The Georg Mohr Contest 2017 Second Round

Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 9–13

Aids permitted: only writing and drawing tools. Remember that your arguments are important in the assessment and that points may also be awarded to partial answers.

Problem 1. A system of equations

 $x^2 ? z^2 = -8,$ $y^2 ? z^2 = 7,$

is written on a piece of paper, but unfortunately two of the symbols are a little blurred. However, it is known that the system has at least one solution, and that each of the two question marks stands for either + or -.

What are the two symbols?

Problem 2.

Georg has a board displaying the numbers from 1 to 50.

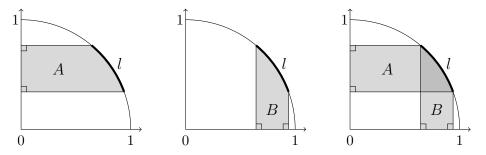
Georg may strike out a number if it can be formed by starting with the number 2 and doing one or more calculations where he either multiplies by 10 or subtracts 3.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

Which of the board's numbers may Georg strike out?

Example: Georg may strike out 26 because it may, for example, be formed by starting with 2, multiplying by 10, subtracting 3 three times, multiplying by 10 and subtracting 3 twenty-eight times.

Problem 3. The figure shows an arc l on the unit circle and two regions A and B.



Prove that the area of A plus the area of B equals the length of l.

Problem 4. Let A, B, C og D denote the digits in a four-digit number n = ABCD. Determine the least n greater than 2017 satisfying that there exists an integer x such that

$$x = \sqrt{A + \sqrt{B + \sqrt{C + \sqrt{D + x}}}}.$$

Problem 5. In a chess tournament, each pair of players play one game. A lost game yields 0 points, a won game yields 1 point and a tied game yields $\frac{1}{2}$ point. After the tournament, it turns out that in each group of three players, at least one got $1\frac{1}{2}$ points in the games against the two others.

What is the largest number of players that may have participated?

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