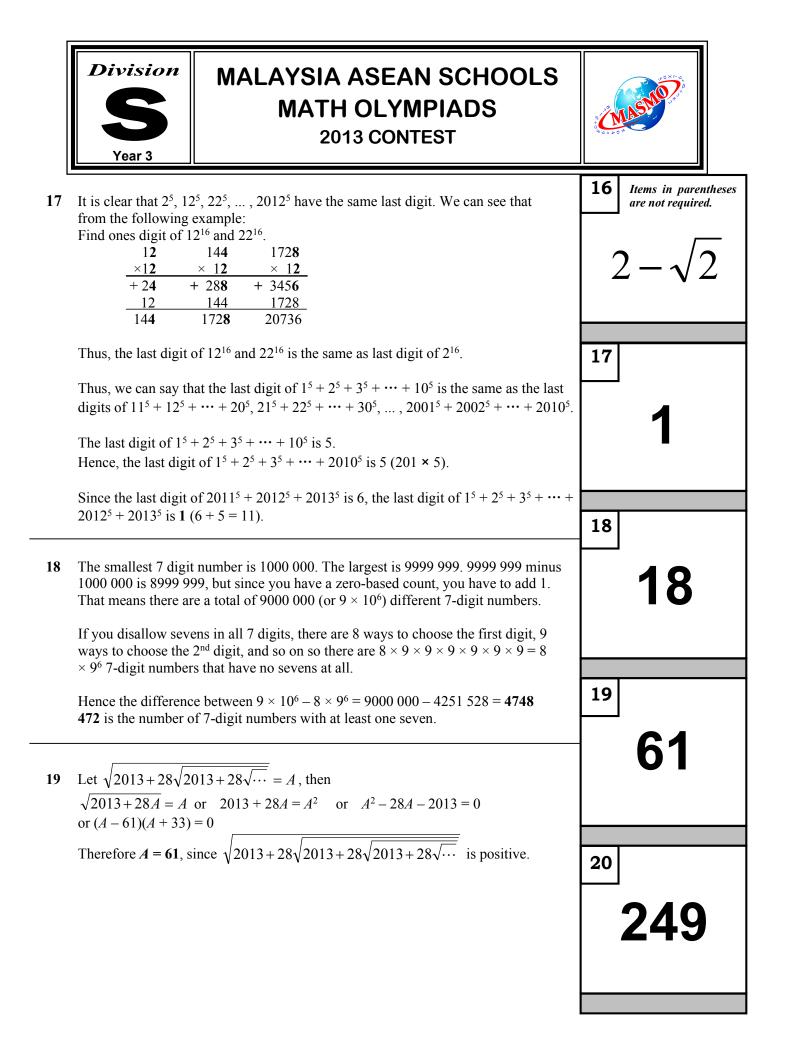


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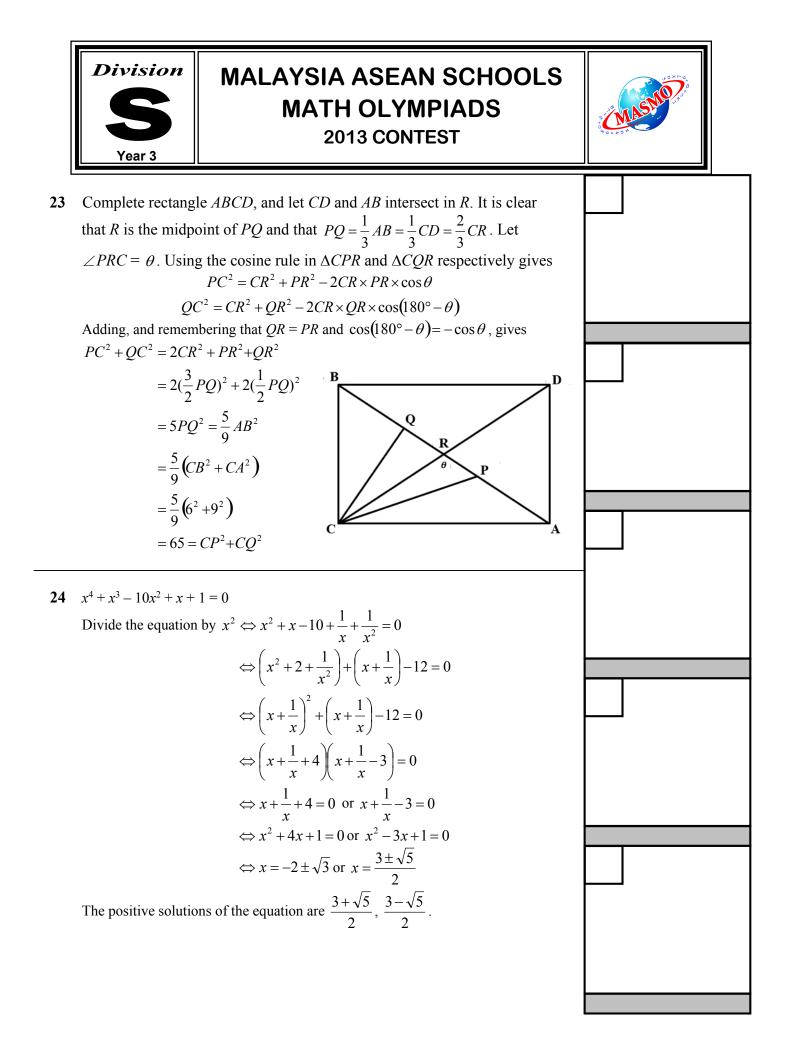




