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The use of a calculator is permitted only on problems 1(c) and 2. Graphic features of a calculator are not permitted.

I Integers Which Are Both Squares and Cubes Problem

For the purpose of this problem let a positive integer be called dual if it greater than 1 and is the square of a positive integer and also the cube of a positive integer.

- (a) Find two dual positive integers.
- (b) Find with proof a (necessary and sufficient) condition for an integer to be a dual integer.
- (c) (**Calculator Problem**) Find all dual integers less than 600,000.
- (d) Do you think the sum of two dual integers could be a dual integer? Why?

II The Modulo Problem (Calculators not permitted)

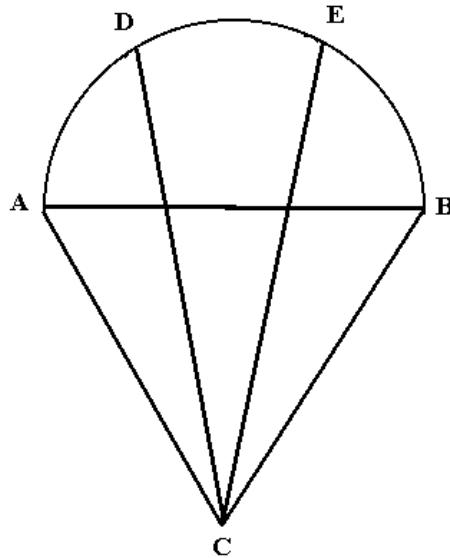
In this problem if n is a positive integer then $n \bmod 9$ denotes the remainder of the division of n by 9.

- (a) Let m, n be positive integers; prove that if $n \bmod 9 = m \bmod 9$ then $(n + 1) \bmod 9 = (m + 1) \bmod 9$.
- (b) Let m, n be positive integers. Prove that if $2^n \bmod 9 = 2^{n+m} \bmod 9$ then $2^{n+1} \bmod 9 = 2^{n+m+1} \bmod 9$
- (c) What are the possible remainders if n is a positive integer and 2^n is divided by 9? Justify your answer.
- (d) **Using (b)** find the value of $2^{420,000,003} \bmod 9$; explain and justify your method of solution. (Calculators **NOT** permitted)

III The Ice Cream Cone Problem (A calculator problem)

In the figure ABC is an equilateral triangle with sides of length 2 and AB is a diameter of the pictured semicircle. If the arcs AD , DE and EB are equal in length, find

- the measure of angle $\angle DCE$ to the nearest 0.1 degree.
- the length of CE to the nearest .001



IV The Basketball Ordered Point Sequence Problem

- In 1950 a basketball player could score in two ways –
 - 2 points for a field goal
 - 1 point for a free throw

For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ let S_n denote the number of ordered ways a player could score n points. For example $S_4 = 5$ since there are the orderings: $(1, 1, 1, 1)$, $(1, 1, 2)$, $(1, 2, 1)$, $(2, 1, 1)$, $(2, 2)$.

- Find S_3 and S_5 .
- For $n > 5$ find a method for determining S_n from (not necessarily all of) S_1 , S_2 , \dots , S_{n-1} . Explain why your method works.
- Find S_{11} using your method in (a2). Do not try to list the sequences as there are more than 100.

- In the present day a basketball player can score points in three ways:
 - 3 points for a long field goal
 - 2 points for a regular field goal
 - 1 point for a free throw.

Let T_n be the number of ordered ways a player could score n points. For example $T_3 = 4$ since there are the four orderings $(1, 1, 1)$, $(2, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, (3) . Find T_{11} and explain your method of solution.



V. The Fair Game Gambling Problem

- (a) Players A and B alternately roll a 6 sided die, A going first. The first player to roll a 6 is the winner.
- (a1) Find the probability that A wins after A makes 2 or fewer rolls
 - (a2) Find the probability A is the winner
- (b) Suppose in (a) that A goes first and gets one roll, then B gets two rolls, then A gets one roll, then B gets two rolls continuing so that each time A gets one roll followed by B getting two rolls. What is the probability that A wins?

A gambling game among two or more players is a fair game if each player has equal probability of winning the game.

- (c) Suppose A and B play with a die which is 'loaded' such that the probability of rolling a 6 is p . If A goes first and gets one try, then B gets two tries, then A gets one try, then B gets two tries, continuing until there is a winner; find the value of p so that this is a fair game.
- (d) Suppose A and B play with a die which is loaded such that the probability of rolling a 6 is α and the probability of rolling a 5 is β , where $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$. A and B alternately roll the loaded die, A going first, and each having one roll at their turn. If A rolls a 6 before B rolls a 5 then A is the winner; otherwise B is the winner.
- (d1) Find the relationship between α and β in order that this is a fair game.
 - (d2) Determine the values of α such that there is a value of β to make this a fair game.