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# Zeros of Real Random Polynomials Spanned by Bergman Polynomials 

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#### Abstract

Let $f_{n}(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} \eta_{j} p_{j}(z)$, where $\left\{\eta_{j}\right\}$ are real-valued independent and identically distributed standard normal random variables, and $\left\{p_{j}(z)\right\}$ are Bergman polynomials on the unit disk of the form $p_{j}(z)=\sqrt{(j+1) / \pi} z^{j}, j \in\{0,1, \ldots, n\}$. From well-known formulas for the expected number of real zeros and purely complex zeros of random polynomials, we prove that the expected number of zeros of $f_{n}(z)$ in the unit disk is asymptotic to $2 n / 3$, and of these zeros, asymptotically $\sqrt{2} \log n / \pi$ of them are on $[-1,1]$.


## Introduction

The study of the zeros of polynomials of the form

$$
k_{n}(z)=\eta_{n} z^{n}+\eta_{n-1} z^{n-1}+\cdots+\eta_{1} z+\eta_{0},
$$

where $\left\{\eta_{k}\right\}_{k=0}^{n}$ are random variables has a rich history (c.f. the books by BharuchaReid and Sambandham [1] and Farahmand [3] for a great reference and many early results). Let $\mathbb{E}$ denote the expectation, $N_{n}(\Omega), \Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$, denote the number of zeros of $k_{n}$ in $\Omega$. When $\left\{\eta_{k}\right\}_{k=0}^{n}$ are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) standard (i.e. with mean zero and variance one) normal random variables, in 1943, Kac [4] gave a formula for the expected number of real zeros $k_{n}(z)$, and proved that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{R})\right]=\frac{2+o(1)}{\pi} \log n, \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty .
$$

[^0]In the above, we are using the "little o" Landau notation. Which in the above result means that, after distributing $o(1) \log n=o(\log n)$, there is a function $g(n)$ such that $g(n) / \log n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We remark that in Kac's work, he showed that the expected number of zeros in $[-1,1]$ is asymptotic to $\log n / \pi$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

In what follows, we fix $\left\{\eta_{k}\right\}_{k=0}^{n}$ to be real-valued i.i.d. standard normal random variables. Nearly half a decade after Kac's result, Shepp and Vanderbei [9] gave a formula for the purely complex zeros of $k_{n}(z)$. From their work it follows that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D})\right]=(1+o(1)) \frac{n}{2},
$$

where $\mathbb{D}$ denotes the unit disk.
We are interested in what happens when we change the monominal spanning basis, i.e. $\left\{z^{k}\right\}_{k=0}^{n}$, to a different basis. And if we do so, will these mentioned asymptotics change? Before going into our change of spanning basis, we first make light on a property of the monomials that we would like to somewhat preserve. Namely, $\left\{z^{k}\right\}_{k=0}^{n}$ are orthogonal on the unit circle with respect to normalized arc length measure. That is, denoting $\mathbb{T}$ as the unit circle, and $z=e^{i \theta}$ since $z \in \mathbb{T}$, and the "overlined bar" as complex-conjugation, it follows that

$$
\int_{\mathbb{T}} z^{n} \bar{z}^{m} \frac{d z}{2 \pi}=\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{i n \theta} e^{-i m \theta} \frac{d \theta}{2 \pi}= \begin{cases}1, & \text { when } n=m, \\ 0, & \text { when } n \neq m .\end{cases}
$$

Retaining an orthogonality property, we will be taking a spanning basis from a class of functions that are orthogonal on the unit disk with respect to area measure. Specifically, we consider random polynomials of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{n}(z)=\sum_{j=0}^{n} \eta_{j} p_{j}(z) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left\{\eta_{j}\right\}$ are real-valued i.i.d. standard normal, and $p_{j}(z)=\sqrt{(j+1) / \pi} z^{j}$, $j=0,1, \ldots, n$. Note that these spanning $p_{j}$ 's are indeed orthogonal on the unit disk. To see that this is so, observe that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbb{D}} \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{\pi}} z^{n} & \sqrt{\frac{m+1}{\pi}} z^{m} \\
& =\int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{2 \pi} \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{\pi}}\left(r e^{i \theta}\right)^{n} \sqrt{\frac{m+1}{\pi}}\left(r e^{i \theta}\right)^{m}
\end{aligned} d \theta d r .
$$

We remark that the basis functions $\left\{p_{j}(z)\right\}$ are known as Bergman polynomials and are used as basis functions for representing analytic functions in the unit disk [11].

Below are two plots of zeros of the different random polynomials.


Figure 1:In red is the unit circle and in blue are the zeros in $[-1.5,15] \times[-1.5,1.5]$ for 2500 different random polynomials of the form

$$
P_{10}(z)=\sum_{k=0}^{10} \eta_{k} z^{k}
$$



Figure 2: In red is the unit circle and in blue are the zeros in $[-1.5,15] \times[-1.5,1.5]$ for 2500 different random polynomials of the form

$$
P_{10}(z)=\sum_{k=0}^{10} \eta_{k} \sqrt{(k+1) / \pi} z^{k}
$$

From these images, it appears that by switching the basis to the Bergman polynomials, there are more zeros in the unit disk than in the monomial case. Our work will indeed show that this is so. We remark that in both cases, it is known the zeros accumulate near the unit circle (see Pritsker and Yeager [7]). Our approach will be to use known formulas for the expected number of real zeros and the expected number of complex zeros of $f_{n}(z)$, and then to find asymptotics as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for these formulas.

Random polynomials spanned by Bergman polynomials on the unit disk have not been as widely studied as the cases when the spanning functions are orthogonal on the real line or on the unit circle. We also note that recently it was shown that if the random variables $\left\{\eta_{k}\right\}$ are i.i.d. complex-valued standard normal, $f_{n}(z)$ does in fact have more zeros in the unit disk (and actually has the same asymptotic as our results, c.f. [5]). We are motivated by these situations for our research.

## Main Results

The formula for the expected number of real zeros given by Edelman and Kostlan [2] (with alternative proofs given by Vanderbei [10] , Pritsker Lubinsky Xie [6], and Yeager [12] ) provides an explicit formula for $\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\Omega)\right]$ when $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$. Denoting $\rho_{n}(x)$ as the density function (see the Proofs Section for the explicit form), that is

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\Omega)\right]=\int_{\Omega} \rho_{n}(x) d x,
$$

our first result allows us to simplify $\rho_{n}(x)$ associated to the expected number of real zeros of $f_{n}(z)$.

Lemma 1. The density function for the real zeros for (1) simplifies as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{n}(x)=\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}}-\frac{(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right)}{\left(1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right)\right)^{2}}} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

From the simplified shape of $\rho_{n}$, we are able to find the following asymptotic with an explicit upper bound constant.

