

NEW YORK CITY INTERSCHOLASTIC MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
SENIOR A DIVISION CONTEST NUMBER ONE

PART I: TIME: 10 MINUTES

SPRING, 1993

- S93S1 Let  $f(1)=1$ ,  $f(2)=2$ ,  $f(3)=3$  and  
 $f(x+1) = (f(x-2)f(x-1) + 1)/f(x)$  for  $x \geq 3$ . Compute the value  
of  $f(6)$ .
- S93S2 How many integers  $N$  are there such that  $|N| \leq 1992$  and the  
product of the four consecutive integers beginning with  $N$  is a  
perfect square?

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PART II: TIME: 10 MINUTES

SPRING, 1993

- S93S3 Compute the number of ordered pairs of integers  $(x,y)$  that  
satisfy  $|x| + |y| < 5$ .
- S93S4 Compute the number of ordered pairs of integers  $(m,n)$ , where  $m>0$   
and  $n>0$ , such that the region bounded by the lines  $mx + ny = 1992$ ,  
 $x = 0$ , and  $y = 0$  has an area of 2.

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PART III: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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- S93S5 Compute the numerical value of  $\cos x$  if  $4^{\tan x} = 8^{\sin x}$  and  
 $0 < x < \pi$ .
- S93S6 Given that  $abc = 3$ ,  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 7$  and  
 $a^6 + b^6 + c^6 = 37$ , find the value of  
 $((a/b) + (b/c) + (c/a))((b/a) + (c/b) + (a/c))$ .

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SOLUTIONS

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| 1. $4/7$ | 3. 41 | 5. $2/3$ |
| 2. 4     | 4. 45 | 6. 6     |

NEW YORK CITY INTERSCHOLASTIC MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
SENIOR A DIVISION CONTEST NUMBER TWO

PART I: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S7 The expression  $\sqrt{6 + 3\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{6 - 3\sqrt{3}}$  can be simplified to  $\sqrt{m}$ .  
Compute the value of  $m$ .

S93S8 Suppose that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1/a)^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1/b)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1/ab)^k$  where  
 $a \neq b$  and  $|a| > 1$ ,  $|b| > 1$ . What is the value of  
 $ab + 1/a + 1/b$ ?

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PART II: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S9 A card is randomly drawn from a standard deck of 52 cards.  
What is the probability that the card is either a king, black,  
or a face card (jack, queen, or king) which isn't a spade?

S93S10 Find all ordered pairs of real numbers  $(a,b)$  such that  
 $a/(a^2 + b^2) = 1$  and  $b/(a^2 + b^2) = 3$ .

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S93S11 Compute the real value of  $x$  that satisfies  
 $\log_2 x + \log_4 x + \log_8 x = 11$ .

S93S12 Compute  $\log_2 i[2 + (1+i)^2 + (1+i)^3 + \dots + (1+i)^{1991}]$ .

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SOLUTIONS

7. 6

9.  $8/13$

11. 64

8. 3

10.  $(1/10, 3/10)$

12. 996

NEW YORK CITY INTERSCHOLASTIC MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
SENIOR A DIVISION CONTEST NUMBER THREE

PART I: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S13 Solve for  $x$ :  $\sqrt[3]{x^2} + \sqrt[3]{x} - 20 = 0$ .

S93S14  $F(x) = a|x-1| + b|x+1|$  with  $b > a > 0$ . The area of the region bounded by  $F(x)$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $x = \pm 2$  is 100. Find  $F(0)$ .

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PART II: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S15 If  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are positive integers less than ten, then find all such triplets  $(A, B, C)$  that satisfy  $4!A + 5!B + 6!C = 1992$ .

S93S16 In a race with constant speeds for each participant. Al beat Bob by 20 miles, Bob beat Carl by 10 miles, and Al beat Carl by 28 miles. How long was the race in miles?

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PART III: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S17 Compute the numerical value of  $\tan(\arctan 3 - \arctan 2)$ .

