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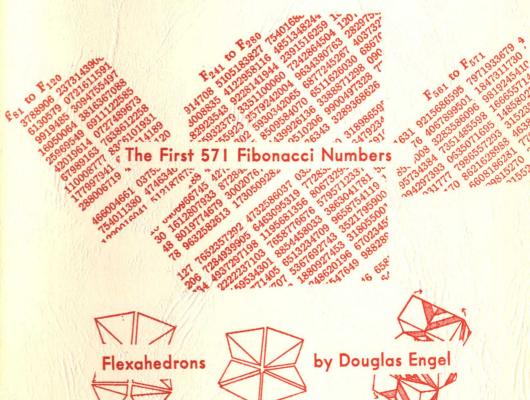
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by Douglas Engel

We humbly apologize for not being able to meet our planned schedule. This October issue is being completed long after we had hoped to have the December issue in your hands.

However, a small note of consolation (?), even while this issue is reaching you the December issue is in the process of being published and it should be mailed out very soon. A vast improvement, considering that the August issue was mailed in November and the October issue in December!

As noted in the Letters to the Editor department, we've decided to drop, temporarily, the Cross-Number Puzzles. They are popular with readers, but no more will appear until a different proofreading method has been tried out for this type of puzzle.

The names of puzzle-solvers for the August issue will be published in the December issue and the October issue puzzle-solvers will be published in the February 1963 issue along with the December 1962 solvers. Such short times have elapsed between issues recently that too few persons were able to submit answers. The Editor will establish his own deadline for answer acceptance based on the actual mailing dates of issues.

We are also postponing the circulation tabulation (see *From the Editor* in the August 1962 issue) until the February 1963 issue. We are anxious to catch up on publication and the compilation of such a list, up-to-date, would only delay publication of the December issue even further.

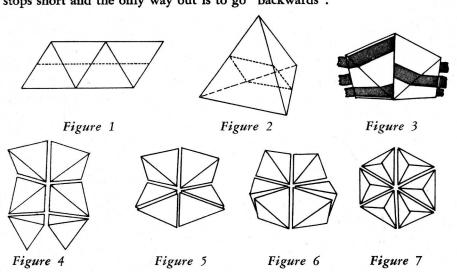
We have had a nice response in answer to the *Opinion Please* request in the August issue. Keep sending in your ideas about RMM — what you want or don't want, suggestions for improvement, criticism of any aspect of RMM (we do know we're late!), your opinion on any phase of RMM. We need your letters to know how to improve RMM. So, don't hesitate—write a letter or even a postcard—remember, your opinion counts.

Coming up for word enthusiasts (though we've dropped the Word Games, enough requests have come in for something in the way of words) is a neat article on Word Shifts by J. A. Lindon, to appear in the December 1962 issue. It should offer many hours of pleasurable recreation. The December issue will also carry an article on Hexaflexagon Constructions by S. H. Scott; Chinese Arithmetic by G. E. Ashley; and more. The yearly Index will also be published.

Coming up for next year (just a few of the many articles): Problem in a Goldfish Bowl by Alan Sutcliffe; Tessellations of Polyhedra by Sidney Kravitz; an article by Francis L. Miksa on magic Square transformations by a linear method; another collection of unusual magic squares; Sun Dial (construction) by Maxey Brooke; and much more in the regular departments. We hope to expand the Puzzles and Problems Department to at least 12 puzzles in each issue.

If anyone has three hands and a little patience he can manufacture the structures I will describe here which I discovered in the Fall of 1961. I was playing with the possibilities of flexagon, or Jacob's Ladder, hinges. After much fumbling and bumbling I managed to get six tetrahedrons connected as shown by the process of weaving in Figure 3. The finished product looked like Figure 7. I used thin aluminum cut into strips to make the tetrahedrons weaving along the dotted line shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. String was first used, but I found that this was the hard way of going about it. Paper bands worked better, giving much less trouble in connecting the tetrahedrons. Cardboard will work as well as aluminum to make the solid, but aluminum is more durable. I call this chain, unmercifully, a hexaflexatetrahedron. All of its movements seem to be regular and symmetrical. Besides the flexing from a rectangular shape to a hexagonal shape, shown in Figures 4, 5, 6, and 7, it can be got into other shapes where it does not flex but stops short and the only way out is to go "backwards".

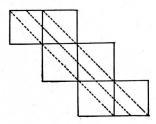
Flexahedrons



I also connected four, seven, and eight tetrahedrons into chains. The four tetrahedrons did nothing but roll around each other. Since there was no possibility of a space between them they could not possibly have had more than one definite movement. The eight tetrahedrons were irregular in movement, though quite fascinating. The seven-tetrahedron chain was formed and then given a half-twist before connecting the ends. Its movement was very limited and compared to the others it resembled an old Model T Ford beside a new Edsel. I suppose had I connected enough of an odd number of them by the above method they would have flexed but the only advantage I could see was that the combination of faces would constantly change.

Next I connected four cubes by following the dotted lines shown in Figures 8 and 9. The right triangles cut off by the two dotted lines in Figure 8 are not needed in the structure as they do not enter into the active movement. I then connected six of them and, lo and behold! I had a whole new fascinating set of movements to play with. In Figure 10 the six cubes are in the position where you fold them over and over to flex them until it becomes quite boring and you want something different.

J.S.M.





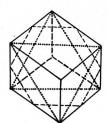


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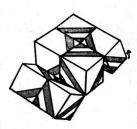


Figure 10

Figures 11 to 15 show how to get the apparatus into a position where it has a wholly new way of flexing. By flexing I mean that each object is made to roll around and the bands to move over them. There is a similarity in the symmetry and flexing property here resembling the tetrahedron chain of six. There are at least two locked positions it can achieve and this is also similar to the tetrahedron chain of six. I observed none of this in the octahedron chains which were constructed. It should be noted that only in the tetrahedron and the hexahedron can the bands be made to pass over all the fences on the solid. The other three Platonic solids can be connected in similar fashion, but no such fascinating flexing properties are observed - they only roll around and around.

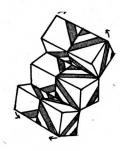


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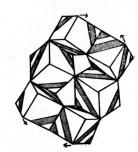


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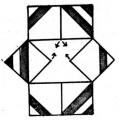


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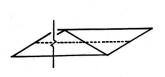


Figure 15

Since I have arrived at these flexing solids from a study of flat flexagons I tried to flatten the tetrahedrons and connect them. By using a strip of four isosceles right triangles to construct it, instead of four equilateral triangles, the tetrahedron becomes a flat square. Following the same pattern of con-

nection as in the regular tetrahedrons, I connected six of these flattened tetrahedrons, or squares.

The only similarity I could discern between the squares and the tetrahedrons was the rolling around - otherwise they differed considerably. Getting nowhere with flattened-out tetrahedrons forced me onto another track. I decided that since the triangles in the flattened-out tetrahedrons were the same as the triangles used in the "strip part" of the cube and since the cube has two more faces that the tetrahedron I should flatten a cube out to a hexagon and use the resulting 120° isosceles triangles. Figure 16 depicts this strip. Figure 17 shows the completed figure.



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Figure 16

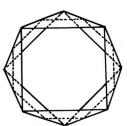


Figure 17

If the plane of each face were extended a kind of octahedron-like solid would result. I connected four of these eight-sided figures and found that it had a new way of flexing but only one definite way as in all the other connections of four. There is one locked position obtained by giving opposite figures in the chain a twist in opposite directions. When this is done they come to the closest possible contact with each other.

My next task was to connect six of these eight-sided figures. It took monstrous patience but I managed to do it. I advise anyone trying to do so for himself to have help when it comes to the process of connecting it. However, it is well worth the effort - the fascinating movements are never to be forgotten. I call it a hexaflexaoctahedron. While the chain was intact I was able to observe numerous locked positions. In fact it was locking more than it was flexing. There was a distinct similarity between it and the cubes and tetrahedrons but because of the size of the angles involved and the resulting forces, it had a tendency to come apart and I soon found myself amidst a pile of sight-sided figures whose only remaining property was to exasperate!

What must follow is some mathematical formulation of the properties of these flexing solids so that the properties of each succeeding one can be predicted. The next type solid would give ten sides and 144° in each triangle composing the strip since flattening out the eight-sided figure produces the 144° in the interior angles of the resulting octagon. I do not know the truth of this since I have not been able to reduce any of it to mathematics - my brainchildren have surpassed my methods. Perhaps the future will produce results.

by Hugo W. Traub

It is written: In the Beginning was THE WORD. A WORD. The Word was to become a favorite target for the dialectic prowess of theologians, philologians and metaphysicians. Indeed, the transliterative and evaluative content of one little Greek work appears inexhaustible. The Giant of Weimar once stubbed his toe on it: "Im Anfang war Das Wort; bier stock' ich schon". Time and matter, then, are inadequate; hence away with the logos to begin anew. But where and with what? Well, there remains Space! But without geometry there is no Space.