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21 Multiplication by $10 = 5 \times 2$ gives us '0' in the end of any number. To count how 20 many zeros does the product end, we should count the number of 5s in the product, for example, $15 = 5 \times 3$ has one 5 and $25 = 5 \times 5$ has two 5s. 61 From 1 to 1000, there are $1000 \div 5 = 200$ multiples of 5, each of them has at least one 5. 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 175, 200 have two 5s each. From 1 to 1000, there are $1000 \div 25 = 40$ multiples of 25, each of them has at least two 5. 120 consist of three 5s. 22 From 1 to 1000, there are $1000 \div 125 = 8$ multiples of 125, each of them has at least three 5. 625 consist of four 5s. Thus, there are 200 + 40 + 8 + 1 = 249 fives. (Palindromes) It is easily noticed that number of 2s is more than 5s, i.e. we will have enough of 2s to multiply by 5. Hence, the number of zeros in the end is **249** ($5 \times 2 = 10$). 23 21 In any right-angled triangle median from the right angle is equal to half of the length of base side. Therefore, EF = BF = CF = 1. The length of the trapezoid median (*EF*) is the average length of the bases: $\frac{AB + DC}{2} = EF$. Hence, AB + DC = 2. **Perimeter** = AD + BC + AB + DC = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6. 24 22 There are 9 one-digit palindromes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 There are 9 two-digit palindromes: 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88, 99 There are 10 three-digit palindromes starting with 1: 101, 111, 121, 131, 141, 151, 161, 171, 181, 191. There are 10 three-digit palindromes starting with 2: 202, 212, 222, 232, 242, 252, 262, 272, 282, 292. Same way, there are 70 three-digit palindromes starting with 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. 25 Thus, there are 108 palindromes less than 1000. There are 10 four-digit palindromes starting with 1: 1001, 1101, 1221, 1331, 1 1441, 1551, 1661, 1771, 1881, 1991. There are 10 four-digit palindromes starting with 2: 2002, 2112, 2222, 2332, 2442, 2552, 2662, 2772, 2882, 2992. 10100 Same way, there are 70 four-digit palindromes starting with 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. Thus, there are 108 + 90 = 198 palindromes less than 10 000.





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25 From second property we get

$$a_n(n^2 - 1) = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}$$
$$a_{n-1}[(n-1)^2 - 1] = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-2}$$

Combining both of above equations,

$$a_n(n^2 - 1) = a_{n-1}[(n-1)^2 - 1] + a_{n-1} = a_{n-1}(n-1)^2$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = \frac{(n-1)^2}{n^2 - 1} = \frac{(n-1)^2}{(n+1)(n-1)} = \frac{n-1}{n+1}$$

Same way,

$$\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n-2}} = \frac{n-2}{n}, \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_{n-3}} = \frac{n-3}{n-1}, \cdots, \frac{a_3}{a_2} = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_n}{a_1} &= \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} \times \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n-2}} \times \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_{n-3}} \times \dots \times \frac{a_3}{a_2} \times \frac{a_2}{a_1} \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n+1} \times \frac{n-2}{n} \times \frac{n-3}{n-1} \times \dots \times \frac{2}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{2}{(n+1)n} \\ a_n &= a_1 \times \frac{2}{(n+1)n} = \frac{1}{(n+1)n} \\ \end{aligned}$$
The value of $a_{100} = \frac{1}{100 \times 101} = \frac{1}{10100}$.