# Berkeley Math Circle: Monthly Contest 2

### Due October 26, 2022

**Instructions (Read carefully)**

- This contest consists of seven problems of varying difficulty. Problems 1–4 comprise the *Beginner Contest* (for grades 8 and below) and Problems 3–7 comprise the *Advanced Contest* (intended for grades 9–12). Younger students are also eligible for and will automatically be entered into the advanced contest if they receive a top score on the last 5 problems.

- Each problem is worth 7 points; to receive full points all results must be completely proven. Include all relevant explanations in words and all intermediate calculations; answers without justification will receive little or no credit. Submit solutions to as many problems as you can since partial credit will be awarded for sufficient progress.

- You may type up your solutions or write them by hand. Use separate page(s) for each problem, as they are graded separately. Begin each solution with the contest number, problem number, your name, BMC group, grade level, and school. An example header:

  > BMC Monthly Contest 2, Problem 2
  > Evan O'Dorney, BMC Beginners I
  > Grade 3, Springfield Middle School, Springfield

- Every BMC student should have received an email invitation to join this year's BMC Monthly Contest course on Gradescope. Submit your solutions by logging into `https://www.gradescope.com/` before the deadline, October 26, 2022 at 11:00PM. There is a one-hour grace period to resolve any last-minute technical issues, but if you have not yet created your Gradescope account you should do so well ahead of this deadline to sort out any account or access issues.

- If you typed your solutions or if you have access to a scanner, submitting a single PDF file is preferred; otherwise you can take a picture of each page and submit these individually. Be sure that your phrasing is clear and that your writing is legible and in focus - no credit can be given for your hard work if it cannot be understood by the graders. As part of the submission process, you are asked to assign problem numbers to each page of your submission. *This step is important*, as the grader will not otherwise see your submission when working on a particular problem.

- Three winners are awarded from each of the Beginner and Advanced contests. Winners from last month's contest automatically receive a 7-point winner's handicap this time around. Should they continue to win despite this handicap they will receive a 14-point handicap at the next contest, and so on. This rule is to give more participants a chance to win and ultimately encourage broader participation.

- Remember you are not allowed to talk to anyone else about the problems, but you may consult any book you wish. For the full contest rules, please visit `https://mathcircle.berkeley.edu/monthly-contest/contest-rules`.

Enjoy working on these problems and good luck!

# Problems for Contest 2

1. Each of Alice, Bob, and Carol is either a consistent truth-teller or a consistent liar.

   Alice states: "At least one of Bob or Carol is a truth-teller." Bob states: "Alice and Carol are both truth-tellers." Carol states: "If Alice is a truth-teller, so too is Bob." Must they all be truth-tellers?

2. Let $P$ be a polynomial with integer coefficients. Let $S$ be the set of integers $n$ for which $P(n)/n$ is an integer. Show that $S$ contains either finitely many integers, or all but finitely many integers.

3. If $a, b$, and $c$ are positive real numbers with $2a + 4b + 8c = 16$, what is the largest possible value of $abc$?

4. Let $P$ be a 2023-sided polygon. All but one side has length 1. What is the maximum possible area of $P$?

5. Suppose you have only an unmarked straightedge (no compass), and you are given a line segment $AB$ with midpoint $O$ and a point $P$ not on line $AB$.

   (a) Construct a line through $P$ parallel to $AB$.

   (b) If you are also given the circle with center $O$ and radius $OA$ and $P$ does not lie on the circle, construct a line through $P$ perpendicular to $AB$.

6. Let $A$ be a set of size 2023. Find the maximum number of pairs of elements $x, y \in A$ so that $x - y$ is a power of $e$.

7. Show that for sufficiently large primes $p$, there is an Eulerian circuit on the complete graph with $p$ vertices that does not contain any cycles of length at most 2023.