

SOLUTIONS JULY 2021

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July 1: As always the same (different) letters correspond to the same (different) digits

Solution: Let's look at the last multiplication (Fig. 1). We will have:

$$4 \cdot N + (\text{we carry}) = R \Rightarrow N = 1 \text{ o } 2.$$

But $N = 1$ is impossible since no multiple of 4 ends in 1 (Fig. 2).

Therefore, it must be $N = 2$. Also in this last multiplication we do not carry any of the previous multiplication (Fig. 3) because if we carry one (Fig. 4) we have that $9 \cdot 4$ does not end in 2

Now let's look at the penultimate multiplication (Fig. 5)

$$4 \cdot O + (\text{we carry}) = A \Rightarrow O = 1 \text{ o } 2. \text{ But } O \neq 2 = N \Rightarrow O = 1$$

Now let's look at the second multiplication (Fig. 7). We will have (we carry 3 of the first multiplication):

$$4 \cdot A + 3 = 10x + 1 \Rightarrow 4 \cdot A = 10x - 2 \Rightarrow 4 \cdot A \text{ ends at } 8.$$

Hence, that, $A = 2$ or 7 . But $A \neq 2 = N \Rightarrow A = 7$ (Fig. 8)

Finally, (we carry 3 from the second multiplication and we need to carry 3 for the fourth multiplication):

$$4 \cdot T + 3 = 30 + T \Rightarrow 3T = 27 \Rightarrow T = 9 \text{ (Fig. 9)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{N O T A R} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{R A T O N} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Fig. 1

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{N O T A R} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{R A T O N} \end{array}$$

Fig. 2

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{1 O T A R} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{R A T O 1} \end{array}$$

Fig. 3

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 O T A 8} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{8 A T O 2} \end{array}$$

Fig. 4

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 O T A 9} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{9 A T O 2} \end{array}$$

Fig. 5

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 O T A 8} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{8 A T O 2} \end{array}$$

Fig. 6

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 1 T A 8} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{8 A T 1 2} \end{array}$$

Fig. 7

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 1 T A 8} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{8 A T 1 2} \end{array}$$

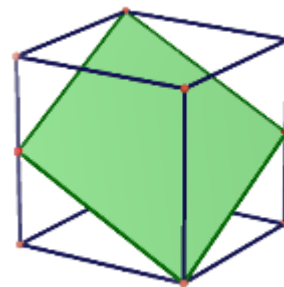
Fig. 8

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 1 T 7 8} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{8 7 T 1 2} \end{array}$$

Fig. 9

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{2 1 9 7 8} \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \text{8 7 9 1 2} \end{array}$$

July 2-3: The cube in the figure has unity edge. The shaded quadrilateral has two opposite vertices at vertices of the cube and the other two vertices at midpoints of edges of the cube. Classify the quadrilateral, find its angles and sides, and its area



Solution: Let $\overline{AB} = 1$ the edge of the cube. $\overline{AP} = \frac{1}{2}$.
Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle PAB$:

$$\overline{PB} = \overline{BQ} = \overline{DQ} = \overline{DP} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

Therefore, the quadrilateral PBQD is a rhombus.

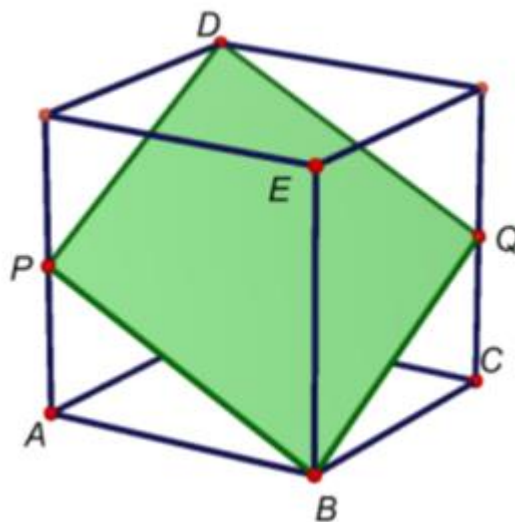
Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle ABE$:

$$\overline{AE} = \overline{AC} = \overline{PQ} = \sqrt{2}.$$

Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle BED$:

$$\overline{BD} = \sqrt{3}.$$

$\overline{BD} \neq \overline{PQ}$, and therefore PBQD is not a square.



