

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.
Problem Sheet 11, July 28, 2015¹

1. Alice and Carla are playing a dice game. Here's how it works:

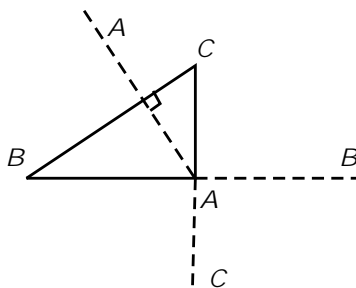
Each person rolls a die, and the highest number rolled of the two is recorded.

If the highest number rolled is a 1;2;3 or 4, Alice wins.

If the highest number rolled is a 5 or a 6, Carla wins.

On average, who is more likely to win: Alice, Carla, or are the probabilities equal?

2. Find the remainder when x^{1999} is divided by $x^2 - 1$.
3. How many 3 digit positive integer is/are the sum of exactly 9 distinct powers of 2?
4. Given that $a + b = 1$ and $a^2 + b^2 = 2$, what is the value of $a^7 + b^7$?



5. Let $\triangle ABC$ be right-angled. Let A' be the mirror image of the point A in the side BC , let B' be the mirror image of B in AC and C' the mirror image of B in AB ; see above. Find the ratio

$$\text{area}(\triangle ABC) : \text{area}(\triangle A'B'C')$$

6. Find all positive integers n for which all of the numbers

$$n; 2n - 1; 2n + 5; 3n - 2; 5n - 4; 6n - 5; \text{ and } 12n + 5$$

are prime. (Note the integer 1 is not prime).

¹Some problems from UNSW's publication *Parabola*, and the *Tournament of Towns in Toronto*.

Senior Questions

1. Find all solutions of $2^x + 3^x + 6^x = x^2$.
2. Let $f(x) = x + \int_0^1 (xy^2 + x^2y)f(y) dy$. Find the value of $f(10)$.
3. Denote by $[a; b]$ Find