

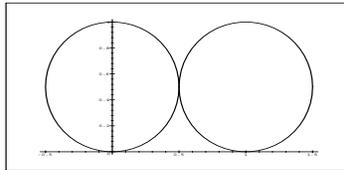
NOVEMBER 2008 PROBLEMS

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UNM - PNM STATEWIDE MATHEMATICS CONTEST XLI

November 8, 2008 First Round Three Hours

- 1) Our number system is base 10. Every number can be written as a sum of a digit from 0 to 9 times a power of 10, i.e. $239 = 2 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 9 \cdot 10^0$. In base n , a number is written as a number in the set $\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$ times a power of n . How would you write our current year, 2008, in the base 2?
- 2) How can you assign numbers 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 to c, o, k, i, e so that the numerical equivalent to cookie is divisible by 3?
- 3) Equilateral triangles are inscribed in and circumscribed outside a circle. If the area of the larger triangle is 15 square units, what is the area of the smaller triangle? Hint: In a right triangle with angles 30° , 60° the length of the side across the angle of 30° is one-half the length of the hypotenuse.
- 4) If $x + y + z = 5$, $xy + xz + yz = 6$ and $xyz = 4$, what are
 - a) $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$?
 - b) $x^3 + y^3 + z^3$?
- 5) Suppose two circles of diameter one are tangent at the point $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ and the first circle is tangent to the x -axis at $(0, 0)$ and the second circle is tangent to the x -axis at the point $(1, 0)$. What is the circle with the largest area that can be inscribed in the region bounded by the two circles and the x -axis?



- 6) Let f be a function defined on the integers as follows: $f(n) = n - 5$ for $n > 50$ and $f(n) = f(f(n + 6))$ for $n \leq 50$. What is the range of f ?
- 7) We start with the rectangle with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(3, 0)$, $(0, 4)$ and $(3, 4)$ and rotate it 90° clockwise about the vertex $(3, 0)$ forming a new rectangle. We again rotate this new rectangle 90° about the vertex $(7, 0)$ forming a new rectangle. Twice more we rotate 90° clockwise about the vertices $(10, 0)$ and $(14, 0)$. Find the area under the path formed by the movement of the point $(0, 1)$ under these rotations.
- 8) A group of 100 tourists arrived in a city. Of these tourists, 15 knew neither French nor Italian, 65 knew French, and 77 knew Italian. How many tourists knew both French and Italian?
- 9) Suppose $x^2 - 6x + k$ and $x^2 - 10x + 2k$ have a common root. What must k be?
- 10) A bank ATM machine has \$500 in one dollar bills. You are allowed to withdraw \$300 or deposit \$198. What is the maximum amount you can withdraw from this ATM machine? You can do any sequence of withdrawals and deposits (of the allowed type).