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Round 2 Problems

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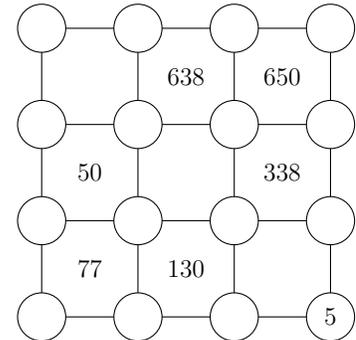
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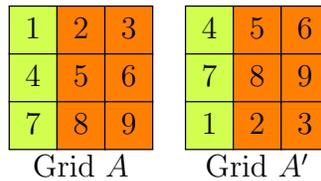
**1/2/31.** Fill in each empty white circle with a number from 1 to 16 so that each number is used exactly once. One number has been given to you. If a square has a given number inside and its four vertices contain the numbers  $a, b, c, d$  in clockwise order, then the number inside the square must be equal to  $(a + c)(b + d)$ .



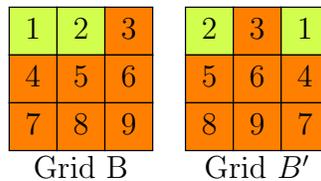
There is a unique solution, but you do not need to prove that your answer is the only one possible. You merely need to find an answer that satisfies the constraints above. (Note: In any other USAMTS problem, you need to provide a full proof. Only in this problem is an answer without justification acceptable.)

**2/2/31.** A  $3 \times 3$  grid of blocks is labeled from 1 through 9. Cindy paints each block orange or lime with equal probability and gives the grid to her friend Sophia.

Sophia then plays with the grid of blocks. She can take the top row of blocks and move it to the bottom, as shown.



She can also take the leftmost column of blocks and move it to the right end, as shown.



Sophia calls the grid of blocks *citrus* if it is impossible for her to use a sequence of the moves described above to obtain another grid with the same coloring but a different numbering scheme. For example, Grid B is *citrus*, but Grid A is not *citrus* because moving the top row of blocks to the bottom results in a grid with a different numbering but the same coloring as Grid A.

What is the probability that Sophia receives a *citrus* grid of blocks?



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**3/2/31.** Call a quadruple of positive integers  $(a, b, c, d)$  *fruitful* if there are infinitely many integers  $m$  such that  $\gcd(am + b, cm + d) = 2019$ . Find all possible values of  $|ad - bc|$  over fruitful quadruples  $(a, b, c, d)$ .

**4/2/31.** Princess Pear has 100 jesters with heights  $1, 2, \dots, 100$  inches. On day  $n$  with  $1 \leq n \leq 100$ , Princess Pear holds a court with all her jesters with height at most  $n$  inches, and she receives two candied cherries from every group of 6 jesters with a median height of  $n - 50$  inches. A jester can be part of multiple groups.

On day 101, Princess Pear summons all 100 jesters to court one final time. Every group of 6 jesters with a median height of 50.5 inches presents one more candied cherry to the Princess. How many candied cherries does Princess Pear receive in total?

Please provide a numerical answer (with justification).

**5/2/31.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with circumcenter  $O$ ,  $A$ -excenter  $I_A$ ,  $B$ -excenter  $I_B$ , and  $C$ -excenter  $I_C$ . The incircle of  $\triangle ABC$  is tangent to sides  $\overline{BC}$ ,  $\overline{CA}$ , and  $\overline{AB}$  at  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$  respectively. Lines  $\overline{I_B E}$  and  $\overline{I_C F}$  intersect at  $P$ . If the line through  $O$  perpendicular to  $\overline{OP}$  passes through  $I_A$ , prove that  $\angle A = 60^\circ$ .

*An excenter is the point of concurrency among one internal angle bisector and two external angle bisectors of a triangle.*

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