Let $\alpha = \angle BPD = \angle BQD$. Applying the cosine theorem to the triangle $\triangle PBD$:

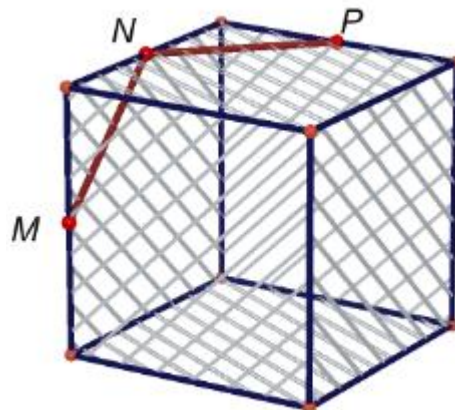
$$(\sqrt{3})^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2 - 2 \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \cos\alpha, \quad \cos\alpha = \frac{-1}{5}, \quad \alpha = \arccos \frac{-1}{5} = 101^\circ 32' 13''$$

$$\angle PBQ = \angle PDQ = 180^\circ - \alpha = 78^\circ 27' 47''$$

The area of the rhombus PBQD is:

$$S_{PBQD} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{PQ} \cdot \overline{BD} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

July 5: Let M, N and P be the midpoints of three consecutive edges of a cube. Find the angle $\angle MNP$



Solution: Let $\overline{AB} = a$, the edge of the cube. $\alpha = \angle MNP$. Obviously:

$$\overline{MN} = \overline{NP} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a$$

Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle ACP$.

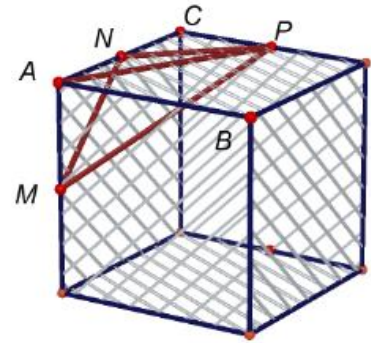
$$\overline{AP} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}a$$

Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle MAP$.

$$\overline{MP} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}a$$

Applying the cosine theorem to the triangle $\triangle MNP$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}a\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}a\right)^2 \cos \alpha, \quad \cos \alpha = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \alpha = \angle MNP = 120^\circ$$



July 6-7: Let $ABCA'D'B'C'D'$ be a cube of edge a . Let P, Q and R be points on the edges AB, BC and BB' , respectively, such that $BP = BQ = BR = x$. Determine the volume of the $PQRD'$ tetrahedron as a function of x and a .

Solution: Applying the Pythagorean theorem to triangles $\triangle ADB, \triangle DBD', \triangle PBQ, \triangle PBR$ and $\triangle RBQ$, we arrived to:

$$\overline{PQ} = \overline{QR} = \overline{PR} = x\sqrt{2}, \quad \overline{DB} = a\sqrt{2}, \quad \overline{BD'} = a\sqrt{3}$$

Let G be the center of gravity of the equilateral triangle $\triangle PQR$. Let $h = \overline{GD'}$ the height of the tetrahedron $PQRD'$ on the base $\triangle PQR$. The volume of the $PQRD'$ tetrahedron is:

$$V_{PQRD'} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^3 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(x\sqrt{2})^2\right) \cdot h$$