S93S18 In triangle  $PQR$ , the ratio  $PR:RQ$  is  $3:7$ . The bisector of the exterior angle at  $R$  intersects  $PQ$  extended at  $A$ . Compute the ratio  $AP:PQ$ . ( $P$  is between  $A$  and  $Q$ .)

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SOLUTIONS

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| 13. 64, -125 | 15. (3, 4, 2), (8, 9, 1), (8, 3, 2) | 17. 1/7 |
| 14. 20       | 16. 100 miles                       | 18. 3:4 |

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SENIOR A DIVISION CONTEST NUMBER FOUR

PART I: TIME: 10 MINUTES

SPRING, 1993

S93S19 Find all ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  such that  $|x| < 100$ ,  $|y| < 100$  and  
 $(x - y + 9)^2 + (x + y - 1)^2 = 0$ .

S93S20 In a sequence of complex numbers  $(i = \sqrt{-1})$ , suppose  $T_0 = 1992$  and  
 $T_{n+1} + iT_n = 1$ , compute  $T_0 + T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_{1992}$ .

PART II: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S21 The sum of the squares of the first and fourth terms of an arithmetic sequence is 410 and the sum of the squares of the second and third terms is 346. Compute the product of these four terms.

S93S22 How many positive divisors does  $(\sum_{k=1}^{1992} k)^2 - (\sum_{k=1}^{1991} k)^2$  have?

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S93S23 Compute the sum of the numerical coefficients in the expansion of  $(2x - y)^6$ .

S93S24 How many positive integers satisfy the following:  
 (i) has seven digits, (ii) is divisible by eleven, and (iii) the sum of its digits is 59.

SOLUTIONS

19.  $(-4, 5)$

20.  $2988 - 996i$

21. 21,945

22. 160

23. 1

24. 40

NEW YORK CITY INTERSCHOLASTIC MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
SENIOR A DIVISION CONTEST NUMBER FIVE

PART I: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S25  $100!/3^k$  is an integer, where  $k$  is an integer. Compute the largest value of  $k$ .

S93S26 In square ABCD with  $AB=1$ ,  $K$  is between  $B$  and  $C$ .  $E$  is on the extension of  $AK$  with  $K$  between  $A$  and  $E$ .  $F = \overleftrightarrow{EC} \cap \overleftrightarrow{AD}$ . If the area of triangle  $AEF = 3$  and  $AE:AK = 7$ , compute  $BK$ .

PART II: TIME: 10 MINUTES

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S93S27 Compute the sum of the reciprocals of the roots of  $x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 6 = 0$

S93S28 Let  $F(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 1$ . Compute  $F(999)/10^6$ .

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S93S29 Circle  $O$  is inscribed in quadrilateral ABCD. If  $AB=2$ ,  $BC=4$  and  $CD=18$ , find the length of  $AD$ .

S93S30 Suppose that for all points on  $x^4 = kx^6 + y^4$ , the maximum value of  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{x^2 - y^2}$  is  $1/17$  where  $k>0$ . Compute the value of  $k$ .

SOLUTIONS

25. 48

27.  $\frac{4}{3}$

29. 16

26.  $13/49$

28. 998,002

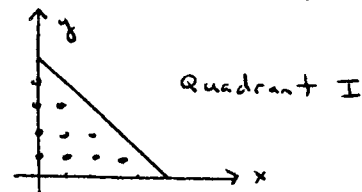
30. 1156

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SOLUTIONS CONTEST NUMBER ONE SPRING, 1993

S93S1  $f(4) = (f(1)f(2) + 1)/f(3) = 3/3 = 1$   
 $f(5) = (f(2)f(3) + 1)/f(4) = 7/1 = 7$   
 $f(6) = (f(3)f(4) + 1)/f(5) = 4/7$

S93S2 Look at  $n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3) = n^4 + 6n^3 + 11n^2 + 6n$   
 $= (n^2 + 3n + 1)^2 - 1$ . Thus,  $n^2 + 3n + 1 = \pm 1$  which  
corresponds to  $n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3) = 0$ . Thus, the answer is 4.

