Maths Problems Set 4 (24 March 2020)

- 1. 5 points are placed in a 1×1 square. Show that no matter where the points are placed there will always be a pair of points with a distance of less than or equal to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ between them.
- 2. I have two identical but non-uniform ropes. I know that if I light one end of either rope it will burn for exactly one hour. How can I time 45 minutes? (I have a lighter of some sort).
- 3. The minute and hour hands on a analog clock overlap at 12 o'clock. Where else do they overlap?
- 4. A positive integer ends in the digit 4 and has the property that it becomes four times as large when the 4 is moved from the end and placed at the front. What is the smallest such number?
- 5. Two quarter circles are inscribed in a square of side length 1 as shown in the diagram below. A circle is then inscribed as shown. Find the radius of the circle.



- 6. A triangle T has side lengths a, b, and c where c is the longest side length. Prove that: T is right-angled $\iff a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.
- 7. Newton's law of cooling states that the rate of heat transfer of a body is directly proportional to the difference between the temperature of the body and that of its surroundings. This leads the objects to tend towards the same temperature. A can of Coke with temperature 15 degrees is placed in a fridge kept at constant temperature of 5 degrees. Given that it takes 2 minutes for the can of coke to reach 10 degrees how long does it take to reach a temperature of 7.5 degrees?
- 8. Siddharth and Dan are playing a tennis match. For each point there is a probability of p that Siddharth wins. What is the probability that Siddharth wins the game?
- 9. You are walking along a route in a city with square blocks. You need to travel six blocks North and and six blocks East. The shortest possible route is therefore twelve blocks. How many different such twelve-block routes exist?

- 10. Let ABCD be a quadrilateral. Let A' be the midpoint of AB, B' the midpoint of BC, C' the midpoint of CD, and D' the midpoint of AD. Draw the lines A'C' and B'D', and let their point of intersection be point M. Let a be the area of quadrilateral D'MA'A, b the area of quadrilateral A'MB'B, c the area of quadrilateral B'MC'C, and d the area of quadrilateral C'MD'D. Prove that a + c = b + d.
- 11. In Secret Santa, a group of people each pick out the name of a single other person at random, such that no one picks out their own name. In a Secret Santa group of n people, find in terms of n the probability that everyone picks out the same person that picked them.
- 12. (a) Evaluate $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x + \cos x| dx$.
 - (b) Find $\int \sec x \, dx$ and $\int \csc x \, dx$.
 - (c) Evaluate $\int_{0}^{1} (1 \sqrt{x})^{20} dx$.
- 13. Let ABC be a triangle with $\angle CAB$ being a right angle. The point L lies on side BC. A circle passing through points A, B, and L meets the line AC again at a point M and the circle passing through points A, C, and L meets the line AB again at a point N. Prove that L, M, and N are collinear.
- 14. Jacob the gnome wizard is floating in space in the vicinity of a planet and no other bodies. As Jacob starts hurtling towards the planet, he decides to have one last adventure: to calculate the time until he completes his journey on impact. The mass of the planet is 2×10^{25} kg and the radius of the planet is 7×10^8 m. Jacob's initial height h above the surface of the planet is 5×10^8 m and his initial velocity u is 200 ms⁻¹. What is the time taken to crash into the planet?
- 15. n points are placed on the circumference of a circle, and each pair of points is joined by a straight line. The points are chosen so that no three of these lines pass through the same point. In terms of n, how many regions is the circle's interior cut into?
- 16. How many ways are there to select a list of r objects from a list of n possible options where each object can appear multiple times and order doesn't matter? If there is a list of 3 elements: A, B, and C, the possible ways to select 2 items are: AA, AB, AC, BB, BC, CC. Notice that BA is the same as AB, CB is the same as BC, and so on. Therefore, there are 6 ways to select 2 items from 3 possible options with these constraints.