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Solutions to Problem 1/2/18

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**1/2/18.** Find all positive integers  $n$  such that the sum of the squares of the digits of  $n$  is 2006 less than  $n$ .

**Credit** This problem was proposed by Dave Patrick.

**Comments** The simplest approach in this problem begins with establishing good bounds, which helps to reduce the casework. For example, with the proper bounds, you can show that  $n$  must have exactly four digits. *Solutions edited by Naoki Sato.*

**Solution 1 by: Carlos Dominguez (10/OH)**

We first show that  $n$  must have exactly 4 digits. Since the sum of the squares of the digits is positive,  $n > 2006$ . Now suppose  $n$  has  $d$  digits with  $d \geq 5$ . The smallest integer with  $d$  digits is  $10^{d-1}$ , and the largest possible sum of the squares of the digits is  $9^2 \cdot d = 81d$ . We claim that

$$81d < 10^{d-1} - 2006.$$

When  $d = 5$ , we get  $405 < 10000 - 2006 = 7994$ , which is true. Now suppose that it holds for  $d = k$ , for some positive integer  $k \geq 5$ . Then add 81 to both sides to get

$$81(k+1) < (10^{k-1} + 81) - 2006 < 10^k - 2006,$$

which completes the induction. This implies if  $d \geq 5$ , then the sum of squares of the digits of  $n$  must be less than  $n - 2006$ . Therefore,  $n$  must have exactly 4 digits.

We want to find digits  $(a, b, c, d)$ , where  $n = 1000a + 100b + 10c + d$ , such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1000a + 100b + 10c + d - 2006$ . The maximum value of  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$  is  $9^2 \cdot 4 = 324$ , which means that  $n$  is at most  $324 + 2006 = 2330$ . Since we already know that  $n > 2006$ , the first digit must be  $a = 2$ .

Substituting into our equation, we get

$$b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 100b + 10c + d - 10.$$

**Case 1:**  $b = 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 - 10c + d^2 - d &= -10 \\ \Rightarrow (c-5)^2 + \left(d - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 &= 25 + \frac{1}{4} - 10 \\ \Rightarrow (2c-10)^2 + (2d-1)^2 &= 61. \end{aligned}$$

We see that 61 can be written as the sum of two squares only as  $6^2 + 5^2$ . This gives the solutions  $(c, d) = (2, 3), (8, 3)$ . So two possible values of  $n$  are 2023 and 2083. Indeed,  $2^2 + 0^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 2006 = 2023$  and  $2^2 + 0^2 + 8^2 + 3^2 + 2006 = 2083$ .



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**Case 2:**  $b > 0$ . If  $b = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}c^2 - 10c + d^2 - d &= 89 \\ \Rightarrow (c - 5)^2 + \left(d - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 &= 89 + 25 + \frac{1}{4} \\ \Rightarrow (2c - 10)^2 + (2d - 1)^2 &= 457.\end{aligned}$$

However, since the left hand side is at most  $(2 \cdot 0 - 10)^2 + (2 \cdot 9 - 1)^2 = 389$ , equality is impossible. ( $(2c - 10)^2$  is maximized when  $c$  is the the smallest digit 0, whereas  $(2d - 1)^2$  is maximized when  $d$  is the largest digit 9.) For the same reason, the cases  $b = 2$  and  $b = 3$  are impossible as well.

Therefore, the only answers are 2023 and 2083.

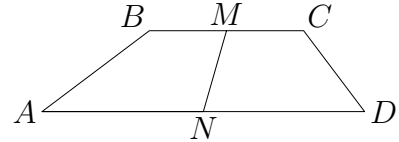


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Solutions to Problem 2/2/18

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**2/2/18.**  $ABCD$  is a trapezoid with  $\overline{BC} \parallel \overline{AD}$ ,  $\angle ADC = 57^\circ$ ,  $\angle DAB = 33^\circ$ ,  $BC = 6$ , and  $AD = 10$ .  $M$  and  $N$  are the midpoints of  $\overline{BC}$  and  $\overline{AD}$ , respectively.



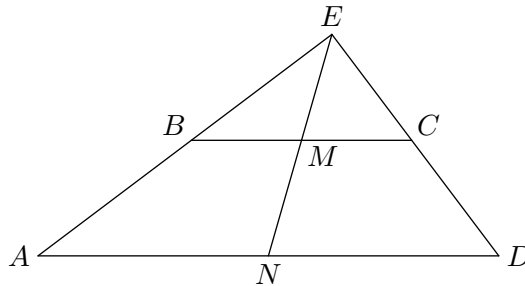
- (a) Find  $\angle MNA$ .
- (b) Find  $MN$ .

