2019 USMCA



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- Challenger Division
- 1 At a math competition, a team of 8 students has 2 hours to solve 30 problems. If each problem needs to be solved by 2 students, on average how many minutes can a student spend on a problem?
- **2** A *trifecta* is an ordered triple of positive integers (a, b, c) with a < b < c such that a divides b, b divides c, and c divides ab. What is the largest possible sum a + b + c over all trifectas of three-digit integers?
- **3** Determine all real values of *x* for which

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x-2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+2}} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

- **4** How many six-letter words formed from the letters of AMC do not contain the substring AMC? (For example, AMAMMC has this property, but AAMCCC does not.)
- **5** What is the largest integer with distinct digits such that no two of its digits sum to a perfect square?
- **6** Seven two-digit integers form a strictly increasing arithmetic sequence. If the first and last terms of this sequence have the same set of digits, what is the sum of all possible medians of the sequence?
- 7 Triangle ABC has AB = 8, AC = 12, BC = 10. Let D be the intersection of the angle bisector of angle A with BC. Let M be the midpoint of BC. The line parallel to AC passing through Mintersects AB at N. The line parallel to AB passing through D intersects AC at P. MN and DP intersect at E. Find the area of ANEP.
- 8 The Fibonacci sequence  $F_0, F_1, \ldots$  satisfies  $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$ , and  $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$  for all  $n \ge 0$ . Compute the number of triples (a, b, c) with  $0 \le a < b < c \le 100$  for which  $F_a, F_b, F_c$  is an arithmetic progression.
- 9 How many decreasing sequences  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{2019}$  of positive integers are there such that  $a_1 \le 2019^2$  and  $a_n + n$  is even for each  $1 \le n \le 2019$ ?

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**10** Let a, b be positive real numbers with a > b. Compute the minimum possible value of the expression

$$\frac{a^2b - ab^2 + 8}{ab - b^2}.$$

- 11 Let *ABC* be a right triangle with hypotenuse *AB*. Point *E* is on *AB* with AE = 10BE, and point *D* is outside triangle *ABC* such that DC = DB and  $\angle CDA = \angle BDE$ . Let [ABC] and [BCD] denote the areas of triangles *ABC* and *BCD*. Determine the value of  $\frac{[BCD]}{[ABC]}$ .
- **12** Determine the number of 10-letter strings consisting of *A*s, *B*s, and *C*s such that there is no *B* between any two *A*s.
- **13** The infinite sequence  $a_0, a_1, \ldots$  is given by  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{1+a_n}{2}}$ . Determine the infinite product  $a_1a_2a_3\cdots$ .
- **14** In a circle of radius 10, three congruent chords bound an equilateral triangle with side length 8. The endpoints of these chords form a convex hexagon. Compute the area of this hexagon.
- **15** Let P(x) be a polynomial with integer coefficients such that

$$P(\sqrt{2}\sin x) = -P(\sqrt{2}\cos x)$$

for all real numbers x. What is the largest prime that must divide P(2019)?

- **16** What is the product of the factors of  $30^{12}$  that are congruent to 1 modulo 7?
- 17 Tommy takes a 25-question true-false test. He answers each question correctly with independent probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Tommy earns bonus points for correct streaks: the first question in a streak is worth 1 point, the second question is worth 2 points, and so on. For instance, the sequence TFFTTTFT is worth 1 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 1 = 8 points. Compute the expected value of Tommys score.
- **18** Two circles with radii 3 and 4 are externally tangent at *P*. Let  $A \neq P$  be on the first circle and  $B \neq P$  be on the second circle, and let the tangents at *A* and *B* to the respective circles intersect at *Q*. Given that QA = QB and *AB* bisects *PQ*, compute the area of *QAB*.
- **19** Let *n* be the largest integer such that  $5^n$  divides  $12^{2015} + 13^{2015}$ . Compute the remainder when  $\frac{12^{2015} + 13^{2015}}{5^n}$  is divided by 1000.

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- **20** Kelvin the Frog lives in the 2-D plane. Each day, he picks a uniformly random direction (i.e. a uniformly random bearing  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ ) and jumps a mile in that direction. Let D be the number of miles Kelvin is away from his starting point after ten days. Determine the expected value of  $D^4$ .
- **21** Let ABCD be a rectangle satisfying AB = CD = 24, and let E and G be points on the extension of BA past A and the extension of CD past D respectively such that AE = 1 and DG = 3.

Suppose that there exists a unique pair of points (F, H) on lines BC and DA respectively such that H is the orthocenter of  $\triangle EFG$ . Find the sum of all possible values of BC.

**22** Find the largest real number  $\lambda$  such that

 $a_1^2 + \dots + a_{2019}^2 \ge a_1 a_2 + a_2 a_3 + \dots + a_{1008} a_{1009} + \lambda a_{1009} a_{1010} + \lambda a_{1010} a_{1011} + a_{1011} a_{1012} + \dots + a_{2018} a_{2019}$ 

for all real numbers  $a_1, \ldots, a_{2019}$ . The coefficients on the right-hand side are 1 for all terms except  $a_{1009}a_{1010}$  and  $a_{1010}a_{1011}$ , which have coefficient  $\lambda$ .

**23** For Kelvin the Frog's birthday, Alex the Kat gives him one brick weighing x pounds, two bricks weighing y pounds, and three bricks weighing z pounds, where x, y, z are positive integers of Kelvin the Frog's choice.

Kelvin the Frog has a balance scale. By placing some combination of bricks on the scale (possibly on both sides), he wants to be able to balance any item of weight 1, 2, ..., N pounds. What is the largest N for which Kelvin the Frog can succeed?

