

1. A rectangle with sides a and b has an area of 24 and a diagonal of length 11. Find the perimeter of this rectangle.

Answer: 13

Solution: We have $ab = 24$ and $a^2 + b^2 = 121$. Thus, $a + b = \sqrt{169} = 13$.

2. Two rays start from a common point and have an angle of 60 degrees. Circle C is drawn with radius 42 such that it is tangent to the two rays. Find the radius of the circle that has radius smaller than circle C and is also tangent to C and the two rays.

Answer: 21

Solution: Let the intersection of the rays be A . Also let O be the center of circle C and P be the center of the smaller circle. Draw line OP and extend it such that it intersects A . We know these points are collinear because O and P are equidistant from the rays (verified by dropping perpendicular lines from O and P to the rays). Also, line OA bisects the angle between the rays. Now draw a line from O to a ray but is perpendicular to the ray. Call this point M . We know that $\angle OAM$ is 30 degrees, and that $\angle AMO$ is right (perpendicular). Thus $\angle APM$ is 30 degrees. Now draw a perpendicular line from P to OM , and call this point N . Let the radius we want to find be r . We know that $OP = r + 42$ and that $ON = OM - NM = 42 - r$. Now we can equate $\cos(60) = \frac{ON}{OP} = \frac{r + 42}{r - 42} = \frac{1}{2}$. Solving for r we get 21.

3. Given a regular tetrahedron $ABCD$ with center O , find $\sin \angle AOB$.

Answer: $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

Solution: Assume the edge length is 1. Let E be the center of triangle ABC . The height of triangle ABC is $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, so $AE = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. Triangle AED is a right triangle, so the tetrahedron's height $DE = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$. Thus, DO is $\frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}$. Thus AOB is an isosceles triangle with base length 1 and leg length $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}$. Letting θ be angle AOB , and using the Law of Cosines:

$$1 = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{4} \cos(\theta)$$

, so $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)$. Then, $\sin \theta = \boxed{\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}}$.

4. Two cubes A and B have different side lengths, such that the volume of cube A is numerically equal to the surface area of cube B . If the surface area of cube A is numerically equal to six times the side length of cube B , what is the ratio of the surface area of cube A to the volume of cube B ?

Answer: $\frac{1}{1296}$

Solution: If cube A has side length a and cube B has side length b , then $a^3 = 6b^2$ and $6a^2 = 6b$, so $\frac{1}{a} = 6$ or $a = \frac{1}{6}$ and $b = \frac{1}{36}$. Then, $\frac{6a^2}{b^3} = \frac{1}{b^2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{1296}}$.

5. Points A and B are fixed points in the plane such that $AB = 1$. Find the area of the region consisting of all points P such that $\angle APB > 120^\circ$.

Answer: $\frac{2\pi}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$

Solution: Pick a point Q such that $\angle AQB = 120^\circ$. Let O be the center of the circumcircle of $\triangle AQB$ and let M be the midpoint of AB . Note that any point within the region of the circle formed by the segment AB and the minor arc AB will satisfy the requirements for P . The area of this region is equal to the area of the sector formed by AB and the triangle AOB . Since $\angle AOB = 120^\circ$, $\angle MOB = 60^\circ$. We know $\angle BMO = 90^\circ$, so since $AM = \frac{1}{2}$, we have $OM = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$ and $OB = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. This gives $[\triangle AOB] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}$ and the area of the sector is $\frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{9}$. Then the area of the region is $\left(\frac{\pi}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}\right)$. Note that we can construct two such regions, one on each side of segment AB . Then the answer is twice the area of one such region, giving us $2 \left(\frac{\pi}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$.

6. Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral where $AB = 4$, $BC = 11$, $CD = 8$, and $DA = 5$. If BC and DA intersect at X , find the area of $\triangle XAB$.

Answer: $6\sqrt{5}$

Solution: Denote the lengths of XA , XB by x , y , respectively. Since $ABCD$ is cyclic, the triangles XAB and XCD are similar (AA) and we get

$$\frac{y + 11}{x} = \frac{8}{4} = \frac{x + 5}{y},$$

so $y + 11 = 2x$ and $x + 5 = 2y$. Solving gives $x = 7$, $y = 9$. Recalling Heron's formula we obtain the answer $[XAB] = \sqrt{10 \cdot 6 \cdot 3 \cdot 1} = 6\sqrt{5}$.

7. Let ABC be a triangle with $BC = 5$, $CA = 3$, and $AB = 4$. Variable points P, Q are on segments AB, AC , respectively such that the area of APQ is half of the area of ABC . Let x and y be the lengths of perpendiculars drawn from the midpoint of PQ to sides AB and AC , respectively. Find the range of values of $2y + 3x$.

Answer: $[6, 6.5]$

Solution: Use coordinates where you place $A = (0, 0)$, $B = (0, 4)$, $C = (3, 0)$. $P = (a, 0)$, $Q = (0, b)$ where $a \in [0, 3]$ and $b \in [0, 4]$. Then the area condition gives us that $ab = 6$. Note $M = \frac{1}{2}(a, b) = (x, y)$. Thus $x \in [0, 3/2]$, $y \in [0, 2]$ and $xy = 3/2$. Using $y = \frac{3}{2x}$, we have $x \geq \frac{3}{4}$. Thus we need to find the range of

$$\frac{3}{x} + 3x \quad x \in [3/4, 3/2]$$

The minimum, by AM-GM is 6 for $x = 1$ which is in the interval. Checking the endpoints, we get values of 6.25 and 6.5. Thus the range is $[6, 6.5]$.

