

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.  
 Problem Sheet 4, May 28, 2013

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1. (a) Show that whatever base  $b$  is used, the number  $(21)_b$  is never equal to twice  $(12)_b$ .  
 (b) Find all the numbers and all bases  $b \geq 12$  for which there exists a two digit number  $(ac)_b$  which is twice the number obtained by reversing its digits.  
 (c) Find all bases  $b$  and all numbers  $n = (ac)_b$  such that  $n = 2 \cdot (ca)_b$ .
2. In how many ways is it possible to write 1000 as a sum of consecutive odd integers?
3. Draw a right triangle  $ABC$  with right-angle at  $C$  and the sides marked  $a; b; c$  as usual.
  - (a) Draw the enlargement  $A^0B^0C^0$  of  $ABC$  by a factor of  $a$ .
  - (b) On the same diagram draw the enlargement  $A^{00}B^{00}C^{00}$  of  $A^0B^0C^0$  with  $A^0C^0$  with  $A^{00}C^{00}$ , so that  $A^0, B^0$  and new triangle  $A^{00}B^{00}C^{00}$ .
  - (c) Explain why the angle at  $C^{000}$  is a right angle.
  - (d)

### Senior Questions

1. The hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle is 15 cm and the radius of the inscribed circle is 2cm. Find the perimeter of the triangle.
2. Suppose we place one of the numbers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, 2000$  into each of 2000 boxes. Remove the two numbers  $a$  and  $b$  from any two boxes, chosen at random, and put their difference  $a - b$  into one of the two boxes chosen and remove the empty box. Repeat the process until only one box remains. Show that the number in this box must be even.