Theorem 1. The expected number of real zeros of (1) in the line segment $[-1,1]$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}([-1,1])\right]=\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi}+o(1)\right) \log n, \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where in the upper bound of the above we have

$$
C=\frac{1}{\pi}\left(\sqrt{2} \log 2+2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{e^{2}+1}{\left(e^{2}-3\right)^{2}}}\right)=0.473729 \ldots
$$

For our next result, observe that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D})\right]=\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D} \backslash[-1,1])\right]+\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}([-1,1])\right] .
$$

Taking into account (3) and that $\log n / n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we see that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D})\right]}{n}=\frac{\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D} \backslash[-1,1])\right]}{n}+o(1), \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus to find an asymptotic for the expected number of zeros in the unit disk, it suffices to find one for the purely complex zeros in the unit disk. Using a formula provided by Vanderbei [10] for these purely complex zeros (see Proofs section for this explicit formula), we are obtain the following:

Theorem 2. For random polynomial given in (1), it follows that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D})\right]=\left(\frac{2}{3}+o(1)\right) n, \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty .
$$

## The Proofs

The mentioned formula for the expected number of real zeros provided by Edelman and Kostlan et. al. is the following

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\Omega)\right]=\int_{\Omega} \rho_{n}(x) d x
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{n}(x)=\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{K_{n}(x, x) K_{n}^{(1,1)}(x, x)-K_{n}^{(1,0)}(x, x)^{2}}{K_{n}(x, x)^{2}}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

with

$$
\begin{align*}
K_{n}(z, w) & =\sum_{j=0}^{n} p_{j}(z) \overline{p_{j}(w)}  \tag{6}\\
K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, w) & =\sum_{j=0}^{n} p_{j}^{\prime}(z) \overline{p_{j}(w)}  \tag{7}\\
K_{n}^{(1,1)}(z, w) & =\sum_{j=0}^{n} p_{j}^{\prime}(z) \overline{p_{j}^{\prime}(w)} . \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

We now show how to simplify $\rho_{n}(x)$.
Proof of Lemma 1. Observe that the kernels are

$$
\begin{align*}
K_{n}(z, w)= & \sum_{k=0}^{n}\left(\frac{k+1}{\pi}\right)(z \bar{w})^{k}=\frac{1+(z \bar{w})^{n+1}((n+1) z \bar{w}-(n+2))}{\pi(1-z \bar{w})^{2}},  \tag{9}\\
K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, w)= & \sum_{k=0}^{n}\left(\frac{k+1}{\pi}\right) k z^{k-1} \bar{w}^{k}=\frac{2 \bar{w} K_{n}(z, w)}{1-z \bar{w}}-\frac{(n+1)(n+2) z^{n} \bar{w}^{n+1}}{\pi(1-z \bar{w})},  \tag{10}\\
K_{n}^{(1,1)}(z, w)= & \sum_{k=0}^{n}\left(\frac{k+1}{\pi}\right) k^{2} z^{k} \bar{w}^{k}=\frac{2(1+2 z \bar{w}) K_{n}(z, w)}{(1-z \bar{w})^{2}} \\
& -\frac{(n+1)(n+2) z^{n} \bar{w}^{n}(1+2 z \bar{w})}{\pi(1-z \bar{w})^{2}}-\frac{n(n+1)(n+2) z^{n} \bar{w}^{n}}{\pi(1-z \bar{w})} . \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

After much algebraic simplification one sees that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& K_{n}(x, x) K_{n}^{(1,1)}(x, x)-\left|K_{n}^{(1,0)}(x, x)\right|^{2}= \\
& \frac{2 K_{n}(x, x)^{2}}{\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}}-\frac{n(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n} K_{n}(x, x)}{\pi\left(1-x^{2}\right)} \\
& \quad-\frac{(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(1-2 x^{2}\right) K_{n}(x, x)}{\pi\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}} \\
& \quad-\frac{(n+1)^{2}(n+2)^{2} x^{4 n+2}}{\pi^{2}\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Using (5) then further simplifying gives

$$
\begin{align*}
\pi \rho_{n}(x) & =\sqrt{\frac{K_{n}(x, x) K_{n}^{(1,1)}(x, x)-\left|K_{n}^{(0,1)}(x, x)\right|^{2}}{K_{n}(x, x)^{2}}} \\
& =\sqrt{\frac{2}{\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}}-\frac{(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right)}{\left(1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right)\right)^{2}}} \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

Proof of Theorem 1. From (12), it is clear that $\rho_{n}(-x)=\rho_{n}(x)$. Thus

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}([-1,1])\right]=\int_{-1}^{1} \rho_{n}(x) d x=2 \int_{0}^{1} \rho_{n}(x) d x
$$

Upper Estimate: For our upper estimate, we write

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}([-1,1])\right]=2 \int_{0}^{1-1 / n} \rho_{n}(x) d x+2 \int_{1-1 / n}^{1} \rho_{n}(x) d x:=I_{1}+I_{2}
$$

To estimate $I_{1}$ from above, we would like to conclude that for $x \in[0,1-1 / n]$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\rho_{n}(x) & =\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}}-\frac{(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right)}{\left(1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right)\right)^{2}}}  \tag{13}\\
& \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^{2}} \tag{14}
\end{align*}
$$

That is, we need to argue that

$$
\begin{equation*}
0 \leq \frac{(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right)}{\left(1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right)\right)^{2}} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since the denominator is clearly non-negative, that leaves us to focus on the numerator. As

$$
(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n} \geq 0
$$

we actually need to show that

$$
x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1 \geq 0
$$

We first make the observation that since $0 \leq x \leq 1-1 / n$, it follows that $x^{2} \leq$ $1-2 / n+1 / n^{2}$. Thus

$$
x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1 \geq-(n+2)\left(1-\frac{2}{n}+\frac{1}{n^{2}}\right)+n+1=\frac{3 n-2}{n^{2}}+1>0,
$$

as desired given that $n$ is a natural number.
Thus (15) holds true, so that we have justified our bound (13). Therefore

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{1} \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{1-1 / n} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1-x^{2}} d x=\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi}(\log n+\log (2-1 / n)) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi}(\log n+\log 2) . \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Turning now to $I_{2}$, changing the variable $x=1-y / n$ we have

$$
I_{2}=2 \int_{1-1 / n}^{1} \rho_{n}(x) d x=2 \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\rho_{n}(1-y / n)}{n} d y .
$$

As we seek an asymptotic for $I_{2}$, we will be estimating this integral in the limiting sense. Moreover, we would like to pass the limit as $n$ tends to infinity over the integral. To achieve this goal, as $[0,1]$ is a closed interval, we need to know that the limit would hold uniformly for $y \in[0,1]$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

To this end, since it is known that $(1-y / n)^{n}$ converges uniformly to $e^{-y}$ for $y \in[0,1]$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, using (12) and properties of uniform convergence (e.g. differences, products, quotients, etc.), and finally doing some algebra, we achieve uniformly for $y \in[0,1]$ that

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\rho_{n}(1-y / n)}{n}=\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 y^{2}}+\frac{e^{2 y}(1-2 y)-1}{\left(e^{2 y}-2 y-1\right)^{2}}} .
$$