Geometry, then, shall be our start. There being numerous of these, let it be Euclid's, Lobatchefsky's, Bolyay's, Rieman's - anybody's. It doesn't really matter. For in the beginning of them all, there was the Point. What Point? Elementary! A Cosmic Point, a certain Point, any old Point. Two of these Points, nomads roaming about Space met, and soon there were several. Being pure-bred, orderly, orthodox, they obeyed the rectilinear commandment — thus there was born a Line. Creation of the First Dimension and much rejoicing. The prototype of one subclass of the species Man. Long fellows of indefinite length, any length, with invariably one-track minds. The track is narrow, the narrowest conceivable and straight as a taut string. There can be no deviation to right or left, up or down does not exist, nor forward or back. Inflexibility and rigidity rule. A completely humorless breed; militarists, bureaucrats, hardshell clerics, officialdom. A handpicked few, strategically placed, are conditionally useful; still fewer may on occasion be even indispensable in an imperfect world.

But it was not good for a Line to be alone. Roaming about Space two met; soon there were more, any number. Geometric progression is now at work. A Plane surface came to be and with two-dimensional creation more rejoicing. Another prototype for existing Man. There are more, many more, of this subclass. They need more room and on occasion may, too, justify their existence. For even idiots are not purposeless when they indicate to so-called normals the smile on the latter of Lady Luck. But their appetite is always vast and they serve chiefly as supports for Points and Lines.

The mental track is nearly always standard-gauge and the equipment stream-lined, designed to get to places fast. Heaven, Hell or Purgatory is immaterial. They must get there fast, never mind the risks. Go-getters, uplifters, forward-lookers, manipulators, promoters, investment bankers, hack-politicians, "Big Shots", ever with an eye to the main chance: Babbitt. They often have attractive labels and pretty wrappers. Many are on the level of purpose, but far more askew. The type is really flat as stale beer. And bad accidents happen on that track, witness '29 and since. Look at the thing!

Meandering about Space two Surfaces met. Quickly there was a Solid, there appeared many Solids. Tridimensional Creation, the Third Cosmic Day with a roll of drums and mighty fanfare of trumpets. The process re-

mains forever the same: addition, conjugation, subtraction, division. Infinite numbers of Solid figures arose; cylinders, cones, pyramids, cubes - of all sizes.

The mental track is still standard-gauge but curves have appeared; globoids, spheroids. The prototype values vary widely; Falstaff, pater familias vulgaris, the Court Jester, some American Presidents. In the sunlight some refract light and become prismatic: political orators, high-powered evangelists, demagogues.

Evolution continues and several Solids unite for better or worse. Athirst, they drink and behold - a Crystal emerges. Again union occurs among these and the building of a shelter wall. Flicked with the tiniest bit of the aurora borealis, hormones and endocrines enter the now brilliant spectacle - and we have the prototype of the First Real Man. Homunculus is the creature's name but the sturdy and imposing little thing remains a neuter until it has outgrown the diminutive. Dirt pioneers, sailors before the mast, old-time, almost extinct country doctors, a scattered handful of architects and engineers, iconoclasts, warranted blown-in-bottle brand of humanitarians, Jane Addams, Ghandi. Less than a handful of American Presidents or other statesmen, alas.

Four, five and N-dimensional bodies, whence and how? The process remains forever the same while natural selection is getting in its ruthless work. The air has become more rarified and numbers are much fewer. The prototype is for that of a highly restricted, very exclusive company. The ancient Greeks had the original copyright only to lose it after a mere century and a half. Here only poets, pure mathematicians, creative artists, seers and saints can belong. The qualifications are highly complex and the properties peculiar. Talk about them is still endless. Nobody understands, neither did or do they themselves, Euclid, Archimedes, Sophocles, Aristophanes.

But plague take it all! My own infirmities are overtaking me. That Point, that primeval Ur-Point. Whence came it, and what does it represent among living men or dead? A sense preception, a wisp of the imagination? No matter! In the Beginning was THE WORD.

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Alphametics

This department appears to be the most popular feature in RMM. The Puzzles and Problems are indeed very popular, too. However, we believe alphametics have greater appeal since no more than a knowledge of the basic principles of arithmetic is required to solve the problems—plus the ability to apply these principles logically.

Perhaps other readers can supply their own reasons why such an essentially simple type of puzzle can appeal to—and stump—solvers from grade school level through post graduate college students.

NOEL We all know what this means. (H. S. Tribe: Sutton, NOEL England.) BELLS

Simple Simon's pseudo-summing certainly seems THREE silly. Still, certain substitution solves Simple Simon's SEVEN summing. NINE TWELVE (Robert Ruderman; New Hyde Park, New, York)

SQUARE Square dancing, as we all know, soon has us going DANCE in circles. This alphametic may keep you going in DANCER circles if you don't solve the hidden problem first.

(A. G. Bradbury; North Bay, Ontario)

A colorful alphametic, most assuredly! One that GREEN may turn some of you purple trying to solve it and GREY make you green with envy seeing others solve it with FAWN ease. YELLOW

(A. G. Bradbury; North Bay, Ontario)

CANADA North is north, and south is south, so there can UNITED be no argument about the relative positions here. STATES

(R. Robinson Rowe; Sacramento, California)

HAPPY Here's wishing all our readers a very happy New Year. HAPPY (J. A. H. Hunter) HAPPY DAYS AHEAD

Four Thousand Years of Easter

by Richard K. Allen

Many reference books state that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after spring begins. In 1962 the vernal equinox occurred on March 20 at 9:30 P.M., EST. The moon was full at approximately three o'clock the following morning. It would seem logical that in 1962 Easter should have fallen on March 25 instead of April 22 as it did. Why does the date of Easter behave as it does?

The Crucifixion took place on a Friday after the Jewish Passover. The first Easter came on the Sunday after the Passover. In ancient times the Passover was celebrated on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month of Nisan. This month began at the time of the new moon such that the full moon should be the first to follow the vernal equinox.

We can see that the first Easter was the first Sunday after the first full moon after spring began. When the Council of Nicaea was held in 325 A.D., the date of Easter was defined as we have seen above. In a day of poor communication and slow transportation it was only natural that various sections of the Christian world should celebrate this holiday at different times in widely separated locations.

When Pope Gregory XIII revised the calendar effective in 1582 he at the same time laid down definite rules for the date of Easter which entirely divorced the holiday from all connection with astronomy. The tables which he set forth usually give the results which we have quoted, but as we have seen, 1962 was an exception.

The tables as set forth in the Encyclopaedia Britannica and elsewhere are relatively simple in their application but their derivation and the reasoning behind them is somewhat involved. It would serve no useful purpose to reproduce them here, although the writer would be glad to discuss them with any interested reader.

In this day of automation when all knowledge seems to be springing from computers, these tables were submitted to a Remington Rand Univac STEP computer, instructions given the machine (228 steps), and the dates of Easter were printed for each year from 1 B.C. to 3999 A.D. Admittedly it is ridiculous to compute the date of Easter before the death of Jesus, and nearly as foolish to derive them for the years before 1583, but the job was done partly as an exercise in programming. The computer is being used by the National Life Insurance Company, Montpelier, Vt., and since the date of Easter is not related to insurance all programming was done outside of office hours. As a hobby the programmer worked during the evenings and required a total elasped time of six days to complete the project. After the computation actually began the results were obtained in about six minutes, but this time could have been shortened by more sophisticated techniques of programming. Assuming that a person became expert enough to be able to derive

one date each 15 seconds (which would require great care to take into account the change of leap years and centuries) this job would have required about seventeen hours of continuous labor, assuming no errors, etc. His work would have to be checked, of course.

Easter can fall on any one of 35 different days, from March 22 to April 25, inclusive. The earliest date took place in 1818 and will not occur again 2285. April 25 was Easter in 1943 and will fall on that date again in 2038.

The present Gregorian calendar is not perfect, having an average annual error of 26 seconds. Eventually this error would accumulate to an entire day and in view of that some authorities advocate that leap day be omitted in the year 4000 A.D. The usual Gregorian rule causes leap year to fall every four years except that leap year is omitted in those centennial years not evenly divisible by 400. It was only this doubt about the future existence of February 29, 4000, that caused the above computation to terminate at 3999.

Among the results obtained were the following:

April 10, 1583*	March 22, 1818	April 22, 1962	March 22, 2285
April 19, 1620*	April 16, 1865	April 14, 1963	April 18, 2962
April 13, 1732*	April 15, 1900	March 29, 1964	March 24, 2999
April 7, 1776	April 25, 1943	April 25, 2038	April 18, 3999

*These dates are Gregorian dates. The calendar was not adopted in England (and the colonies) until 1752. The corresponding dates in England were March 31, 1583; April 9, 1620; April 2, 1732.

Permutaerostie . . . Blowing Our Own Horn

by Remy Landau

Each of the following phrases is a permutation of the letters of a mathematical term. Our idea is expressed by the first letters of the mathematical terms.

(1) NOT A LIAR	(10) I MEAN LINT
(2) AS IN MAST	(11) TAME OR RUN
(3) AD MINE	(12) FIT IT ON! FREE DINA!
(4) SO? LESS ICE!	(13) EAT IN ROD
(5) ERASED TIGHT	(14) NUN, KNOW!
(6) DIP AT ZERO	(15) SCOUT RAT BIN
(7) MOB RUSH	(16) SAM LENT A FUND
(8) A QUIET NO	(17) TUNIS
(9) LOUD SUM	(18) A PIER NINA!

