

1. In triangle ABC , $AC = 7$. D lies on AB such that $AD = BD = CD = 5$. Find BC .

Answer: $\sqrt{51}$

Solution: Let $m\angle A = x$ and $m\angle B = y$. Note that we have two pairs of isosceles triangles, so $m\angle A = m\angle ACD$ and $m\angle B = m\angle BCD$. Since $m\angle ACD + m\angle BCD = m\angle ACB$, we have

$$180^\circ = m\angle A + m\angle B + m\angle ACB = 2x + 2y \implies m\angle ACB = x + y = 90^\circ.$$

Since $\angle ACB$ is right, we can use the Pythagorean Theorem to compute BC as

$$\sqrt{10^2 - 7^2} = \boxed{\sqrt{51}}.$$

For a shortcut, note that D is the circumcenter of ABC and lies on the triangle itself, so it must lie opposite a right angle.

2. What is the perimeter of a rectangle of area 32 inscribed in a circle of radius 4?

Answer: $16\sqrt{2}$

Solution: It turns out the rectangle is actually a square with side length $4\sqrt{2}$, and hence has perimeter $\boxed{16\sqrt{2}}$.

3. Robin has obtained a circular pizza with radius 2. However, being rebellious, instead of slicing the pizza radially, he decides to slice the pizza into 4 strips of equal width both vertically and horizontally. What is the area of the smallest piece of pizza?

Answer: $\frac{\pi}{3} + 1 - \sqrt{3}$

Solution 1: Let O be the center of the circle, and let A and B lie on the circle such that $m\angle AOB = 90^\circ$. Call M the midpoint of AO and N the midpoint of BO . Let C lie on minor arc AB such that $CM \perp OA$, and let D lie on minor arc AB such that $DN \perp OB$. Finally, let CM and DN intersect at E . Now, the problem is to find the area of the region bounded by DE , EC , and minor arc CD .

Notice that $ON = 1$ and $OD = 2$, so OND is a 30-60-90 right triangle. Since DN and AO are parallel, $m\angle NDO = m\angle AOD = 30^\circ$. We now see that the area of the region bounded by AM , ME , ED , and arc DA can be expressed as the sum of the areas of triangle OND and sector AOD minus the area of square $MONE$, which evaluates to

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \sqrt{3} + \frac{\pi \cdot 2^2}{12} - 1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3} - 1.$$

Finally, let x denote the desired area. Then, the area of sector AOB is

$$1 + 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3} - 1 \right) + x = \frac{\pi \cdot 2^2}{4} \implies x = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{3} + 1 - \sqrt{3}}.$$

Solution 2: When the pizza is sliced 4 times in both directions, the result is 4 unit squares, 8 congruent approximate quadrilaterals (one edge is curved), and 4 congruent approximate triangles (again, one edge is curved). Call the area of an approximate quadrilateral x and an approximate triangle y . Since all these pieces form a circle of radius 2, we get

$$8x + 4y = 4\pi - 4.$$

Now, consider the long horizontal slice at the bottom of the pizza, consisting of 2 approximate quadrilaterals and 2 approximate triangles. Define the endpoints of the slice to be A and B . Define the center of the pizza to be C . Consider the sector of the pizza cut out by AC and BC . This is one third of the pizza, as $\angle ACB = 120^\circ$, and $\angle ABC = \angle BAC = 30^\circ$. Therefore, the area of the sector is $4\pi/3$ and the area of triangle ABC is $\sqrt{3}$. Hence, we get

$$2x + 2y = \frac{4\pi}{3} - \sqrt{3}.$$

Therefore, we have the system

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= \pi - 1 \\ 2x + 2y &= \frac{4\pi}{3} - \sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system gives

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{\pi}{3} - 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ y &= \frac{\pi}{3} + 1 - \sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the smallest piece of pizza has area

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{3} + 1 - \sqrt{3}}.$$

4. $ABCD$ is a regular tetrahedron with side length 1. Find the area of the cross section of $ABCD$ cut by the plane that passes through the midpoints of AB , AC , and CD .

