



Intermediate Math Circles

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Problem Set 1

1. Let $a = \angle EGF$, $b = \angle FEG$. Since $AB \parallel CD$, we know that alternate interior angles are equal so $a = 50^\circ$. Observe that a and the angle $13x$ form a straight angle. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}a + 13x &= 180 \\50 + 13x &= 180 \\x &= 10\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using b , the 50° angle, and the angle $3x = 30$,

$$\begin{aligned}b + 50 + 30 &= 180 \\b + 80 &= 180 \\b &= 100\end{aligned}$$

Since y is an external angle to $\triangle EFG$, $y = a + b = 150^\circ$.
Therefore, $x = 10^\circ$, $y = 150^\circ$.

2. $\triangle ABD$ is isosceles since $AB = BD$. Therefore $\angle BDA = \angle BAD = 52^\circ$.

Then in $\triangle BAD$,

$$\begin{aligned}\angle ABD &= 180^\circ - \angle A - \angle BDA \\&= 180^\circ - 52^\circ - 52^\circ \\&= 76^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Since $AB \parallel DC$, we have $\angle BDC = \angle ABD = 76^\circ$.

Since $BD = BC$, $\triangle BDC$ is isosceles. Therefore, $\angle BDC = \angle BCD = 76^\circ$

Therefore, by sum of interior angles of a triangle, $\angle DBC = 180^\circ - 76^\circ - 76^\circ = 28^\circ$.

3. In a square, the corner angles are 90° . The triangle is equilateral (all sides equal), so we know all the angles are equal and hence must be 60° each.

If we look at the place where the triangle and two squares meet (where x is located), we notice it is made up of four angles; two corner angles of a square, one corner angle of a triangle, and x . These four angles form a complete revolution, so they must sum up to 360° .

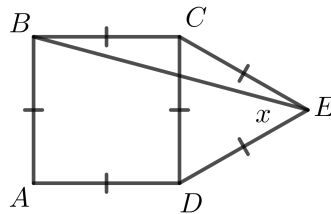
Then,

$$\begin{aligned}x + 90 + 90 + 60 &= 360 \\x + 240 &= 360 \\x &= 120^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the measure of angle x is 120° .



4. Since $\angle FJI = 111^\circ$ is part of a straight angle with $\angle FJG$, we have that $\angle FJG = 69^\circ$.
 We see that because $GF = GJ$, $\triangle FGJ$ is isosceles, with equal base angles $\angle FJG$ and $\angle GFJ$, we get $\angle GFJ = 69^\circ$ and so $\angle FGJ = 42^\circ$
 Because $FG \parallel IH$, $\angle FGI = \angle GIH = 42^\circ$. Also, $\triangle IHG$ is isosceles since $GH = HI$, so $\angle IGH = \angle GIH = 42^\circ$
 Since $GH \parallel FI$, $\angle FIG = \angle IGH = 42^\circ$.
 Using $\triangle FJI$, we see $\angle FJI + \angle FIJ + \angle JFI = 180$
 $111 + 42 + \angle JFI = 180$
 $\therefore \angle JFI = 27^\circ$
5. Since $ABCD$ is a square, $BC = CD$. Since $\triangle CDE$ is equilateral, $CD = DE = EC$.
 Therefore, $BC = CD = DE = EC$ and so $BC = EC$.



By the properties of a square, $\angle BCD = 90^\circ$. By the properties of equilateral triangles, $\angle DCE = 60^\circ$. Therefore $\angle BCE = \angle BCD + \angle DCE = 90 + 60 = 150^\circ$.
 Since $BC = EC$, $\triangle BCE$ is isosceles. So $\angle EBC = \angle BEC = x$. In this triangle, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \angle BCE + x + x &= 180 \\ 150 + 2x &= 180 \\ x &= 15^\circ \end{aligned}$$

So $\angle BEC = x = 15^\circ$.

Note that $60^\circ = \angle DEC = \angle BED + \angle BEC = \angle BED + 15$.

Therefore, $\angle BED = 60 - 15 = 45^\circ$.

6. Consider the angles opposite to the angles marked y . Since they are opposite angles, they are equal to y .
 The quadrilateral formed in the overlap must have angle sum 360° . We know two of the angles are y .
 The other two angles are actually the missing angle of the two isosceles triangles. In the left triangle, this angle is $180 - 2x$; for the triangle on the right, it is also $180 - 2x$.

These four angles have to sum to 360° . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} y + y + (180 - 2x) + (180 - 2x) &= 360 \\ 2y + 360 - 4x &= 360 \\ 2y &= 4x \\ y &= 2x \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y = 2x$ is our desired relationship.