Solution is on page 39

Numbo-Carrean

by J. A. Lindon

Speijdha yiu Dve Podda?

No part of Numerica has been more thoroughly explored than the Pays des Carres, which lies between the surrounding plains of Linea and the Teritary upjuts of the Cubian Mountains. Yet its current language is quite unknown. Readers may recall that when the Great Square assumed full second-powers a year ago, he dissolved the rival Hip-and-Hep Party, condemned Jitta Bug, its leader, to life equations in Quadratica, and set about reorganizing the country's institutions. The old language was jettisoned and replaced by Numbo-Carrean (*Dve Podda*, 'Two Power'). This, though still imperfectly understood, even by the natives, I propose to discuss here.

Word formation is simple. The letters of the alphabet are numbered A=1, B=2, etc., and from a table of squares those numbers are picked out which form convenient groups of letters. Thus 238144 (the square of 488) gives us whadd (paper-money), and 16581184, pehard (horse). (I apologize for this latter example, but Numbo-Carrean is very expressive and so, I fear, in that country are the horses.) Other immediately comprehensive words are zudd (soapy water), lyddi (affected female), kabby (taxi driver — his vehicle is a kabbbbe), and dogedadda (male pooch with pups). Some words indeed are identical with their Yankanglian equivalents. "Have side-of ship up," I add is perfectly good Numbo-Carrean, though the native terms zhif, uzhifa would be more commonly met with for ocean-going vessels. (These float sideways.) Plurals are formed by preceding the noun by the appropriate numeral (au, dve, teti, pha, dfive, etc.) or by a quantitative adjective like bothi (both), sazhi (several, some), or mili (many). A few simple sentences will give the idea.

Dve y teti maccaf dfive.

Two and three make five.

Ceijy ryta be a odbird, botcu cepdi kidbard de sgifdi.

This lady novelist is a queer creature, but that juvenile poet is gifted.

"Iive fibbbd aniu," szedd Aniba. "Yiu awta be a gagwifa."

"I've told another whopper," said Aniba. "You should stop me from talking."

D nubi waichef wastbe a ituhard, eebbe oddeerd y gebeefy.

The colored waiter intended to be a boxer, his hat-rests aren't a pair and he's sure tough.

It should be noted that a single square number may lead to more than one Numbo-Carrean word. Thus 55225 gives *eebbe*, which as we have just seen means 'he is'. But it can equally well give *eeby*, which is sometimes used in the expression *dby eby* (sleep), or *eeve* (a bikiniless beauty). On the

other hand, some squares give no words at all, e.g. 2704 or 10609 (bg*d or if*i).

Most Numbo-Carrean words just happen; you find them while browsing through your table of squares, idly converting these into their lettered equivalents. You cannot search for a word like cicbedda (invalid), only delight in having found it. Some organized searching is possible. There will always be two separate infinities of squares starting with a given sequence of digits, and some at least of the smaller ones may prove useful. Thus EGG—requires a square starting with the digits 577, which means having roots starting with 24 or 76. Eggf (chicken-fruit) is easily found. But others occur too: eggibaf (omelette), egggeta (opphagite), etc. (An opphagite is something which eats eggs, such as a weasel or a dictator having breakfast.) We cannot always find squares ending with a given sequence of digits. But often, by some alteration in spelling, we can obviate this difficulty. Thus, although we cannot have squares ending with 414 (to give ——DAD), we can find separate series ending with 4144 (DADD), 41441 (DADDA), and 41449 (DADDI), and very amusing some of these are:

a-guy-dadd, poor old pop with whiskers,
tif-dadda, father who keeps losing his temper,
tik-dadda, father who likes holding his watch to his infant's ear,
hobbb-dadda, a sit-by-the-fire-and-nurse-it type,
eeerdd-daddi, father with intriguingly prominent otic appendages,
ah-daddi, father who is always warning Junior,

and so on.

Let us consider a bit of genuine Numbo-Carrean dialogue, which I overheard in an *edcafi* in the little square town of *Qudta*. (An *edcafi* is an important restaurant or teashop.) Two Carrean ladies are scandalmongering.

Wed-bilifi

"Huiwef ha wyphd ciebadd Gehardi?"

"Wyfbe nneau d leufa Nety."

"Gichha! Wyfbe dwidha Di Figby. Zbadd! Eebbe a diwifa, maccaf wedd-hobi. Ealbe jayld."

"Zgodlove! Botcu huiwef be dwidha Di Figby?"

"Efy wed H. Figbi ————

bhca-dedd."

"Abszadd!" "Iuf."

Married double-life

"Who's spliced up with cockeyed Gerard?"

"His wife's that old sponge Netty now."

"Get out! His wife is widow Di Figby. Shocking! He's a bigamist, makes a hobby of marriage. He'll do time for this."

"For heaven's sake! But who is widow Di Figby?"

"She married H. Figby —————————died of a kick."

"Very sad!"

"Yes."

Here is a more descriptive passage.

Cicli

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Aniba ly abedd, efy be cicli, be a cicbedda. Botcu liif netbe up.

Aniba maccaf d iccof. "Scu!" szedd Aniba. I jese-give a lahhaf—oxlaf. "Aahha!"

Aniba netbe rheli cicli, netbe a dii-eve, botcu a gaii-eve! Efy be qwifi, be DT-hapi. Staix!

III

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Aniba lies abed, she's poorly, she's an invalid. But life is not over.

Aniba hiccups. "Pardon!" says Aniba. I just give a laugh — a guffaw. "Aahha!"

Aniba is not really ill, she's not in extremis, she's a gay-bird, a lady drunk. She's squiffy, merry with DTs. Here's how!

Aniba is the beatnik daughter of Di Figby by her former husband, H. Figby, who died, you remember, of a kick (bhac-dedd). Not a horse but an uzmu was responsible, one of the hump-backed mules whose normal habitat is the neighboring Catenoid uplands. However, the waacati (the many irritable feline denizens of those regions, which give the latter their name) often drive the peace-loving uzmu down into Carrean country. The only thing they will not tolerate is being milked, and poor H. Figby learned this too late. But let us see how his widow is faring in her second marriage with cock-eyed Gerard.

Debibi

Di Figby have a biibi. Dfahta be Gehardi, huiwef wyphd dwidha. Debibi be drty, a caciolove, be washicacive. Debibi be doxi, botcu goefy, y dadly marhhd. Be a ceehave, a megive, a fixgive.

"Webbe debibi, debebebi, ddebbibi?" szedd dwidha.

Dwidha ha ffild d baaf vidda zudd.

Botcu debibi netbe andi. Eebbe nd dby eeby, hushdd, brushd, y abedd widaddi, side-of ddadta. Bizha!

The Baby

Di Figby has a baby. The father is Gerard, who married the widow. The baby is dirty, fond of mess, dreadful to wash. The baby is sweet, but goofy, and paternally spoiled. It wants everything it sees, demands to be given things, expects to keep them.

"Where's that boofy-woofy baby?" said the widow.

The widow has filled the bath with soapy water.

But junior's not around. He's in bye-bye, quiet, tidy, and in bed with Daddy, alongside the old man. How peculiar!

And there, for the present, we must leave him, and Numbo-Carrean too. We hope, in some later issue of RMM, to give further examples of this entertaining language.

by Norman M. Lang

Many of us can remember how, as school-children, we belabored one another with certain questions which we thought of as deeply philosophical. One of these had to do with the mythical trees in a lonely forest. "If a tree fell in the middle of a great forest which was completely empty of all animal life, would there be any sound?" we asked. Now that we are grown up and in touch with semantics the answer comes quite easily: It all depends. If by "sound" you mean vibrations in the air, the answer is Yes; but if you mean the effect of vibrations on a living nervous system, it is No.

Another question of which we were fond—one somewhat more abstruse—asked whether or not time would exist within a volume of interstellar space completely devoid of all matter. To this a semanticist might reply that "time" is a four-letter word used by English-speaking people to denote a concept that has proved very useful in connection with physical happenings. This concept is, however, not the same everywhere, by any means; the Hopi Indians, for example, have ideas about it that are totally different from most other dwellers in North America. Modern physicists, moreover, have cast doubts upon the possibility of simultaneity for widely separated events, for one thing, and this has done considerable damage to our previous notion of time. Aside from all this, though, it does seem that time, as we understand it, requires something physical to measure it by and therefore can not exist in completely empty space. In other words, we must abandon with regret that beautiful Newtonian abstraction, absolute time.

A third question requires a longer explanation, though essentially it is a simpler one. This is the so-called Paradox of Zeno. The Greek philosopher asked his pupils to imagine a race between Achilles and a tortoise in which the former could run faster and the latter was given a head start. He then undertook to demonstrate that Achilles would never catch the tortoise. Let us say that the tortoise started a hundred yards ahead, that Achilles could run this distance in ten seconds, and that the tortoise's speed was one-tenth as great. Then, as Zeno described the race, when Achilles had reached the tortoise's starting point the latter had advanced ten yards. When Achilles had run the ten yards, the tortoise had moved ahead one yard. When Achilles had covered the one yard, the tortoise was still one-tenth of a yard ahead, and so on. Thus, said the philosopher, Achilles never caught the tortoise.

