3rd Annual Lexington Mathematical Tournament Theme Round

Solutions

1 Dragons

1. Answer: 1570

Solution: Dragonite flies a total of $2\pi(4000) = 25120$ miles in 16 hours. That is $\frac{25120}{16} = 1570$ miles per hour.

2. Answer: 105

Solution: The number of ways to move from (x, y) to (x + h, y + k) by only moving east and north one unit at a time is $\binom{h+k}{k}$, because out of the (h+k) moves, we must choose h of them to be east. From (0,0) to (2,5), we have $\binom{7}{2}$ possible moves, and from (2,5) to (6,6), we have $\binom{5}{1}$ possible moves. Thus, there are $\binom{7}{2} \cdot \binom{5}{1} = 105$ possible paths that Toothless can take.

3. Answer: 22

Solution: On the *k*th day, Smaug steals $1 + 2 + \dots + k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} = \binom{k+1}{2}$ pieces of treasure. Therefore, he will have stolen $\binom{2}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \dots + \binom{k+1}{2}$ pieces of trasure by the *k*th day. By the hockey-stick theorem, this expression is simply $\binom{k+2}{3}$. So we must find the smallest integer *k* for which $\binom{k+2}{3} \ge 2012$. By trial and error, we find that the answer is 22.

4. Answer: 120

Solution: Temeraire can read the math books in one of four ways: (1) first, third, and fifth; (2) first, third, and sixth; (3) first, fourth, and sixth; (4) second, fourth, and sixth. These can be split up into two cases:

Case 1 and 4: There are no restrictions as to when to read the other three books. There are 3! ways to order the math books and 3! ways to order the others, for a total of 36 ways.

Case 2 and 3: One of the science books must be read between the two math books. There are 3! ways to order the math books, 2 ways to choose the science book, and 2! ways to order the rest, for a total of 24 ways.

Thus, there are a total of $2 \cdot 36 + 2 \cdot 24 = 120$ ways in which Temeraire can read the six books.

5. Answer: $\frac{200}{3}$

Solution: Assume that Saphira flies at r miles per hour. After t hours, Thorn is 50 - 50t miles east and rt miles south of Saphira. From the Pythagorean theorem, we get that he is $\sqrt{(50-50t)^2 + (rt)^2} = \sqrt{(2500+r^2)t^2 - 5000t + 2500}$ miles away from her. This value must be greater than or equal to 40, so $(2500 + r^2)t^2 - 5000t + 2500 \ge 1600$. The minimum value of a quadratic $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ is achieved when $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ and $y = c - \frac{b^2}{4a}$. Therefore, $c - \frac{b^2}{4a} = 2500 - \frac{(-5000)^2}{4(2500+r^2)} \ge 1600 \Rightarrow \frac{5000^2}{4(2500+r^2)} \le 900 \Rightarrow 2500 + r^2 \ge \frac{62500}{9} \Rightarrow r \ge \frac{200}{3}$. Thus, Saphira must fly at a rate of at least $\frac{200}{3}$ miles per hour.

2 Knights and Knaves

6. Answer: 16

Solution: There are $\binom{5}{3} = 10$ to choose three knights, $\binom{5}{4} = 5$ ways to choose four knights, and $\binom{5}{5} = 1$ way to choose five. Therefore, there are 10 + 5 + 1 = 16 total possible ways.

7. Answer: Ali and Cam

Solution: First, assume that Ali tells the truth. Then, either Bob and Dan must be a knave. If Bob is a knave, then Ali and Eve must both be knaves. Since we have already assumed that Ali is a knight, we have a contradiction. Now, assume that Dan is a knave. Then, Ali and Cam are both knights. We know that Bob must be a knight, so Eve must be lying. However, we have exactly two knaves this way, so we again arrive at a contradiction. Therefore, Ali must be lying. Both Bob and Dan are knights. From what Bob says, Eve must be a knight. From Dan, Cam must be lying. Everything works out, so we have Ali and Cam as knaves.

8. Answer: 16

Solution: For each pair of two players sitting opposite to each other, they can either both be knights or both be knaves. Since there are 4 such pairs of players, there are $2^4 = 16$ ways in total to assign the roles.

9. Answer: |4|

Solution: For each knight, there must be at most four knaves, one on each side of the knight. Therefore, we must have at least 4 knights. 4 knights can be achieved by placing them on the sides so that each knight is separated from two other knights by one knight's move in chess. (Coincidence?)

10. Answer: 43

Solution: Case 1: The player in the top-left corner is a knight. Then, that player's two adjacent players must be knaves. Then, the leftmost unassigned player must be a knight. It turns out that for each unassigned column of players, save the rightmost column, we must assign one player to be a knight and one to be a knave. However, we cannot have three of the same arrangements in a row, or else the knave in the middle column would be correct. The rightmost column must be arranged in the opposite way as the one to its left. For $0 \le x \le 7$, let f(x) = 0 if the column to the right of the (x + 1)th column, counting from the left, is arranged in the same way as the xth column, and let f(x) = 1 otherwise. We know that f(0) = f(7) = 1, so we seek the number of ways to assign the rest. Our previous restriction tells us that for $0 \le x \le 6$, we must not have f(x) = f(x + 1) = 0.

