

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.¹
 Solution Sheet 11, August 6, 2013

1. (a)

$$0 \leq (a - b)^2 \quad \text{with equality only if } a = b$$

$$0 \leq a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$

$$ab \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}$$

so ab is largest when $a = b$, and since $a + b = k$ then at $a = b = \frac{k}{2}$.

(b) From above, first note that $xy \leq \frac{c^2}{2}$, then

$$c^4 = (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

$$c^4 = x^4 + y^4 + 2x^2y^2$$

$$x^4 + y^4 = c^4 - 2x^2y^2;$$

which is minimum when x^2y^2 is maximum, which from above is when $x = y$ and has a value of $\frac{c^2}{2}$. So the minimum value of $x^4 + y^4 = c^4 - 2\left(\frac{c^2}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{c^4}{2}$.

2. Construct the triangles APB and AQB . Let P' be at the intersection of the circle and the line AP , now since AB is a diameter and P' on the circle, triangle $AP'B$ is right at P' , which also means triangle $PP'B$ is right at P' , and so $\angle APB$

(b) By similar logic, both x and y must be even (to have even sum and even product). If they are both even, then the product xy must be divisible by 4. Write $x = 2m$ and $y = 2n$ then $xy = 4nm$, but 2382982 is not, and hence there are no integer solutions.

4. To make \$10 out of n 50c coins and m 20c coins we must satisfy

$$5n + 2m = 100; \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}; \quad n, m > 0$$

or

$$m = 100 - \frac{5n}{2}; \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}; \quad n, m > 0:$$

So we merely count the number of n which are divisible by 2 and satisfy the above, of which there are 9.

5. (a) In general, if we prime factorise $x = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \dots p_k^{m_k}$ then every divisor can be written as $p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$ where each $a_i = 0, 1, \dots, m_i$. So there are $m_1 + 1$ choices for a_1 , $m_2 + 1$ choices for a_2 and so on, and hence the number of divisors is $(m_1 + 1)(m_2 + 1) \dots (m_k + 1)$. Then $20 = 2^2 \cdot 5$ and so has 3 divisors, so $d(20) = 6$.

If $n = p_1^{m_1} p_k^{m_k}$, then $n^2 = p_1^{2m_1} p_k^{2m_k}$ and so $d(n^2) = (2m_1 + 1)(2m_k + 1)$ which is a product of odd numbers and hence $d(n^2)$ cannot be equal to the even number 2 (n).

(b) The number $144^2 = (3 \cdot 2^2)^4 = 3^4 \cdot 2^8$ so

$d(n) = 3311.9$

Now if $n^4 - 6n^3 - 18n^2 + 6n + 1$ is prime its only factors are itself and 1. Since

$$n^4 - 6n^3 - 18n^2 + 6n + 1 = (n^2 - 3n - 1 - 5n)(n^2 - 3n - 1 + 5n) = (n^2 - 8n - 1)(n^2 + 2n - 1)$$