

Question #1 Alpha School Bowl
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Let E be the degree measure of the smallest possible positive angle for which

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Let B = the base 7 representation of 298.

Let C = the twelfth term of an arithmetic sequence whose sixth term is 20 and whose tenth term is 320.

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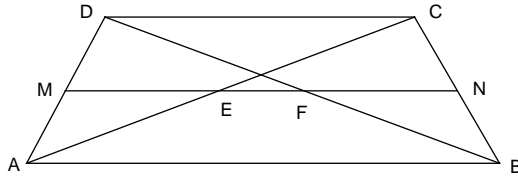
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Let $B = (-1 + i)^{-4}$.

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Let $D = a + b + c$ if the graph of $y = \frac{ax + b}{x - c}$ has y-intercept 1, vertical asymptote at 4, and horizontal asymptote at 2.

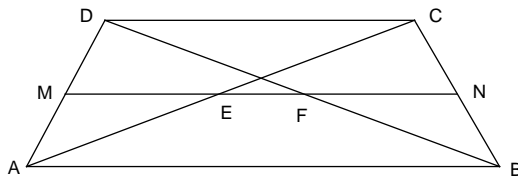
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Let B = the area of a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle if the sides of the quadrilateral measure 1, 5, 9, and 11. Find B^2 .

Find C , if $\sqrt{0.005}$ is C % of $\sqrt{2}$.

Let D = the number of distinct integers that are in the solution set of $\frac{1}{3} \leq \frac{x}{2007} \leq \frac{4}{9}$.

Find the largest digit from your answers to A , B^2 , C , and D .

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Find B if $4^B - 4^{B-1} = 24$.

Let C be the least integer such that $\log_5 |3x + 7| \leq 0$.

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Let $B = ab$, if $a^2 + b^2 = 181$ and $a + b = 19$.

Let C = the number of ordered triples of positive integers (x, y, z) that satisfy $(x^y)^z = 64$.

Find the sum of the units digits of the answers to A^2 , B , and C .

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The area of triangle PET is 84 square inches and the geometric mean between sides \overline{PE} and \overline{PT} is 16 inches. Let $\frac{C}{D} = \sin P$, where C and D are relatively prime integers.

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Let $B =$ the numerical value of k , where the roots of $9x^2 - 2x + k = 0$ are $\sin u$ and $\cos u$.

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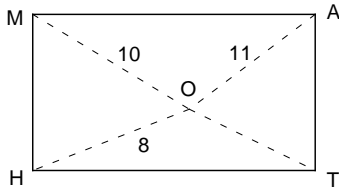
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Let B = the number of zeros at the end of $40!$.

Let C = twice the number of distinct real roots of $x^3 + x - 8 = \frac{8}{x^2}$.

Let D = the length of \overline{OT} , to the nearest whole number, in the rectangle shown:



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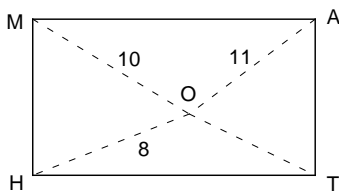
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Let B = the square number such that $B + 43$ is in the set $\{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, \dots\}$.

Let C = the number of distinct arrangements of all the letters in the word *TAMPA*.

Find $A + B + C - 1$.

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