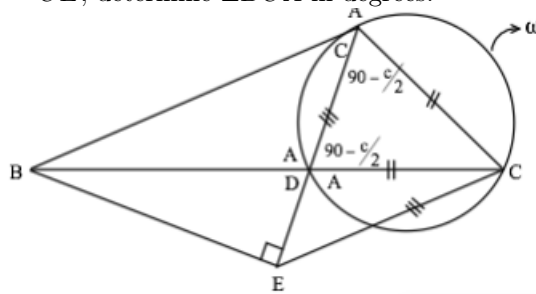


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1. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle BAC > 90$ . Let  $D$  be a point on  $BC$  and  $E$  be a point on the  $AD$  such that  $AB$  is tangent to the circumcircle of triangle  $ACD$  at  $A$  and  $BE$  is perpendicular to  $AD$ . Given that  $CA = CD$  and  $AE = CE$ , determine  $\angle BCA$  in degrees.



Solution: Consider the power of point of  $B$  wrt  $\omega$ ,  $AB^2 = BD \cdot BC$

$$\therefore BD = \frac{c^2}{a} \text{ and } CD = a - \frac{c^2}{a} = \frac{a^2 - c^2}{a} = CA = b \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a^2 - c^2 = ab} \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Note by tangent secant  $\angle BAD = \angle C$  so in  $\triangle ABD$ ,  $\angle ADB = \angle BAC = A$  (say)

$$\therefore A = 90 + \frac{C}{2}$$

$\therefore$  In  $\triangle ABC$  by sine rule

$$\frac{a}{c} = \frac{\sin A}{\sin C} = \frac{\sin(90 + \frac{C}{2})}{\sin C} = \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{a^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{4 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}}} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

In  $\triangle BEA$ ,  $AE = c \cos C$  — — — — (3)  
 In  $\triangle AEC$ ,  $AE = CE$   
 $\therefore \angle EAC = \angle ECA = 90 - \frac{C}{2}$  so  $\angle AEC = C$   
 In  $\triangle CED$ ,  $\frac{CE}{\sin A} = \frac{CD}{\sin C} = \frac{CA}{\sin C}$  so  $CE = \frac{b \sin A}{\sin C} = b \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)$   
 As  $AE = CE$   
 From (3) we get  $c \cos C = \frac{ab}{c}$   
 From (1) we get  $c^2 \cos C = a^2 - c^2$   
 $\therefore c^2(1 + \cos C) = a^2$   
 $\therefore 2 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} = \frac{a^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{4 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}}$   
 $\therefore 4 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $(2 \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}) = \sin C = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 As  $C$  is acute angle of a triangle so  $\sin C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  so  $\boxed{\angle C = 45^\circ}$

2. Let  $A_1B_1C_1D_1E_1$  be a regular pentagon. For  $2 \leq n \leq 11$ , let  $A_nB_nC_nD_nE_n$  be the pentagon whose vertices are the midpoints of the sides of  $A_{n-1}B_{n-1}C_{n-1}D_{n-1}E_{n-1}$ . All 5 vertices of each of 11 pentagons are arbitrarily coloured red or blue. Prove that 4 points among these 55 points have the same colour and form the vertices of a cyclic quadrilateral.

Solution 1

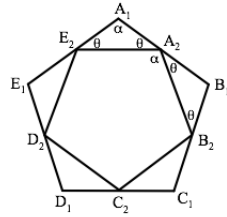
First we will prove that  $A_iB_iC_iD_iE_i$  is regular by induction.

Let the angles of pentagons be  $\alpha$  each and let  $\angle A_1E_2A_2 = \angle A_1A_2E_2 = \angle B_1A_2B_2 = \theta$  so  $\alpha + 2\theta = \pi$

Hence  $\angle E_2A_2B_2 = \alpha$ .

So all angles of  $A_2B_2C_2D_2E_2$  are  $\alpha$  each.

Also by midpoint theorem  $A_2B_2 = \frac{1}{2}A_1C_1$ . so all sides are equal giving  $A_2B_2C_2D_2E_2$  regular.



By induction it can be proved all pentagons are  $A_iB_iC_iD_iE_i$  regular.

If any 4 vertices of a pentagon are of the same colour we get a cyclic monochromatic quadrilateral.

