k = 3k. Adding these equations gives 2b = 3k. Hence

$$P(2) + P(-2) = (8a + 4b + 2c + k) + (-8a + 4b - 2c + k)$$
  
= 8b + 2k = 12k + 2k = 14k.

## OR

Let (P(-2), P(-1), P(0), P(1), P(2)) = (r, 3k, k, 2k, s). The sequence of first differences of consecutive values is (3k - r, -2k, k, s - 2k), the sequence of second differences is (r - 5k, 3k, s - 3k), and the sequence of third differences is (8k - r, s - 6k). Because P is a cubic polynomial, the third differences are equal, so P(-2) + P(2) = r + s = 14k.

17. Answer (E): The line passing through point Q = (20, 14) with slope *m* has equation y - 14 = m(x - 20). The requested values for *m* are those for which the system

$$\begin{cases} y - 14 = m(x - 20) \\ y = x^2 \end{cases}$$

has no solutions. Solving for y in the first equation and substituting into the second yields  $m(x-20) + 14 = x^2$ , which reduces to  $x^2 - mx + (20m - 14) = 0$ . This equation has no solution for x when the discriminant is negative, that is, when  $m^2 - 4 \cdot (20m - 14) = m^2 - 80m + 56 < 0$ . This quadratic in m is negative between its two roots  $40 \pm \sqrt{40^2 - 56}$ , which are the required values of r and s. The requested sum is  $r + s = 2 \cdot 40 = 80$ .

- 18. Answer (B): The circular arrangement 14352 is bad because the sum 6 cannot be achieved with consecutive numbers, and the circular arrangement 23154 is bad because the sum 7 cannot be so achieved. It remains to show that these are the only bad arrangements. Given a circular arrangement, sums 1 through 5 can be achieved with a single number, and if the sum n can be achieved, then the sum 15 - n can be achieved using the complementary subset. Therefore an arrangement is not bad as long as sums 6 and 7 can be achieved. Suppose 6 cannot be achieved. Then 1 and 5 cannot be adjacent, so by a suitable rotation and/or reflection, the arrangement is 1bc5e. Furthermore,  $\{b, c\}$  cannot equal  $\{2,3\}$  because 1 + 2 + 3 = 6; similarly  $\{b,c\}$  cannot equal  $\{2,4\}$ . It follows that e = 2, which then forces the arrangement to be 14352 in order to avoid consecutive 213. This arrangement is bad. Next suppose that 7 cannot be achieved. Then 2 and 5 cannot be adjacent, so again without loss of generality the arrangement is 2bc5e. Reasoning as before,  $\{b, c\}$  cannot equal  $\{3, 4\}$  or  $\{1,4\}$ , so e = 4, and then b = 3 and c = 1, to avoid consecutive 421; therefore the arrangement is 23154, which is also bad. Thus there are only two bad arrangements up to rotation and reflection.
- 19. Answer (E): Assume without loss of generality that the radius of the top base of the truncated cone (frustum) is 1. Denote the radius of the bottom base by r and the radius of the sphere by a. The figure on the left is a side view of the frustum. Applying the Pythagorean Theorem to the triangle on the right yields  $r = a^2$ . The volume of the frustum is

$$\frac{1}{3}\pi(r^2 + r \cdot 1 + 1^2) \cdot 2a = \frac{1}{3}\pi(a^4 + a^2 + 1) \cdot 2a.$$

Setting this equal to twice the volume of the sphere,  $\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3$ , and simplifying gives  $a^4 - 3a^2 + 1 = 0$ , or  $r^2 - 3r + 1 = 0$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .



20. Answer (B): The domain of  $\log_{10}(x-40) + \log_{10}(60-x)$  is 40 < x < 60. Within this domain, the inequality  $\log_{10}(x-40) + \log_{10}(60-x) < 2$  is equivalent to each of the following:  $\log_{10}((x-40)(60-x)) < 2$ ,  $(x-40)(60-x) < 10^2 = 100$ ,  $x^2 - 100x + 2500 > 0$ , and  $(x-50)^2 > 0$ . The last inequality is true for all  $x \neq 50$ . Thus the integer solutions to the original inequality are  $41, 42, \ldots, 49, 51, 52, \ldots, 59$ , and their number is 18.