S93S3 We see that there are  
 $4(1 + 2 + 3 + 4) + 1 = 41$  solutions.



S93S4 The x and y intercepts are  $1992/m$  and  $1992/n$ .  
The area is  $(1/2)(1992^2/mn) = 2$  or  
 $mn = (1/4)(2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 83)^2 = 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 83^2$ . Now  
 $2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 83^2$  has  $(4+1)(2+1)(2+1)$  positive divisors; thus  
the answer is 45.

S93S5  $2^{2\tan x} = 2^{3\sin x}$  which yields  $2(\sin x / \cos x) = 3\sin x$ . Since  
 $\sin x \neq 0$ , we obtain  $2/\cos x = 3$  or  $\cos x = 2/3$ .

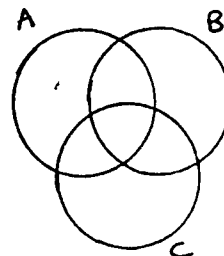
S93S6 Multiplying yields  $3 + \frac{bc}{a^2} + \frac{ac}{b^2} + \frac{ab}{c^2} + \frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ac} + \frac{c^2}{ab}$   
 $= 3 + (1/a^2 b^2 c^2)[b^3 c^3 + a^3 c^3 + a^3 b^3 + a^4 bc$   
 $+ b^4 ac + c^4 ab]$   
 $= 3 + (1/a^2 b^2 c^2)[a^3 b^3 + b^3 c^3 + c^3 a^3 +$   
 $abc(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)]$   
 $= 3 + (1/a^2 b^2 c^2)[\frac{1}{2}[(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2 - (a^6 +$   
 $b^6 + c^6)] + abc(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)]$   
 $= 3 + (1/3^2)[\frac{1}{2}(7^2 - 37) + 3 \cdot 7]$   
 $= 3 + (1/9)[6 + 21] = 6$

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SOLUTIONS CONTEST NUMBER TWO SPRING, 1993

S93S7 Let  $a=3\sqrt{3}$  and  $x = \sqrt{6+a} - \sqrt{6-a}$ .  
 $x^2 = 6 + a - 2\sqrt{36 - a^2} + 6 - a = 12 - 2\sqrt{36 - a^2}$ .  
 $x = \sqrt{12 - 2\sqrt{36 - a^2}} = \sqrt{12 - 2\sqrt{36 - 27}} = \sqrt{12 - 2\sqrt{9}} = \sqrt{6}$ .  
 $m = 6$

S93S8 These are geometric series, so we have  
 $1/(1 - 1/a) + 1/(1 - 1/b) = 1/(1 - 1/ab)$   
 $a/(a-1) + b/(b-1) = ab/(ab - 1)$  or  $(2ab - a - b)/(a-1)(b-1)$   
 $= ab/(ab-1)$ . Thus,  $ab(a-1)(b-1) = (ab-1)(2ab - a - b)$ .  
 $a^2b^2 - a^2b - ab^2 + ab$   
 $= 2a^2b^2 - a^2b - ab^2 - 2ab + a + b$   
 $a^2b^2 + a + b = 3ab$   
Thus,  $ab + 1/b + 1/a = 3$ .

S93S9 Consider the diagram where A,B,C are collections of items. Let  $N(S)$  be the size of S. Then by looking at the areas we see that  $N(A \cup B \cup C) = N(A) + N(B) + N(C) - N(A \cap B) - N(B \cap C) - N(C \cap A) + N(A \cap B \cap C)$ . Let A=king, B=black, and C= face card not a spade. Then the favorable number of cards is  $4 + 26 + 9 - 2 - 3 - 3 + 1 = 32$ . Therefore the answer is  $32/52 = 8/13$ .



S93S10 Dividing the expressions yields  $a/b = 1/3$  or  $b = 3a$ .  
Substituting yields  $3a/(a^2 + 9a^2) = 3a/10a^2 = 3$  or  $10a^2 - a = 0$ . Therefore,  $a=0$  or  $1/10$ .  $a=0$  yields no solution, therefore,  $a = 1/10$  and  $b=3/10$ . The answer is  $(1/10, 3/10)$ .