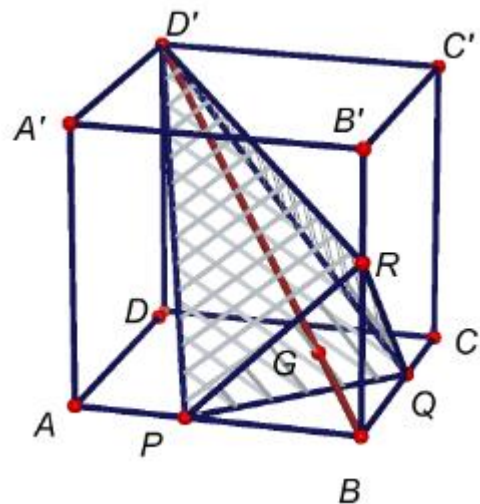
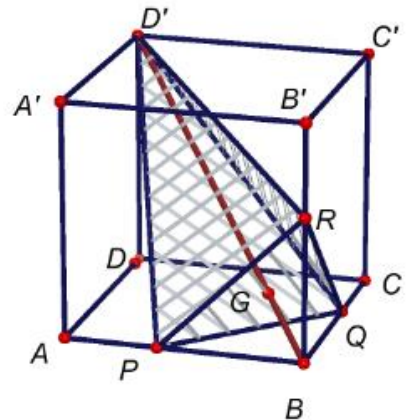
Solving for h , we arrive at:

$$h = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x$$

Therefore, the height of the $PQRD'$ tetrahedron above the base $\triangle PQR$ is:

$$\overline{GD'} = a\sqrt{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x$$

And, the volume of the $PQRD'$ tetrahedron is:



$$V_{PQRD'} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \cdot (x\sqrt{2})^2 \cdot \left(a\sqrt{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^2 \cdot \left(a - \frac{1}{3}x \right) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot (3a - x) \cdot x^2$$

July 8-15: Carmen is retiring this year and her students have decided to give her each a pentagon or a hexagon. Carmen has counted 282 edges and 49 polygons. If those who gave her hexagons had given her pentagons and those who gave her pentagons had given her hexagons, how many edges would she have?

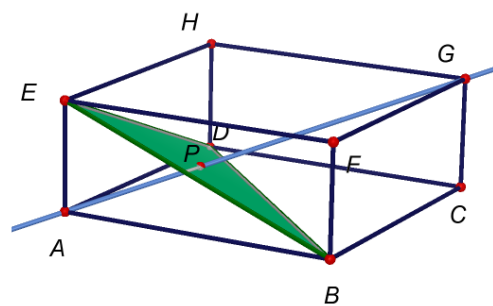
Solution: Let x (y) be the number of pentagons (hexagons). From the information in the statement, we have:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 5x + 6y &= 282 \\ x + y &= 49 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

From the second equation we solve for y and substitute in the first one with what:

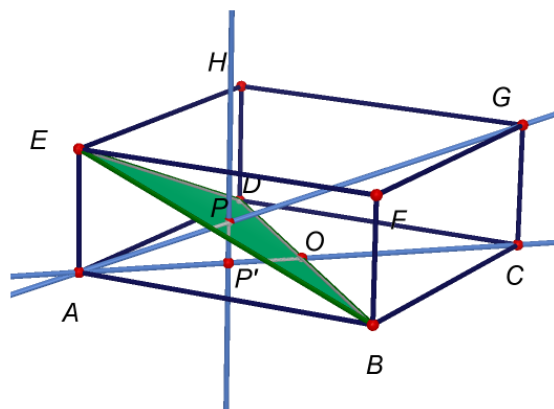
$$5x + 6(49 - x) = 282, \quad x = 12, \quad y = 49 - 12 = 37$$

The answer to the question posed is: $6 \cdot 12 + 5 \cdot 37 = 257$



July 9-10: Given the orthohedron ABCDEFGH, the diagonal AG intersects the triangle $\triangle BDE$ at the point P. Show that P is the center of gravity of the triangle $\triangle BDE$

Solution 1: Let $\overline{AB} = a, \overline{BC} = b, \overline{AE} = c$ the edges of the orthohedron. Let O be the center of face ABCD. O is the midpoint of the diagonals of rectangle ABCD. Let P' be the projection of P on the face ABCD. Points E, A, P, P', O, C, G are coplanar. Points E, P, O are aligned.



Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle ABC$

$$\overline{AC} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Let $x = \overline{AP'}$

$$\overline{OP'} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - x$$

The right triangles $\triangle APP', \triangle ACG$ are similar. Applying Thales' theorem:

$$\frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{\overline{PP'}}{x} \quad (1)$$

The right triangles $\triangle EAO, \triangle PP'O$ are similar. Applying Thales' theorem:

$$\frac{2c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} = \frac{\overline{PP'}}{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - x} \quad (2)$$

Dividing the expressions ((1): (2)):

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} - x}{x}$$

Solving the equation:

$$x = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Applying Thales' theorem to right triangles $\triangle EAO$, $\triangle PP'O$

$$\frac{\overline{EP}}{\overline{OP}} = \frac{\overline{AP'}}{\overline{OP'}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{3}}{\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{3}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{3}}{\frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{6}} = 2$$

Therefore, P is the center of gravity of the triangle $\triangle BDE$

Solution 2 (Nick Kalapodis @NickKalapodis): Let A(0, 0, 0); B(a, 0, 0); C(a, b, 0); D(0, b, 0), E(0,0,c); F(a, 0, c); G(a, b, c) and H(0, b, c). The equation of the plane that passes through E (0,0, c); B (a, 0, 0) and D (0, b, 0) is:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x-0 & y-0 & z-c \\ a-0 & 0-0 & 0-c \\ 0-0 & b-0 & 0-c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z-c \\ a & 0 & -c \\ 0 & b & -c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow x \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -c \\ b & -c \end{vmatrix} - a \begin{vmatrix} y & z-c \\ b & -c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow bcx + cay + abz = abc \Rightarrow \frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad (1)$$

The equation of the line through A (0, 0, 0) and G (a, b, c) is:

$$\frac{x-0}{a-0} = \frac{y-0}{b-0} = \frac{z-0}{c-0} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} \quad (2)$$

The coordinates of the point that belongs to the plane (1) and the line (2) is

$$P\left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{b}{3}, \frac{c}{3}\right)$$

The center of gravity of the triangle $\triangle BDE$ is:

$$G\left(\frac{a+0+0}{3}, \frac{0+b+0}{3}, \frac{0+0+c}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{b}{3}, \frac{c}{3}\right) = P$$

Julio 12-13: The tutors of 1D and 1E have received stickers to distribute among their students. Each student received 25 stickers and there were 8 left over. As 4 students did not want to take stickers, they distributed the remaining stickers and touched 3 more stickers than they had. How many students took trading cards?

Solution: As four students did not want stickers, the remaining stickers were: $4 \cdot 25 + 8 = 108$. These were distributed among the x students of the two groups who did want stickers by touching each of them 3 more stickers. Later:

$$x = \frac{108}{3} = 36$$

July 14: To fill the cup to half its height, we have taken 1 second, how long will it take to fill the entire cup of the illustration?

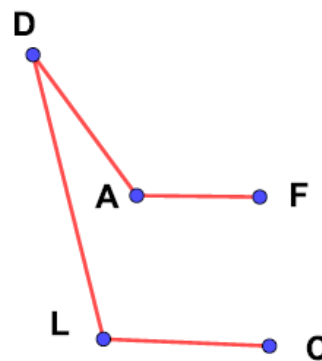
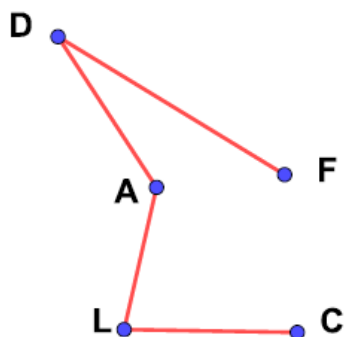
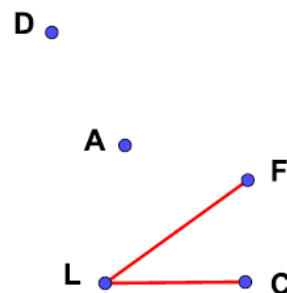
Solution: The triangles generated by the section of the cone generated by a plane that passes through a diameter of the base of the cone and through the vertex of the cone are similar, with a ratio of proportionality 1: 2. Therefore, the volume of the large cone is (2³) eight times the volume of the small cone.

