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NM53\_1: Probar que si  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ , entonces  $(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 \leq 3$ .

*NM53\_1 – Solution:*

We have  $(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$ , but  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ , so

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (a + b + c)^2 = 1 + 2(ab + bc + ca) \\ (a + b + c)^2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 1 + 2(ab + bc + ca) \geq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 2(ab + bc + ca) \geq -1 \quad \mathbf{(1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 &= 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 2(ab + bc + ca) \\ &= 2 - 2(ab + bc + ca) \quad \mathbf{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

Suming (1) and (2) we obtain  $(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 \leq 2 - (-1) = 3$ , and the problem is solved.

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NM53\_2: Probar que no existen enteros positivos  $m$  y  $n$  tales que  $2(m^2 + mn + n^2)$  sea un cuadrado perfecto.

*NM53\_2 – Solution:*

We suppose that  $2(m^2 + mn + n^2)$  is a perfect square.

Let  $p$  be a natural number such that  $2(m^2 + mn + n^2) = p^2$ .

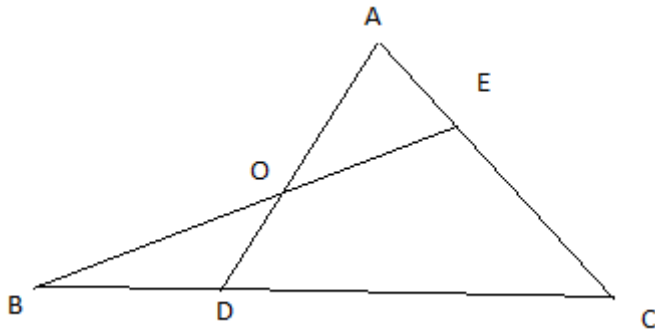
We have  $2 \mid p^2 \Leftrightarrow 2^{2k} \mid p^2$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , so  $2^{2k} \mid 2(m^2 + mn + n^2) \Leftrightarrow 2^{2k-1} \mid (m^2 + mn + n^2)$  **(1)**

$2k - 1 > 0 \Rightarrow 2 \mid m^2 + mn + n^2$ , relation possible only if  $m$  and  $n$  are both even. In this case, the exponent of 2 in the numbers  $m^2$ ,  $mn$ ,  $n^2$  is even, so the exponent of 2 in  $(m^2 + mn + n^2)$  is even, contradiction with relation **(1)**  $\Rightarrow$  the assumption is false  $\Rightarrow 2(m^2 + mn + n^2)$  cannot be a perfect square.

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NM53\_3: En el triángulo ADC, E es un punto del lado AC, O es un punto del lado AD y la recta EO a la recta DC en un punto B mas alla de D. Se sabe que  $BD/DC = 4/7$  y que  $AE/EC = 2/3$ . Calcular  $AO/OD$ .

*NM53\_3 – Solution:*



In triangle ABC we have the transversal B-O-E  $\Rightarrow$  (Menelaus)

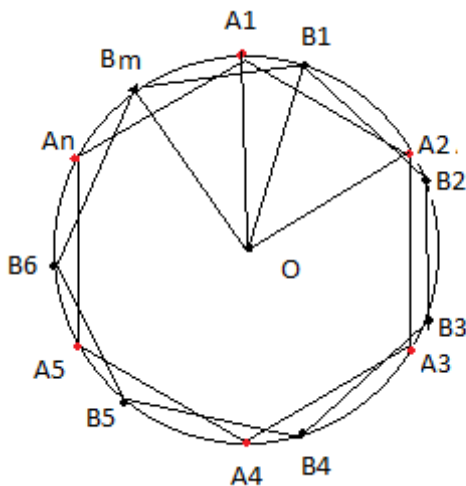
$$\frac{AO}{DO} \cdot \frac{DB}{CB} \cdot \frac{CE}{AE} = 1$$

From the hypothesis we have  $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{4}{7} \Leftrightarrow \frac{DB}{CB} = \frac{4}{11}$  and  $\frac{CE}{AE} = \frac{3}{2}$ , so  $\frac{AO}{DO} \cdot \frac{12}{22} = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{AO}{DO} = \frac{11}{6}$ .

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NM53\_4: Dos poligons regulares de  $m$  y  $n$  lados, respectivamente, estan inscritos en la misma circunferencia, La razon de sus areas es  $m/n$ . Hallar todos los posibles valores de  $m$  y  $n$ .

NM53\_4 – Solution:



$$OA_i = OB_j = R, i = 1, n, j = 1, m.$$

$$m(\angle A_1OA_2) = \frac{360^\circ}{n}, m(\angle B_1OB_2) = \frac{360^\circ}{m}.$$

Using the cos theorem we obtain:

$$A_iA_{i+1} = \frac{OA_i \cdot OA_{i+1} \cdot \sin \frac{360^\circ}{n}}{2} \quad \left. \vphantom{A_iA_{i+1}} \right\} m = \frac{m \cdot \sin \frac{360^\circ}{n}}{n \cdot \sin \frac{360^\circ}{m}} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$B_jB_{j+1} = \frac{OB_j \cdot OB_{j+1} \cdot \sin \frac{360^\circ}{m}}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin \frac{360^\circ}{m} = \sin \frac{360^\circ}{n} \quad \Rightarrow \text{we have two cases:}$$

1)  $m = n$ , we have infinite solutions

$$2) \frac{360^\circ}{m} + \frac{360^\circ}{n} = 180^\circ \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow mn = 2m + 2n.$$

$\Leftrightarrow mn - 2m - 2n + 4 = 4 \quad \Leftrightarrow (m - 2)(n - 2) = 4. \quad \Rightarrow$   
the solution pairs  $(m, n)$  are:  $(3, 6), (4, 4), (6, 3)$ .

In conclusion, pairs  $(m,n)$  that meet the problem requirements are:  
 $(k,k)$ ,  $(3,6)$ ,  $(6,3)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 3$ .