S93S11 We know  $(\log_a b)(\log_b c) = \log_a c$ . Therefore,  
 $\log_2 x + (\log_4 2)(\log_2 x) + (\log_8 2)(\log_2 x) = 11$   
 $\log_2 x + (1/2)\log_2 x + (1/3)\log_2 x = 11$   
 $(\log_2 x)[1 + 1/2 + 1/3] = 11$   
 $(11/6)\log_2 x = 11$ . Hence,  $\log_2 x = 6$  or  $x = 2^6 = 64$ .

S93S12  $(1+i)^2 + \dots + (1+i)^{1991} =$   
 $(1+i)^2 [(1+i)^{1990} - 1]/[(1+i) - 1] = 2i[(2i)^{995} - 1]/i =$   
 $2[2^{995}i^{995} - 1] = 2^{996}(-i) - 2$ . We seek  
 $\log_2 i[2 + 2^{996}(-i) - 2] = \log_2 2^{996} = 996$

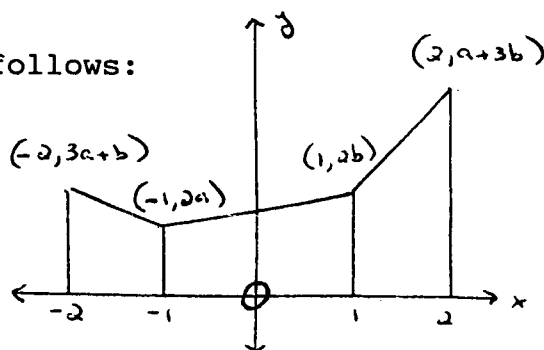
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SOLUTIONS CONTEST NUMBER THREE SPRING, 1993

- S93S13  $x^{2/3} + x^{1/3} - 20 = 0$ . Let  $a = x^{1/3}$ . This yields  
 $a^2 + a - 20 = 0$  or  $(a+5)(a-4) = 0$ . Thus,  $a = -5$  or  $a = 4$ .  
 Therefore,  $x^{1/3} = -5$  or  $x = -125$  and  $x^{1/3} = 4$  or  $x = 64$ .  
 Upon checking, both  $-125$  and  $64$  are solutions.

- S93S14  $F(x)$  can be expressed piecewise as follows:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} (a+b)x + (b-a), & x \geq 1 \\ (b-a)x + (a+b), & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -(a+b)x + (a-b), & x \leq -1 \end{cases}$$

Area is  $\frac{((2-1)/2)[2b + a + 3b]}{2} + \frac{((1-(-1))/2)[2a + 2b]}{2} + \frac{((-1-(-2))/2)[3a + b + 2a]}{2}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}(a + 5b) + 2a + 2b + \frac{1}{2}(5a + b)$   
 $= 5(a + b)$ . Therefore,  $a + b = 20$ ,  
 thus  $F(0) = a + b = 20$ .

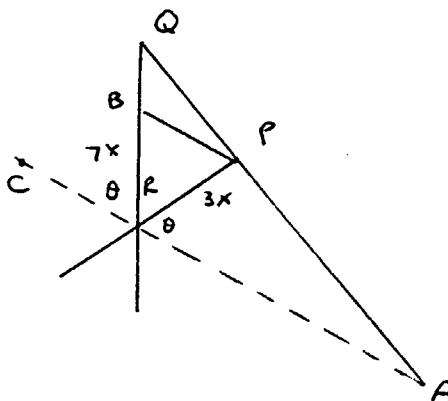


- S93S15 We have  $A + 5B + 30C = 83$ . Thus,  $A \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$  which yields  
 $A = 3$  or  $8$ . If  $A=3$ , then  $B + 6C = 16$  which yields  $C=2$  and  
 $B=4$ . If  $A=8$ , then  $B + 6C = 15$  which yields  $(C,B) = (1,9)$  or  
 $(2,3)$ . Hence the answers are  $(3,4,2)$ ,  $(8,9,1)$ , and  $(8,3,2)$ .