Therefore, it will take seven more seconds to fill the entire cup



July 16: In a committee of 5 people, Laia, Dani and Aitana know two people, while Carles and Ferran know only one. If Laia and Carles know each other, is it possible that Laia and Ferran know each other?

Solution: If we assume that Laia and Ferran are known, we will have the following attached graph that should be completed with two lines reaching A and two lines reaching D (note that in L, F and C there are already all the lines required in the statement) and this is impossible. The only possible graphs fulfilling the statement are the ones below and in them L and F are not connected



July 17: If we increase the sides of a square by a certain percentage, its area increases by 96%. By what percentage would its area have decreased if instead of lengthening the sides, I shortened them by that percentage?

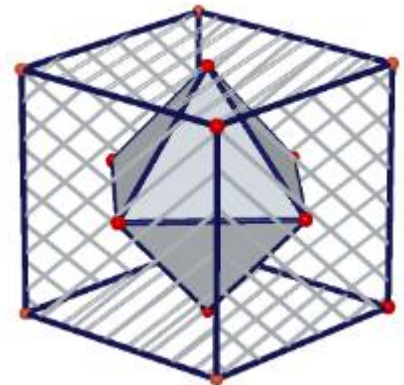
Solution: Let x be the side of the square. If we increase the sides by $r\%$, its length goes from x to $(1 + \frac{r}{100})x$ and its area goes from x^2 to $(1 + \frac{r}{100})^2 x^2$. From the statement we have:

$$\left(1 + \frac{r}{100}\right)^2 = 1,96; \quad 1 + \frac{r}{100} = \sqrt{1,96}; \quad r = 40$$

If we decrease the sides of the square by 40%, its length goes from x to $(1 - \frac{40}{100})x = 0,6 \cdot x$ and its area changes from x^2 to $0.6^2 \cdot x^2$. From here:

$$0,6^2 = \left(1 - \frac{s}{100}\right); \quad 0,36 = 1 - \frac{s}{100}; \quad s = 64$$

That is, its area decreases by 64%



July 19-20: The octahedron that has the vertices at the centers of the faces of a cube is called the dual polyhedron of the cube. Calculate the ratio between the volumes of the cube and its dual octahedron

Solution: Let c be the edge of the cube. The diagonal of the regular octahedron is equal to the edge of the cube. The edge of the octahedron is

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}c$$

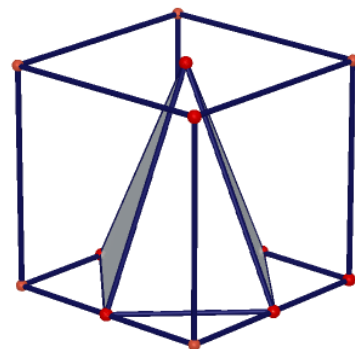
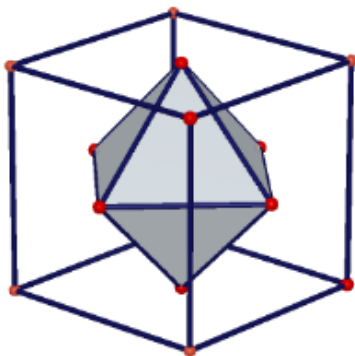
The volume of the octahedron is equal to twice the volume of a regular quadrangular pyramid with an edge of the base $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}c$ and height $\frac{1}{2}c$:

$$V_{\text{octahedron}} = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}c \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}c \right) = \frac{1}{6}c^3$$

The ratio between the volumes of the octahedron and the cube is:

$$\frac{V_{\text{octahedron}}}{V_{\text{cube}}} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}c^3}{c^3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Note that the volume of the octahedron is equal to the volume of the pyramid based on a square that has the vertices at the midpoints of a face and a height equal to the edge of the cube.