Let g(n) denote the number of ways to assign f(x) for $1 \le x \le n$. Then, we look for g(6). Assume at first that the domain of f(x) is x = 1. Then, g(1) = 2. For $1 \le x \le 2$, we can see that g(2) = 3. If we let $1 \le x \le k$ for some larger k, we see that if we let f(k) = 1, we have g(k-1) ways to assign the rest without restriction, but if we let f(k) = 0, f(k-1) must be 1 and we have g(k-2) ways to assign the rest without restriction. Therefore, g(k) = g(k-1) + g(k-2) for k > 2. Using this recursive formula, we get that g(3) = 5, g(4) = 8, g(5) = 13, and g(6) = 21. Thus, there are 21 total possibilities in this case.

Case 2: The player in the top-left corner is a knave. If we let the left-most unassigned player be a knight, then we have the same argument as in Case 1, which results to 21 ways. If we let that player be a knave, then the two players in the left-most unassigned column must be knights. Each subsequent column must either be composed of two knights or two knaves and be different from its adjacent columns. There is 1 way to do this. In total, there are 21 + 21 + 1 = 43 possible ways.

3 Evaluate-athon

11. Answer: 351

Solution: The kth term of this arithmetic series is 3+4(k-1). The last term is the 13th term, which we get by solving 3+4(k-1)=51. The total sum of the series $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n$ is therefore $\frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n) = \frac{13}{2}(3+51) = 351$.

12. Answer: 555555

Solution: We see that we can rewrite $123 \cdot 357 + 123 \cdot 644 + 432 \cdot 357 + 432 \cdot 644$ as $123(357 + 644) + 432(357 + 644) = (123 + 432)(357 + 644) = 555 \cdot 1001 = 555555$.

13. Answer: 4052171

Solution: We let 2012 = 2011 + 1 and compute as follows: $\lfloor \frac{(2011+1)^4}{2011^2} \rfloor = \lfloor (\frac{(2011+1)^2}{2011})^2 \rfloor = \lfloor (2011+2+\frac{1}{2011})^2 \rfloor = \lfloor (2013+\frac{1}{2011})^2 \rfloor = \lfloor 2013^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{2013}{2011} + \frac{1}{2011^2} \rfloor = \lfloor 4052169 + 2 + \frac{4}{2011} + \frac{1}{2011^2} \rfloor = \lfloor 4052171 + \frac{4}{2011} + \frac{1}{2011^2} \rfloor = 4052171.$

14. Answer: $\frac{29525}{1024}$

Solution: $\binom{10}{10} + \binom{10}{8} (\frac{1}{2})^2 + \binom{10}{6} (\frac{1}{2})^4 + \dots + \binom{10}{0} (\frac{1}{2})^{10} = \frac{1}{2} ([\binom{10}{10} + \binom{10}{9} (\frac{1}{2})^1 + \binom{10}{8} (\frac{1}{2})^2 + \binom{10}{7} (\frac{1}{2})^3 + \dots + \binom{10}{1} (\frac{1}{2})^9 + \binom{10}{0} (\frac{1}{2})^{10}] + [\binom{10}{10} - \binom{10}{9} (\frac{1}{2})^1 + \binom{10}{8} (\frac{1}{2})^2 - \binom{10}{7} (\frac{1}{2})^3 + \dots - \binom{10}{1} (\frac{1}{2})^9 + \binom{10}{0} (\frac{1}{2})^{10}].$ By the binomial theorem, this expression becomes $\frac{1}{2} ((1 + \frac{1}{2})^{10} + (1 - \frac{1}{2})^{10}) = \frac{1}{2} (\frac{3^{10} + 1}{2^{10}}) = \frac{29525}{1024}.$

15. Answer: $\frac{7}{8}$

Solution: We observe and claim that $(1^{-3} + 2^{-3} + (2^2)^{-3} + (2^3)^{-3} + \cdots)(1^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 5^{-3} + 7^{-3} + \cdots) = 1^{-3} + 2^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 4^{-3} + \cdots$. We can see that this equation holds by showing that any k^{-3} , k > 0, can be expressed uniquely as the product of one term from each infinite series on the left hand side.

Let $k = 2^m \times n$ such that $(2^m)^{-3}$ is a term in $1^{-3} + 2^{-3} + (2^2)^{-3} + (2^3)^{-3} + \cdots$ and n^{-3} is a term in $1^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 5^{-3} + 7^{-3} + \cdots$ n must be odd, and one way to satisfy this condition is to let *m* equal the number of powers of 2 that *n* has. Now, if *m* is any higher, then *n* is not an integer, and if *m* is any lower, *n* becomes even. Thus, *m* and *n* are unique.

 $\frac{1^{-3} + 2^{-3} + (2^2)^{-3} + (2^3)^{-3} + \cdots}{1^{-3} + 2^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 4^{-3} + \cdots} = \frac{1^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 5^{-3} + 7^{-3} + \cdots}{\frac{7}{7}(1^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 5^{-3} + 7^{-3} + \cdots)} = \frac{7}{8}.$ Thus,

Additional note: Nobody actually knows the exact values of $1^{-3} + 2^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 4^{-3} + \cdots$ and $1^{-3} + 3^{-3} + 5^{-3} + 7^{-3} + \cdots$! However, the ratio of the two expressions can be found without knowing the values of the expressions themselves.