Suppose we imagine that the race starts at high noon. Then, knowing the speed of each runner, we can, of course, predict where each will be at any moment in the afternoon. We can also say, with the help of a little algebra, that Achilles will pass the tortoise at 11-1/9 seconds PM. So where is the paradox? To answer this, we resort to a fundamental rule of semantics, "words are not things". What Zeno has done, in saying "when" repeatedly, is to talk about certain moments of time, all later than noon but never quite as late as the moment when Achilles catches up to the tortoise. We can, if we like, say that Zeno has mentioned a series of diminishing time increments

the sum of which approaches a limit, but never reaches it.² However, there is no need to go that far. We simply point out that all Zeno's talking has no effect whatever on the outcome of the race. The paradox dissolves into nothing. The only puzzle that remains is why, philosophers have bothered to continue the discussion for the past 2,500 years.

²The same thing happens when we undertake to discharge a debt by making each payment one-half of the previous one. Owing \$100, we pay \$50, \$25, and so on. We can get as close as we like to paying off the debt, but we will never reach the limit of \$100.

A Miniature Geometry

by Howard C. Saar

So often when a person thinks of a geometry which is non-Euclidean, he considers only those which originate by modifying the Euclidean parallel postulate. In order to develop our understanding of geometry as a logical system, while having some fun, we turn instead to a finite or miniature geometry. By considering a few definitions and postulates which form a consistent set, we hope to be able not only to construct an accurate model of the geometry in question, but also to set down and prove a few theorems concerning it. For the reader inexperienced in such deviations from the Euclidean structure, we recommend that he keep in mind that his past experiences with measurement, intuitive notions of the behavior of points and lines, etc., will be of no value to him here.

Beginning with but one set of undefined elements, *points*, we can logically consider sets of points as lines. We can assume that when we talk about a line, we mean a straight line in the intuitive sense, although this is really just a matter of accommodating our model. Likewise, we shall adopt the intuitive notions of a point on a line and a line through a point, again to facilitate the construction of our model. It is important to note that these intuitive notions are not the least bit essential to the geometry in question, but are merely matters of functional convenience.

In addition to our undefined elements, points, we need a few definitions:

- D-1 A line is a set of points
- D-2 A point is on a line if it belongs to the set of points which is the line
- D-3 A line goes through a point if the point lies on the line
- D-4 A set of three distinct points is known as a triangle
- D-5 If two lines have no point in common, they are parallel

Just three postulates are necessary:

- P-1 Two distinct points determine a unique line
- P-2 A line goes through exactly two points
- P-3 There exists five distinct points

For those people who prefer their gifts wrapped up quickly in small packages, an acceptable model can now be drawn. If, however, the game intrigues you, continue on as we develop the theorems which will themselves construct the model of our miniature geometry.

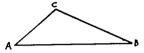
¹See "Science and Linguistics" by Benjamin Lee Whorf, *The Technology Review*, April 1940. Reprinted by permission in *Language in Action* by S. I. Hayakawa, 1941, Harcourt, Brace and Co., Inc., New York, page 302.

T-1 There exists at least one line
A (Proof: Use P-3 and P-1)

T-2 Not all points lie on the same line
(Proof: Use P-3 and P-2)

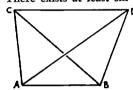
T-3 For any given line, there exists a point not on this line (Proof: Use T-2)

T-4 There exists at least three distinct lines



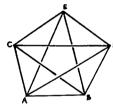
(Proof: Use T-1 and T-3 together with P-2)

T-5 There exists at least six distinct lines



(Proof: From T-4 we know there are three distinct lines utilizing three distinct points. There is a fourth point, not on any of these lines, which when paired with the three in use, provides three more distinct lines)

T-6 There exists at least ten distinct lines



(Proof: Utilize and expand the argument of the proof of T-5)

T-7 There exists exactly ten lines

Our model is now complete and consistent! For those who would like further discussion of this system, the following theorems are proposed for proof by the reader:

- T-8 Each point lines on four distinct lines
- T-9 Through a point not on a line, there exists at least one line parallel to the given line
- T-10 Through a point not on a line, there exists exactly two parallels to the given line
- T-11 Each line has exactly three lines parallel to it
- T-12 Two lines parallel to a third line are not parallel to each other
- T-13 A triangle has three lines
- T-14 There exists exactly ten triangles
- T-15 Two distinct triangles cannot have more than one line in common

Having utilized the undefined elements, some definitions, and a consistent set of postulates, we have built a model of our system. It is important to note that our model is neither unique nor has it any particular merit in explaining the physical universe. It has significant value, however, in the study of the geometry herein presented.

Letters to the Editor

New Journal

Dear Mr. Madachy:

This is to announce that the *Pro Mathematica Fibonacci Group*, with headquarters at San Jose State College, is now accepting subscriptions to its new magazine THE FIBONACCI QUARTERLY JOURNAL. Plans are underway to have the first issue available by February 1963. The subscription rates per year of four issues are:

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Will Roulette Beat the Reader?

Dear Mr. Madachy:

If Morrow Mayo thinks his system (see "Will This System Beat Roulette?", RMM No. 9, June 1962, pages 32 to 38) can beat the game of roulette he should be advised to read the chapter on Roulette in John Scarne's Complete Guide to Gambling (Simon & Schuster). Scarne is recognized as the world's foremost authority on gambling, and in his book he discusses various betting systems and why they fail.

One should invest ten bucks in buying this book before he embarks

on M.M.'s roulette system or any other system.

Atlantic City, N. J.

Rudolf Ondrejka

Dear Mr. Madachy:

Mr. Mayo, at the end of his article, commented that his system was valid only insofar as the mathematics was correct; and he asked for comments by mathematicians.

These comments are available in any standard book on probability; e.g. William Feller, *Introduction to Probability Theory* (John Wiley & Sons). In essence, no system can change an unfavorable situation into a more favorable one.

The category of circle squarers, inventors of perpetual motion, and angle trisectors includes inventors of systems to beat the game.

I am disappointed to see such an article published. It encourages unknowledgeable individuals to risk money they probably cannot afford to lose; and lose it they will.

Idaho Falls, Idaho

W. B. Lewis

Dear Mr. Madachy:

A basic fallacy of this type of system is expressed at the bottom of page 33 ("Backed by sufficient capital, and without the imposition of a limit, it would always win."). There is always a limit beyond which you cannot bet

—either because the rules of the bank won't allow it, or because you don't have the capital available. This limit may be very large, but it is not infinite.

Mathematically, the only way to beat roulette would be to watch wheels, use statistics to determine which ones may be slightly off-balance, and then utilize such information to bet accordingly. However, the casinos are doing this very thing to catch irregularities in the wheels, and they adjust them promptly. So you have to beat them to it if you want to succeed. Or you need just plain luck—which will last just so long.

Benidorm (Alicante) Spain

Hayo Ahlburg

Cross-Number Puzzles

Dear Mr. Madachy:

Although there were errors in the clues, I found it possible to solve the June 1962 Cross-Number Puzzle.

However, thanks to these errors, the problem became a real beauty. Possibly, you have created a new problem-type: the solvable Cross-Number with errors in the clues.

Antwerp, Belgium

Edward Joris

Well, that's what we're always looking for-new material!

Seriously, though, we've decided to drop the Cross-Number Puzzles temporarily. The August 1962 Junior Department cross-number puzzle was even drawn incorrectly! For some peculiar reason, the Editor has let errors slip by in all but two of the six cross-number puzzles which have appeared in RMM. It is due entirely to the Editor's proofreading, and only one author's error (which, indirectly, is also the Editor's error for not catching it before acceptance.)

Dear Mr. Hunter:

In the April 1962 RMM, page 33, H. W. Gould states that the properties of 143 have not come to light in connection with 1962. What about

143 = (1+9+6/2) (19-6-2)?

Los Angeles, Calif.

Leon Bankoff

Dear Sir:

A Note in the June 1962 RMM, pages 45-46, listed many cases of integer pairs, N and N+k, and such that

 $N + k = x^3 + y^3$ and $N = z^3 + w^3$

Professor Waclaw Sierpinski conjectured that every positive integer, say m, can be represented in an infinitude of ways in the form

 $m = x^3 + y^3 - (z^3 + w^3)$

the parameters being positive integers. This conjecture has been proven true for all m less than 1000, and for many higher values.

From this conjecture it follows that, for any given k greater than zero, there must exist infinitely many N such that both N and N + k are the sums of two cubes.

In a different vein, I wonder if any numbers (except 31 and 8191) can be written in two different bases only with ones (at least three ones must be used)? We have

> $31 = (111)_5 = (11111)_2$ $8191 = (111)_{90} = (1111111111111)_2$

Warsaw, Poland

Andrezej Makowski

The First 571 Fibonacci Numbers

by S. L. Başin and V. E. Hoggatt, Jr.*

The abundance of references in the literature is evidence that the subject of Fibonacci numbers has enjoyed constant interest by the amateur as well as professional mathematician for many years.