- S93S16 Let the race have distance  $D$  and  $R_A$ ,  $R_B$ , and  $R_C$   
 represent the rates of Al, Bob, and Carl. Now  
 $D/R_A = (D-20)/R_B = (D-28)/R_C$  and  $D/R_B = (D-10)/R_C$ .  
 Now  $R_B/R_C = (D-20)/(D-28) = D/(D-10)$ . Thus,  
 $D^2 - 28D = D^2 - 30D + 200$  or  $2D = 200$  or  $D = 100$  miles.

- S93S17 Let  $A = \arctan 3$  and  $B = \arctan 2$ . Then,  
 $\tan(A-B) = (\tan A - \tan B)/(1 + \tan A \tan B) = (3-2)/(1 + 3 \cdot 2) =$   
 $1/7$ .

- S93S18 Let  $PR=3x$  and  $RQ=7x$ . Draw  $PB$  parallel to  $AR$ . Since angle  $PRA$   
 equals angle  $QRC$ , we have  $RB=RP=3x$ . Thus,  $QB=4x$ . Now  $QP/QA =$   
 $QB/QR$ , we obtain  $QP/(QP+PA) = 4x/7x = 4/7$ . Now  $(QP+PA)/QP =$   
 $AP/PQ + 1 = 7/4$  or  $AP/PQ = 3/4$ . Thus,  $AP:PQ = 3:4$ .





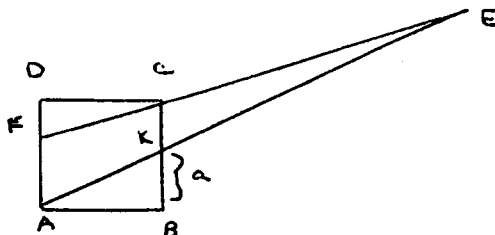
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SOLUTIONS CONTEST NUMBER FOUR SPRING, 1993

- S93S19 Since  $(x - y + 9)^2 \geq 0$  and  $(x + y - 1)^2 \geq 0$ , the only possibility is  $x - y + 9 = 0$  and  $x + y - 1 = 0$ . Solving gives  $x = -4$  and  $y = 5$ . Therefore the solution is  $(-4, 5)$ .
- S93S20 Notice  $T_1 = 1 - iT_0$ ,  $T_2 = 1 - i - T_0$ ,  
 $T_3 = 1 - i + i^2 + iT_0 = i(T_0 - 1)$ ,  
 $T_4 = 1 - i^2(T_0 - 1) = T_0$ . Thus,  $T_k = T_{k+4}$ . Now  
 $T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + T_4 = 2 - 2i$ .  $\sum_{k=1}^{1992} T_k =$   
 $(1992/4) \cdot (2 - 2i) = 996 - 996i$ . Now add  $T_0$  and the answer  
is  $2988 - 996i$ .
- S93S21 Let the terms of the arithmetic sequence be represented as  
 $a-3d$ ,  $a-d$ ,  $a+d$ , and  $a+3d$ . We know  $(a-3d)^2 + (a+3d)^2 = 410$   
and  $(a-d)^2 + (a+d)^2 = 346$ . Simplifying yields  $2a^2 +$   
 $18d^2 = 410$  and  $2a^2 + 2d^2 = 346$ . Therefore,  $d^2 = 4$  and  
 $a^2 = 169$ . The product is  $(a^2 - 9d^2)(a^2 - d^2) =$   
 $(133)(165) = 21,945$ .
- S93S22 The difference equals  $(\sum_{k=1}^{1992} k - \sum_{k=1}^{1991} k)(\sum_{k=1}^{1992} k + \sum_{k=1}^{1991} k) =$   
 $1992[1992 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{1991} k] = 1992[1992 + 1992 \cdot 1991] = 1992[1992^2]$   
 $= 1992^3 = (2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 83)^3 = 2^9 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 83^3$ . Thus,  
 $(9+1)(3+1)(3+1) = 160$ .
- S93S23 Letting  $x=y=1$ , we obtain the sum of the coefficients.  
Therefore,  $(2 - 1)^6 = 1$ .
- S93S24 Let the numbers be represented as  
 $x_1y_1x_2y_2x_3y_3x_4$ , where  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  are digits.  
To satisfy (ii) we must have 11 dividing  $|\sum x_i - \sum y_i|$  or  
 $\sum x_i - \sum y_i = 0, \pm 11, \pm 22, \pm 33$  since  $1 \leq \sum x_i \leq 36$  and  
 $0 \leq \sum y_i \leq 27$ . Also  $\sum x_i + \sum y_i = 59$ . Thus  $(\sum x_i, \sum y_i) =$   
 $(35, 24)$  is the only permissible solution. Now  $\sum x_i = 35$   
means that  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  is an arrangement of  
 $(9, 9, 9, 8)$ , 4 possibilities. Now  $(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  is an  
arrangement of one  $(9, 9, 6)$ ,  $(9, 8, 7)$  or  $(8, 8, 8)$ ; a total of 3  
+ 6 + 1 = 10 possibilities. Thus, the answer is  $4 \cdot 10 = 40$ .

