

Ontario Math Circles
Second Annual ARML Team Selection Test
Solutions

1. Determine the unit's digit of $222 \times 3333 - 7777777^2$.

$\boxed{3}$ It suffice to compute $2 \times 3 - 7^2 = -43$. Therefore, the answer is 3.

2. Determine the solutions to the equation $x^2 - 2x + 6 = 0$.

$\boxed{1 \pm i\sqrt{5}}$ By the quadratic formula,

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(6)}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{-5} = 1 \pm i\sqrt{5}$$

3. Determine the area of the triangle bounded by the y -axis and the following two lines:

$$y = -x + 1$$

$$y = 2x - 2$$

$\boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$ The intersection of these two lines is at $(1, 0)$ and the y -intercepts are at $(0, 1)$ and $(0, -2)$. Therefore, the area is $\frac{1}{2}(1)(3) = \frac{3}{2}$.

4. Thinula can make a contest in 40 minutes. Bill can make a contest in 30 minutes. Eddy hires both of them to make one contest, in how many hours does it take for the job to be done.

$\boxed{\frac{2}{7}}$

$$\frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{T}$$

Solving for $T = \frac{2}{7}$.

5. In terms of area, a regular heptagon with side length 1 is compared to a regular octagon with side length 1. Determine the area of the larger one.

$\boxed{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}$ The larger shape is obvious the octagon, which has area $2 + 2\sqrt{2}$.

6. Let $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 + ax + b$ with $f(1) = 4$ and $f(2) = 6$. Determine the ordered pair (a, b) ?

$\boxed{(-6, 10)}$ The two given points yields the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} a + b = 4 \\ 2a + b = -2 \end{cases}$$

Solving this yields $a = -6$ and $b = 10$. Therefore, the answer is $(-6, 10)$.

7. Determine the smallest positive integer which is divisible by all one digit positive integers.

$\boxed{2520}$ The LCM of these nine numbers is

$$\text{lcm}(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) = \text{lcm}(8, 5, 7, 9) = 2520$$

8. Let P be a point inside a convex quadrilateral $ABCD$. Determine the average of the following four angles: $\angle APB, \angle PBC, \angle CPD, \angle DPA$.

$\boxed{90^\circ}$ The sum of the four angles is a constant, 360° . Therefore, the average is always 90° .

9. Determine the number of positive perfect square divisors of $10!$.

$\boxed{30}$ The prime factorization of $10!$ is $2^8 3^4 5^2 7$. The number of positive even divisors is

$$\left(\left\lfloor \frac{8}{2} \right\rfloor + 1\right) \left(\left\lfloor \frac{4}{2} \right\rfloor + 1\right) \left(\left\lfloor \frac{2}{2} \right\rfloor + 1\right) \left(\left\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor + 1\right) = (5)(3)(2)(1) = 30$$

10. The permutations of ELDYD are listed in lexicographical order. Determine the 26th permutation in this list.

EDDYL Starting with D , there are $4! = 24$ permutations. Therefore, the 25th permutation is EDDLY and the desired permutation is EDDYL.

11. Consider all lattice points on the Cartesian plane that are of distance 5 from the origin. Determine the perimeter of this convex polygon.

$8\sqrt{10} + 4\sqrt{2}$ In the first quadrant with the positive axes, the points are $(5, 0)$, $(4, 3)$, $(3, 4)$, $(0, 5)$. The total length of these 3 segments is $\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{10} = 2\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{2}$. Therefore, the perimeter of the convex polygon is $8\sqrt{10} + 4\sqrt{2}$.

12. How many three digit numbers contain the digit "9" at least once?

252 The number of three digit numbers is 900. The number of three digit numbers that does not contain 9 is $(8)(9)(9) = 648$. Therefore, the answer is $900 - 648 = 252$.