- **24** Let ABC be a triangle with  $\angle A = 60^{\circ}$ , AB = 12, AC = 14. Point *D* is on *BC* such that  $\angle BAD = \angle CAD$ . Extend *AD* to meet the circumcircle at *M*. The circumcircle of *BDM* intersects *AB* at  $K \neq B$ , and line *KM* intersects the circumcircle of *CDM* at  $L \neq M$ . Find  $\frac{KM}{LM}$ .
- **25** Determine the remainder when

$$\prod_{i=1}^{2016} (i^4 + 5)$$

is divided by 2017.

**26** The permutations of *OLYMPIAD* are arranged in lexicographical order, with *ADILMOPY* being arrangement 1 and its reverse being arrangement 40320. Yu Semo and Yu Sejmo both choose a uniformly random arrangement. The immature Yu Sejmo exclaims, "My fourth letter is *L*!" while Yu Semo remains silent. Given this information, let  $E_1$  be the expected arrangement number of Yu Semo and  $E_2$  be the expected arrangement number of Yu Sejmo. Compute  $E_2 - E_1$ .

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For an integer n, define f(n) to be the greatest integer k such that  $2^k$  divides  $\binom{n}{m}$  for some 27  $0 \le m \le n$ . Compute  $f(1) + f(2) + \dots + f(2048)$ . 28 Alex the Kat plays the following game. First, he writes the number 27000 on a blackboard. Each minute, he erases the number on the blackboard and replaces it with a number chosen uniformly randomly from its positive divisors, including itself. Find the probability that, after 2019 minutes, the number on the blackboard is 1. 29 Let n be a positive integer, and let  $a_1, \ldots, a_n, b_1, \ldots, b_n$  be real numbers. Alex the Kat writes down the  $n^2$  numbers of the form  $\min(a_i, a_j)$ , and Kelvin the Frog writes down the  $n^2$  numbers of the form  $\max(b_i, b_i)$ . Let  $x_n$  be the largest possible size of the set  $\{a_1, \ldots, a_n, b_1, \ldots, b_n\}$ , such that Alex the Kat and Kelvin the Frog write down the same collection of numbers. Determine the number of distinct integers in the sequence  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{10,000}$ . 30 Let ABC be a triangle with BC = a, CA = b, and AB = c. The A-excircle is tangent to  $\overline{BC}$  at  $A_1$ ; points  $B_1$  and  $C_1$  are similarly defined. Determine the number of ways to select positive integers a, b, c such that - the numbers -a + b + c, a - b + c, and a + b - c are even integers at most 100, and - the circle through the midpoints of  $\overline{AA_1}$ ,  $\overline{BB_1}$ , and  $\overline{CC_1}$  is tangent to the incircle of  $\triangle ABC$ . Premier Division \_ 1 Kelvin the Frog and Alex the Kat are playing a game on an initially empty blackboard. Kelvin begins by writing a digit. Then, the players alternate inserting a digit anywhere into the number currently on the blackboard, including possibly a leading zero (e.g. 12 can become 123, 142, 512, 012, etc.). Alex wins if the blackboard shows a perfect square at any time, and Kelvin's goal is prevent Alex from winning. Does Alex have a winning strategy? 2 Let  $n \ge 2$  be an even integer. Find the maximum integer k (in terms of n) such that  $2^k$  divides  $\binom{n}{m}$  for some  $0 \le m \le n$ . Let ABC be a scalene triangle. The incircle of ABC touches  $\overline{BC}$  at D. Let P be a point on  $\overline{BC}$ 3 satisfying  $\angle BAP = \angle CAP$ , and M be the midpoint of  $\overline{BC}$ . Define Q to be on  $\overline{AM}$  such that  $\overline{PQ} \perp \overline{AM}$ . Prove that the circumcircle of  $\triangle AQD$  is tangent to  $\overline{BC}$ . Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , 4

 $f(f(x) + y)^{2} = (x - y)(f(x) - f(y)) + 4f(x)f(y).$ 

**5** The number 2019 is written on a blackboard. Every minute, if the number *a* is written on the board, Evan erases it and replaces it with a number chosen from the set

$$\{0, 1, 2, \ldots, \lceil 2.01a \rceil\}$$

uniformly at random. Is there an integer N such that the board reads 0 after N steps with at least 99% probability?

- **6** A *mirrored polynomial* is a polynomial f of degree 100 with real coefficients such that the  $x^{50}$  coefficient of f is 1, and  $f(x) = x^{100} f(1/x)$  holds for all real nonzero x. Find the smallest real constant C such that any mirrored polynomial f satisfying  $f(1) \ge C$  has a complex root z obeying |z| = 1.
- 7 Let AXBY be a convex quadrilateral. The incircle of  $\triangle AXY$  has center  $I_A$  and touches  $\overline{AX}$  and  $\overline{AY}$  at  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively. The incircle of  $\triangle BXY$  has center  $I_B$  and touches  $\overline{BX}$  and  $\overline{BY}$  at  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  respectively. Define  $P = \overline{XI_A} \cap \overline{YI_B}$ ,  $Q = \overline{XI_B} \cap \overline{YI_A}$ , and  $R = \overline{A_1B_1} \cap \overline{A_2B_2}$ .

- Prove that if  $\angle AXB = \angle AYB$ , then *P*, *Q*, *R* are collinear. - Prove that if there exists a circle tangent to all four sides of *AXBY*, then *P*, *Q*, *R* are collinear.

**8** Find all pairs of positive integers (m, n) such that  $(2^m - 1)(2^n - 1)$  is a perfect square.