Answer: $\frac{1}{4}$

Solution: First, note that the plane also passes through the midpoint of BD by symmetry, e.g. across the plane containing AD perpendicular to BC . Let M , N , O , and P denote the midpoints of BA , AC , CD , and DB , respectively. $MN = NO = OP = PM = \frac{1}{2}$ because they are all midlines of faces of the tetrahedron. Hence, the cross section is a rhombus. Furthermore, $MO \cong NP$ because both equal the distance between midpoints of opposite sides (alternatively, this congruence can be demonstrated by rotating $ABCD$ such that N and P coincide with the previous locations of M and O). Hence, $MNOP$ is a square, and its area is $(\frac{1}{2})^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$.

5. In square $ABCD$ with side length 2, let P and Q both be on side AB such that $AP = BQ = \frac{1}{2}$. Let E be a point on the edge of the square that maximizes the angle PEQ . Find the area of triangle PEQ .

Answer: $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

Solution: For any choice of E , we can draw the circumcircle of PEQ . Angle PEQ is inscribed inside the minor arc of chord PQ , which is of constant length (it must always be the minor arc because PEQ is clearly always acute). Therefore, maximizing $m\angle PEQ$ is equivalent to maximizing the measure of minor arc PQ , which in turn is equivalent to minimizing the radius of the circle.

Hence, we wish to find the smallest circle that intersects $ABCD$ at P, Q , and at least one other point. A circle of radius 1 can be tangent to sides BC and AD , while a circle with a smaller radius clearly cannot touch any of the sides of the square. Hence, it is this circle we desire. Let this circle be centered at O . OPQ is equilateral, so the height from O to PQ has length $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. This is also the height from the points of tangency on AD or BC to PQ . E may be either one of these points, resulting in PEQ having area $\boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}}$.

6. $ABCD$ is a rectangle with $AB = CD = 2$. A circle centered at O is tangent to BC, CD , and AD (and hence has radius 1). Another circle, centered at P , is tangent to circle O at point T and is also tangent to AB and BC . If line AT is tangent to both circles at T , find the radius of circle P .

Answer: $\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$

Solution: Let the radius of circle P be r . Draw OP , noting that it is perpendicular to AT at T . Let Q be the point of tangency between circle O and AD . If we drop a perpendicular from P to meet OQ (extended) at R , then we know that $OR = 1 - r$ and $OP = 1 + r$, so by the Pythagorean theorem, $PR = 2\sqrt{r}$. Thus, $AQ = 2\sqrt{r} + r$.

Let AB be tangent to P at U . By the Two-Tangent Theorem, $AQ \cong AT \cong AU$. Since $UB = r$, we have

$$(2\sqrt{r} + r) + r = 2 \implies r = \boxed{\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}}.$$

7. $ABCD$ is a square such that \overline{AB} lies on the line $y = x + 4$ and points C and D lie on the graph of parabola $y^2 = x$. Compute the sum of all possible areas of $ABCD$.

Answer: 68

Solution 1: First, shift the coordinate system so that the line goes through the origin and the parabola is now at $x = y^2 + 4$.

Let CD lie on the line $y = x + b$. The distance between lines AB and CD is therefore $\frac{|b|}{\sqrt{2}}$, which can be proven by drawing 45-45-90 triangles. This distance is precisely $AD = BC$, so CD must also have this length. Hence, the y -coordinates of C and D must have difference $\frac{|b|}{2}$, again by 45-45-90 triangles.

Substituting $x = y - b$ to $x = y^2 + 4$ yields $y^2 - y + (b + 4) = 0$. The difference between two solutions is $\sqrt{1 - 4(b + 4)} = \frac{|b|}{2}$, which simplifies to $b^2 + 16b + 60 = 0$. The area of $ABCD$ is $\frac{1}{2}b^2$, so we want $\frac{1}{2}$ times the square of the possible values of b as our answer. We can compute this as $\frac{16^2 - 2 \cdot 60}{2} = \boxed{68}$.