Hence we indeed have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} I_{2} & =2 \int_{0}^{1} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\rho_{n}(1-y / n)}{n} d y \\
& =\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 y^{2}}+\frac{e^{2 y}(1-2 y)-1}{\left(e^{2 y}-2 y-1\right)^{2}}} d y \\
& =\int_{0}^{1} t(y) d y .
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
t(y):=\frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2 y^{2}}+\frac{e^{2 y}(1-2 y)-1}{\left(e^{2 y}-2 y-1\right)^{2}}} .
$$

While $t(y)$ does appear to have a singular point at $y=0$, this point is removable as

$$
\lim _{y \rightarrow 0} t(y)=\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3 \pi}
$$

Thus $t(y)$ is a continuous function. Since $t(y)$ is a continuous function on $[0,1]$, by the extreme value theorem $t(y)$ attains its maximum over this interval. As the graph below shows that $t(y)$ is increasing on $[0,1]$ (we note that this can also be seen by $t^{\prime}(y)>0$ over $y \in[0,1]$ ), it must take its largest value at $y=1$.


Figure 3: In blue is the limiting value $t(y)$ of the integrand for $I_{2}$ over its domain of integration $[0,1]$.

Hence we achieve

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} I_{2} \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{1} \max _{0 \leq y \leq 1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2 y^{2}}+\frac{e^{2 y}(1-2 y)-1}{\left(e^{2 y}-2 y-1\right)^{2}}}\right) d y \leq \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{e^{2}+1}{\left(e^{2}-3\right)^{2}}} . \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Combining (16) and (17) we see that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}([-1,1])\right] \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \log n+C, \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
C=\frac{1}{\pi}\left(\sqrt{2} \log 2+2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{e^{2}+1}{\left(e^{2}-3\right)^{2}}}\right)=0.473729 \ldots
$$

Lower Estimate: To begin our lower bound, we first write

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho_{n}(x) & =\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}}-\frac{(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right)}{\left(1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right)\right)^{2}}} \\
& =\frac{\sqrt{2-h_{n}(x)}}{\pi\left(1-x^{2}\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
h_{n}(x)=\frac{\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right)}{\left(1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right)\right)^{2}} .
$$

We now let $0<\delta, \varepsilon, \gamma<1$ be arbitrary. Our first estimate is

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}([-1,1])\right] & =2 \int_{0}^{1} \rho_{n}(x) d x \\
& =\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\sqrt{2-h_{n}(x)}}{1-x^{2}} d x \\
& >\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{1-n^{\delta-1}} \frac{\sqrt{2-h_{n}(x)}}{1-x^{2}} d x . \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$

We now begin to estimate $h_{n}(x)$. Since $0 \leq x \leq 1-n^{\delta-1}<1$, for the numerator of $h_{n}(x)$ it follows that

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right) \\
& \leq 2(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}+n+1\right) \\
& \leq 2(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}(1+n+1) \\
& \leq 2(n+1)(n+2)^{2}\left(1-n^{\delta-1}\right)^{2 n} .
\end{aligned}
$$

As the product of $\left(1-n^{\delta-1}\right)^{n}$ and any power of $n$ goes to zero as $n$ tends to infinity, the above can be made smaller than $\varepsilon$ for large enough $n$. Thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{2}(n+1)(n+2) x^{2 n}\left(x^{2 n+4}-(n+2) x^{2}+n+1\right) \leq \varepsilon . \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

In a similar fashion, turning to the denominator $h_{n}(x)$, observe that for large enough $n$ we have

$$
1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right) \geq 1-(n+2)\left(1-n^{\delta-1}\right)^{2 n+2}>1-\gamma,
$$

so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\left(1+x^{2 n+2}\left((n+1) x^{2}-(n+2)\right) \geq 1-(n+2)\left(1-n^{\delta-1}\right)^{2 n+2}\right)^{2}} \leq \frac{1}{(1-\gamma)^{2}} \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Combining (20) and (21) we see that

$$
h_{n}(x) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1-\gamma)^{2}}:=\zeta,
$$

where $\zeta>0$ is arbitrary small for large $n$.
Therefore (19) is bounded below by

$$
\int_{0}^{1-n^{\delta-1}} \frac{\sqrt{2-\gamma}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^{2}} d x>\frac{(\sqrt{2-\gamma})(1-\delta)}{2 \pi} \log n
$$

Combining the above with (18) gives the desired result that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}([-1,1])\right]=\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi}+o(1)\right) \log n, \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty .
$$

Proof of Theorem 2. From (4), to compute an asymptotic for $\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D})\right] / n$ it suffices to find one for $\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D} \backslash[-1,1])\right) / n$. To this end, using our notation of the kernels given in (9) and (10), applying Proposition 2.1 of [10] it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D} \backslash[-1,1])\right]}{n}=\frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n} d z, \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{n}(z)= \\
& \frac{K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, z) \sqrt{\left(K_{n}(z, z)^{2}-\left|K_{n}(z, \bar{z})\right|^{2}\right.}+K_{n}(z, z) K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, z)-\overline{K_{n}(z, \bar{z})} K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, \bar{z})}{K_{n}(z, z) \sqrt{\left(K_{n}(z, z)^{2}-\left|K_{n}(z, \bar{z})\right|^{2}\right.}+\left(K_{n}(z, z)\right)^{2}-\left|K_{n}(z, \bar{z})\right|^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

We will be passing the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ over the contour integral (22). As noted by Vanderbei (cf. Lemma 2.3 in [10]), $F_{n}(z)$ has a (bounded) jump discontinuity when $K_{n}(z, z)=K_{n}(z, \bar{z})$, which occurs when $z= \pm 1$ (i.e. when $\theta= \pm \pi$ ). This problem will be handled as follows. Let $\varepsilon>0$. It is clear that

$$
\lim _{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{-\pi+\varepsilon}^{\pi-\varepsilon} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n} d z=\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n} d z=\int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n} d z
$$

If we can show that $F_{n}(z) / n$ converges uniformly to some $F(z)$ on $[-\pi+\varepsilon, \pi-\varepsilon]$ (we note which implies that viewing the sequence $\left\{\int F_{n} / n\right\}$ converges uniformly to $\left\{\int F\right\}$ on $[-\pi+\varepsilon, \pi-\varepsilon]$ ), then appealing to Moore-Osgood Theorem (Rudin Theorem 7.11 [8]), we will have

$$
\begin{align*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim _{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{-\pi+\varepsilon}^{\pi-\varepsilon} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n} d z & =\lim _{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi+\varepsilon}^{\pi-\varepsilon} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n} d z \\
& =\lim _{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{-\pi+\varepsilon}^{\pi-\varepsilon} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n} d z \\
& =\lim _{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{-\pi+\varepsilon}^{\pi-\varepsilon} F(z) d z \\
& =\int_{\mathbb{T}} F(z) d z \tag{23}
\end{align*}
$$

