

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.<sup>1</sup>  
 Solution Sheet 11, August 6, 2013

1. (a)

$$0 \leq (a - b)^2 \quad \text{with equality only if } a = b$$

$$0 \leq a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$

$$ab \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}$$

so  $ab$  is largest when  $a = b$ , and since  $a + b = k$  then at  $a = b = \frac{k}{2}$ .

(b) From above, first note that  $xy = \frac{c^2}{2}$ , then

$$c^4 = (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

$$c^4 = x^4 + y^4 + 2x^2y^2$$

$$x^4 + y^4 = c^4 - 2x^2y^2;$$

which is minimum when  $x^2y^2$  is maximum, which from above is when  $x = y$  and has a value of  $\frac{c^2}{2}$ . So the minimum value of  $x^4 + y^4 = c^4 - \frac{c^4}{2} = \frac{c^4}{2}$ .

2. Construct the triangles  $APB$  and  $AQB$ . Let  $P'$  be at the intersection of the circle and the line  $AP$ , now since  $AB$  is a diameter and  $P'$  on the circle, triangle  $AP'B$  is right at  $P'$ , which also means triangle  $PP'B$  is right at  $P'$ , and so  $\angle APB$

(b) By similar logic, both  $x$  and  $y$  must be even (to have even sum and even product). If they are both even, then the product  $xy$  must be divisible by 4. Write  $x = 2m$  and  $y = 2n$  then  $xy = 4nm$ , but 2382982 is not, and hence there are no integer solutions.

4. To make \$10 out of  $n$  50c coins and  $m$  20c coins we must satisfy

$$5n + 2m = 100; \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}; \quad n, m > 0$$

or

$$m = 100 - \frac{5n}{2}; \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}; \quad n, m > 0:$$

So we merely count the number of  $n$  which are divisible by 2 and satisfy the above, of which there are 9.

5. (a) In general, if we prime factorise  $x = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \dots p_k^{m_k}$  then every divisor can be written as  $p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$  where each  $a_i = 0, 1, \dots, m_i$ . So there are  $m_1 + 1$  choices for  $a_1$ ,  $m_2 + 1$  choices for  $a_2$  and so on, and hence the number of divisors is  $(m_1 + 1)(m_2 + 1) \dots (m_k + 1)$ . Then  $20 = 2^2 \cdot 5$  and so has 3 divisors, so  $d(20) = 6$ .

If  $n = p_1^{m_1} p_k^{m_k}$ , then  $n^2 = p_1^{2m_1} p_k^{2m_k}$  and so  $d(n^2) = (2m_1 + 1)(2m_k + 1)$  which is a product of odd numbers and hence cannot be equal to the even number 2 ( $n$ ).

(b) The number  $144^2 = (3 \cdot 2^2)^4 = 3^4 \cdot 2^8$  so

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Now if  $n^4 - 6n^3 - 18n^2 + 6n + 1$  is prime its only factors are itself and 1. Since

$$n^4 - 6n^3 - 18n^2 + 6n + 1 = (n^2 - 3n - 1 - 5n)(n^2 - 3n - 1 + 5n) = (n^2 - 8n - 1)(n^2 + 2n - 1)$$