So, we must have 2 vertices of one color and 3 vertices of the other. Let  $V = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$ , note that any  $X_iX_jY_iY_j$  is an isosceles trapezium where  $X, Y \in V$ ,  $X \neq Y$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 11$ .

So, it suffices to prove that there exists a monochromatic isosceles trapezium  $X_iX_jY_iY_j$ .

Consider a  $5 \times 11$  matrix filled with 1's and 0's, as per the colour of its vertices.

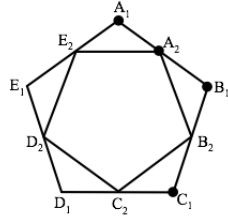
The monochromatic isosceles trapezium  $X_iX_jY_iY_j$  will represent a rect-

angle on matrix with all one's or all zero's.

Since each row has at least 2 *one's* and there are at most  $10 = \binom{5}{2}$  ways to place two reds, so by PHP, one pair of position must be repeated in 11 rows so we get such a rectangle.

Second solution: Clearly in any pentagon if 4 or more vertices are of the same colour, we get cyclic quadrilateral. So we assume that each pentagon has either  $(3R + 2B)$  or  $(3B + 2R)$  vertices. WLG let  $A_1B_1C_1D_1E_1$  has  $3R + 2B$  vertices.

**Case I:  $3R$  vertices are adjacent say  $A_1B_1C_1$**



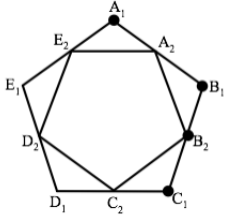
**Sub case I:  $A_2B_2C_2D_2E_2$  has 3 red vertices.**

1) If  $A_2$  is  $R$

If  $B_2$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1A_2B_2C_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.

If  $C_2$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1A_2C_1C_2$  is an isosceles trapezium.

If  $B_2, C_2$  are  $B$  then  $D_2, E_2$  are  $R$  then  $\square B_1E_2D_2C_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.



2) If  $A_2$  is  $B$  and  $B_2$  is  $R$

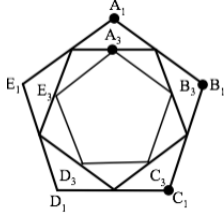
If  $E_2$  is  $R$  then  $\square E_2A_1B_1B_2$  is an isosceles trapezium.

If  $E_2$  is  $B$  then  $D_2, C_2$  are  $R$  then  $\square A_1B_1C_2D_2$  is an isosceles trapezium.

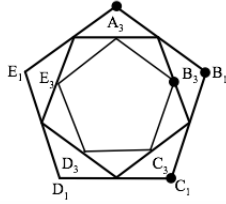
**Sub case II:  $A_2B_2C_2D_2E_2$  has 2 red vertices.**

Consider  $A_3B_3C_3D_3E_3$  has **2red** and **3blue**, then by previous argument we get cyclic quadrilateral among the vertices of  $A_2B_2C_2D_2E_2$  and  $A_3B_3C_3D_3E_3$ .

If  $A_3B_3C_3D_3E_3$  has **3red** and **2blue**



- 1) If  $A_3$  is  $R$   
 If  $B_3$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 B_1 B_3 A_3$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $C_3$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 C_1 C_3 A_3$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $B_3, C_3$  are  $B$  then  $D_3, E_3$  are  $R$  then  $\square A_1 C_1 D_3 E_3$  is an isosceles trapezium.



- 2) If  $A_3$  is  $B$  and  $B_3$  is  $R$   
 If  $C_3$  is  $R$  then  $\square B_3 B_1 C_3 C_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $C_3$  is  $B$  then  $D_3 E_3$  are  $R$  then  $\square E_3 A_1 B_1 D_3$  is an isosceles trapezium.

**Case II: 3R vertices are not adjacent say  $A_1 B_1 D_1$**

**Sub case I:  $A_2 B_2 C_2 D_2 E_2$  has 3 red vertices.**

- 1) If  $A_2$  is  $R$   
 If  $B_2 E_2$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 E_2 B_2 B_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $B_2 D_2$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 E_2 D_2 D_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $B_2, C_2$  are  $R$  then  $\square A_2 B_2 C_2 D_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $E_2, C_2$  are  $R$  then  $\square A_2 C_2 D_1 A_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.

- 2) If  $A_2$  is  $B$  and  $B_2$  is  $R$   
 Either  $B_2 C_2$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 B_2 C_2 D_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 or  $E_2 D_2$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 E_2 D_2 D_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.