21. Answer (C): Let x = BE = GH = CF, and let  $\theta = \angle DHG = \angle AGJ = \angle FKH$ . Note that AD = GJ = HK = 1. In right triangle GDH,  $x \sin \theta = DG = 1 - AG = 1 - \cos \theta$ , so  $x = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$ . Then  $1 = CD = CF + FH + HD = x + \sin \theta + x \cos \theta$ . Substituting for x gives

$$1 = \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{\sin\theta} + \sin\theta + \frac{1 - \cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \cdot \cos\theta$$
$$= \frac{(1 - \cos\theta)(1 + \cos\theta)}{\sin\theta} + \sin\theta$$
$$= \frac{\sin^2\theta}{\sin\theta} + \sin\theta = 2\sin\theta.$$

It follows that  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ , so  $\theta = 30^{\circ}$ , and

$$x = \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 - \sqrt{3}.$$

Let a = EK, b = EJ, and c = JK = BE. Then triangles KEJ, GDH, and JAG are similar right triangles and it follows that  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ,  $\frac{a}{c} = 1 - b - c$ , and  $\frac{b}{c} = 1 - a$ . The first equation is equivalent to  $a^2 = (c + b)(c - b)$ , and the last equation is equivalent to ac = c - b. Multiplying by c + b and equating to the first equation gives  $ac(c + b) = (c + b)(c - b) = a^2$ . Because a > 0, it follows that a = c(c + b). Plugging into the second equation gives c(1 - b - c) = c(c + b). Because c > 0, it follows that  $c + b = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus  $a = \frac{c}{2}$  and

$$c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} = \frac{c^{2}}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - c\right)^{2}.$$

Solving for c gives  $c = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$ . If  $c = 2 + \sqrt{3}$ , then  $b = \frac{1}{2} - c = -\frac{3}{2} - \sqrt{3} < 0$ . Thus  $BE = c = 2 - \sqrt{3}$ .

22. Answer (C): First note that once the frog is on pad 5, it has probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  of eventually being eaten by the snake, and a probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  of eventually exiting the pond without being eaten. It is therefore necessary only to determine the probability that the frog on pad 1 will reach pad 5 before being eaten.

Consider the frog's jumps in pairs. The frog on pad 1 will advance to pad 3 with probability  $\frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{8}{10} = \frac{72}{100}$ , will be back at pad 1 with probability  $\frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{10} = \frac{18}{100}$ , and will retreat to pad 0 and be eaten with probability  $\frac{1}{10}$ . Because the frog will eventually make it to pad 3 or make it to pad 0, the probability that it ultimately makes it to pad 3 is  $\frac{72}{100} \div (\frac{72}{100} + \frac{10}{100}) = \frac{36}{41}$ , and the probability that it ultimately makes it to pad 0 is  $\frac{10}{100} \div (\frac{72}{100} + \frac{10}{100}) = \frac{5}{41}$ .

Similarly, in a pair of jumps the frog will advance from pad 3 to pad 5 with probability  $\frac{7}{10} \cdot \frac{6}{10} = \frac{42}{100}$ , will be back at pad 3 with probability  $\frac{7}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{10} + \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{8}{10} = \frac{52}{100}$ , and will retreat to pad 1 with probability  $\frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{10} = \frac{6}{100}$ . Because the frog will ultimately make it to pad 5 or pad 1 from pad 3, the probability that it ultimately makes it to pad 5 is  $\frac{42}{100} \div (\frac{42}{100} + \frac{6}{100}) = \frac{7}{8}$ , and the probability that it ultimately makes it to pad 1 is  $\frac{6}{100} \div (\frac{42}{100} + \frac{6}{100}) = \frac{1}{8}$ .

The sequences of pairs of moves by which the frog will advance to pad 5 without being eaten are

 $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5, 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5, 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5,$ 

and so on. The sum of the respective probabilities of reaching pad 5 is then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{36}{41} \cdot \frac{7}{8} + \frac{36}{41} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{36}{41} \cdot \frac{7}{8} + \frac{36}{41} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{36}{41} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{36}{41} \cdot \frac{7}{8} + \cdots \\ &= \frac{63}{82} \left( 1 + \frac{9}{82} + \left(\frac{9}{82}\right)^2 + \cdots \right) \\ &= \frac{63}{82} \div \left( 1 - \frac{9}{82} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$=\frac{63}{73}.$$

Therefore the requested probability is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{63}{73} = \frac{63}{146}$ .

## OR

For  $1 \le j \le 5$ , let  $p_j$  be the probability that the frog eventually reaches pad 10 starting at pad j. By symmetry  $p_5 = \frac{1}{2}$ . For the frog to reach pad 10 starting from pad 4, the frog goes either to pad 3 with probability  $\frac{2}{5}$  or to pad 5 with probability  $\frac{3}{5}$ , and then continues on a successful sequence from either of these pads. Thus  $p_4 = \frac{2}{5}p_3 + \frac{3}{5}p_5 = \frac{2}{5}p_3 + \frac{3}{10}$ . Similarly, to reach pad 10 starting from pad 3, the frog goes either to pad 2 with probability  $\frac{3}{10}$  or to pad 4 with probability  $\frac{7}{10}$ . Thus  $p_3 = \frac{3}{10}p_2 + \frac{7}{10}p_4$ , and substituting from the previous equation for  $p_4$  gives  $p_3 = \frac{5}{12}p_2 + \frac{7}{24}$ . In the same way,  $p_2 = \frac{1}{5}p_1 + \frac{4}{5}p_3$  and after substituting for  $p_3$  gives  $p_2 = \frac{3}{10}p_1 + \frac{7}{20}$ . Lastly, for the frog to escape starting from pad 1, it is necessary for it to get to pad 2 with probability  $\frac{9}{10}$ , and then escape starting from pad 2. Thus  $p_1 = \frac{9}{10}p_2 = \frac{9}{10}(\frac{3}{10}p_1 + \frac{7}{20})$ , and solving the equation gives  $p_1 = \frac{63}{146}$ .