Solution 2: Let $C = (y_1^2, y_1)$ and $D = (y_2^2, y_2)$, and assume without loss of generality that the points are positioned such that $y_1 < y_2$. Viewing this in the complex plane, we have $B - C = (D - C)i$, so $B = (y_1^2 + y_1 - y_2, y_2^2 - y_1^2 + y_1)$. Plugging this into $y = x + 4$ gives us $y_2^2 - 2y_1^2 + y_2 - 4 = 0$. Since $\overline{AB} \parallel \overline{DC}$, the slope of \overline{DC} is 1, so $\frac{y_1 - y_2}{y_1^2 - y_2^2} = 1 \implies y_1 + y_2 = 1$. Solving this system of equations gives us two pairs of solutions for (y_1, y_2) , namely $(-1, 2)$ and $(-2, 3)$. These give $\sqrt{18}$ and $\sqrt{50}$ for CD , respectively, so the sum of all possible areas is $18 + 50 = \boxed{68}$.

8. Let equilateral triangle ABC with side length 6 be inscribed in a circle and let P be on arc AC such that $AP \cdot PC = 10$. Find the length of BP .

Answer: $\sqrt{46}$

Solution: Note that $BP = AP + CP$. To prove this, form equilateral triangle APD where D lies on the extension of CP . Then triangle ACD is congruent to triangle ABP (and can be obtained by rotating triangle ABP by 60 degrees). Therefore, $CD = AP + PC = BP$. Alternatively, apply Ptolemy's Theorem to cyclic quadrilateral $ABCP$, which gives $BP = AP + CP$ directly.

Next, apply the Law of Cosines on triangle APC to deduce that $AP^2 + CP^2 + AP \cdot CP = 6^2$ (we have used the fact that $m\angle APC = 120^\circ$, since it is opposite the 60° angle ABC). Hence, $(AP + CP)^2 = 36 + 10$ so $BP = AP + CP = \boxed{\sqrt{46}}$.

9. In tetrahedron $ABCD$, $AB = 4$, $CD = 7$, and $AC = AD = BC = BD = 5$. Let I_A , I_B , I_C , and I_D denote the incenters of the faces opposite vertices A , B , C , and D , respectively. It is provable that AI_A intersects BI_B at a point X , and CI_C intersects DI_D at a point Y . Compute XY .

Answer: $\frac{\sqrt{35}}{72}$

Solution 1: First, we make some preliminary observations. Let M be the midpoint of AB and N be the midpoint of CD . We see that I_A and I_B lie on isosceles triangle ABN , since AN and BN are angle bisectors of $\angle CAD$ and $\angle CBD$, respectively. This shows that AI_A and BI_B are coplanar, so they intersect. Moreover, by symmetry, X must lie on MN . Analogous facts hold for triangle CDM and its associated points: in particular, Y also lies on MN .

Now, we use mass points to determine the location of X on MN ¹. Let an ordered pair (m, P) denote that point P has mass m . Assume that masses a , b , c , and d at points A , B , C , and D , respectively, are placed such that their sum lies at X (that is, let X be our fulcrum).

Since

$$(a + b + c + d, X) = (a, A) + ((b, B) + (c, C) + (d, D)),$$

it must be that

$$(b, B) + (c, C) + (d, D) = (b + c + d, I_A),$$

since I_A is the unique point in the plane of BCD and collinear with X and A . This implies that $c = d$, since now $(c, C) + (d, D)$ must lie at the midpoint of CD , i.e. N . Now, since X lies on MN , we know $(a, A) + (b, B)$ must lie at M , so $a = b$ as well. Finally, since I_A lies on the angle bisector of $\angle BCD$, we know that if CI_A is extended to intersect BD at a point Z , then

$$\frac{BZ}{ZD} = \frac{BC}{CD} = \frac{5}{7} \implies \frac{b}{d} = \frac{7}{5}.$$

Hence, a suitable mass assignment is $a = b = 7$, $c = d = 5$. Now, we have that

$$((7, A) + (7, B)) + ((5, C) + (5, D)) = (14, M) + (10, N)$$

is at X , and so $MX = \frac{5}{12}MN$.