We now work to show that $F_{n}(z) / n$ is uniformly convergent on $\mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$. First, we factor $F_{n}(z)$ the following way

$$
F_{n}(z)=\frac{K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, z)\left(\sqrt{1-a_{n}(z)}+1-b_{n}(z) c_{n}(z)\right)}{K_{n}(z, z)\left(\sqrt{1-a_{n}(z)}+1-a_{n}(z)\right)}
$$

where

$$
a_{n}(z)=\frac{\left|K_{n}(z, \bar{z})\right|^{2}}{\left(K_{n}(z, z)\right)^{2}}, \quad b_{n}(z)=\frac{\overline{K_{n}(z, \bar{z})}}{K_{n}(z, z)}, \quad c_{n}(z)=\frac{K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, \bar{z})}{K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, z)} .
$$

We note that when $z \in \mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$, we have $z=e^{i \theta}$ and $|z|=1$, so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{n}(z, z)=\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k+1}{\pi}|z|^{2 k}=\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k+1}{\pi}=\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2 \pi}, \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
K_{n}(z, \bar{z}) & =\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k+1}{\pi} z^{2 k} \\
& =\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k+1}{\pi} e^{2 k i \theta}=\frac{1+e^{2 i \theta(n+1)}\left(e^{2 i \theta}(n+1)-(n+2)\right)}{\pi\left(1-e^{2 i \theta}\right)^{2}} . \tag{25}
\end{align*}
$$

As

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{2 i \theta(n+1)}}{n}=0, \quad \text { and } \quad \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{2 i \theta}(n+1)-(n+2)}{n}=e^{2 i \theta}-1, \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

both hold uniformly for $\theta \in \mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$, using (24) and (25), it follows that

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{K_{n}(z, \bar{z})}{K_{n}(z, z)}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\left(1+e^{2 i \theta(n+1)}\left(e^{2 i \theta}(n+1)-(n+2)\right)\right)}{(n+1)(n+2)\left(1-e^{2 i \theta}\right)}=0
$$

uniformly for $\theta \in \mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$. Similarly, we have

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{K_{n}(z, \bar{z})}}{K_{n}(z, z)}=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\left(1+e^{-2 i \theta(n+1)}\left(e^{-2 i \theta}(n+1)-(n+2)\right)\right)}{(n+1)(n+2)\left(1-e^{-2 i \theta}\right)}=0 .
$$

Thus $a_{n}(z) \rightarrow 0$ and $b_{n}(z) \rightarrow 0$ both uniformly for $\theta \in \mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
Turning now to $c_{n}(z), z \in \mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, z) & =\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k(k+1)}{\pi} z^{k-1} z^{k} \\
& =z^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k(k+1)}{\pi}|z|^{2 k} \\
& =e^{-i \theta} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k(k+1)}{\pi} \\
& =\frac{\bar{z}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} . \tag{27}
\end{align*}
$$

As

$$
K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, \bar{z})=\sum_{k=0}^{n}\left(\frac{k+1}{\pi}\right) k z^{k-1} z^{k}=\frac{2 z K_{n}(z, \bar{z})}{1-z^{2}}-\frac{(n+1)(n+2) z^{2 n+1}}{\pi\left(1-z^{2}\right)},
$$

replacing $z=e^{i \theta}$, and dividing the above by (27), and appealing to the limits (26), we see that $c_{n}(z) \rightarrow 0$ uniformly for $z \in \mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Therefore we achieve that

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, z) / K_{n}(z, z)}=1
$$

uniformly for $z \in \mathbb{T} \backslash\{ \pm 1\}$. Since

$$
\frac{K_{n}^{(1,0)}(z, z)}{K_{n}(z, z)}=\frac{2 n}{3} \bar{z},
$$

our above limit says

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n}(z)}{n}=\frac{2}{3} \bar{z} .
$$

Appealing now to (22) and (23), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D} \backslash[-1,1])\right]}{n} & =\frac{1}{2 \pi i} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{2}{3} \bar{z} d z \\
& =\frac{2}{3 \pi} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d}{d \bar{z}}(\bar{z}) d A(z) \\
& =\frac{2}{3 \pi} \int_{\mathbb{D}} 1 d A(z) \\
& =\frac{2}{3},
\end{aligned}
$$

where we have applied the Complex Version of Green's Theorem in the second equality above. Thus the expected number of purely complex zeros of (1) is asymptotic to $2 n / 3$. Therefore, by observation (4), we have

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[N_{n}(\mathbb{D})\right]=\left(\frac{2}{3}+o(1)\right) n, \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty .
$$

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# A Simple Solution for an Interesting Triangle Construction 

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#### Abstract

We establish a simple construction of a triangle given an internal angle $\alpha$, the length $t_{A}$ of the angle bisector of $\alpha$, and the difference $b-c$ of the lengths $b$ and $c$ of the sides forming $\alpha$, using a property of harmonic range.


## Introduction

In 2016, Paris Pamfilos used the detection of a parabola to give a solution of the following construction problem [3]. Let $A B C$ be a triangle. Denote the lengths of the sides as: $a=|B C|, b=|C A|$, and $c=|A B|$ (see Figure 2). Let $\angle B A C=\alpha$, and $t_{A}=|A D|$, where $D$ is the intersection of side $B C$ and the angle bisector of $\alpha$. The problem is to construct the triangle $A B C$ given $\alpha, b-c, t_{A}$, with $b>c$.

In 2018, Martina Stepanova gave a shorter solution for this construction [4].
In this paper, we present another simple and new solution for this construction problem using a property of the harmonic range.

## Properties of Harmonic Range

First of all, we would like to reiterate the formal definition of harmonic range as follows

Definition. Collinear points $A, B, C, D$ form a harmonic range of points $(A, B, C, D)$ if and only if a direction is established on the line and $\frac{C A}{C B}=-\frac{D A}{D B}$, where it is understand that CA represents the directed distance from $C$ to $A$, and similarly for the other distances.

In this section, we give a characterization of harmonic range [1, 2] as follows:
Proposition 3. Let $(A, P, E, C)$ be a set of points on a line. Let $M$ and $N$ be midpoints of $\overline{A P}$ and $\overline{E C}$ respectively. Then, $(A, P, E, C)$ is a harmonic range if and only if

$$
4 M N^{2}=A P^{2}+E C^{2}
$$



Figure 1: Proof of Proposition 1

Proof. (See Figure 1). Let the coordinates of points $A, P, E$, and $C$ on a given axis be $a, p, e$, and $c$, respectively. Then $(A, P, E, C)$ is a harmonic range if and only if