8. ABC is an isosceles right triangle with right angle B and $AB = 1$. ABC has an incenter at E . The excircle to ABC at side AC is drawn and has center P . Let this excircle be tangent to AB at R . Draw T on the excircle so that RT is the diameter. Extend line BC and draw point D on BC so that DT is perpendicular to RT . Extend AC and let it intersect with DT at G . Let F be the incenter of CDG . Find the area of $\triangle EFP$.

Answer: $1 + \sqrt{2}$

Solution: I was going to make it harder but I gave up, because I can't do geometry. There are a ton of similar triangles in this figure (i.e. (ABC, CDG) , (CQF, PQD) , (PCQ, DFQ) , (DFC, FQC) , (BEP, DFP) , (BEP, CEP) , (PDQ, CDF)). We can probably make harder problems using similar triangles in other ways. But, back to the solution: The radius of an excircle at side c is given by $\frac{2K}{a+b-c}$, where K is the area of the triangle, so we have

$PR = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{2}} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$. Additionally, we have $PR = PT = TD$, so $PD = \sqrt{2}PR$, and $CD = 2PR - 1$, and solving for both gives us $PD = CD = 1 + \sqrt{2}$. Then, we notice similar triangles PDC, APC , so $AP = CP, PD = CD$, we have $PD/PC = PC/AC$, so $PC^2 = AC \cdot PD = 2 + \sqrt{2}$. We have $\angle APE = \pi/8$, so then, we have $AE = PA \tan(\pi/8) = PC \tan(\pi/8)$. Additionally, by similar triangles, we have $AE = EC, CF = (1 + \sqrt{2})(EC)$, so then, we can solve for the area of EPF as $(EC + CF)(PC)/2 = EC(2 + \sqrt{2})(PC)/2 = PC^2 \tan(\pi/8)(2 + \sqrt{2})/2 = (2 + \sqrt{2})(\tan(\pi/8))(2 + \sqrt{2})/2$. Doing some simplifying will give us $1 + \sqrt{2}$ as our answer.

9. Let ABC be a triangle. Points D, E, F are on segments BC, CA, AB , respectively. Suppose that $AF = 10, FB = 10, BD = 12, DC = 17, CE = 11$, and $EA = 10$. Suppose that the circumcircles of $\triangle BFD$ and $\triangle CED$ intersect again at X . Find the circumradius of $\triangle EXF$.

Answer: $5\sqrt{2}$

Solution: One can show that $AEXF$ is cyclic using angle chasing. So it suffices to compute the circumradius of $\triangle AEF$, R' . Also $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$. Noting that EAF is a right triangle, $R' = \frac{1}{2}EF = \boxed{5\sqrt{2}}$.

10. Let D, E , and F be the points at which the incircle, ω , of $\triangle ABC$ is tangent to BC, CA , and AB , respectively. AD intersects ω again at T . Extend rays TE, TF to hit line BC at E', F' , respectively. If $BC = 21, CA = 16$, and $AB = 15$, then find $\left| \frac{1}{DE'} - \frac{1}{DF'} \right|$.

Answer: $\frac{1}{110}$

Solution: Let the tangent to the incircle at T intersect BC at X . An important lemma states that because AE, AF are tangents and A, T, D are collinear that T, E, D, F is a harmonic quadrilateral. Using point, T , we project this quadrilateral onto line BC to get that X, F', D, E' form a harmonic 4-tuple. Thus $\frac{F'D}{DE'} = \frac{XF'}{XE'} = \frac{XD - F'D}{XD + DE'}$. It follows that the desired quantity is equal to $\frac{2}{DX}$. Another important lemma states that X, B, D, C form a harmonic 4-tuple. Thus $\frac{XB}{XC} = \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{XD - BD}{XD + DC}$. It follows that $\frac{2}{DX} = \left| \frac{1}{BD} - \frac{1}{DC} \right|$. It follows that the answer is $\frac{1}{10} - \frac{1}{11} = \boxed{\frac{1}{110}}$.

P1. Suppose a convex polygon has a perimeter of 1. Prove that it can be covered with a circle of radius $1/4$.

Solution: Let A be one of the vertices of the polygon. If we walk around the perimeter of the polygon, the total length of our walk will be one. Let B be the halfway point of the walk, and let the midpoint of AB be O . We claim if the center of the circle is at O , then it will cover the whole polygon. Assume, for contradiction, that there is a point P on the boundary which is not covered by the disk. Then, $OP > 1/4$. Now, consider the walk of length $1/2$ from A to B which passes through P . Then the walk from A to P is at least the length of AP , and similarly for P to B and PB . Since the walk from A to P to B is $1/2$, we have $AP + PB \leq 1/2$. Then, consider the reflection of P about point O and denote it P' . Then, $AP' = BP$ because of the reflection, and $PP' = 2OP > 1/2$. But, we then do not have the triangle inequality satisfied in triangle PAP' , since $AP + AP' = AP + BP \leq 1/2$, but $PP' > 1/2$ which is the contradiction that we wanted.

P2. From a point A construct tangents to a circle centered at point O , intersecting the circle at P and Q respectively. Let M be the midpoint of PQ . If K and L are points on circle O such that K , L , and A are collinear, prove $\angle MKO = \angle MLO$.

Solution: Since $AP = AQ$, the median AM is also the perpendicular bisector of PQ . But the perpendicular bisector of any chord passes through the center of the circle, so O, M, A are collinear. Note that

$$\triangle OPA \sim \triangle PMA \implies \frac{AO}{AP} = \frac{AP}{AM} \implies AM \cdot AO = AP^2.$$

Also, by Power of a Point, $AP^2 = AL \cdot AK$. So $AM \cdot AO = AL \cdot AK$, and by the converse of Power of a Point, $KMOL$ is cyclic. It follows that $\angle MKO = \angle MLO$.