**Credit** This problem was proposed by Gregory Galperin.

**Comments** The fact that the angles  $57^\circ$  and  $33^\circ$  are complementary is a strong indication to “complete” the right triangle, as in the solution below. Once this right triangle is constructed, the required data is easy to calculate. The fact that lines  $AB$ ,  $CD$  and  $MN$  are concurrent must be justified. *Solutions edited by Naoki Sato.*

### Solution 1 by: David Corwin (10/MA)

Extend  $AB$  and  $DC$  to meet at point  $E$ . Because  $BC \parallel AD$ , segments  $BC$  and  $AD$  are homothetic with respect to point  $E$ , with ratio  $\frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{10}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$ . Because  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , its corresponding homothetic point on  $AD$  is the midpoint of  $AD$ , which is  $N$ , so  $M$  and  $N$  are homothetic with respect to point  $E$ , and therefore  $E$ ,  $M$ , and  $N$  are collinear.



(a) By triangle  $AED$ ,  $\angle AED = 180^\circ - \angle EAD - \angle EDA = 180^\circ - 33^\circ - 57^\circ = 90^\circ$ , so triangle  $AED$  is right. Because  $N$  is the midpoint of hypotenuse  $AD$ ,  $NE = AN$ , so triangle  $ANE$  is isosceles, and  $\angle NEA = \angle NAE = 33^\circ$ . Then by triangle  $ANE$ ,  $\angle ANE = \angle ANM = 180^\circ - \angle NEA - \angle NAE = 180^\circ - 33^\circ - 33^\circ = 114^\circ$ .

(b) Because  $N$  is the midpoint of  $AD$ ,  $NE = AN = \frac{AD}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$ . By the homothety,  $ME = \frac{NE}{\frac{5}{3}} = \frac{5}{\frac{5}{3}} = 3$ . Then  $MN = NE - ME = 5 - 3 = 2$ .



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Solutions to Problem 3/2/18

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**3/2/18.** The expression  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  means the greatest integer that is smaller than or equal to  $x$ , and  $\lceil x \rceil$  means the smallest integer that is greater than or equal to  $x$ . These functions are called the *floor function* and *ceiling function*, respectively. Find, with proof, a polynomial  $f(n)$  equivalent to

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n^2} (\lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + \lceil \sqrt{k} \rceil)$$

for all positive integers  $n$ .

**Credit** This problem was proposed by Scott Kominers, a past USAMTS participant.

**Comments** The first thing we want to do in this sum is remove the floor and ceiling notation. Since  $\sqrt{k}$  is an integer when  $k$  is a perfect square, we can consider what happens when  $k$  lies between consecutive perfect squares. Once the floor and ceiling brackets have been removed, the rest of the problem is an exercise in algebra using standard summation formula. *Solutions edited by Naoki Sato.*

**Solution 1 by: Shotaro Makisumi (11/CA)**

Let  $m$  be a positive integer. For  $(m-1)^2 + 1 \leq k \leq m^2 - 1$ , we have  $(m-1)^2 < k < m^2 \Rightarrow m-1 < \sqrt{k} < m \Rightarrow \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + \lceil \sqrt{k} \rceil = (m-1) + m = 2m-1$ . For  $k = m^2$ ,  $\lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + \lceil \sqrt{k} \rceil = m + m = 2m$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=(m-1)^2+1}^{m^2} (\lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + \lceil \sqrt{k} \rceil) &= [(m^2 - 1) - (m-1)^2](2m-1) + 2m \\ &= (m^2 - 1 - m^2 + 2m - 1)(2m-1) + 2m \\ &= (2m-2)(2m-1) + 2m \\ &= 4m^2 - 4m + 2, \end{aligned}$$



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which implies

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{n^2} (\lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + \lceil \sqrt{k} \rceil) &= \sum_{m=1}^n \left[ \sum_{k=(m-1)^2+1}^{m^2} (\lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + \lceil \sqrt{k} \rceil) \right] \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n (4m^2 - 4m + 2) \\ &= 4 \sum_{m=1}^n m^2 - 4 \sum_{m=1}^n m + 2 \sum_{m=1}^n 1 \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - 4 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 2n \\ &= \frac{4(2n^3 + 3n^2 + n)}{6} - \frac{12(n^2 + n)}{6} + \frac{12n}{6} \\ &= \frac{8n^3 + 4n}{6} \\ &= \frac{4n^3 + 2n}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$f(n) = \frac{4n^3 + 2n}{3}.$$



# USA Mathematical Talent Search

Solutions to Problem 4/2/18

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**4/2/18.** For every integer  $k \geq 2$ , find a formula (in terms of  $k$ ) for the smallest positive integer  $n$  that has the following property:

No matter how the elements of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  are colored red and blue, we can find  $k$  elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , where the  $a_i$  are not necessarily distinct elements, and an element  $b$  such that:

- (a)  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k = b$ , and
- (b) all of the  $a_i$ 's and  $b$  are the same color.