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{E A}{E P}= & -\frac{C A}{C P} \\
& \Longleftrightarrow \frac{a-e}{p-e}=-\frac{a-c}{p-c} \\
& \Longleftrightarrow(a-c) \cdot(p-e)=-(a-e) \cdot(p-c) \\
& \Longleftrightarrow 2(a p+e c)=(a+p)(e+c) \\
& \Longleftrightarrow-4(a p+e c)=-2(a+p)(e+c) \\
& \Longleftrightarrow\left(a^{2}-2 a p+p^{2}\right)+\left(e^{2}-2 e c+c^{2}\right)= \\
& \left(a^{2}+2 a p+p^{2}\right)+\left(e^{2}+2 e c+c^{2}\right)-2(a+p)(e+c) \\
& \Longleftrightarrow(a-p)^{2}+(e-c)^{2}=(a+p)^{2}+(e+c)^{2}-2(a+p)(e+c) \\
& \Longleftrightarrow(a-p)^{2}+(e-c)^{2}=4\left(\frac{a+p}{2}-\frac{e+c}{2}\right)^{2} \\
& \Longleftrightarrow A P^{2}+E C^{2}=4 M N^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

From this, we obtain $(A, P, E, C)$ is the harmonic range if and only if

$$
A P^{2}+E C^{2}=4 M N^{2} .
$$

Suppose for a given triangle $A B C$ that $\overline{A D}$ is the angle bisector of $\angle B A C$, with $D$ in $\overline{B C}$. If we let $E$ be the reflection of $B$ through the line-segment $\overline{A D}$, then $|C E|=b-c$.

Proposition 4. Let $P$ be the point on $\overline{A C}$ of triangle DEC so that $\overline{D P}$ is the angle bisector of $\angle E D C$. Then $\overline{A D} \perp \overline{D P}$, and $(A, P, E, C)$ forms a harmonic range.


Figure 2: Proof of Proposition 4
Proof. (See Figure 2). Notice that $E$ is on the line-segment $\overline{A C}$ since $\overline{A D}$ is an internal angle bisector of $\angle A B C$ and $b>c$. From $\triangle A B D \cong \triangle A E D$, we see that
$\overline{D A}$ is the angle bisector of $\angle B D E$. Therefore two angle bisectors $\overline{D P}$ and $\overline{D A}$ are perpendicular because because $\angle B D E$ and $\angle C D E$ are complementary adjacent angles.

Using properties of angle bisector in triangle with note that $\overline{D P}$ and $\overline{D A}$ are internal and external bisector at vertex $D$ of triangle $D E C$, we have

$$
\frac{P E}{P C}=-\frac{|D E|}{|D C|}=-\frac{A E}{A C}
$$

Thus, $(A, P, E, C)$ forms a harmonic range.

## A New Triangle Construction

Suppose a point $A$ is given, along with an angle $\alpha$ at $A$ and length " $b-c$ " $(b>c)$ representing the (positions) difference between the length of the two sides of the angle at $A$, and the length $t_{A}$ from $A$ to the point $D$ such that $\overline{A D}$ is the angle bisector of $\alpha$. We need to determine the locations of points $B$ and $C$ so that $\triangle A B C$ can be constructed.

Let $E$ be the reflection point of $B$ through the line-segment $\overline{A D}$. Notice that $E$ is on the line-segment $\overline{A C}$ since $\overline{A D}$ is an internal angle bisector of $\angle B A C$ and $b>c(\triangle A B D \cong \triangle A E D)$. Suppose the perpendicular line to $\overline{A D}$ through $D$ meets $\overline{A C}$ at $P$. Using Proposition $4,(A, P, E, C)$ is a harmonic range. Let $M, N$ be the midpoints of $\overline{A P}$ and $\overline{E C}$ respectively. By Proposition 3,

$$
A P^{2}+E C^{2}=4 M N^{2}
$$

Now we can deduce the positions of $B$ and $C$.


Figure 3: New construction of a triangle under the given conditions

So, we use the following steps of constructions (see Figure 3):

1. Draw a line-segment $\overline{A D}$ of length $t_{A}$.
2. Draw lines $m$ and $n$ through $A$ such that they form angles $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ with $\overline{A D}$.
3. Draw a perpendicular line to $\overline{A D}$ at $D$, and let this line meet $n$ at $P$.
4. Draw midpoint $M$ of $\overline{A P}$.
5. Draw point $N$ on ray $\overrightarrow{A P}$ such that $|M N|=\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{A P^{2}+(b-c)^{2}}$, and $M$ is between $A$ and $N$.
(Note that $N$ is correctly constructed by the observation in Proposition 3)
6. Draw circle ( $N, \frac{b-c}{2}$ ) which meets line $n$ at $E$ and $C$ such that $E$ is inside the segment $\overline{A P}$.
7. Let $B$ be the reflection of $E$ in line-segment $\overline{A D}$.

Since we have located points $B$ and $C$, we can complete the construction of $\triangle A B C$.

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# The Problem Corner 

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The Problem Corner invites questions of interest to undergraduate students. As a rule, the solution should not demand any tools beyond calculus and linear algebra. Although new problems are preferred, old ones of particular interest or charm are welcome, provided the source is given. Solutions should accompany problems submitted for publication. Solutions of the following new problems should be submitted on separate sheets before December 31, 2023. Solutions received after this will be considered up to the time when copy is prepared for publication. The solutions received will be published in the Fall 2023 issue of The Pentagon. Preference will be given to correct student solutions. Affirmation of student status and school should be included with solutions. New problems and solutions to problems in this issue should be sent to Pat Costello, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Eastern Kentucky University, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475-3102 (e-mail: pat.costello@eku.edu, fax: (859) 622-3051)

## NEW PROBLEMS 911-919

Problem 911. Proposed by Daniel Sitaru, "Theodor Costescu" National Economic College, Drobeta Turnu - Severin, Romania.
Solve for real numbers:
$\left\{\begin{array}{l}2 \sin x+1=2 \sin y+2 \sin z \\ (\sin x+\sin y-\sin z)^{2}+(\sin x-\sin y+\sin z)^{2}+1=\sin x+\sin y+\sin z .\end{array}\right.$

Problem 912. Proposed by Mihaly Bencze, Brasov, Romania and Neculai Stanciu, "George Emil Palade" School, Buzău, Romania.
Solve in real numbers the following equation:

$$
x^{2}-5 x-2 \sqrt{x-2}+7+\log _{2} \frac{x^{2}-5 x+8}{\sqrt{x-2}}+\log _{3} \frac{x^{2}-5 x+8}{2 \sqrt{x-2}}=0 .
$$

Problem 913. Proposed by D.M. Bătinetu-Giurgiu, "Matei Basarab" National College, Bucharest, Romania and Neculai Stanciu, "George Emil Palade" School, Buzău, Romania.
Find $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(\left(\frac{\pi^{2}}{6}-\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k^{2}}\right) * e^{x_{n}}\right)$ where $x_{n}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k}$.