7. Let $\angle SPR = x$. Then, $\angle QPR = \angle QPS + \angle SPR = 12^\circ + x$.

Since $PS = SR$, $\triangle SPR$ is isosceles and so $\angle PRS = \angle SPR = x$. Since $PS = PQ$, $\triangle PQS$ is isosceles and so $\angle PQS = \angle PSQ = y$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 12 + y + y &= 180 \\ 2y &= 168 \\ y &= 84^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Since QSR is a straight line, $y = \angle PSQ$ is external to $\triangle PSR$, so $84^\circ = y = x + x = 2x$. Therefore, $x = 42^\circ$. And $\angle QPR = \angle QPS + \angle SPR = 12 + x = 12 + 42 = 54^\circ$.

8. Since we are using angle bisectors, let $\angle LNO = \angle ONM = x$, $\angle NLO = \angle OLM = y$, and $\angle LMO = \angle OMN = z$.

But $68^\circ = \angle LNM = \angle NLO + \angle OLM = 2x$, so $x = 34^\circ$.

We also have $\angle LON = 180 - (x + y) = 146 - y$, $\angle LOM = 180 - (y + z)$, and $\angle NOM = 180 - (x + z) = 146 - z$.

$\angle LON$, $\angle NOM$, and $\angle LOM$ form a complete revolution.

So, $\angle LOM = 360 - \angle LON - \angle NOM = 360 - (146 - y) - (146 - z) = 68 + y + z$

Using the entire triangle,

$$\begin{aligned} \angle LNM + \angle NLM + \angle LMN &= 180 \\ 68 + 2y + 2z &= 180 \\ 2y + 2z &= 112 \\ y + z &= 56 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, substituting back in, we get $\angle LOM = 68 + 56 = 124^\circ$.

9. Since $AB = AF$, $\triangle ABF$ is isosceles, so $\angle AFB = \angle ABF = a$.

Since $\angle AFB$ and $\angle DFE$ are opposite angles, $\angle DFE = \angle AFB = a$.

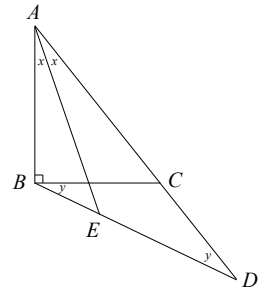
$\angle ABE$ is external to $\triangle CBE$, so $\angle ABE = \angle ACE + \angle BEC$ and $a = x + z$ follows. (1)

$\angle ADC$ is external to $\triangle DFE$, so $\angle ADC = \angle DFE + \angle DEC$ and $y = a + z$ follows. (2)

Substituting (1) into (2) for a , we obtain $y = x + z + z$. Rearranging and simplifying we obtain $x - y + 2z = 0$. This is the equation relating x , y , z .



10. Since AE bisects $\angle BAC$, we can let $x = \angle BAE = \angle EAC$.
 Since $CB = CD$, $\triangle BCD$ is isosceles so $y = \angle CBD = \angle CDB$.



In $\triangle ABD$, by the sum of interior angles of a triangle,

$$2x + (90 + y) + y = 180$$

$$90 + 2x + 2y = 180$$

$$2x + 2y = 90$$

$$x + y = 45$$

In $\triangle ABE$, using the sum of interior angles,

$$x + (90 + y) + \angle AEB = 180$$

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$$90 + 45 + \angle AEB = 180 \quad \text{(from above)}$$

$$45 + \angle AEB = 90$$

$$\angle AEB = 45^\circ \quad \text{(as required)}$$

11. Since $\triangle PQR$ is isosceles, then $\angle PRQ = \angle PQR = 2x^\circ$.
 Since $\angle PRQ$ and $\angle SRT$ are opposite angles, then $\angle SRT = \angle PRQ = 2x^\circ$.
 Since $\triangle RST$ is isosceles with $RS = RT$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \angle RST &= \frac{1}{2} (180^\circ - \angle SRT) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (180^\circ - 2x^\circ) \\ &= (90 - x)^\circ \end{aligned}$$

12. Since $PQ = PR$ and $QS = QR$, we can label the diagram as shown.

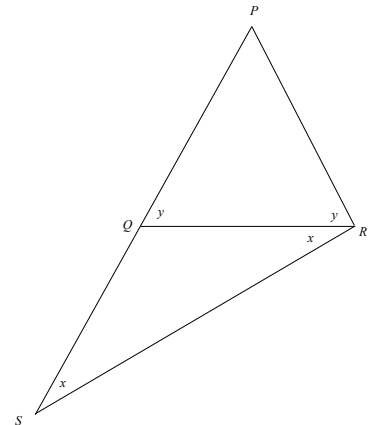
Note that $\angle SPR = 180 - 2y$. Using $\triangle SPR$, we see the angle sum gives us

$$180 = \angle SPR + \angle PSR + \angle PRS$$

$$180 = (180 - 2y) + x + (x + y)$$

$$180 = 180 - y + 2x$$

$$y = 2x$$



So $\angle PRS = x + y = x + 2x = 3x = 3(\angle QSR)$ as required.