13. Let a and b be the solutions to $x^2 - 2x + 6 = 0$. Determine the value of $a^6 + b^6$.

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$$\begin{aligned} & a^6 + b^6 \\ &= (a^3 + b^3)^2 - 2(ab)^3 \\ &= ((a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2))^2 - 2(ab)^3 \\ &= ((a+b)((a+b)^2 - 3ab))^2 - 2(ab)^3 \\ &= ((2)((2)^2 - 3(6)))^2 - 2(6)^3 \\ &= 352 \end{aligned}$$

14. Determine all positive integer solutions (x, y, z) to the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} xy + yz = 63 \\ xz + yz = 23 \end{cases}$$

$(2, 21, 1), (20, 3, 1)$ The second equation implies that either $z = 1$ or $z = 23$. If $z = 23$ then $x + y = 1$. This is not possible because x and y must be positive integers. If $z = 1$ then

$$\begin{cases} xy + yz = 63 \\ x + y = 23 \end{cases}$$

Substituting the second equation into the first yields

$$x^2 - 22x + 40 = 0$$

This has solutions $x = 2$ and $x = 20$. The corresponding y value are 21 and 3, respectively. Therefore, the possible integer solutions are $(2, 21, 1)$ and $(20, 3, 1)$.

15. Determine the sum of all positive real numbers x for which $\log_4 x - \log_x 16 = \frac{7}{6} - \log_x 8$.

$8 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt[3]{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\log_2 x}{2} - \frac{4}{\log_2 x} = \frac{7}{6} - \frac{3}{\log_2 x} \\ & \left(\log_2 x + \frac{2}{3}\right)(\log_2 x - 3) = 0 \\ & \quad x = 2^{-\frac{2}{3}}, 8 \\ & \quad = \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}}{2}, 8 \end{aligned}$$

16. Determine the number of real solutions to $\log_4 x = 2 \sin x$.
5 For $x > 16$, there are no solutions. A reasonably sketch will show that there are 5 points of intersection.

17. The distance between the centers of two circles is 15. One has radius 4 and the other has radius 5. What is the length of their common internal tangent?

12 Consider the following diagram: . By similar triangles the answer is 12.

18. Let $F_0 = F_1 = 1$ and $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ for all $n \geq 2$. Compute the value of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_n}{F_{n-1}F_{n+1}}$.

2 Note $F_n = F_{n+1} - F_{n-1}$ so

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_n}{F_{n-1}F_{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_{n+1} - F_{n-1}}{F_{n-1}F_{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{F_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{F_{n+1}} \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_n}{F_{n-1}F_{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{n-1}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_{n+1}} = F_0 + F_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_n} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_n} = 2$$

19. Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ and define $f^{(n)}(x) = \underbrace{f(f(f \cdots f(x)))}_n$. Determine $f^{(99)}(1)$.

1 By induction, it can be shown that $f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{nx^2+1}}$. Therefore, $f^{(99)}(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{99+1}} = \frac{1}{10}$.

20. If the sum of all positive divisors of 30^{120} which are multiples of 30^{118} is $30^{118}N$, compute the value of N .

2821 Note each such divisor is of the form $2^a 3^b 5^c$ where $118 \leq a, b, c \leq 120$. The desired sum is then

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{118} + 2^{119} + 2^{120}) (3^{118} + 3^{119} + 3^{120}) (5^{118} + 5^{119} + 5^{120}) \\ &= 30^{118} (1 + 2 + 2^2) (1 + 3 + 3^2) (1 + 5 + 5^2) \\ &= 30^{118} (7)(13)(31) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $N = (7)(13)(31) = 2821$.

21. Let a and b be positive integers such that $a > b + 1 > 2$. If $\binom{13}{5} + \binom{13}{6} = \binom{a}{b}$, compute the maximum possible value of $a + b$.

154 Note $\binom{13}{5} + \binom{13}{6} = \binom{14}{6} = 77 \times 39 = \binom{78}{2} = \binom{78}{76}$. To prove that the pair $(a, b) = (78, 76)$ is the desired maximum, note that if $a \leq 78$, there is no other possible maximum. However, if $a > 78$, since $b > 1$, it follows that $\binom{a}{b} > \binom{79}{2} = 79 \times 39 > \binom{14}{6}$, a contradiction. Hence, our desired values are $a = 78$ and $b = 76$ so $a + b = 154$.

22. If $\sin x + \cos x = \frac{1}{5}$ and $0 \leq x < \pi$. Determine $\tan x$.

-4/3 Squaring the given quantity yields

$$1 + 2 \sin x \cos x = \frac{1}{25}$$

Hence, $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ are the roots of $25t^2 - 5t - 12 = 0$. Therefore, $\sin x = \frac{4}{5}$ and $\cos x = -\frac{3}{5}$. Therefore, $\tan x = -\frac{4}{3}$.

23. A fair die is rolled repeatedly. Given that 6 is obtained for the first time on the second roll, compute the expected number of rolls to obtain a 5 for the first time.

