Florida Student Association of Mathematics



2022 ARML Tryout Solutions

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Round 1	Name:
1. 49	2. 25

1. Let *N* denote the starting page number, and suppose Alex reads *k* pages. Then the last page he reads is N + k - 1, so we have $\frac{1}{2}k(2N + k - 1) = 1984$, implying that $k(2N + k - 1) = 2^7 \times 31$. Note that k < 2N + k - 1 and they are of opposite parity, which forces k = 31, 2N + k - 1 = 128. This gives $N = \boxed{49}$, and we are done.

2. Drop a perpendicular from the center of the circle *O* to a midpoint *M* of a chord. Then, OM = 3 and MA = 4, where *A* is one of the endpoints of the chord. Therefore, the radius is 5, and $a = \boxed{25}$.

Round 2	Name:
3. 17	4. 18

3. The simplest sums are 1 + p and (1 + q)(1 + r) for primes p, q, r. If q = 2, r = 3, then we need 12 as the common sum, which easily gives p = 11. Therefore, the answer is $6 + 11 = \boxed{17}$.

4. Let AD = x and BD = y. By Stewart's, $xy \cdot 4\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{2} \cdot 9 = 16(x + y) = 64\sqrt{2}$, so xy = 7. Then, $x^2 + y^2 = (x + y)^2 - 2xy = \boxed{18}$.

Round 3	Name:
5. 423	64

5. Note $163681 = 4^2 \cdot 10^4 + 6^2 \cdot 10^2 + 9^2$, and completing the square gives $409^2 - 60^2 = 349 \cdot 469 = 349 \cdot 7 \cdot 67$, giving a sum of 423.

6. Let S_n be the sum of the products of roots taken n at a time. (For example, $S_2 = ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + de$.)

By Newton's sums (and noting that $S_i = \pm 1$),

$$P_5 + P_4 + P_3 + P_2 + P_1 + 5 = 0 \implies P_5 + P_4 + P_2 + P_1 = -5 - P_3.$$

Note that $P_1 = -1$ by Vieta's and $P_2 = P_1S_1 - 2S_2 = -1$. By Newton's sums,

$$P_3 + P_2 + P_1 + 3 = 0 \implies P_3 = -1$$

so the answer is -4.

Round 4	Name:
7. 4045	8. 33

7. Note

$$\frac{T_n}{T_n-1} = \frac{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}{\frac{(n-1)(n+2)}{2}} = \frac{n(n+1)}{(n-1)(n+2)}.$$

Therefore, the product telescopes to

$$P_{2022} = \frac{3}{1} \cdot \frac{2022}{2024} = \frac{3033}{1012} \implies \text{answer is } 4045.$$

8. Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 2x + 1$. Note that 43 | f(10) = 2021, so for a solution *x*, we must have

$$43 | f(x) - f(10) = 2(x - 10)(x^2 + 10x + 101).$$

For $x \neq 10$, this is equivalent to 43 | $x^2 + 10x + 101$, so

$$43 \mid x^2 + 10x + 101 - 7 \cdot 43 = x^2 + 10x - 200 = (x - 10)(x + 20).$$

Thus, the only other solution is x = 23, and the answer is 33.

Round 5	Name:
9. 1195	10. 24

9. Note that we can only have d = 2, 3, 5.

d = 2: $a, b, c \in \{2, 4, 6, ..., 20\}$, so there are $\binom{10}{3}$ ways without considering other d. Note this counts d = 4 and 6. If d = 4, $a, b, c \in \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20\}$, which has $\binom{5}{3}$ ways. If d = 6, $a, b, c \in \{6, 12, 18\}$, which has 1 way. (Note d = 4, 6 cases have no overlap.) Therefore, d = 2 gives $\binom{10}{3} - \binom{5}{3} - 1 = 109$ ways.

d = 3: $a, b, c \in \{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18\}$, so $\binom{6}{3}$ ways without considering other d. If d = 6, there is 1 way. Thus, d = 3 gives $\binom{6}{3} - 1 = 19$ ways.

d = 5: $a, b, c \in \{5, 10, 15, 20\}$, which has $\binom{4}{3} = 4$ ways.

Therefore, the total number of ways to make *d* prime is 132. There are $\binom{20}{3} = 1140$ ways in total, for an answer of $\frac{11}{95} \implies 1195$.

10. Note that the values being shortest distances means they traverse along a great circle of the sphere. Since the diameter is at least π , the circumference of such great circles is $\pi^2 \approx 9$, so none of the given distances form an angle greater than π radians with the center of the sphere.

Let *a*, *b*, *c* be the angles (in radians) formed by the central angle from the center of Φ to the endpoints of *BC*, *CA*, and *AB*, respectively. Then, $a = \frac{3}{R}$, $b = \frac{4}{R}$, and $c = \frac{2}{R}$. By Law of Cosines and using that the line segments *AB*, *BC*, *CA* form a right triangle, we have

$$2R^{2} - 2R^{2}\cos a + 2R^{2} - 2R^{2}\cos c = 2R^{2} - 2R^{2}\cos b \implies \cos\frac{3}{R} + \cos\frac{2}{R} = \cos\frac{4}{R} + 1.$$

Let $\cos \frac{1}{R} = x$. Then, the above equation implies

$$4x^{3} - 3x + 2x^{2} - 1 = 8x^{4} - 8x^{2} + 1 + 1 \implies 8x^{4} - 4x^{3} - 10x^{2} + 3x + 3 = 0.$$

Note that $x = \sqrt{3}/2$ is a root to the above polynomial. Therefore, $\cos \frac{1}{R} = \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$, giving $R = \frac{6}{\pi}$, and the answer is $4\pi R = \boxed{24}$.

Round 6	Name:
11. 8	12. 1793

11. Motivation: replace $(\sqrt{2})^x = a$ and a get the quartic $a^4 + a - 84 = 0$; rational root theorem works from here.

 $x = 2\log_2 3$ and $y = 2\log_3 4 = 4\log_3 2$, so xy = 8.

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Round 7	Name:
13. 99	14. 1791

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14. It will help to visualize this problem on the portion of the unit lattice from (100, 100) to (999, 999). The primary claim is that the set of points forms a shortest taxicab path from (100, 999) to (999, 100), missing a point at each coincidence with $xy = 10^5$. There are only 8 such *x*-values in the range (160, 200, 400, 800, 125, 250, 500, 625), the answer is easily seen to be eight less than the taxicab distance between the ends of the path plus one, giving $899 \times 2 - 8 + 1 = 1791$. The proof of this claim is left as an exercise (consider the curves $xy = 10^5$, $(x + 1)(y + 1) = 10^5$.