Problem 914. Proposed by D.M. Bătinetu-Giurgiu, "Matei Basarab" National College, Bucharest, Romania and Neculai Stanciu, "George Emil Palade" School, Buzău, Romania.
Compute $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sqrt[n]{(2 n-1)!!F_{n}} \sin \frac{1}{n^{2}}$ where $F_{n}$ is the $n^{\text {th }}$ Fibonacci number.
Problem 915. Proposed by Toyesh Prakash Sharma (student), Agra College, Agra, India.
Evaluate the following integral:

$$
\int \ln (1+x) \cdot\left(e^{x}+\frac{1}{e^{x}}\right) d x+\int \frac{1}{x+1} \cdot\left(e^{x}-\frac{1}{e^{x}}\right) d x .
$$

Problem 916. Proposed by Raluca Maria Caraion and Foricǎ Anastase, "Alexandru Odobescu" High School, Lehliu-Gară, Călăraşi, Romania.
Find: $\Omega=\lim _{p \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p^{a}} \cdot \sum_{m=1}^{p} \sum_{n=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{k^{2}}{2 k^{2}-2 n k+n^{2}}$.
Problem 917. Proposed by Marian Ursărescu, "Roman Voda" College, Roman, Neamt, Romania, and Florică Anastase, "Alexandru Odobescu" High School, Lehliu-Garǎ, Călăraşi, Romania.
Let $\left(a_{n}\right)_{n \geqslant 1},\left(b_{n}\right)_{n \geqslant 1}$ be two sequences of real numbers defined by

$$
a_{n}=\int_{1}^{n}\left[\frac{n^{2}}{x}\right] d x ; b_{1}>1, b_{n+1}=1+\log \left(b_{n}\right)
$$

where [*] denotes the greatest integer function. Find $L=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n} \cdot \log \sqrt[n]{b_{n}}}{\log n^{n}}$.
Problem 918. Proposed by Seán Stewart, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia.
If $k>0$, evaluate $\int_{0}^{1} \frac{\log \left(1+x^{k}+x^{2 k}\right)}{x} d x$.
Problem 919. Proposed by the editor
Find the error in the following proof: We want to find $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{n}}{3^{n}}$. This is an $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ form so we can apply L'Hopital's Rule. Let $L=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{n}}{3^{n}}$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
L=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{n}}{3^{n}} & =\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{n} \cdot \ln 4}{3^{n} \cdot \ln 3} \quad \text { by L'Hopital's Rule } \\
& =\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{n}}{3^{n}} \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}=L \cdot \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Subtracting $L$ from both sides gives, $0=L \cdot\left(\frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}-1\right)$ but $\frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}-1$ is not 0 . Therefore $L=0$.

## SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS 891-900

Problem 891. Proposed by José Luis Díaz-Barrero, School of Civil Engineering, Barcelona Tech - UPC, Barcelona, Spain.
Let $1 \leq m, n \leq 2022$ be integers such that $\left(n^{2}-m n-m^{2}\right)^{2}=1$. Determine the maximum value of $m^{2}+n^{2}$.

Solution by John Zerger, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC.
The answer is $1597^{2}+987^{2}$.
We first find all solutions $(n, m)$. If $m=n$ then $(1,1)$ is the only solution. Assume without loss of generality that $n>m$. Note first that if $(n, m)$ is a solution then so is $(m+n, n)$ since

$$
(m+n)^{2}-(m+n) n-n^{2}=-\left(n^{2}-m n-m^{2}\right)= \pm 1
$$

This gives us solutions $(2,1),(3,2),(5,3),(8,5),(13,8),(21,13),(34,21)$, $(55,34),(89,55),(144,89),(233,144),(377,233),(610,337),(987,610)$, $(1597,987),(2584,1597), \cdots$
Now we show these are the only solutions. Let $(n, m)$ be a solution with $n>m$. If $m>1$ and $m \leq n-m$ then $2 m \leq n$ which gives $2 m^{2} \leq n m \leq n(n-m)$. Subtracting $m^{2}$ gives $1<m^{2} \leq n^{2}-m n-m^{2}$ which is a contradiction to $(n, m)$ being a solution. Therefore, for solutions with $m>1$ we have $m>n-m$. Hence we consider solutions with $1 \leq n-m<m<n$. Note that if $(n, m)$ is a solution then so is ( $m, n-m$ ) since

$$
m^{2}-m(n-m)-(n-m)^{2}=-\left(n^{2}-m n-m^{2}\right)= \pm 1
$$

Therefore, for any solution $(n, m)$ with $m>1$ we have a smaller solution $(m, n-$ $m)$. Since we are only interested in positive integer solutions, the process will terminate with solution $(2,1)$. Thus, the solution must be in the list obtained above (pairs of consecutive Fibonacci numbers).
The pair maximizing $m^{2}+n^{2}$ is $(1597,987)$.
Also solved by Brian Bradie, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA; Kee-Wai Lau, Hong Kong, China; Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland; and the proposer.

Problem 892. Proposed by Daniel Sitaru, "Theodor Costescu" National Economic College, Drobeta Turnu - Severin, Romania.
Find $\Omega=\int_{15 \cos (20 \arctan 3)}^{20 \sin (\arctan 3)} \frac{\sin ^{3} x+\sin ^{5} x}{1+\cos ^{2} x+\cos ^{4} x} d x$.

Solution by Marian Ursărescu "Roman-Voda" National College, Roman, Romania.

We have $\sin (\arctan x)=\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^{2}}}$ and $\cos (\arctan x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^{2}}}$ which gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
20 \sin (2 \arctan 3)=20 \cdot 2 \sin (\arctan 3) \cdot \cos (\arctan 3) & =40 \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\
& =12
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
15 \cos (2 \arctan 3)=15\left(\cos ^{2}(\arctan 3)-\sin ^{2}(\arctan 3)\right) & =15\left(\frac{1}{10}-\frac{9}{10}\right) \\
& =-12 .
\end{aligned}
$$

So the integral is $\Omega=\int_{-12}^{12} \frac{\sin ^{3} x+\sin ^{5} x}{1+\cos ^{2} x+\cos ^{4} x} d x$. But the function is odd and $\Omega=0$.
Also solved by Radu Diaconu, "Ioan Slavici" High School, Sibiu and Daniel Văcaru, "Maria Teiuleanu" National Economic College, Piteşsti, Romania; KeeWai Lau, Hong Kong, China; Angel Plaza, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain; Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland; and the proposer.

Problem 893. Proposed by Daniel Sitaru, "Theodor Costescu" National Economic College, Drobeta Turnu - Severin, Romania.
Solve for real numbers $x, y, z$ the equations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sin x+\sin y & =\sqrt{2+2 \sin z} \\
\sin y+\sin z & =\sqrt{2+2 \sin x} \\
\sin z+\sin x & =\sqrt{2+2 \sin y} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Solution by Daniel Vacaru, "Maria Teiuleanu" National Economic College, Piteşti, Romania.