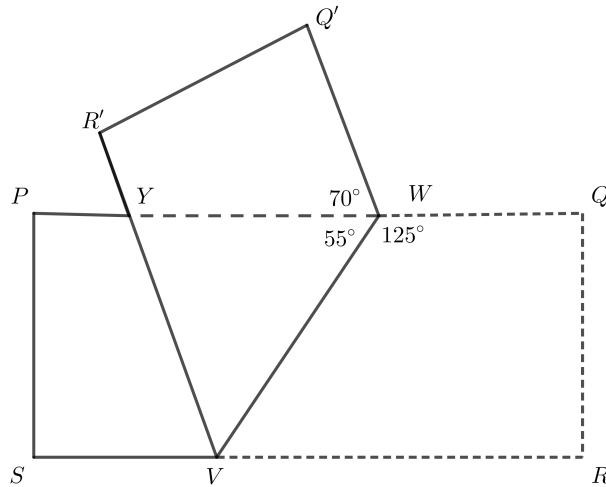


13. Since $\angle TQP$ and $\angle RQU$ are opposite angles, then $\angle RQU = \angle TQP = x^\circ$.
 Similarly, $\angle QRU = \angle VRS = y^\circ$.
 Since the angles in a triangle add to 180° , then
 $\angle QUR = 180^\circ - \angle RQU - \angle QRU = 180^\circ - x^\circ - y^\circ$.
 Now, $\angle WQP$ and $\angle WQR$ are supplementary, as they lie along a line.
 Thus, $\angle WQR = 180^\circ - \angle WQP = 180^\circ - 2x^\circ$.
 Similarly, $\angle WRQ = 180^\circ - \angle WRS = 180^\circ - 2y^\circ$.
 Since the angles in $\triangle WQR$ add to 180° , then

$$\begin{aligned} 38^\circ + (180^\circ - x^\circ) + (180^\circ - 2y^\circ) &= 180 \\ 218^\circ &= 2x^\circ + 2y^\circ \\ x^\circ + y^\circ &= 109^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Finally, $\angle QUR = 180^\circ - x^\circ - y^\circ = 180^\circ - (x^\circ + y^\circ) = 180^\circ - 109^\circ = 71^\circ$.

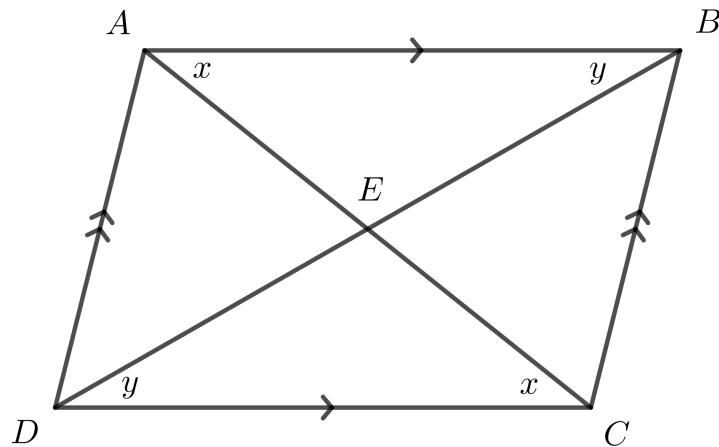
14. Since points Y, W and Q form a straight line segment, then $\angle YWV = 180^\circ - \angle VWQ$ and so $\angle YWV = 180^\circ - 125^\circ = 55^\circ$.
 Since Q' is the final position of Q after folding, then $\angle Q'WV = \angle QWV$.
 Thus, $\angle Q'WV = \angle QWV = 125^\circ$ and so $\angle Q'WY = \angle Q'WV - \angle YWV = 125^\circ - 55^\circ = 70^\circ$.



Since $Q'W$ and $R'Y$ are parallel sides of the piece of paper, then $\angle R'YW + \angle Q'WY = 180^\circ$, and so $\angle R'YW = 180^\circ - \angle Q'WY = 180^\circ - 70^\circ = 110^\circ$.
 Finally, $\angle PYV$ is opposite $\angle R'YW$ so $\angle PYV = \angle R'YW = 110^\circ$.



15. If the diagonals bisect each other then we need to show $AE = EC$ and $BE = ED$.
Here is the parallelogram with certain angles marked.



In $\triangle AEB$ and $\triangle CED$

$$\angle EAB = \angle ECD \text{ (alternate angles)}$$

$$AB = CD \text{ (property of a parallelogram)}$$

$$\angle EBA = \angle EDC \text{ (alternate angles)}$$

Therefore, $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle CED$ (ASA congruency)

Therefore:

$$AE = EC \text{ (corresponding sides of congruent triangles)}$$

$$BE = ED \text{ (corresponding sides of congruent triangles)}$$

Therefore the diagonals bisect each other.