**Sub case II:  $A_2 B_2 C_2 D_2 E_2$  has 2 red vertices.**

Consider  $A_3 B_3 C_3 D_3 E_3$  has **2red** and **3blue**, then by previous argument we get cyclic quadrilateral among the vertices of  $A_2 B_2 C_2 D_2 E_2$  and  $A_3 B_3 C_3 D_3 E_3$

If  $A_3 B_3 C_3 D_3 E_3$  has **3red** and **2blue**

- 1) If  $A_3$  is  $R$   
 If  $B_3$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 B_1 B_3 A_3$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $D_3$  is  $R$  then  $\square A_1 A_3 D_3 D_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.  
 If  $B_3, D_3$  are  $B$  then  $C_3, E_3$  are  $R$  then  $\square A_1 B_1 C_3 E_3$  is an isosceles trapezium.

- 2) If  $A_3$  is  $B$  and  $B_3$  is  $R$   
 If  $D_3$  is  $R$  then  $\square B_1 B_3 D_3 D_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.

If  $D_3$  is  $B$  then  $E_3, C_3$  are  $R$  then  $\square A_1 E_3 C_3 B_1$  is an isosceles trapezium.

3. Let  $m, n$  be distinct positive integers . Prove that

$$\gcd(m, n) + \gcd(m + 1, n + 1) + \gcd(m + 2, n + 2) \leq 2 |m - n| + 1$$

Further determine when equality holds.

Solution:

$$\text{As } \gcd(m, n) = \gcd(m - n, n)$$

$$\gcd(m + 1, n + 1) = \gcd(m - n, n + 1)$$

$$\gcd(m + 2, n + 2) = \gcd(m - n, n + 2)$$

Maximum value of these can be  $m - n$  .

But exactly one of them can be  $m - n$  , as no prime number can divide consecutive integers.

Then other two are the factors of  $(m - n)$  so can be at most  $\frac{1}{2}(m - n)$

Hence for  $|m - n| \geq 3$  we have

$$\gcd(m - n, n) + \gcd(m - n, n + 1) + \gcd(m - n, n + 2) \leq 2 |m - n|$$

1) For  $|m - n| = 1$

LHS=3 RHS=3 we get equality in  $\gcd(m - n, n) + \gcd(m - n, n + 1) +$

$$\gcd(m - n, n + 2) \leq 2 |m - n| + 1$$

2) For  $|m - n| = 2$  , at most two of  $n, (n + 1), (n + 2)$  are even so atmost two of the gcds are 2

LHS=5 RHS=5 we get equality when  $m, n$  are even .

4. Let  $n$  and  $M$  be positive integers such that  $M > n^{n-1}$  . Prove that there are distinct primes  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  such that  $p_j$  divides  $M + j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

Solution:

**Hall's Marriage Theorem:**

Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph with bipartite sets  $X$  and  $Y$  . Then there exists a matching that covers  $X$  iff for each subset  $W$  of  $X$

$$|W| \leq |N(W)|$$

where  $N(W)$  is the set of neighbours of  $W$  in  $Y$  that is  $N(W) = \{v \in Y / uv \text{ is an edge in } G \text{ for some } u \in W\}$

We wish to prove that we have distinct primes available for each of the numbers.

We wish to prove that for any subset  $A$  of  $\{M + 1, M + 2, \dots, M + n\}$  the product of its elements has more factors than  $|A|$  . So it satisfies the condition for Hall's marriage theorem. So we can match one factor with each number.

If  $(M + j)$  has at least  $n$  factors then it satisfies the condition.

So let us consider the case when the number of prime factors of  $(M + j)$  is less than or equal to  $n - 1$ .

Let  $M + j = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$  with  $k \leq n - 1$  .

Let  $f(M + j) = \text{Max}\{p_1^{a_1}, p_2^{a_2}, \dots, p_k^{a_k}\}$ .

We will pair  $f(M + j)$  with the element  $(M + j)$  .

If bases of all  $f(M + j)$  are distinct we are done.