$\frac{33}{5}$ The probability that 5 appears on the first roll is $\frac{1}{5}$. The probability that 5 appears for the first time on the n^{th} roll where $n > 2$ is $\frac{4}{5} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-3} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$. Therefore, the answer is

$$\frac{1}{5} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} n \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-3} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{33}{5}$$

24. A point P is inside unit square $ABCD$. Let a, b, c, d be the area of $\triangle APD$, $\triangle DCP$, $\triangle BCP$, and $\triangle ABP$, respectively. Determine the length of the curve of points of P such that

$$ax + by = 2017$$

$$cx + dy = 2018$$

does not have a distinct solution.

$\sqrt{2}$ It suffice to let a, b, c, d to represent the distance from P to AD, CD, BC, AB , respectively. Thus, $c = 1 - a$ and $b = 1 - d$. For a system of equations to not have a distinct solution, $ad - bc = 0$. This implies that $ad - (1 - d)(1 - a) = 0$, which is $a + d = 1$. This represents the points on the diagonal BD , which has length $\sqrt{2}$.

25. Let $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$ and $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 2$. Determine the value of $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{F_n}{4^n}$.

$\frac{4}{11}$ Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n x^n$ then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}) x^n + x \\ &= x^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} F_{n-2} x^{n-2} + x \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} F_{n-1} x^{n-1} + x \\ &= x^2 f(x) + x f(x) + x \\ &= \frac{x}{1 - x - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{4}{11}$

26. Evaluate $\sqrt[3]{20 + 14\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt[3]{20 - 14\sqrt{2}}$.

$\frac{4}{1}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt[3]{20 + 14\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt[3]{20 - 14\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{(2 + \sqrt{2})^3} + \sqrt[3]{(2 - \sqrt{2})^3} \\ &= 2 + \sqrt{2} + 2 - \sqrt{2} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

27. In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle A = 90^\circ$, $AC = 1$, $AB = 5$. Point D lies on ray \vec{AC} such that $\angle DBC = 4\angle CBA$. Compute AD .

$\frac{719}{95}$ Since $(5 + i)^5 = 1900 + 2876i$ then $AD = 5 \times \frac{2876}{1900} = \frac{719}{95}$.

28. Let x be the smallest real value such that $\lfloor x^2 \rfloor - \lfloor x \rfloor^2 = 2017$. Determine $\lfloor x \rfloor$.

1009 Let $x = n + a$ where n is an integer and $0 \leq a < 1$. Substituting this into the equation yields

$$\lfloor 2na + a^2 \rfloor = 2017$$

To find the smallest n , a needs to be as large as possible. If $a = 1$ then $n = \frac{2017-1}{2} = 1008$ will suffice. However, since a cannot be 1 then $1009 < x < 1010$. Therefore, $\lfloor x \rfloor = 1009$.

29. Let $f(n) = n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)(n+4)$. If $T = \sum_{n=1}^{2016} f(n)$, and S is the sum of all factors of T , compute the value when S is divided by 50.

0 Note that $f(n) = 120 \binom{n+4}{5}$. We then seek to compute $120 \left(\binom{5}{5} + \binom{6}{5} + \dots + \binom{2020}{5} \right)$. By the hockey-stick formula, this is equal to $120 \binom{2021}{6}$, which has a prime factorization of

$$2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 47 \cdot 101 \cdot 673 \cdot 1009 \cdot 2017$$

This means that

$$S = (1+2+2^2+2^3+2^4)(1+3)(1+5)(1+7)(1+43)(1+47)(1+101)(1+673)(1+1009)(1+2017) \equiv 0 \pmod{50}$$

there both 25 and 2 divide the product. Therefore, the remainder when S is divided by 50 is 0.

30. Determine all ordered triples (x, y, z) of nonnegative real numbers such that $xy + yz + xz = 12$ and $xyz = x + y + z + 2$.

(2, 2, 2) Let $t = \sqrt[3]{xyz}$. Using AM-GM on the first equation implies that $12 \geq 3t^2$ or $t \leq 2$. By AM-GM on the second equation, we have $t^3 \geq 3t + 2$. This re-arranges to $0 \leq t^3 - 3t - 2 = (t-2)(t+1)^2$. Since $t \geq 0$ we know that this inequality implies $t \geq 2$. Therefore, $2 \leq t \leq 2$ so $t = 2$. This means $xyz = 8$, $xy + yz + xz = 12$ and $x + y + z = 6$. Note that x, y, z are the three roots of the polynomial $0 = r^3 - 6r^2 + 12r - 8 = (r-2)^3$ which implies $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ is the only solution.

31. Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2018x + 1$ and $g(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2}$. Compute the number of, not necessarily distinct, real solutions to $f(g(x)) = 0$.

4 It can be shown that $f(-45) < 0 < f(0)$, $f(0) > 0 > f(\frac{1}{4})$ and $f(1) < 0 < f(45)$. Therefore the roots α, β, γ of $f(x)$ must satisfy $-45 < \alpha < 0$, $0 < \beta < \frac{1}{4}$ and $1 < \gamma < 45$. Note if $g(x) = a$, then $ax^2 - x + 1 = 0$ which has discriminant $1 - 4a$. Therefore, $g(x) = a$ will have two real solutions if $0 \neq a \leq \frac{1}{4}$ and zero solutions if $a > \frac{1}{4}$. Since $0 \neq \alpha, \beta < \frac{1}{4}$ and $\gamma > \frac{1}{4}$, there will be $2 \times 2 = 4$ real solutions to $f(g(x)) = 0$.

32. Let n be a natural number and let $S(n)$ denote the sum of the digits of n in its base 10 representation. Determine all natural numbers n such that $n^3 = 8S(n)^3 + 6nS(n) + 1$.

17 We can rewrite the given condition as $n^3 + (-2S(n))^3 + (-1)^3 = 3n(-2S(n))(-1)$. Note that this is in the form $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 3xyz$ which happens if and only if $x + y + z = 0$. Therefore, $n = 2S(n) + 1$. It is easy to see that the number of digits in n cannot be more than 2. Since $n = 2S(n) + 1 \leq 18k + 1$ where k is the number of digits of n . Then, if n has at least 3 digits, $n > 33k$ so that yields $33k \leq 18k + 1$, a contradiction. Therefore, n has at most 2 digits and it clearly does not have 1 digit since $S(n) = n$ in that case. Thus, n must have 2 digits. Let $n = 10a + b$. Then, $S(n) = a + b$ so we have $10a + b = 2a + 2b + 1$ meaning $8a = b + 1$. Since a and b are digits, this implies $a = 1$ and $b = 7$ which implies $n = 17$ is the only solution.

33. A portion of Thinula's test paper is cut off and he can only see the first three terms of $f(x) = x^{10} - 10x^9 + 45x^8$. Given that all the roots of the polynomial are real, determine the product of the roots.

1 Note $\sum_{i=1}^{10} r_i^2 = 10^2 - 2(45) = 10$. Therefore, $10 \sum_{i=1}^{10} r_i^2 = 100$ which implies $\frac{r_1}{1} = \frac{r_2}{1} = \dots = \frac{r_{10}}{1}$ by Cauchy-Schwarz. Therefore, $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{10}) = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ is the only possible ordered 10-tuple of roots so the desired product is 1.

34. In $\triangle ABC$, AD is an angle bisector, D is on BC . A circle centred at O is inscribed in $\triangle ABD$. Let E be on AB such that OE is perpendicular to AB . If $BE = 2$, $BD = 3$, $AE = 4$, compute AC .

$\frac{50}{9}$ Note that E is the point of tangency with the circle and AB . By equal tangents, $AD = 5$. Let $DC = a$ and $AC = b$. By angle bisector theorem, $b = 2a$. By Stewart's Theorem,

$$6^2 a + 3b^2 = 5^2(a + 3) + 3a(a + 3)$$

Solving this yields $a = \frac{25}{9}$ and, thus, $b = \frac{50}{9}$. Therefore, $AC = \frac{50}{9}$.

35. Let $f(x)$ be a degree 8 polynomial such that $f(k) = 2^k$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 8$, compute the value of $f(9)$.

$\frac{511}{1}$ Since it is an integer at all integer inputs, $f(x)$ can be written as a linear combination of the binomial coefficients $\binom{x}{0}, \binom{x}{1}, \dots, \binom{x}{8}$. Therefore, $f(x) = \binom{x}{0} + \binom{x}{1} + \dots + \binom{x}{8}$ so $f(9) = 2^9 - \binom{9}{9} = 2^9 - 1 = 511$.