A very active effort in compiling all the past and present research on this subject has been undertaken by the newly formed organizations:

THE PRO MATHEMATICA FIBONACCI GROUP

and

THE FIBONACCI BIBLIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH CENTER

located at San Jose State College, San Jose, California. The objectives of the above organizations include collecting and cataloguing past publications and stimulating continued research in the above subject.

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The following table of Fibonacci numbers is an example of a recent effort in extending past research. A history of such tables is given by Dov Jarden¹ along with the first 385 Fibonacci numbers and their prime factors. The first 571 Fibonacci numbers are listed in the following table.

We acknowledge the efforts of E. G. McNeil and C. Warden who were responsible for programming the IBM 7090 computer on which this table was computed. We are also indebted to E. O'Connell and M. Bichnell for proofreading the overwhelming mass of digits.

The above authors invite your inquiries about the above Fibonacci organizations and welcome any papers for the Fibonacci Quarterly Journal soon to appear.²

The table following is set up in column form with a break after every tenth term to enable one to find, say, F_{379} quickly. Each Fibonacci term is the sum of the previous two terms, excepting the first two terms.

A separately bound reprint of this table can be obtained by remitting 25c in coin, stamps, or check for each copy. Send your orders, prepaid, to Editor—RMM, Box 35, Kent, Ohio. Sorry, no invoicing or billing on this unless orders of 10 or more are made to one address. No further reprints are anticipated after the initial supply runs out.

^{*}Members of the Fibonacci Bibliographical Research Center, San Jose State College. ¹DOV JARDEN, Recurring Sequences, published by Riveon Lematematika, Jerusalem, Israel, 1958.

²See Letters to the Editor on page 17 of this issue.

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Puzzles and Problems

1. A Solid Dissection Problem

By means of three straight cuts dissect a 24x9x8 rectangular block into the fewest possible pieces that will form a cube.

(Harry Lindgren; Canberra, Australia)

2. The Yacht Races

Lord Ambling, Mrs. Beetle, Captain Clam, and Admiral Dreery arranged a series of yacht races. In the first of four races each was to sail his or her own yacht; in the remaining three races each owner was to sail each of the other yachts in turn.

In the second race, Mrs. Beetle sailed *Firefly* and the admiral sailed *Gazelle*. In the third race, Captain Clam sailed *Hydra* and the admiral *Irene*. In the last race, *Hydra* was sailed by Mrs. Beetle and *Gazelle* by Captain Clam.

Who owned which yacht?

(H. E. Tester; Middlesex, England)

3. Singletree Farm

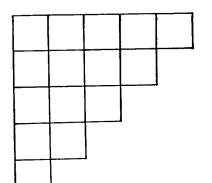
This farm is said to have got its name from a walled park in it having one lone tree in the middle.

The park is exactly the same area as a square with 143 yard sides and, like a square, one point within it is the same distance from each of its four corners. Unlike a square, however, only two equal sides meet at right angles: the other two sides are not equal.

Since the lone tree stands at this rather special point, it may be that it was planted there to mark the spot.

All four sides are whole numbers of yards in length, so perhaps you can discover what these lengths are.

(Sinclair Grant; Perth, Scotland)



4. The Postmaster's Problem

The diagram shows all that is left of a sheet of postage stamps. If a customer ordered three stamps, how many different ways could the postmaster select three connected stamps? The stamps must be connected on at least one side.

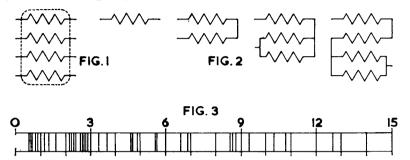
How many ways could he select four connected stamps? Five connected stamps?

(C. R. Dickinson; Camas, Washington)

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5. Here you Meet Resistance

In an electric resistor assembly, invented by Thomas C. Wright of the International Resistance Co., four resistors are encased side by side with lead-wires free as in Figure 1. They can be joined in 51 different ways, some of which are shown in Figure 2. If the component resistances are 1, 2, 4, and 8 ohms, the resistances of the combinations have a "spectrum" as in Figure 3, partly crowded and partly bare.



The problem is this. Find values of the component resistances that make the spectrum more regular. To keep the problem within bounds, let us restrict them to integral values of at most 10 ohms. But if anyone finds a set of non-integral values that gives a remarkably regular spectrum, well and good!

Most problems have one solution that is right, all others being wrong, but this is not one of them. The Editor will publish the solutions submitted that seem best to him. His task will be made easier if your solution includes a spectrum.

(Harry Lindgren; Canberra, Australia)

6. Area Duplication Puzzle

Mr. Smith, our accountant friend, was quite proud of his mathematically talented son. Each would toss puzzles at each other to test the other's alertness.

"I have here a piece of cardboard," asked Mr. Smith of his son one day, "measuring 20x20 inches. Can you make up five separate cardboard squares having the same total area?"

In a few moments, his son said, "Yes, I have a solution in which three of the squares are the same size."

"Very good," said Mr. Smith, "Does each of those measure 5x5x5 inches?"

"No, they're more than four times greater in area."

Surprised, Mr. Smith checked his son's solution and found that it was correct.

Since Mr. Smith had made no error, either, maybe you can find the solutions.

(D. C. Cross; Birmingham, England)

7. A Problem in Logic

In a row of five houses live five couples: Mr. and Mrs. Green, Brown, Smith, Jones, and Cook. There are five tradesmen, none of whom are married, who call at these houses, namely, grocer, coalman, baker, butcher, and

milkman. The tradesmen's names are Green, Brown, Smith, Jones, and Cook, but not respectively.

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The butcher's married sister lives in No. 1.

Mr. Jones lives next door but one to the coalman's namesake.

The milkman's namesake has no relatives.

The butcher's namesake lives at No. 2.

Mr. Jones goes to work with the butcher's brother-in-law.

Mr. Brown helps the coalman's namesake in the garden.

Mr. Smith lives next door but one to the milkman's namesake.

Mrs. Green and Mrs. Jones are sisters.

The baker's namesake has only one brother-in-law, who lives in No. 3.

Mr. Cook lives next door to the coalman's namesake.

What is the name of each tradesman? In what numbered house do each of the couples reside?

(Howard C. Saar; Petoskey, Michigan)

8. Weatherman's Report

On the day before yesterday, the weatherman said, "Today's weather is different from yesterday's. If the weather is the same tomorrow as it was yesterday, the day after tomorrow will have the same weather as the day before yesterday. But if the weather is the same tomorrow as it is today, the day after tomorrow will have the same weather as yesterday."

It is raining today, and it rained on the day before yesterday. What was the weather like yesterday? (Note: The prediction was correct!)

(Howard C. Saar; Petoskey, Michigan)

Book Reviews

The USSR Olympiad Problem Book by D. O. Shklarsky, N. N. Chentzov, I. M. Yaglom; translated by John Maykovich, revised and edited by Irving Sussman; W. H. Freeman and Co., 1962, 462 pages. \$9.00.

Irving Sussman is indeed to be congratulated on his noteworthy contribution to both serious and recreational mathematics in his handling of this selection of problems from mathematical competitions held in the USSR.

Here we have a collection of 320 quite unconventional problems in the fields of elementary Number Theory, algebra, and arithmetic, with fully detailed solutions for all. Not one of these problems could be classed as dull,

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or as the type of problem to be found in normal textbooks. And the solutions, some occupying several pages, are all most unusually clear in the expositions.

The authors claim that the book is designed for students at high-school level, in the USSR, and most of its contents should certainly be within the capability of our grade 12 students who may have some flair for mathematics.

Thirteen well-known and popular "old-timers" comprise the first chapter. Amongst these we find the problem of the counterfeit coin, with unusual variations on the same theme: the solutions of these are very detailed, with interesting and understandable discussion of the more general aspects of such problems.

Then we have 80 more pages of problems, grouped by chapters under headings such as: "The Divisibility of Integers", "Equations Having Integer Solutions", "Some Distinctive Inequalities", "Difference Sequences and Sums". Some of these chapters open with introductory comments which may to some extent prepare the enthusiast for what follows.

The rest of this quite large book is devoted to solutions, and with a final summarized list of "answers".

The wide variety of problems, and the very lucid solutions, should provide almost endless scope for student and for teacher in opening up avenues for stimulating research and discussion. For the recreational math enthusiast there is a wealth of material, enough almost to last a lifetime!

This book should be found in every high school and university library, as it will surely be found in years to come on the shelves of true recreational mathematics addicts—well worn and much thumbed.

J. A. Hunter: Toronto, Ontario

Elementary Vector Geometry by Seymour Schuster, John Wiley & Sons, 1962. \$4.95.

As an outgrowth of several lectures given at an NSF summer institute, Seymour Schuster, of the Carleton College mathematics staff, has developed a cohesive, well-organized treatise in Elementary Vector Geometry. Beginning with fundamental definitions and operations with vectors, the author proceeds to develop analytical geometry and certain phases of trigonometry from the vector viewpoint. The reviewer offers particular commendation to the author for his clearly written chapter on inner products.