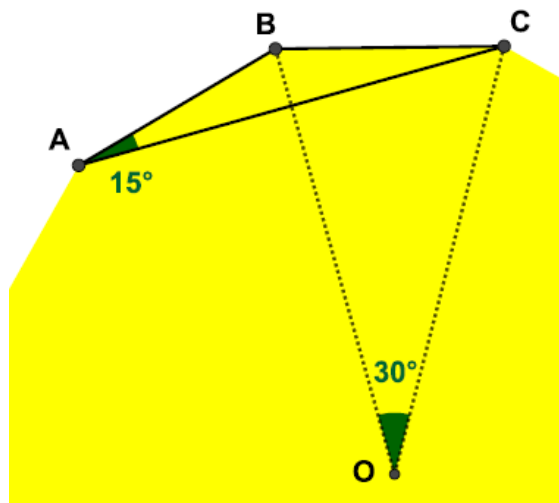


July 21: It has a regular polygon. If AB and BC are two consecutive edges and $\angle BAC = 15^\circ$, how many sides does the polygon have?

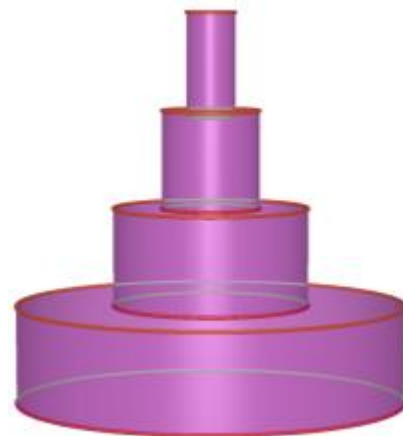
Solution: Let n be the number of sides of the regular polygon. From the statement $\angle BAC = 15^\circ$. Let O be the center of the regular polygon (the center of the circumscribed circle). For the relationship between the angle inscribed in a circle and the central angle we will have, $\angle BOC = 30^\circ$. But:

$$30^\circ = \frac{360^\circ}{n} \Rightarrow n = \frac{360^\circ}{30^\circ} = 12$$

That is, it is a dodecagon



July 22-29: In the figure, the lower cylinder has radius 1 and height 1. The upper cylinders have half the radius of the lower cylinder and height 1. Determine the volume of the 4 cylinders. Calculate the volume if there were 10 cylinders. Calculate the volume in the case of infinite cylinders



Solution: For the volume of the four cylinders:

$$V_4 = \pi \cdot 1^2 \cdot 1 + \pi \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \cdot 1 + \pi \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \cdot 1 + \pi \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 \cdot 1 = \pi \left(1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64}\right) = \frac{85}{64} \pi \approx 4.172427743$$

The volumes of the cylinders form a geometric progression of the first term π and ratio $\frac{1}{4}$. The sum of the first 10 terms is:

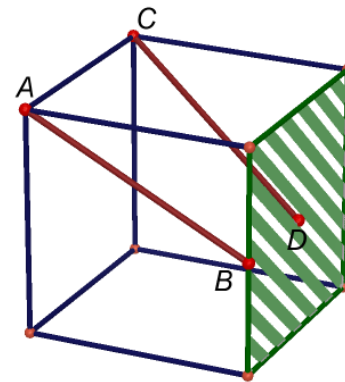
$$V_{10} = \frac{\pi \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{10}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{349525}{262144} \pi \approx 4,18878621$$

The sum of the infinite terms of a geometric progression of first term π and ratio $\frac{1}{4}$ is:

$$V_{\text{inf}} = \frac{\pi}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \approx 4.188790205 .$$

Note: The sum of the infinite volumes of the cylinders is equal to the volume of a sphere of radius 1.

July 23-24: In the figure, A and C are vertices of a cube of edge 1, B is the midpoint of the edge, and D is the center of the shaded face. Do the lines through A and B and the one through C and D intersect? If yes, at what point? Calculate the area of quadrilateral ABCD.

