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Junior Varsity Proof Solution

juv#1.

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b + c)(bc + ab + ac) &= abc + a^2b + a^2c + b^2c + ab^2 + bc^2 + ac^2 \\ &= 3ab + b(a^2 + c^2) + c(a^2 + b^2) + a(b^2 + c^2) \\ &\geq 3ab + b(2ac) + c(2ab) + a(2bc) \\ &= 9abc.\end{aligned}$$

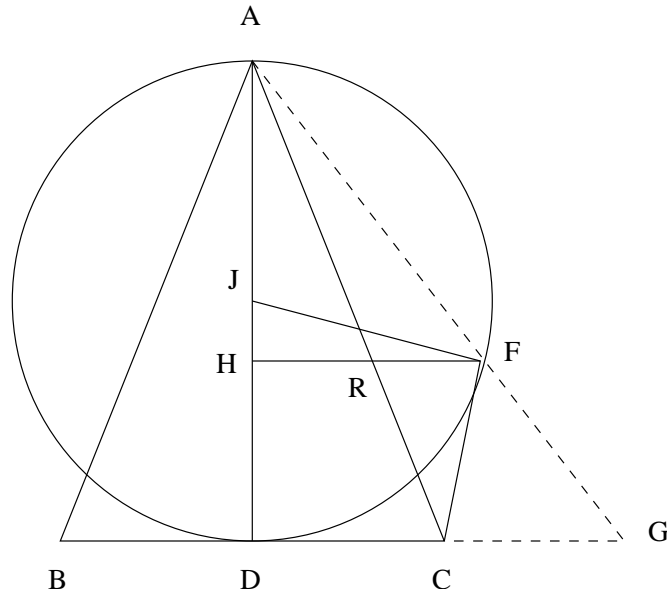
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juv#2. Let H be the intersection of AD and QR . We will show that $HR = RF$ where F is the other intersection of the line through PR with the circle. Thus the answer is $1 : 2$.

Draw the segment from the center of the circle J to F and the line from the top of the circle A through F until it intersects the extension of BC in a point G .

By similar triangles, it is enough to show that $DC = CG$.

Let t be the measure of angle AFJ which is the same as angle JAF since triangle JAF is isosceles. Computing around the vertex F and using the fact that angle JFC is right, we see that angle CFG measures $\pi/2 - t$. On the other hand, triangle ADG is right, so angle FGC measures $\pi/2 - t$ as well. Thus, triangle CFG is isosceles, and we have that $CG = CF$. Since the tangents DC and CF have equal length, we are done.



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juv#3. First we observe that two circles intersect at right angle is equivalent to $r_1^2 + r_2^2 = |c_1 c_2|^2$. Now, all circles passing through $(-1, 0)$ and $(1, 0)$ are having the form

$$C_1 : x^2 + (y - a)^2 = a^2 + 1$$

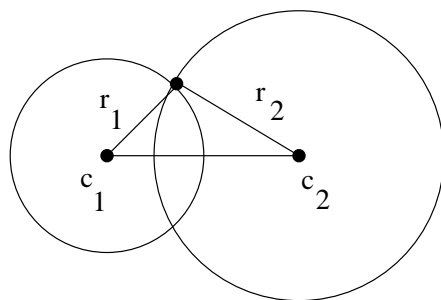
with center at $(0, a)$ and radius $\sqrt{a^2 + 1}$. Consider a circle $C_2 : (x - b)^2 + y^2 = r^2$ with center $(b, 0)$. If C_1 and C_2 intersect at right angle, we need

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + 1 + r^2 &= (\text{distance between } (b, 0) \text{ and } (0, a))^2 \\ &= a^2 + b^2 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$b = \pm\sqrt{1 + r^2}$$

So the center of the desired circle is $\pm\sqrt{1 + r^2}$.



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juv#4. The partition problem: Here one is asked to find the number of partitions of an integer n using two consecutive positive integers. Call the number of such partitions $f(n)$. One can write each partition uniquely as

$$i_1 + \cdots + i_k + j_1 + \cdots + j_\ell$$

where the i 's are all one more than the j 's and there may be no j 's, but there must be some i 's. Setting aside the partition $1 + 1 + \cdots + 1$ (n times), we can consider the partition

$$i_1 + \cdots + i_{k-1} + (i_k - 1) + j_1 + \cdots + j_\ell$$

which is an acceptable partition of $n - 1$. It is easily checked that this correspondence is one to one and onto. Hence, there is exactly one more acceptable partition of n than of $n - 1$, namely, the one we set aside with n ones. Thus, $f(n) = f(n - 1) + 1$. Since $f(1) = 1$, we see that $f(n) = n$.

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juv#5.

$$\begin{aligned}(m - n)\pi + s &= m\pi - (b_1 + \cdots + b_m) - n\pi + (a_1 + \cdots + a_n) \\ &= [(\pi - b_1) + \cdots + (\pi - b_m)] - [(\pi - a_1) + \cdots + (\pi - a_n)] \\ &= 2\pi - 2\pi \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

The second rearrangement of terms expresses the quantity as the difference of the sums of the exterior angles of the two polygons. The exterior angles of any polygon sum to 2π .