Although the material is not totally new to the seasoned mathematician. it does develop under one cover the significant applications of elementary vector analysis. Further, this development is written at a level which is easily comprehended by a good senior high school student of mathematics or by the undergraduate. For those high schools seeking a "good" semester course in mathematics at the junior-senior level, this text should be given serious consideration.

The format is excellent and the many figures and diagrams are well marked, notationwise. There are sufficient examples and exercises to render the work quite teachable in a classroom situation and useless redundancy of problem types has been minimized. Although aimed primarily at an academic audience, the avocational mathematician would certainly enjoy this delightful contribution to "modern" mathematics.

' Howard C. Saar; Petoskey, Michigan

Numbers. Numbers. Numbers

INTEGRAL CUBE AS THE SUM OF THREE CUBES

$$\mathbf{W}^3 = \mathbf{X}^3 + \mathbf{Y}^3 + \mathbf{Z}^3$$

In the June 1962 RMM (page 46) we showed how the cube of 870 can be expressed in ten different ways as the sum of three cubes, this result being due to Dr. Leon Bankoff. We challenged readers to better this with some other integer, W, less than 1000.

David A. Klarner, of Humboldt State College, has met this challenge with amazing success. He shows that the cube of 492 can be so expressed in ten different ways, and the cube of 792 in eleven different ways.

Here we give the tabulation for W = 492 and for W = 792.

	W = 49	92			W = 792	
\boldsymbol{X}	Y	\boldsymbol{Z}		\boldsymbol{X}	$oldsymbol{Y}$	\boldsymbol{z}
24	204	480		30	456	738
48	85	491		88	528	704
72	384	396		108	184	788
113	264	463	•	188	298	774
144	360	414	•	189	387	756
176	204	472		225	279	774
207	297	438		288	414	738
226	332	414		292	540	680
246	328	410	,	374	4 29	715
281	322	399		396	528	660
			•	480	542	610

Readers may use the fact that X + Y + Z - W is divisible by 6 as a check on any results they may discover.

CURIOSITIES

Two-Way Consecutives

J. A. Lindon, of Weybridge, England reports that there are numbers formed by writing down two consecutive integers in ascending order, which can also be expressed as the product of two consecutive factors. They were found by using a simple homemade mechanical device explained in Uspensky & Heasler's Elementary Number Theory (McGraw-Hill). Some of the results are listed.

 $56 = 7 \times 8$ $6162 = 78 \times 79$ $12 = 3 \times 4$ $65479 65480 = 80919 \times 80920$ $84289 \ 84290 = 91809 \times 91810$ $106609 \ 106610 = 326510 \times 326511 + 453589 \ 453590 = 673490 \times 673491$ $1869505 \ 1869506 = 4323777 \times 4323778$ $1667833021 \ 1667833022 = 4083911141 \times 4083911142$ $9225507211 \ 9225507212 = 9604950396 \times 9604950397$

Again, readers may care to search for some of the others not reported here.

Bisecting the Square

Mr. Lindon also reports a number of unusual and interesting squares. He finds many squares which are composed of consecutive pairs of integers or which are composed of identical pairs of integers. Here are just a few of the many examples Mr. Lindon has found. Readers may feel the urge to find other examples.

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Squares of the form N|N+1:
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 $428^2 = 183 \ 184$ $846^2 = 715 \ 716$ $7810^2 = 6099 \ 6100$ $36365^2 = 13224 \ 13225$ $63636^2 = 40495 \ 40496$ $326734^2 = 106755 \ 106756$ $47058823^2 = 22145328 \ 22145329$ $331983807^2 = 110213248 \ 110213249$ $422892898^2 = 178838403 \ 178838404$ $615384615^2 = 378698224 \ 378698225$ $961722488^2 = 924910143 \ 924910144$ $3960396041^2 = 1568473680 \ 1568473681$ $9118892970^2 = 8315420899 \ 8315420900$

Squares of the form N|N-1:

 $91^2 = 82 \ 81$ $9079^2 = 8242 \ 8241$ $9901^2 = 9802 \ 9801$ $88225295^2 = 77837026 \ 77837025$ $99990001^2 = 99980002 \ 99980001$ $8900869208^2 = 7922547265 \ 7922547264$

Squares of the form NN

Number Odditity

J. A. H. Hunter reports the following odditity, the only 3-digit pairs exhibiting this odd property:

$$243 \times 432 = 324^{2}$$

 $486 \times 864 = 648^{2}$

It is well known that simple, integral right-angled triangles can be derived by partitioning the square of any odd integer into two consecutive integers, thus:

n	(n^2)	n	$1/2(n^2-1)$	$1/2(n^2+1)$
1	(1)	1	0	1
3	(9)	3	4	5
5	(25)	5	12	13
7	(49)	7	24	25
9	(81)	9	40	41

If we now form a series by adding together the *legs* of each triangle (i.e., base and perpendicular) we get 1, 7, 17, 31, 49, etc. This is the series $2n^2 - 1$.

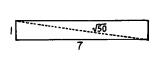
Let us experiment with it, by adding together the squares of successive terms:

$$1^{2} + 7^{2} = 50 = 2 \times 5^{2}$$

 $7^{2} + 17^{2} = 338 = 2 \times 13^{2}$
 $17^{2} + 31^{2} = 1250 = 2 \times 25^{2}$

In each case, the double squares shown on the right correspond to the hypotenuses of our original series of right-angled triangles.

It is also obvious that this "hypotenuse" series gives a set of integers satisfying the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 2z^2$. It therefore produces a series of squares whose diagonals equal the diagonals of integral rectangles, e.g.:



The Series 2n2-1

Figure 1

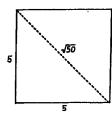


Figure 2

It thus leads to a series of cyclic quadrilaterals, e.g.:

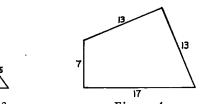
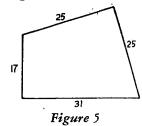


Figure 3 Figure 4



the areas of which equal (average of unequal sides)². The areas of these cyclic figures thus produce the further series: 16, 144, 576, 1600, etc., which

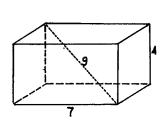
can be written otherwise as $16(1^2, 3^2, 6^2, 10^2, \text{ etc.})$ Note here that 1, 3, 6, 10, etc., is the series of triangular numbers.

Let us experiment further, by adding 2 to each term of the series $2n^2 - 1$:

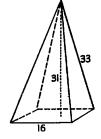
Taking the difference between the squares of corresponding terms, we get: $9^2 - 7^2 = 32 = 2 \times 4^2$, $33^2 - 31^2 = 128 = 2 \times 8^2$, etc., so giving a series that satisfies $x^2 - y^2 = 2w^2$.

Geometrically, therefore, we now have a series giving the Main Diagonal, Vertical Height, and Base Length for a series of square prisms in integers. Figure 6, for example.

Now, if four such equal prisms are set up on their bases so that a common edge is the central vertical axis, we obtain the Slant Edge, Vertical Height, and Base Length of an integral regular pyramid as shown in Figure



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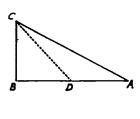


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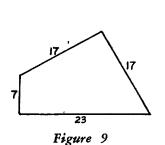
The series 1, 7, 17, 31, etc., also enables us to provide an integral solution to the problem of finding a point D in the side of a right-angled triangle ABC so that DA = DC.

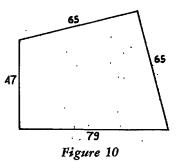
We assign to BD the value ab, where ab is the product of any two consecutive terms of the series, e.g. $ab = 1 \times 7 = 7$, $ab = 7 \times 17 = 119$, etc. Then $DC = 1/2 (a^2 + b^2)$, $BC = 1/2 (a^2 - b^2)$.

The properties we have noted in the foregoing are not peculiar to the series $2n^2 - 1$, however. If a series of right-angled is built up with sides 4nand $4n^2 \pm 1$, for successive values of n, we get:

4n	$4n^2 - 1$	$4n^2 + 1$
4	3	5
8	15	17
12	35	37
16	63	65

If, as before, we add the legs, we derive the series 7, 23, 47, 79, etc., which also satisfies the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 2z^2$, where z is again a hypotenuse. The cycle quadrilaterals are now such as:





and here the perimeters gives the series 64, 144, 256, etc., which is 16(22, 32, 4^{2} , etc.).

The series 7, 23, 47, 79 etc. also solves the previous triangle problem is we multiply together any two consecutive terms, e.g.

$$ab = 7 \times 23 = 161$$
, $1/2 (a^2 + b^2) = 289$, $1/2 (a^2 - b) = 240$.

The "why" of all these diverting results will be apparent if the various operations that have been outlined numerically are simulated in general terms algebraically, starting from the original expressions which have been given for the sides of the basic triangles.

SOLUTION TO PERMUTACROSTIC ON PAGE 10

(1) Rational

(9) Modulus

(2) Mantissa

(10) Eliminant

(3) Median

(11) Numerator (12) Differentiation

(4) Isoceles

(13) Ordinate

(5) Straight edge

(14) Unknown

(15) Subtraction

- (6) Trapezoid
- (7) Rhombus

(16) Fundamentals

(8) Equation

(17) Units

(18) Napierian

Recent Research in Mersenne Numbers, M_p=2^p-1

by Sidney Kravitz and Murray Berg

The purpose of this brief note is to bring readers of RMM up to date on recent work done on the Mersenne numbers.