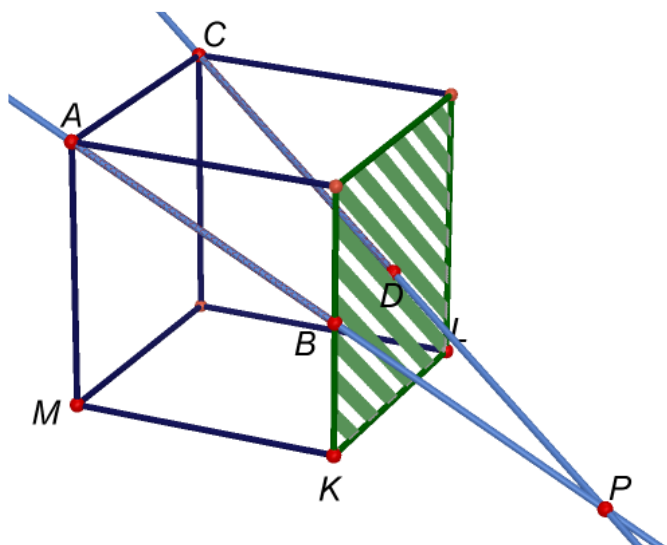
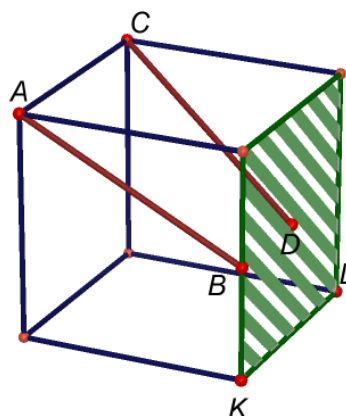


Solution: Segments \overline{AC} and \overline{BD} are parallel since edges \overline{AC} and \overline{KL} are parallel and \overline{KL} and \overline{BD} are parallel. Then, A, B, C, and D are coplanar. So A, B, C, and D are coplanar. Therefore, lines AB and CD are secant. Obviously:

$$\overline{BD} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{AC}$$

Let P be the intersection of lines AB and CD. \overline{BD} is the median parallel of triangle $\triangle ACP$. P belongs to the plane formed by the points ABK.

$$\overline{AB} = \overline{BP}$$



Then, P belongs to the line MK and $\overline{MP} = 2 \cdot \overline{MK}$

ABDC is a right trapezoid $\angle CAB = 90^\circ$.

$$\overline{AB} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

The area of the trapezoid ABDC is:

$$S_{ABDC} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{8}$$

July 26: How many digits does the number N have?

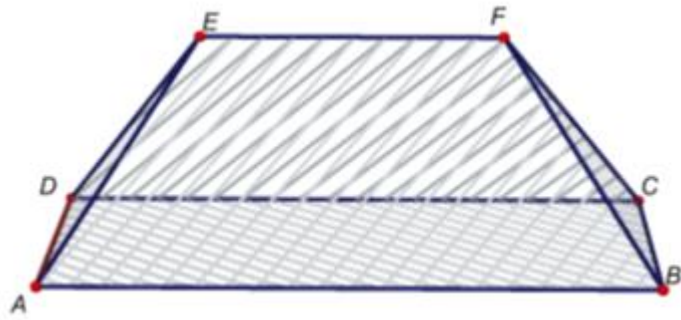
$$N = 16^{505} \cdot 3125^{404}$$

Solution: We will have:

$$N = (2^4)^{505} \cdot (5^5)^{404} = 2^{2020} \cdot 5^{2020} = (2 \cdot 5)^{2020} = 10^{2020}$$

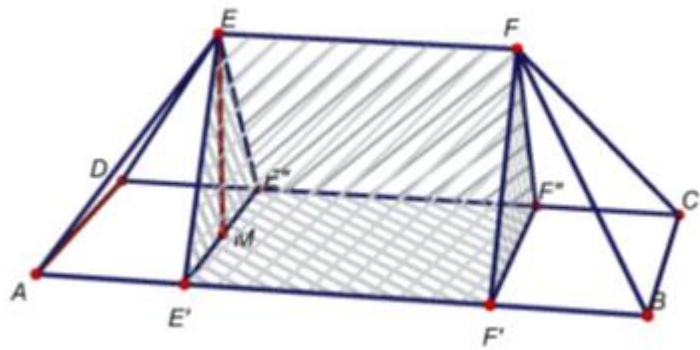
That is, N has 2021 digits: a 1 followed by 2020 zeros.