36. Thinula has some coins C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n . Each coin is biased so that the probability of getting heads on coin C_k is $\frac{1}{k+2}$ for all $1 \leq k \leq n$. When Thinula tosses all the coins, the probability of getting an odd number of heads is $\frac{2015}{4032}$. How many coins does Thinula have?

$\frac{62}{1}$ Consider the polynomial $f(X) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{k+2}\right) + \frac{1}{k+2}X \right)$. Note the coefficient of X^m represents the probability of flipping exactly m heads. We wish to compute the sum $S = a_1 + a_3 + \dots$. Note that

$$2S = f(1) + f(-1) = 1 - \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{k+2} \right) = 1 - \frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{2015}{2016}$$

Therefore, $\frac{2}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{1}{2016}$ so $(n+1)(n+2) = 4032 = 63(64)$ so $n = 62$.

37. Define the sequence a_1, a_2, \dots to be a sequence such that $a_1 = 1$ and for $n \geq 1$,

$$16a_{n+1} = 1 + 4a_n + \sqrt{1 + 24a_n}$$

Evaluate $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n - \frac{1}{3} \right)$.

$\frac{11}{9}$ Let $b_n = \sqrt{1 + 24a_n}$ then $b_1 = 5$

$$16 \left(\frac{b_{n+1}^2 - 1}{24} \right) = 1 + 4 \left(\frac{b_n^2 - 1}{6} \right) + b_n \implies (2b_{n+1})^2 = (b_n + 3)^2$$

Since $b_n > 0$ then

$$b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}b_n + \frac{3}{2} \implies b_n = 2^{2-n} + 3$$

Thus, $a_n = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n$. Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n - \frac{1}{3} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right) = \frac{11}{9}$$

38. Rhombus $ARML$ has its vertices on the graph of $y = 2[x] - x$. Given that the area of $ARML$ is 8, compute the least upper bound for $\tan A$.

$\frac{100}{621}$ This is the same question as 2017 ARML individual #10. You looked at the solution after the contest right?!?!?

39. Let N be the number of polynomials such that its coefficients belong to the set $\{1, 2, \dots, 2018\}$ and $2(P(x) + 1) = P(x + 1) + P(x - 1)$. Compute the remainder when N is divided by 1000.

324 Let $Q(x) = P(x) - P(x - 1) - 2x$. Rearranging the original condition yields

$$P(x + 1) - P(x) = P(x) - P(x - 1) + 2$$

Subtracting $2x + 2$ from both sides yield

$$P(x + 1) - P(x) - (2x + 2) = P(x) - P(x - 1) - 2x$$

so $Q(x + 1) = Q(x)$ for every x . Since Q is a polynomial, it must be constant so

$$P(x) = P(x - 1) + 2x + k$$

for some $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Next, let $T(x) = P(x) - x^2 - (k + 1)x$ so $P(x) = T(x) + x^2 + (k + 1)x$ and $P(x - 1) = T(x - 1) + (x - 1)^2 + (k + 1)(x - 1)$. This means

$$P(x) - P(x - 1) = 2x + k = T(x) - T(x - 1) + 2x + k$$

Therefore, $T(x) = T(x - 1)$ so $T(x) = m$ for some $m \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence

$$P(x) = T(x) + x^2 + (k + 1)x = x^2 + (k + 1)x + m$$

Therefore, $P(x) = x^2 + ax + b$ where $a, b \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2018\}$. Hence,

$$N \equiv 2018^2 \equiv 18^2 \equiv 324 \pmod{1000}$$

40. Let $d(P, MN)$ denote the smallest distance between point P and line segment MN . Let G be the centroid of $\triangle ABC$ and let X be the point in the plane such that $\frac{d(X, AC)}{AC} = \frac{d(X, AB)}{AB} = \frac{d(X, BC)}{BC}$. Let G_a, G_b, G_c be the feet of the perpendiculars from G to BC, AC and AB respectively. Similarly, let X_a, X_b, X_c be the feet of the perpendiculars from X to BC, AC and AB respectively. If O_1 and O_2 are the circumcenters of $\triangle G_a G_b G_c$ and $\triangle X_a X_b X_c$ respectively, compute the value of $\frac{O_1 G + O_2 X}{2XG}$.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Notice X is the Lemoine point so X and G are isogonal conjugates. It follows from this that $O_1 = O_2 = M$, the midpoint of XG . Therefore, the desired ratio is $\frac{1}{2}$.