In Reference 1, Alexander Hurwitz reported that he had tested prime exponents up to 5000, using Lucas' test, and had discovered that $2^{4253}-1$ and $2^{4423}-1$ are prime numbers. In a letter from the UCLA Computing Facility, dated March 12, 1962, Mr. Hurwitz further states:

"We have already tested the Mersenne numbers for exponent p less than 6000. No new prime were discovered. We will probably not continue searching for primes with exponent p greater than 6000. For exponent p around 6000 the test takes approximately 2-1/2 hours on the IBM 7090.

"The factors which you mention in your letter were among those communicated to us by John Brillhart. All the factors F of the Mersenne numbers for p prime, p less than 20,000, and F less than P less th

Thanks to a generous donation of time by the Standard Oil Company of California the authors are currently testing prime exponents between 6000 and 7000 using the IBM 7090 at the company's Electronic Computing Center in San Francisco.* At the moment prime exponents between 6000 and 6337 inclusive have been tested without finding any new Mersenne Primes. The prime 6337 required 2 hours 48 minutes. If a new Mersenne Prime is discovered in subsequent testing RMM readers will be the first to receive the news. The authors have verified that Riesel's M_{3217} and Hurwitz's M_{4253} and M_{4423} are prime.

Progress has also been made in finding divisors of Mersenne numbers. In Reference 2, H. Riesel publishes all divisors less than 10^8 for p less than 10^4 . It is expected that John Brillhart will also publish an extensive list of divisors soon.

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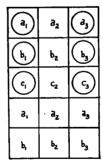
- 1. A. Hurwitz, "New Mersenne Primes" April 1962, page 249
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See also "The 20 Mersenne Primes" RMM No. 8, April 1962, pages 25 to 28

A Fair Exchange

by Peter Hagis, Jr. Temple University

The well-known diagrammatic procedure for evaluating a third order determinant can be phrased in the language of chess as follows. Consider a chessboard consisting of fifteen squares arranged in five rows and three columns. Let the squares in the first three rows be assigned numerical values which are equal to the elements which occupy the corresponding positions in the determinant to be evaluated. In the remaining two rows rewrite the elements of the first two rows. Now place three white bishops on the board, one on each of the first three squares of the first column. Similarly, place three black bishops in the third column, one on each of the first three rows. We define the "weight" of each bishop as the product of three elements. The first of these is the element in the square occupied by the bishop. The remaining two are the elements in those squares which lie diagonally below the bishop and are under attack by the bishop. Thus, in the accompanying diagram, in which the positions of the pieces are indicated by circles, the weight of the white bishop in row one, column one is $a_1b_2c_3$. The weight of the black bishop in row two, column three is $b_3c_2a_1$. We easily verify that the total weight of the white bishops minus the total weight of the black bishops is equal to the value of the determinant.



Now most students of the game of chess are in agreement that the bishop and the knights are of equal value. That is, if a white (black) bishop is exchanged for a black (white) knight then the relative strength of the opponents remains unchanged. A bishop for a knight is an even trade. Since mathematics and chess are two closely allied disciplines it is perhaps of interest to investigate the mathematical effect of such an exchange on the above procedure for evaluating a determinant.

Therefore, let us replace all the white bishops by black knights and all the black bishops by white knights in our diagram. Thus, the circles in columns one and three now represent black and white knights respectively. As before we define the weight of each knight as the product whose factors are the element in the square occupied by the knight and the elements in the two squares lying below the knight and under attack by it. Thus, the weight of the black knight in row two, column one is $b_1a_2c_3$, while the weight of the white knight in row three, column three is $c_3b_2a_1$. We easily verify that the total weight of the white knights minus the total weight of the black knights is $a_3b_1c_2 + b_3c_1a_2 + c_3a_1b_2 - a_1b_3c_2 - b_1c_3a_2 - c_1a_3b_2$. This, of course, is the value of the determinant as any devotee of chess could have predicted. We conclude that a knight for a hishop is a fair exchange in mathematics as well as in chess.

^{*} The IBM 709 Facility at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey, has also contributed time to this project.

ANSWERS FOR THE AUGUST 1962 ISSUE OF RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS MAGAZINE

ALPHAMETICS (Page 11 — August 1962 RMM)

- (1) SEND MORE MONEY = 9567 1085 10652
- (2) EIGHT FIVE FOUR = 12780 6321 6549
- (3) TWO TWO THREE = 138 138 19044
- (4) TWO SEVEN TWO BOB JOE = 237 56169 237 474 876
- (5) EVE DID .TALKTALKTALK = 212 606 .349834983498. . . = 242 303 .798679867986. . .
- (6) POST TOPS STOP = 3285 5238 8523
- (7) NOW TWO IN TWIN ORBIT = 312 921 73 9273 10579 = 214 941 52 9452 10659

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PUZZLES AND PROBLEMS (Pages 34-36 — August 1962 RMM)

1. More Number Curiosities: What are the lowest and highest square numbers containing the nine digits (excluding 0) exactly twice, three times, four times, etc.?

No answers to this one, yet.

- 2. Another Balance Scale Problem Eight Coins: Since a relatively short time between this issue and the last would prevent many readers from working out this problem before seeing the answer, we will postpone this answer until the February 1963 issue of RMM. Mr. Fujimura has given us a complete analysis of determining, in the least number of weighings, the relative order of weights of N coins, all differing in weight, using only a balance scale without weights.
- 3. Publisher's Dilemma: There were 86 \$0.95 subscriptions, 29 1-year subscriptions, 27 2-year subscriptions and 9 3-year subscriptions.
 - 4. Trouble at the Trestle: Mr. Smith can run 15 miles per hour.
- 5. Problem of the Generations: The first grandfather was the father of seven children.
- 6. Toy Bricks: The problem is one of finding solutions to the equation $a^3 + b^3 = c^3 + d^3$. The only solutions involving sums less than 10,000 are $(a, b, c, d_0) = (12, 1, 10, 9)$ or (16, 2, 15, 9) where $a^3 + b^3 = 1729$ or 4104, respectively. As the boy said he had over 2000 bricks, the first solution is eliminated and he must have had 4104 bricks.
- 7. The Farmer's Fields: We must find three Pythagorean triangles of equal area, but of different dimensions. The smallest possible area is 840 with the sides of the triangles (42, 40, 58); (70, 24, 74); (112, 15, 113).
- 8. Simplified Multiplication: Another thirteen digit number which can be multiplied by eight by merely moving the digit on the right to the front: 1139240506329.

You can multiply 1034482758620689655172413793 by 3 merely moving the 3 at the end up to the front, forming 3103448275862068965517241379.

There are many other numbers with similar properties and we will leave it to the readers to discover them.

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The editor wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his thanks to the several readers who have written to him regarding the JUNIOR DE-PARTMENT. I would further like to encourage all our readers to make use of this section of RMM by contributing articles, problems, solutions, and any other material which they feel would be suitable for inclusion. The editor has never quite ceased to be amazed at the respectable mathematics which some of our younger readers are capable of producing. For example, consider our mailbox this month which brings us the following article from twelve year old Avner Ash of Santa Monica, California.

The Magic of One Ninety-Seventh

by Avner Ash

Among the many decimals found in existence, there are a few that possess certain special properties. Invariably, their denominators are prime and their numerators are unity. Their properties are very amazing and will be discussed in the text that follows.

Before going on, it should be stated that this article's title is somewhat misleading. Its primary use is to catch the reader's eye. However, as it is a title, it must (and does) contain a shred of truth. Namely, the period of 1/97 will be discussed. However, also involved will be 1/7, 1/17, 1/19, 1/29, our friend 1/97, probably 1/13, and perhaps a few others. Of course, nothing about them is magical, only mathematical.

First, consider some general properties. (1) All numerators are unity and all denominators are prime. In other words, the quantities under consider-

ation are reciprocals of primes. However, it will not work (the so-called magic) for any prime reciprocal. The magic ones are hand-picked, and between 1 and 1/100 there are only five known to the author to be magic, although I have my personal suspicions about a few others. (2) Take the period of a magic reciprocal and drop the decimal point. Now there exists a number with digits numbering one less than the prime of which it is a reciprocal. Call this number m. Multiply m by any integer from 1 to the length of m, call this k. The product is m in a cyclic arrangement of itself. Note that this is the same as saying that 1/p (p is the prime), 2/p, 3/p, ... (p-1)/p are all cyclic arrays of each other. If m were multiplied by p, there would be (p-1) nines. (3) Call each digit, starting from the left, d_1 , $d_2, \ldots, d_n, (n = p - 1)$. If m is split in two, the first digit of the first half and the first digit of the second half equals nine. The same is true for the second digit of both halves, the third and so on. If m were divided into equal groups (of two each, of three each if p-1 is divisible by three, of four groups if p-1 is divisible by four, etc.), and then add them together, the result is a number divisible by nine, usually in an interesting manner. (4) Item (3) also holds when you use the remainders in the division of $p: r_1, r_2, r_3, \ldots r_n$ (n = p - 1). However, add carefully. If the remainders are 1, 6, 10, and 18, and if they are taken in pairs as follows: 1 & 18 plus 6 & 10, it would not be 118 added to 610, but $(1 \times 10) + 18$ plus $(6 \times 10) + 10$, or 28 plus 70 equals 98. In this case, the sum is always evenly divisible by p.