By similar logic, when we pick Y to be the fulcrum, we get masses $a = b = 5$, $c = d = 4$, and so $MY = \frac{4}{9}MN$. Hence,

$$\frac{XY}{MN} = \frac{4}{9} - \frac{5}{12} = \frac{1}{36}.$$

¹For a rigorous introduction to mass points, we direct the interested reader to http://www.computing-wisdom.com/jstor/center_of_mass.pdf

Finally, to compute MN , we start by noting that

$$CM = \sqrt{5^2 - 2^2} = \sqrt{21}$$

by the Pythagorean Theorem in right triangle AMC . Now, looking at right triangle MNC , we get

$$MN = \sqrt{21 - \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{35}}{2} \implies XY = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{35}}{72}}.$$

Solution 2: We present a variant of the first solution that does not require using mass points in three dimensions. Instead, we will use mass points on the triangle ABN . Let X be our fulcrum. Recall that AXI_A are colinear. We need to compute $\frac{BI_A}{I_A N}$, which we can do by the Angle Bisector Theorem in triangle BCD . Since CX_A bisects angle BCD , we have $\frac{BI_A}{I_A N} = \frac{CB}{CN} = \frac{10}{7}$. Therefore, we can assign a mass of 10 to N and 7 to A . By symmetry, B also gets a mass of 7, so $\frac{MX}{MN} = \frac{10}{7+7+10} = \frac{5}{12}$, as before. This computation extends to get $\frac{MY}{MN} = \frac{4}{9}$.

Using these ratios, the final answer can be computed as in Solution 1.

10. Let triangle ABC have side lengths $AB = 16$, $BC = 20$, $AC = 26$. Let $ACDE$, $ABFG$, and $BCHI$ be squares that are entirely outside of triangle ABC . Let J be the midpoint of EH , K be the midpoint of DG , and L the midpoint of AC . Find the area of triangle JKL .

Answer: $\frac{5\sqrt{1023}}{4}$

Solution: We first prove a lemma. Let M be the midpoint of AB and N be the midpoint of EF . Then $KLMN$ is a square. We do this using vectors. Let $v_1 = \overrightarrow{CA}$, $v_2 = \overrightarrow{BA}$, $u_1 = \overrightarrow{CD}$, and $u_2 = \overrightarrow{BF}$. We first calculate $w = \overrightarrow{EF}$. Then $w = (v_1 - v_2 + u_2) - (u_1 + v_1) = u_2 - v_2 - u_1$. Now, we calculate \overrightarrow{CN} in two different ways. First, $\overrightarrow{CN} = u_1 + v_1 + \frac{w}{2} = v_1 + \frac{u_2}{2} + \frac{u_1}{2} - \frac{v_2}{2}$. Second, $\overrightarrow{CN} = v_1 - \frac{v_2}{2} + \overrightarrow{MN}$. Equating these two gives us $\overrightarrow{MN} = \frac{u_2 + u_1}{2}$. Taking the dot product of \overrightarrow{MN} with $\overrightarrow{CB} = v_1 - v_2$ gives $\frac{v_1 \cdot u_2 - v_2 \cdot u_1}{2}$, which is zero. In addition, note that u_1, u_2 are rotations of v_1, v_2 such that the angle between v_1 and v_2 is supplementary to the angle between u_1 and u_2 . Hence, the length of \overrightarrow{MN} is the same as the length of $\overrightarrow{LM} = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{2}$. A similar argument on \overrightarrow{LK} gives the same result, and hence $KLMN$ is a square.

Now, we see that $LK = \frac{1}{2}BC$. Symmetrically, $LJ = \frac{1}{2}AB$. Furthermore, angle KLJ is supplementary to angle ABC . Hence, the area of triangle JKL is a quarter of the area of triangle ABC , and so is the area of a triangle with side lengths half those of ABC 's. The area of JKL may thus be calculated with Heron's formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{31}{2} \cdot \frac{15}{2} \cdot \frac{11}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2}} = \boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{1023}}{4}}.$$

