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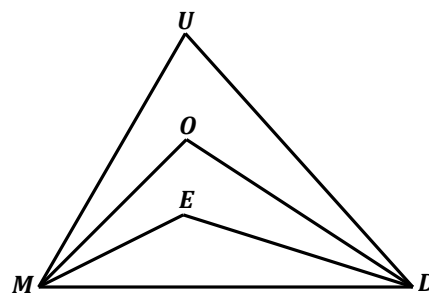
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Let B = the largest of the seven integers.

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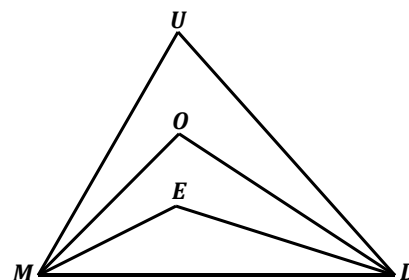
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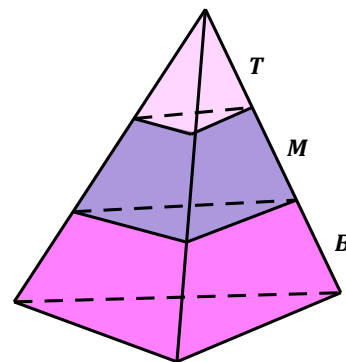
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Equilateral triangle PIG has vertices $P(a, b)$, $I(1, -1)$, and $G(9, -1)$. Point P is in Quadrant I. Let $B = a + b$.

A point starts at the origin and moves in the following pattern:
 $(0,0) \rightarrow (1, -1) \rightarrow (3, 1) \rightarrow (0, 4) \rightarrow (-4, 0) \rightarrow (1, -5) \rightarrow (7, 1) \rightarrow (0, 8) \rightarrow \dots$
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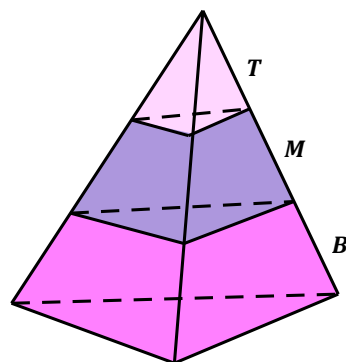
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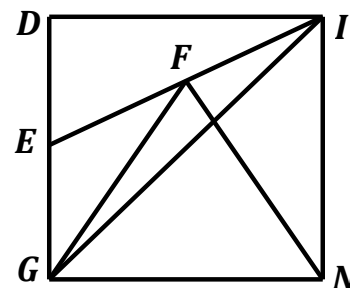
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Let $B = a + b + c + d$.

When randomly choosing two numbers from the set $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ with replacement, what is the probability that the product of the two numbers is greater than 40? Let C = the probability written as a percent. (You may leave off the %.)

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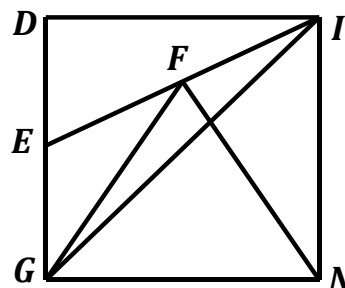
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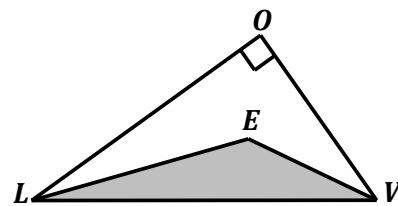
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When $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is divided by $x + 1$, $x - 1$, and $x - 2$, the remainders are -3 , 9 , and 12 , respectively. Let $B = b + c + d$.

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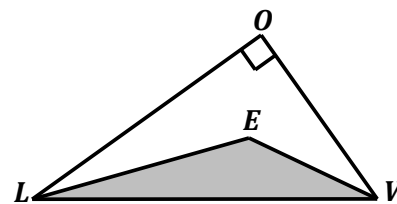
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Let C = the coefficient of $a^8b^4c^9d^9$ in the expansion of $(abc + abd + acd + bcd)^{10}$.

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