Now we proceed to some examples. The simplest of these magic reciprocals is 1/7. Its period is 142857. Note that it has six digits in its period, (7-1). Multiply it by two, the answer is 285714, a cyclic arrangement of the numbers $1\ 4\ 2\ 8\ 5\ 7$, in that order. In fact, the cyclic property of these decimals can be shown by means of the chart at the right. To multiply start at the digit next to which is the multiplier in parenthesis, and continue clockwise around the arragnment. For instance, to multiply by four, start at the 5 and read off 571428. If you multiply by 7, the result is 9999999.

For the next test we add the first digit of each half, i.e. 1+8=9. Also, we get 4+5=9 and 2+7=9. Taking m in groups of three (e.g. 142 and 857) and in different cyclic orders (e.g. 428 and 571 or 285 and 714) we find the sums of these pairs equal 999. Next, taking them in groups of two and in different cyclic orders (e.g. 14, 28, 57 or 42, 85, 71) we find their sums are 99 or multiples of 99. And, of course, the sum of all six digits is 27 (3 \times 9). During the process of dividing 1 by 7, the remainders are 1, 3, 2, 6, 4, and 5. Try the same procedure with them as we have just done with the digits in the original period.

Try doing the same thing with the period of 1/17 which is 058823529-4117647. Everything as stated in sections (1) through (4) holds. To get started notice that 05882352+94117647=999999999. In this multiplication table for seventeen, note that each product is a cyclic order of the original and of each other.

1×0588235294117647=0588235294117647 2×0588235294177647=1176470588235294 3×0588235294117647=1764705882352941 4×0588235294117647=2352941176470588 5×0588235294117647=2941176470588235 6×0588235294117647=3529411764705882 7×0588235294117647=4117647058823529 8×0588235294117647=4705882352941176 etc.

The period of 1/19 is 052631578947368421, its remainders are 0, 5, 12, 6, 3, 11, 15, 17, 18, 9, 14, 7, 13, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1, and that is magic. 1/13 is divided into two halves with both somewhat magical in nature. The period of 1/13 is only half of what it might be, six digits instead of the expected twelve. It is 076923. Most of the magic things hold true. Add, in threes, 076+923=999, for example; in twos, 07, 69, and 23 equal 99 and 76, 92, and 30 equal 198; the sum of the six digits equals 27. Its remainders upon division are 10, 9, 12, 3, 4, and 1. These can be manipulated in the same manner as the period is manipulated. However, heed the warning, take care in adding. For instance, if the remainders are taken by threes, we do not get 10912 and 341, but 1000, 90, 12, 300, 40, and 1 equal to 1443 (111×13). Different cyclic orders give similar results. And the sum of the remainders is 39 or 3×13 .

So we see that (1) through (4) with the exception of (2) all hold for 1/13.

Now we come to the portion of the problem concerning the halves of the period of 1/13. When we multiply by 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 12, *m* is obtained in cyclic orders of itself. However, when multiplied by 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11, a new period, 153846 is obtained which repeats itself in a cyclic manner, also. Observe the following table:

$1 \times 076923 = 076923$	$7 \times 076923 = 538461$
$2 \times 076923 = 153846$	$8 \times 076923 = 615384$
$3 \times 076923 = 230769$	$9 \times 076923 = 692307$
$4 \times 076923 = 307692$	$10 \times 076923 = 769230$
$5 \times 076923 = 384615$	$11 \times 076923 = 846153$
$6 \times 076923 = 461538$	$12 \times 076923 = 923076$

This condition arises naturally because there are only six ways 1/13 can be cyclic, but there exists twelve multipliers.

Last, but certainly not least, 1/97 is king. 1/97=01030927835051546391 7525773195876288659793814329896907216494846536082474226804123711340 20618567. You're on your own. Good luck!

Non Haitham

by Ali R. Amir-Moez

Problem Corner

Problems for Solution

1. Three countrymen met at a cattle market. "Look here," said Hodge to Jakes, "I'll give you six of my pigs for one of your horses, and then you'll have twice as many animals as I've got." "If that's your way of doing business," said Durrant to Hodge, "I'll give you fourteen of my sheep for a horse, and then you'll have three times as many animals as I." "Well, I'll go better than that," said Jakes to Durrant, "I'll give you four cows for a horse, and then you'll have six times as many animals as I've got here."

How many animals did Jakes, Hodge, and Durrant take to the cattle market?

2. It is required to place arithmetical signs between the nine figures so that they shall equal 100. Of course you must not alter the present numerical arrangement of the figures. Use the fewest possible signs.

$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 = 100$

- 3. If the product of 673,106 and 4,783,205,468 is 3,219,60..,299,743,608 can you supply the missing digit without actually multiplying the numbers?
- 4. "I have come to consult you about William Weston's will," said the surrogate to the mathematician. "William Weston was fatally injured in an accident while on his way to the hospital where his wife was confined, expecting a child. He lived long enough to make a will which provided that, if his child is a boy, the estate is to be divided in the proportion of 2/3 to the boy and 1/3 to his widow. But, if the child is a girl, she is to receive only 1/4 and the widow 3/4 of the estate. Now, Mrs. Weston has given birth to twins, a boy and a girl. What would be the correct division of the estate to carry out Weston's intentions?"
- 5. In a box there are six apples. Divide these equally among six boys in such a way as to leave one apple in the box, but do not cut any apple.
- 6. Seven pennies are arranged in two rows, with three pennies in one row and four pennies in the other row. Can you move just one penny and make two rows with four pennies in each row?

Game Corner

Scramble

The object of this game is to match a drawing, picture, or article with a familiar mathematical term. To assist the players the mathematical terms to be used are supplied in a scrambled spelling and in scrambled order. The items listed below are suggestions.

Picture or Exhibit	Scrambled Spelling	Mathematical Term
sunburned farmer	gnanett	tangent
advertising sign	nise	sines
electric lines	wrope	power
identical twins	raimlis segifur	similar figures
Stalin	soluc	locus
house boat	car	arc
oleomargarine	bistututes	substitute
empty parrot perch	yonplog	polygon
prison	simpr	prism

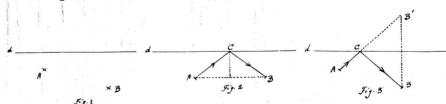
An Arab is in the field and must water his camel at the river before he goes home. What path should he take in order to travel the shortest distance? This problem intrigued young Hassan very much. He thought:

"Let the Arab be at A, his house at B, and the river be the line d (Figure 1). Note that the Arab's house is not at the same distance from the river as he himself is. This makes the problem somewhat harder. If A and B were at the same distance from the river, the problem would have been very easy. In this case we draw the perpendicular bisector of AB (Figure 2). This line cuts d at c. Then AC + CB will be the path. Oh well! I'll find the solution. I'm sure it must not be very hard."



Then he went playing. But this problem was on his mind for a couple of days, and he paid little attention to anything else.

"I found it," he shouted, "Light travels the shortest path; if we think of d as a mirror and A as a center of light, then we have to choose the direction which connects A to the reflection of B with respect to d (Figure 3). So we draw a perpendicular through B to d until it cuts d at P. Then we extend this line up to B' such that PB = PB'. This way we get B' which is the mirror reflection of B with respect to d. Now the line AB' intersects d at C. The path AC + CB is the shortest."



We are sure that the reader would like to prove this proposition. Thus we will not give the proof.

Aboo Ali Hassan ibn Mohammad Ibn Haitham was born about 965 in Basra. The khalif of Egypt invited him to come and live in Egypt for Ibn Haitham had a plan for building a dam to raise the level of the water of the Nile. But when he arrived at the river he found that his plan was impractical. He pretended to be crazy to escape the khalif's punishment and went to Damascus.

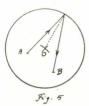
Ibn Haitham's name is sometimes written Al-Hazan. Ibn Haitham wrote over one hundred books and papers, but we shall not list his works

here since this brief discussion does not have room for it. His most interesting book is in perspective geometry.

In geometry there are two problems which are known as Al-Hazan's problems. One of them has been solved several ways but the other one is still unsolved.

- 1. The circle (O) with center at O and the point P inside (O) are given (Figure 4). Find the direction of the ray through P such that after two reflections it passes again through P.
- 2. Given points A and B inside of the circle (O) with center O, find the ray through A such that its reflection on (O) passes through B (Figure 5).





In problem 2 Al-Hazan uses a spherical mirror, but we see that it is similar to the problem he solved with the flat mirror and two points.

A Kaufman

"I GET 312 SQUARE FEET, TOO. THAT MAKES THREE OUT OF FIVE, SO LET'S PUT IT DOWN."

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