



# USA Mathematical Talent Search

Round 1 Problems

Year 27 — Academic Year 2015–2016

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4. Submit your solutions by October 19, 2015, via one (and only one!) of the methods below:
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**Deadline: 3 PM Eastern / Noon Pacific on October 19**
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P.O. Box 4499  
New York, NY 10163  
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Each problem is worth 5 points.

1/1/27. Fill in the spaces of the grid to the right with positive integers so that in each  $2 \times 2$  square with top left number  $a$ , top right number  $b$ , bottom left number  $c$ , and bottom right number  $d$ , either  $a + d = b + c$  or  $ad = bc$ .

|    |    |  |   |    |
|----|----|--|---|----|
| 3  | 9  |  |   |    |
|    | 11 |  | 7 | 2  |
| 10 |    |  |   | 16 |
| 15 |    |  |   |    |
| 20 | 36 |  |   | 32 |

You do not need to prove that your answer is the only one possible; you merely need to find an answer that satisfies the constraints above. (Note: In any other USAMTS problem, you need to provide a full proof. Only in this problem is an answer without justification acceptable.)

2/1/27. Suppose  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are distinct positive real numbers such that

$$\begin{aligned}abc &= 1000, \\bc(1 - a) + a(b + c) &= 110.\end{aligned}$$

If  $a < 1$ , show that  $10 < c < 100$ .

3/1/27. Let  $P$  be a convex  $n$ -gon in the plane with vertices labeled  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  in counterclockwise order. A point  $Q$  not outside  $P$  is called a *balancing point* of  $P$  if, when the triangles  $QV_1V_2, QV_2V_3, \dots, QV_{n-1}V_n, QV_nV_1$  are alternately colored blue and green, the total areas of the blue and green regions are the same. Suppose  $P$  has exactly one balancing point. Show that the balancing point must be a vertex of  $P$ .

4/1/27. Several players try out for the USAMTS basketball team, and they all have integer heights and weights when measured in centimeters and pounds, respectively. In addition, they all weigh less in pounds than they are tall in centimeters. All of the players weigh at least 190 pounds and are at most 197 centimeters tall, and there is exactly one player with every possible height-weight combination.

The USAMTS wants to field a competitive team, so there are some strict requirements.

- (i) If person  $P$  is on the team, then anyone who is at least as tall and at most as heavy as  $P$  must also be on the team.
- (ii) If person  $P$  is on the team, then no one whose weight is the same as  $P$ 's height can also be on the team.

Assuming the USAMTS team can have any number of members (including zero), how many different basketball teams can be constructed?



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**5/1/27.** Find all positive integers  $n$  that have distinct positive divisors  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k$ , where  $k > 1$ , that are in arithmetic progression and

$$n = d_1 + d_2 + \cdots + d_k.$$

Note that  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k$  do not have to be all the divisors of  $n$ .

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