We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (\sin x+\sin y)-(\sin y+\sin z)=\sqrt{2+2 \sin z}-\sqrt{2+2 \sin z} \\
& \Leftrightarrow \sin x-\sin z=\frac{(\sqrt{2+2 \sin z}-\sqrt{2+2 \sin x})}{(\sqrt{2+2 \sin z}+\sqrt{2+2 \sin x}}(\sqrt{2+2 \sin z}+\sqrt{2+2 \sin x}) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \sin x-\sin z=\frac{(\sqrt{2+2 \sin z})^{2}-(\sqrt{2+2 \sin x})^{2}}{(\sqrt{2+2 \sin z}+\sqrt{2+2 \sin x})} \\
& \Leftrightarrow \sin x-\sin z=\frac{\sin z-\sin x}{(\sqrt{2+2 \sin z}+\sqrt{2+2 \sin x})} .
\end{aligned}
$$

It follows that $\sin x=\sin y=\sin z$. We obtain the generic equation $2 \sin x=\sqrt{2+2 \sin x}$ with $\sin x \geq 0$. It follows that

$$
4 \sin ^{2} x=2+2 \sin x \Leftrightarrow 2 \sin ^{2} x-\sin x-1=0 .
$$

We get $\sin x=1$ or $\sin x=-\frac{1}{2}$.
Also solved by Kee-Wai Lau, Hong Kong, China; Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland; and the proposer.

Problem 894. Proposed by Albert Natian, Los Angeles Valley College, Valley Glen, CA.
(1) Prove that for any natural number $n$, the polynomial

$$
f_{n}(x)=[A(x)]^{n}-[B(x)]^{n}-[C(x)]^{n}+[D(x)]^{n}
$$

is divisible by $g(x)=2 x^{2}+x-1$, where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A(x)=2 x^{3}+10 x^{2}-11 x+4, \\
& B(x)=x^{2}-2 x+2, \\
& C(x)=-x^{3}+14 x^{2}-3 x+5, \\
& D(x)=7 x 3+8 x 2+4 .
\end{aligned}
$$

(2) Prove that for any natural number $n$, the quantity

$$
\alpha_{n}=(-292)^{n}-82^{n}-1437^{n}+(-3068)^{n}
$$

is divisible by 119 .
(3) Prove that for any natural number $n$, the quantity

$$
\beta_{n}=65^{n}-82^{n}-9^{n}+502^{n}
$$

is divisible by 119 .

Solution by Brian Bradie, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA.
(1) Note

$$
A(x)-B(x)=2 x^{3}+9 x^{2}-9 x+2=(2 x-1)\left(x^{2}+5 x-2\right)
$$

and

$$
D(x)-C(x)=8 x^{3}-6 x^{2}+3 x-1=(2 x-1)\left(4 x^{2}-x+1\right) .
$$

Therefore $A(x)-B(x)-C(x)+D(x)$ is divisible by $2 x-1$. For any natural number $n>1,[A(x)]^{n}-[B(x)]^{n}$ is divisible by $A(x)-B(x)$ and $-[C(x)]^{n}+[D(x)]^{n}$ is divisible by $D(x)-C(x)$ so

$$
f_{n}(x)=[A(x)]^{n}-[B(x)]^{n}-[C(x)]^{n}+[D(x)]^{n}
$$

is divisible by $2 x-1$ for any natural number $n$. Next

$$
A(x)-C(x)=3 x^{3}-4 x^{2}-8 x-1=(x+1)\left(3 x^{2}-7 x-1\right)
$$

and

$$
D(x)-B(x)=7 x^{3}+7 x^{2}+2 x+2=(x+1)\left(7 x^{2}+2\right) .
$$

Therefore $A(x)-B(x)-C(x)+D(x)$ is divisible by $x+1$. For any natural number $n>1,[A(x)]^{n}-[C(x)]^{n}$ is divisible by $A(x)-C(x)$ and $-[B(x)]^{n}+[D(x)]^{n}$ is divisible by $D(x)-B(x)$ so

$$
f_{n}(x)=[A x]^{n}-[B(x)]^{n}-[C(x)]^{n}+[D(x)]^{n}
$$

is divisible by $g(x)=(2 x-1)(x+1)$ for any natural number $n$.
(2) Substitute $x=-8$ into the result from part (1). Because $A(-8)=-292$, $B(-8)=82, C(-8)=1437, D(-8)=-3068$, and $g(-8)=119$, it follows that $\alpha_{n}=(-292)^{n}-82^{n}-1437^{n}+(-3068)^{n}$ is divisible by 119 for any $n$.
(3) Because $65=-292+3(119), 9=1437-12(119)$ and $502=-3068+30(119)$, it follows that $65^{n} \equiv(-292)^{n}(\bmod 119), 9^{n} \equiv 1437^{n}(\bmod 119)$, and $502^{n} \equiv(-3068)^{n}(\bmod$ 119). Therefore, $\beta_{n}=65^{n}-82^{n}-9^{n}+502^{n}$ is divisible by 119 for any $n$.

Also solved by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland; Hyunbin Yoo, South Korea; and the proposer.

Problem 895. Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania.
Calculate the following integral:

$$
\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} \ln x}{x^{4}+x^{2}+1} d x .
$$

Solution by the proposer.
Let us denote $I=\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} \ln x}{x^{4}+x^{2}+1} d x, A=\int_{0}^{1} \frac{\sqrt{x} \ln x}{x^{4}+x^{2}+1} d x$, and $B=\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} \ln x}{x^{4}+x^{2}+1} d x$. We consider
the integral $A$. We make the variable change $x^{2}=y ; x=\sqrt{y}$. We have successively:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & =\frac{1}{4} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{(1-y) y^{-1 / 4} \ln y}{1-y^{3}} d y \\
& =\frac{1}{4}\left(\int_{0}^{1} \frac{y^{-1 / 4} \ln y}{1-y^{3}} d y-\int_{0}^{1} \frac{y^{3 / 4} \ln y}{1-y^{3}} d y\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{4}\left(\int_{0}^{1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y^{3 n-1 / 4} \ln y d y-\int_{0}^{1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y^{3 n+3 / 4} \ln y d y\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(\int_{0}^{1} y^{3 n-1 / 4} \ln y d y-\int_{0}^{1} y^{3 n+3 / 4} \ln y d y\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

We will now use the following relationship: $\int_{0}^{1} x^{a} \ln x d x=-\frac{1}{(a+1)^{2}}$ where $a \geq 0$. We obtain:

$$
A=\frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left[\frac{1}{\left(3 n+\frac{7}{4}\right)^{2}}-\frac{1}{\left(3 n+\frac{3}{4}\right)^{2}}\right]=\frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left[\frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\left(n+\frac{7}{12}\right)^{2}}-\frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\left(n+\frac{3}{12}\right)^{2}}\right] .
$$

We now use the following relationship: $\Psi_{1}(x)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+n)^{2}}$ where $\Psi_{1}(x)$ is the trigamma function. We obtain the value of the integral $A$ :

$$
A=\frac{1}{36}\left[\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{7}{12}\right)-\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{3}{12}\right)\right] .
$$

We consider the integral $B$. We make the variable change $x=\frac{1}{y} ; y=\frac{1}{x}$. We obtain: $B=-\int_{0}^{1} \frac{y \sqrt{y} \ln y}{y^{4}+y^{2}+1} d y$. By proceeding similarly to the integral $A$, we obtain:

$$
B=\frac{1}{36}\left[\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right)-\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{9}{12}\right)\right] .
$$

Result:

$$
I=A+B=\frac{1}{36}\left[\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right)+\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{7}{12}\right)-\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)-\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right] .
$$

We use the reflection formula: $\Psi_{1}(x)+\Psi_{1}(1-x)=\frac{\pi^{2}}{\sin ^{2}(\pi x)}$ which gives $\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right)+$ $\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{7}{12}\right)=4 \pi^{2}(2-\sqrt{3})$. The following special values are known: $\Psi_{1}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)=\pi^{2}+$ $8 G ; \Psi_{1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)=\pi^{2}-8 G$ where $G$ is Catalan's constant. Finally:

$$
I=\frac{1}{18} \pi^{2}(3-2 \sqrt{3}) .
$$

Also solved by Henry Ricardo, Westchester Area Math Circle, New York; and Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland.