Note: This type of random process is called a Markov process.

23. Answer (C): Let  $n = \binom{2014}{k}$ . Note that  $2016 \cdot 2015 \equiv (-1)(-2) = 2 \pmod{2017}$  and  $2016 \cdot 2015 \cdots (2015 - k) \equiv (-1)(-2) \cdots (-(k+2)) = (-1)^k (k+2)! \pmod{2017}$ . Because  $n \cdot k! \cdot (2014 - k)! = 2014!$ , it follows that

$$n \cdot k! \cdot (2014 - k)! \cdot ((2015 - k) \cdots 2015 \cdot 2016) \cdot 2 \equiv 2014! \cdot 2015 \cdot 2016 \cdot (-1)^k (k+2)! \pmod{2017}.$$

Thus

 $2n \cdot k! \cdot 2016! \equiv (-1)^k (k+2)! \cdot 2016! \pmod{2017}.$ 

Dividing by  $2016! \cdot k!$ , which is relatively prime to 2017, gives

$$2n \equiv (-1)^k (k+2)(k+1) \pmod{2017}.$$

Thus  $n \equiv (-1)^k \binom{k+2}{2} \pmod{2017}$ . It follows that

$$S \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{62} (-1)^k \binom{k+2}{2} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{31} \left( \binom{2k+2}{2} - \binom{2k+1}{2} \right)$$
$$= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{31} (2k+1) = 32^2 = 1024 \pmod{2017}.$$

24. Answer (D): Let x = AC, y = AD, and z = BE. Because the arcs ABC, BCD, and CDE are congruent, it follows that AC = BD = CE = x.



By Ptolemy's Theorem applied to the quadrilaterals *ABCD*, *ABDE*, and *BCDE*, it follows that

$$10y + 9 = x^2$$
,  $30 + 14x = yz$ , and  $100 + 3z = x^2$ .

Solving for y and z in the first and third equations and substituting in the second equation gives

$$30 + 14x = \left(\frac{x^2 - 9}{10}\right) \left(\frac{x^2 - 100}{3}\right) = \frac{x^4 - 109x^2 + 900}{30}$$

which implies that

$$900 + 420x = x^4 - 109x^2 + 900.$$

Thus  $x^3 - 109x - 420 = 0$ . This equation factors as (x - 12)(x + 5)(x + 7) = 0. Because x > 0 it follows that x = 12,  $y = \frac{1}{10}(x^2 - 9) = \frac{135}{10} = \frac{27}{2}$ , and  $z = \frac{1}{3}(x^2 - 100) = \frac{44}{3}$ . The required sum of diagonals equals  $3x + y + z = \frac{385}{6}$ , so m + n = 385 + 6 = 391.

25. Answer (D): If  $x = \frac{1}{2}\pi y$ , then the given equation is equivalent to

$$2\cos(\pi y)\left(\cos(\pi y) - \cos\left(\frac{4028\pi}{y}\right)\right) = \cos(2\pi y) - 1.$$

Dividing both sides by 2 and using the identity  $\frac{1}{2}(1-\cos(2\pi y)) = \sin^2(\pi y)$  yields

$$\cos^{2}(\pi y) - \cos(\pi y) \cos\left(\frac{4028\pi}{y}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos(2\pi y) - 1\right) = -\sin^{2}(\pi y).$$

This is equivalent to

$$1 = \cos(\pi y) \cos\left(\frac{4028\pi}{y}\right).$$

Thus either  $\cos(\pi y) = \cos(\frac{4028\pi}{y}) = 1$  or  $\cos(\pi y) = \cos(\frac{4028\pi}{y}) = -1$ . It follows that y and  $\frac{4028}{y}$  are both integers having the same parity. Therefore y cannot be odd or a multiple of 4. Finally, let y = 2a with a a positive odd divisor of  $4028 = 2^2 \cdot 19 \cdot 53$ , that is  $a \in \{1, 19, 53, 19 \cdot 53\}$ . Then  $\cos(\pi y) = \cos(2a\pi) = 1$  and  $\cos(\frac{4028\pi}{y}) = \cos(\frac{2014\pi}{a}) = 1$ . Therefore the sum of all solutions x is  $\pi(1+19+53+19\cdot53) = \pi(19+1)(53+1) = 1080\pi$ .

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