July 27-28: In the figure ABCD is a rectangle with $AB = 20$ and $BC = 10$. The triangles $\triangle ADE$ and $\triangle CBF$ are equal and equilateral. If $EF = 10$ and $EF \parallel AB$, calculate body volume



Solution: Let E' be the projection of E on \overline{AB} . Let F' be the projection of F on \overline{AB} . Let E'' be the projection of E onto \overline{CD} . Let F'' be the projection of F onto \overline{CD} . Obviously:

$$\overline{AE'} = \overline{DE''} = \overline{BF'} = \overline{CF''} = \frac{\overline{AB} - \overline{EF}}{2} = 5$$



Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle AE'E$:

$$\overline{EE'} = \sqrt{10^2 - 5^2} = 5\sqrt{3}.$$

Let M be the midpoint of the segment $\overline{E'E''}$.

$$\overline{E'M} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{BC} = 5.$$

Applying the Pythagorean theorem to the right triangle $\triangle E'M$:

$$\overline{EM} = \sqrt{(5\sqrt{3})^2 - 5^2} = 5\sqrt{2}.$$

The volume of the figure is equal to the sum of the volume of the prism $EE'E''F''F''$ of triangular base plus twice the volume of the pyramid $AE'E''DE$ of rectangular base.

The volume of the prism $EE'E''F''F''$ is:

$$V_{EE'E''F''F''} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{E'E''} \cdot \overline{EM} \cdot \overline{EF} = \frac{1}{2}10 \cdot 5\sqrt{2} \cdot 10 = 250\sqrt{2}.$$

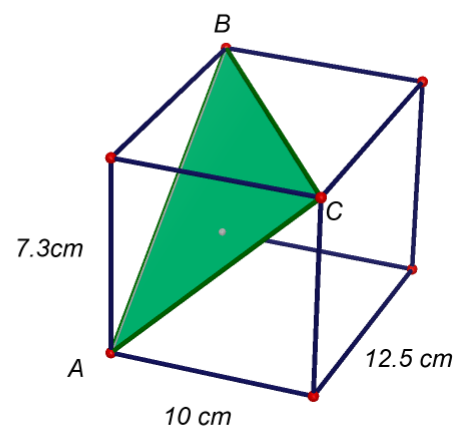
The volume of the pyramid $AE'E''DE$ is:

$$V_{AE'E''DE} = \frac{1}{3}\overline{AE'} \cdot \overline{E'E''} \cdot \overline{EM} = \frac{1}{3}5 \cdot 10 \cdot 5\sqrt{2} = \frac{250}{3}\sqrt{2}.$$

The volume of the figure is:

$$V = 250\sqrt{2} + 2\left(\frac{250}{3}\sqrt{2}\right) = \frac{1250}{3}\sqrt{2}.$$

July 30-31: An orthohedron has edges of 12.5 cm, 10 cm, and 7.3 cm. Calculate the area of the triangle $\triangle ABC$



Solution: Applying the Pythagorean Theorem three times:

$$\overline{AB}^2 = 12.5^2 + 7.3^2 = 209.54$$

$$\overline{AC}^2 = 10^2 + 7.3^2 = 153.29$$

$$\overline{BC}^2 = 12.5^2 + 10^2 = 256.25$$

$$\overline{AB} = \sqrt{12.5^2 + 7.3^2} \approx 14.48 \text{ cm}$$

$$\overline{AC} = \sqrt{10^2 + 7.3^2} \approx 12.38 \text{ cm}$$

$$\overline{BC} = \sqrt{12.5^2 + 10^2} \approx 16.01 \text{ cm}$$

Applying the cosine theorem:

$$A = \arccos\left(\frac{256.25 - 209.54 - 153.29}{-2\sqrt{209.54}\sqrt{153.29}}\right) \approx 72^\circ 42'$$

$$B = \arccos\left(\frac{153.29 - 209.54 - 256.25}{-2\sqrt{209.54}\sqrt{256.25}}\right) \approx 47^\circ 36'$$

$$C = 180^\circ - (A + B) \approx 59^\circ 42'$$

The area of the triangle is:

$$S_{ABC} = \frac{\sqrt{209.54}\sqrt{153.29} \sin(72^\circ 42')}{2} \approx 85.56 \text{ cm}^2.$$