

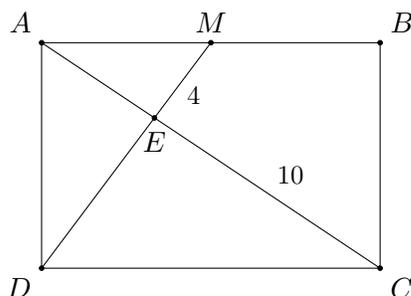
## Coordinate Geometry

Western PA ARML Practice

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## Warm-up

1. (ARML 2007) In rectangle  $ABCD$ ,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and  $DM$  intersect at  $E$ ,  $CE = 10$ , and  $EM = 4$ . Find the area of rectangle  $ABCD$ .



## Problems

- (ARML 1993) Triangle  $AOB$  is positioned in the first quadrant with  $O = (0, 0)$  and  $B$  above and to the right of  $A$ . The slope of  $OA$  is 1, the slope of  $OB$  is 8, and the slope of  $AB$  is  $m$ . If the points  $A$  and  $B$  have  $x$ -coordinates  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively, compute  $\frac{b}{a}$  in terms of  $m$ .
- (ARML 1993) Square  $ABCD$  is positioned in the first quadrant with  $A$  on the  $y$ -axis,  $B$  on the  $x$ -axis, and  $C = (13, 8)$ . Compute the area of the square.
- Find the center of the circle that passes through the points  $(3, 0)$ ,  $(5, 12)$ , and  $(11, 11)$ .
  - Find the equation of the line tangent to this circle at  $(5, 12)$ .
  - Another circle with center at  $(7, 5)$  is tangent to the first circle. Find the equation of the second circle, in the form  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = c$ .
- (AIME 2000) Let  $u$  and  $v$  be integers satisfying  $0 < v < u$ . Let  $A = (u, v)$ , let  $B$  be the reflection of  $A$  across the line  $y = x$ , let  $C$  be the reflection of  $B$  across the  $y$ -axis, let  $D$  be the reflection of  $C$  across the  $x$ -axis, and let  $E$  be the reflection of  $D$  across the  $y$ -axis. The area of pentagon  $ABCDE$  is 451. Find  $u + v$ .
- (AIME 2001) Let  $R = (8, 6)$ . The lines whose equations are  $8y = 15x$  and  $10y = 3x$  contain points  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively, such that  $R$  is the midpoint of  $PQ$ . The length of  $PQ$  equals  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive integers. Find  $m + n$ .
- Diameters  $AB$  and  $CD$  of circle  $S$  are perpendicular;  $E$  is another point on circle  $S$ . Chord  $EA$  intersects diameter  $CD$  at point  $K$  and chord  $EC$  intersects diameter  $AB$  at point  $L$ . If

$CK : KD = 2 : 1$ , find  $AL : LB$ .

7. (ARML 1988 Power Round)

- (a) A sequence  $(x_n)$  is defined as follows:  $x_0 = 2$ , and for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $(x_n, 0)$  lies on the line through  $(0, 4)$  and  $(x_{n-1}, 2)$ . Derive a formula for  $x_n$  in terms of  $x_{n-1}$ .
- (b) A sequence  $(y_n)$  is defined as follows:  $y_0 = 0$ , and for all  $n \geq 1$ , draw a square of side length 2 with its bottom left corner at  $(y_{n-1}, 0)$  and its bottom side on the  $x$ -axis. The point  $(y_n, 0)$  lies on the line through  $(0, 4)$  and the top right corner of the square. Derive a formula for  $y_n$  in terms of  $y_{n-1}$ .
- (c) A sequence  $(z_n)$  is defined as follows:  $z_0 = 0$ , and for all  $n \geq 1$ , draw a circle of diameter 2 tangent to the  $x$ -axis and tangent to the line through  $(0, 4)$  and  $(z_{n-1}, 0)$  in such a way that its center lies to the right of that line. The line through  $(0, 4)$  and  $(z_n, 0)$  is the other tangent to the same circle. Derive a formula for  $z_n$  in terms of  $z_{n-1}$ .
- (d) Express  $(x_n)$ ,  $(y_n)$ , and  $(z_n)$  explicitly as functions of  $n$ .

8. Prove that the area of a triangle with coordinates  $(a, b)$ ,  $(c, d)$ , and  $(e, f)$  is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 1 \\ c & d & 1 \\ e & f & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \frac{1}{2} |ad + be + cf - af - bc - de|.$$

- 9. (AIME 2005) The points  $A = (p, q)$ ,  $B = (12, 19)$ , and  $C = (23, 20)$  form a triangle of area 70. The median from  $A$  to side  $BC$  has slope  $-5$ . Find the largest possible value of  $p + q$ .
- 10. (a) Prove that the medians of a triangle can be translated (without rotating the line segments) to form the sides of a new triangle.  
(b) The medians of  $\triangle ABC$  are translated to form the sides of  $\triangle DEF$ , and the medians of  $\triangle DEF$  are translated to form the sides of  $\triangle GHI$ . Prove that  $\triangle ABC$  and  $\triangle GHI$  are similar, and compute the coefficient of similarity.
- 11. Find the equation of the line that bisects the angle formed in the first quadrant by the  $x$ -axis and the line  $y = mx$ .
- 12. (INMO 2009) Let  $P$  be a point inside  $\triangle ABC$  such that  $\angle BPC = 90^\circ$  and  $\angle BAP = \angle BCP$ . Let  $M, N$  be the midpoints of  $AC, BC$  respectively. Suppose  $BP = 2PM$ . Prove that  $A, P$ , and  $N$  are collinear.