**Credit** This problem was proposed by Dave Patrick, and is a generalization of a problem that appeared on the 2004 British Mathematical Olympiad.

**Comments** There are two parts to this problem: You must show that for  $n = k^2 + k - 2$ , there is a coloring that does not satisfy the given property, and you must show that for  $n = k^2 + k - 1$ , any coloring satisfies the given property.

The first part can be accomplished by explicitly constructing a counter-example, and the second part can be shown by considering the colors of only a few key numbers. *Solutions edited by Naoki Sato.*

### Solution 1 by: Sam Elder (11/CO)

The answer is  $n = k^2 + k - 1$ .

First, we show that for  $n = k^2 + k - 2$ , we can produce a coloring that does not satisfy these criteria. Let the numbers 1 to  $k - 1$  be red,  $k$  to  $k^2 - 1$  be blue, and  $k^2$  to  $k^2 + k - 2$  be red. Any  $k$  blue numbers sum to at least  $k^2$ , and all numbers at least  $k^2$  are red. Also, if we choose  $k$  red numbers less than  $k$ , we get a total sum of at most  $k(k - 1) < k^2$  but at least  $k$ , and all of these numbers are blue. Moreover, if we choose at least one red number that is at least  $k^2$ , our sum is at least  $k^2 + k - 1$ , which is not in our set. So no matter which  $k$  identically-colored numbers we choose, their sum is not the same color.

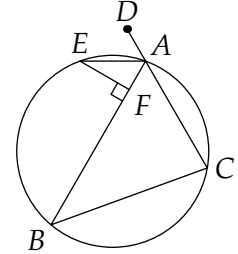
Now, we show that  $n = k^2 + k - 1$  does work. Assume for the sake of contradiction that we cannot find  $k + 1$  such integers as described in the problem. Without loss of generality, let 1 be red. Then  $k$  must be blue and  $k^2$  must be red. Summing  $k^2 + \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{k-1}$ ,  $k^2 + k - 1$

must also be blue. Now this means  $k + 1$  must be red, because otherwise we would have  $k + \underbrace{(k + 1) + \dots + (k + 1)}_{k-1} = k^2 + k - 1$ , with  $k$ ,  $k + 1$  and  $k^2 + k - 1$  blue, contradiction.

But then we get  $1 + \underbrace{(k + 1) + \dots + (k + 1)}_{k-1} = k^2$ , and 1,  $k + 1$  and  $k^2$  are red, contradiction.

Therefore, for  $n = k^2 + k - 1$ , any coloring satisfies the given property.

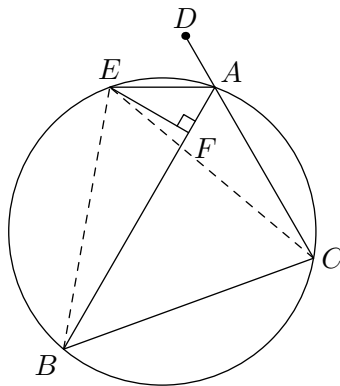
**5/2/18.** In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $AB = 8$ ,  $BC = 7$ , and  $AC = 5$ . We extend  $\overline{AC}$  past  $A$  and mark point  $D$  on the extension, as shown. The bisector of  $\angle DAB$  meets the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  again at  $E$ , as shown. We draw a line through  $E$  perpendicular to  $\overline{AB}$ . This line meets  $\overline{AB}$  at point  $F$ . Find the length of  $\overline{AF}$ .



**Credit** This problem was proposed by Richard Rusczyk.

**Comments** An angle chase shows that triangle  $BEC$  is equilateral. Then the length of  $AF$  can be found with an application of Ptolemy's theorem. *Solutions edited by Naoki Sato.*

**Solution 1 by: Scott Kovach (11/TN)**



Applying the law of cosines to triangle  $ABC$ , we see that

$$\cos \angle BAC = \frac{8^2 + 5^2 - 7^2}{2 \cdot 8 \cdot 5} = \frac{1}{2},$$

so  $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$ . Then  $\angle EAF = \angle DAF/2 = (180^\circ - \angle BAC)/2 = 60^\circ$  as well.

Now,  $\angle BEC$  subtends the same arc as  $\angle BAC$ , and  $\angle EBC$  subtends the arc complementary to  $\angle EAC$ , so  $\angle EBC = \angle BEC = \angle BAC = 60^\circ$ , which makes triangle  $BEC$  equilateral.

Quadrilateral  $EACB$  is cyclic, so by Ptolemy's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} EA \cdot BC + EB \cdot AC &= AB \cdot EC \\ \Rightarrow EA \cdot 7 + 7 \cdot 5 &= 8 \cdot 7 \\ \Rightarrow EA &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, triangle  $EAF$  is a  $30^\circ$ - $60^\circ$ - $90^\circ$  triangle, so  $AF = EA/2 = 3/2$ .