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SOLUTIONS CONTEST NUMBER FIVE SPRING, 1993

S93S25 Applying the Greatest Integer Function, we obtain  
 $[100/3] + [100/9] + [100/27] + [100/81] = 33 + 11 + 3 + 1 = 48.$

S93S26 Let  $BK=a$ . Then  $CK = 1-a$ . Now  $EK/EA = 1 - AK/AE = 1 - 1/7 = 6/7$ . By similarity  $EK/EA = 6/7 = CK/FA = (1-a)/FA$  or  $FA = (7/6)(1-a)$ . Now with  $FA$  as base the height of triangle  $FAE$  is 7. Thus,  $3 = \frac{1}{2}(7)(7/6)(1-a)$  or  $a = 13/49$ .



S93S27 Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  represent the three roots. Then the sum of the reciprocals is  $1/a + 1/b + 1/c = (bc + ac + ab)/abc$ . Therefore,  $bc + ac + ab = 8$  and  $abc = 6$ . Hence,  
 $1/a + 1/b + 1/c = 8/6 = 4/3$

S93S28 The answer follows fairly easy by finding  $F(10^3 - 1)$  using the Binomial Theorem. But a better solution uses the following;

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1 - 2x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x \\ &= (x+1)^4 - 2x(x^2 + 2x + 1) = (x+1)^2[(x+1)^2 - 2x] \\ &= (x+1)^2(x^2+1). \text{ Now} \\ F(10^3 - 1) &= (10^3)^2((10^3-1)^2 + 1) \\ &= 10^6[10^6 - 2 \cdot 10^3 + 1 + 1] = 10^6[998002]. \text{ Thus,} \\ F(999)/10^6 &= 998002. \end{aligned}$$

S93S29 Since the opposite sides of a circumscribed quadrilateral sum identically, we have  $AB + CD = BC + AD$ . Thus,  $AD = 2+18-4 = 16$ .

S93S30 First  $y^4 = x^4(1-kx^2)$ . Thus, we must have  $1-kx^2 \geq 0$  or  $(-1/\sqrt{k}) \leq x \leq (1/\sqrt{k})$ . Let  $T = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{x^2 - y^2}$ , then  $T^2 = 2(x^2 + \sqrt{x^4 - y^4})$   
 $= 2(x^2 + \sqrt{(kx^6 + y^4) - y^4}) = 2(x^2 + \sqrt{kx^3})$ . Now  $T^2$  increases as  $x$  gets larger, thus  $x = 1/\sqrt{k}$  and  $T^2 \leq 2((1/k) + \sqrt{k(1/k)/k}) = 4/k$ . Now  $T \leq 2/\sqrt{k}$  and the maximum value of  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{x^2 - y^2} = 2/\sqrt{k}$  or  $1/17 = 2/\sqrt{k}$ . Thus,  $\sqrt{k} = 34$  and  $k = 1156$ .