- 1. Calculate the least integer greater than  $5^{(-6)(-5)(-4)\cdots(2)(3)(4)}$ .
- 2. How many primes exist which are less than 50?
- 3. Give the positive root(s) of  $x^3 + 2x^2 2x 4$ .
- 4. A right triangle has sides of integer length. One side has length 11. What is the area of the triangle?
- 5. One day, the temperature increases steadily from a low of  $45^{\circ}$ F in the early morning to a high of  $70^{\circ}$ F in the late afternoon. At how many times from early morning to late afternoon was the temperature an integer in both Fahrenheit and Celsius? Recall that  $C = \frac{5}{6}(F 32)$ .
- 6. A round pencil has length 8 when unsharpened, and diameter  $\frac{1}{4}$ . It is sharpened perfectly so that it remains 8 inches long, with a 7 inch section still cylindrical and the remaining 1 inch giving a conical tip. What is its volume?
- 7. At the Rice Mathematics Tournament, 80% of contestants wear blue jeans, 70% wear tennis shoes, and 80% of those who wear blue jeans also wear tennis shoes. What fraction of people wearing tennis shoes are wearing blue jeans?
- 8. Terence Tao is playing rock-paper-scissors. Because his mental energy is focused on solving the twin primes conjecture, he uses the following very simple strategy:
  - He plays rock first.
  - On each subsequent turn, he plays a different move than the previous one, each with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

What is the probability that his  $5^{th}$  move will be rock?

- 9. What is the sum of the prime factors of 20!?
- 10. Six people play the following game: They have a cube, initially white. One by one, the players mark an X on a white face of the cube, and roll it like a die. The winner is the first person to roll an X (for example, player 1 wins with probability  $\frac{1}{6}$ , while if none of players 1–5 win, player 6 will place an X on the last white square and win for sure). What is the probability that the sixth player wins?
- 11. Simplify:  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{17\sqrt{7}+45}{4}}$
- 12. If in the following diagram,  $m \angle APB = 16^{\circ}$  and  $\overline{AP}$  and  $\overline{BP}$  are tangent to the circle, what is  $m \angle ACB$ ?



- 13. Let N be the number of distinct rearrangements of the 34 letters in SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEX-PIALIDOCIOUS. How many positive factors does N have?
- 14. Suppose families always have one, two, or three children, with probability  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{1}{4}$  respectively. Assuming everyone eventually gets married and has children, what is the probability of a couple having exactly four grandchildren?

- 15. While out for a stroll, you encounter a vicious velociraptor. You start running away to the northeast at 10 m/s, and you manage a three-second head start over the raptor. If the raptor runs at  $15\sqrt{2}$  m/s, but only runs either north or east at any given time, how many seconds do you have until it devours you?
- 16. Suppose convex hexagon HEXAGN has 120°-rotational symmetry about a point P—that is, if you rotate it 120° about P, it doesn't change. If PX = 1, find the area of triangle  $\triangle GHX$ .
- 17. An "expression" is created by writing down five random characters, taken from the digits 1 to 9, the four basic operations, and parentheses. What is number of possible mathematically valid expressions that can be created this way, without using implicit multiplication?
- 18. Cody enjoys his breakfast tacos with his favorite hot sauce, which comes in 88 mL bottles. On any given day he eats 3, 4, or 5 tacos with probabilities  $\frac{1}{6}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , respectively. For the first taco, he always uses 2 mL of hot sauce, but for each additional taco he uses 1 mL more than the previous. If he starts with a new bottle, what is the probability that it is empty after five days?
- 19. Four pirates are dividing up 2008 gold pieces. They take turns, in order of rank, proposing ways to distribute the gold. If at least half the pirates agree to a proposal, it is enacted; otherwise, the proposer walks the plank. If no pirate ever agrees to a proposal that gives him nothing, how many gold pieces does the highest-ranking pirate end up with? (Assume all pirates are perfectly rational and act in self-interest, i.e. a pirate will never agree to a proposal if he knows he can gain more coins by rejecting it.)
- 20. What is the smallest number which can be written as the sum of three distinct primes, the product of two distinct primes and the sum of three distinct squares?
- 21. Find the value of  $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \cdots}}}$ , assuming all square roots refer to the positive values.
- 22. What is the smallest possible surface area of an object constructed by joining the faces of five cubes of edge length one?
- 23. You are standing at point A, which is 1000 feet from point B. You choose a random direction and walk 1000 feet in that direction. What is the probability that you end up within 1000 feet of point B?
- 24. An isosceles right triangle with legs of length 1 has a semicircle inscribed within it and a semicircle inscribed around it. Both have their diameter lying along the hypotenuse of the triangle. Find the ratio of their radii (larger to smaller).
- 25. Three unit circles are mutually externally tangent. All three are internally tangent to a larger circle. What is the radius of the larger circle?