If not then there exists index  $j$  such that  $p_j^{a_j} = f(M + a)$  and  $p_j^{b_j} = f(M + b)$ .

$$n < \sqrt[n]{m} < \min \left( \sqrt[n]{M + a}, \sqrt[n]{M + b} \right) \text{ --- (1)}$$

Now  $M + a = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$

As  $p_j^{a_j} \geq p_1^{a_1}$  and  $p_j^{a_j} \geq p_2^{a_2} \dots$  and  $p_j^{a_j} \geq p_k^{a_k}$

$$\therefore (p_j^{a_j})^k \geq p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$$

As  $k \leq n - 1$  so  $(p_j^{a_j})^{n-1} \geq p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k} = M + a$

$$\therefore (p_j^{a_j}) \geq \sqrt[n-1]{M + a} \text{ where } a_j = v_p(M + a)$$

$$\text{and } \therefore (p_j^{b_j}) \geq \sqrt[n-1]{M + b} \text{ where } b_j = v_p(M + b)$$

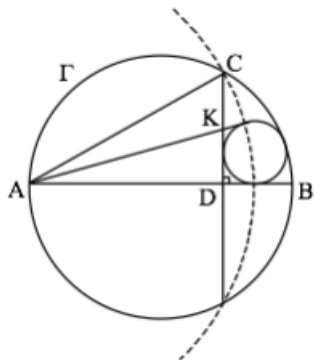
$$\therefore \text{From (1) } n < \min \left\{ (p_j^{a_j}), (p_j^{b_j}) \right\} = p_j^{\min\{a_j, b_j\}} \text{ --- (2)}$$

Now  $p_j^{a_j} \mid M + a$  and  $p_j^{b_j} \mid M + b$

$$\therefore p_j^{\min\{a_j, b_j\}} \mid \left| (M + a) - (M + b) \right| < n \text{ --- (3)}$$

As (2) and (3) implies contradiction, hence there do not exist such an index. So every  $(M + j)$  has distinct prime divisor.

5. Let  $AB$  be a diameter of a circle  $\Gamma$  and let  $C$  be a point on  $\Gamma$  different from  $A$  and  $B$ . Let  $D$  be the foot of perpendicular from  $C$  on to  $AB$ . Let  $K$  be a point of the segment  $CD$  such that  $AC$  is equal to the semiperimeter of the  $\triangle ADK$ . Show that the excircle of  $\triangle ADK$  opposite  $A$  is tangent to  $\Gamma$ .



Solution:

From  $\triangle ADC \sim \triangle ACB$  we get  $AC^2 = AD \cdot AB$

Consider inversion about  $A$  in radius  $AC$ . This sends  $B \rightarrow D$ .

It can be seen that this sends circumcircle  $w$  of  $\triangle ABC$  to the line  $CD$ .

$AC =$  semiperimeter of  $\triangle ADK =$  tangent length from  $A$  to  $A$ -excircle of  $\triangle ADK$

$\therefore$  The  $A$ -excircle of  $\triangle ADK$  is orthogonal to the circle of inversion and thus remains invariant. Since the  $A$ -excircle is tangent to line  $CD$ , we see

that the image of the  $A$ -excircle (which is itself) is tangent to the image of line  $CD$ , which is the circle  $w$ .

$\therefore$  The  $A$ -excircle of  $\triangle ADK$  is tangent .

6. Let  $f$  be the function defined from the set  $\{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}, xy \neq 0\}$  to the set of all positive real numbers such that

a)  $f(xy, z) = f(x, z)f(y, z)$  for all  $x, y \neq 0$

b)  $f(x, 1 - x) = 1$  for all  $x \neq 0, 1$

Prove that

a)  $f(x, x) = f(x, -x) = 1$  for all  $x \neq 0$

b)  $f(x, y)f(y, x) = 1$  for all  $x, y \neq 0$

**THIS PROBLEM IS INCORRECT**

This problem, however, is incorrect as the following function serves as a counterexample and satisfies the premises of the questions but not the statements to be proven:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} |x| & \text{if } y = 2 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

As we can see that this function satisfies (i) as if  $z = 2$  then  $|xy| = |x| \cdot |y|$

and if  $z \neq 2$  then both  $LHS = RHS = 1$

Also to satisfy the condition (ii), if  $1 - x = 2$ , that is  $x = -1$  then

$$f(x, 1 - x) = |x| = 1$$

and if  $x \neq -1$ , then,  $1 - x \neq 2$ , and by definition  $f(x, 1 - x) = 1$

**but**

$f(2, 2) = 2$  which contradicts the condition (a)  $f(x, x) = f(x, -x) = 1$  for all  $x \neq 0$  that was to be proved.