Problem 896. Proposed by D.M. Bătinetu-Giurgiu, "Matei Basarab" National College, Bucharest, Romania and Neculai Stanciu, "George Emil Palade" School, Buzău, Romania.
If $a, b, c, d, x_{i}, y_{i}>0$, for all $i=1, \ldots, m$ and $x_{m+i}=x_{i}$ with $m \geq 2$, prove that

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\left(a x_{i}+b x_{i+1}\right)^{2}}{c x_{i+2}+d y_{k}}\right) \geq \frac{(a+b)^{2} n^{2} X_{m}^{2}}{c n X_{m}+d m Y_{n}}
$$

where $X_{m}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_{i}$ and $Y_{n}=\sum_{k=1}^{n} y_{k}$.
Solution by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland.
By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\left(a x_{i}+b x_{i+1}\right)^{2}}{c x_{i+2}+d y_{k}} \sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(c x_{i+2}+d y_{k}\right) \geq\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(a x_{i}+b x_{i+1}\right)\right)^{2}
$$

hence

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\left(a x_{i}+b x_{i+1}\right)^{2}}{c x_{i+2}+d y_{k}} \geq \frac{(a+b)^{2} X_{m}^{2}}{c X_{m}+d m y_{k}} .
$$

The function $y \rightarrow \frac{u}{v+w y}$ with $u, v, w>0$ is convex in $\{y \mid y \geq 0\}$. So, by Jensen's inequality,

$$
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{(a+b)^{2} X_{m}^{2}}{c X_{m}+d m y_{k}} \geq \frac{(a+b)^{2} X_{m}^{2}}{c X_{m}+d m \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} y_{k}}=\frac{(a+b)^{2} n X_{m}^{2}}{c n X_{m}+d m Y_{n}}
$$

Hence,

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{n}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\left(a x_{i}+b x_{i+1}\right)^{2}}{c x_{i+2}+d y_{k}}\right) \geq \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{(a+b)^{2} X_{m}^{2}}{c X_{m}+d m y_{k}} \geq \frac{(a+b)^{2} n^{2} X_{m}^{2}}{c n X_{m}+d m Y_{n}} .
$$

Also solved by Henry Ricardo, Westchester Area Math Circle, New York; Daniel Vacaru, "Maria Teiuleanu" National Economic College, Piteşti, Romania; and the proposer.

Problem 897. Proposed by Toyesh Prakash Sharma (student), Agra College, Agra, India.
With $F_{n}$ and $L_{n}$ being the Fibonacci and Lucas numbers, show that when $n>0$

$$
\frac{F_{n}{ }^{F_{n}}+F_{n+1} F_{n+1}+L_{n}^{L_{n}}+L_{n+1}{ }^{L_{n+1}}}{4} \geq\left(\frac{F_{n+3}}{2}\right)^{\frac{F_{n+3}}{2}} .
$$

Solution by Angel Plaza, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain.
The inequality follows by Jensen's Inequality. Consider the function $f(x)=x^{x}$ defined for positive real numbers. Since $f(x)$ is convex, by Jensen's Inequality

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{F_{n}^{F_{n}}+F_{n+1} F_{n+1}+L_{n}^{L_{n}}+L_{n+1}^{L_{n+1}}}{4} & \geq\left(\frac{F_{n+2}+L_{n+2}}{4}\right)^{\frac{F_{n+2}+L_{n+2}}{4}} \\
& =\left(\frac{F_{n+3}}{2}\right)^{\frac{F_{n+3}}{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

because $F_{n}+F_{n+1}=F_{n+2}, L_{n}+L_{n+1}=L_{n+2}, F_{n+2}+L_{n+2}=2 F_{n+3}$.
Also solved by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland; and the proposer.
Problem 898. Proposed by Florică Anastase, "Alexandru Odobescu" High School, Lehliu-Gară, Călăraşi, Romania.
Let $\left(b_{n}\right)$ be defined by $b_{n}=\frac{(n+1)^{2}}{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}}-\frac{n^{2}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}$ (Bǎtineţu's sequence). Find

$$
L=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(1+\frac{b_{n}}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n^{n-2}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n^{k}}{k+1}\left(\frac{n}{k}\right)} .
$$

Solution by Henry Ricardo, Westchester Area Math Circle, New York.
Page 22 of the Spring 2014 issue of The Pentagon contains a proof that $b_{n} \rightarrow e$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Setting $f(x)=\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k} x^{k}=(1+x)^{n}$, it follows that $\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n^{k}}{k+1}\binom{n}{k}=$ $\frac{1}{n} \int_{0}^{n} f(x) d x=\frac{(1+n)^{n+1}-1}{n(n+1)}$. Then

$$
x_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{n-1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n^{k}}{k+1}\binom{n}{k}=\frac{(1+n)^{n+1}-1}{n^{n}(n+1)}=\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^{n}-\frac{1}{n^{n}(n+1)} \rightarrow e
$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Finally, using the known result that $z_{n} \rightarrow z$ implies $\left(1+\frac{z_{n}}{n}\right)^{n} \rightarrow e^{z}$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
L=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(1+\frac{b_{n}}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n^{n-2}} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{n^{k}}{k+1}}\binom{n}{k} & =\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left(1+\frac{b_{n}}{n}\right)^{n x_{n}} \\
& =\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left[\left(1+\frac{b_{n}}{n}\right)^{n}\right]^{x_{n}} \\
& =\left[e^{e}\right]^{e}=e^{e^{2}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Also solved by Angel Plaza, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain; Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland; Daniel Vacaru, "Maria Teiuleanu" National Economic College, Pitessti, Romania; and the proposer.

Problem 899. Proposed by Mihaly Bencze, Brasov, Romania and Neculai Stanciu, "George Emil Palade" School, Buzău, Romania.
Solve in the set of real numbers the following equation:

$$
8 x^{3}+17 x+\frac{4}{x}+\log _{2}^{2}\left(x+\frac{4}{x}\right)=x^{4}+20 x^{2}+4+2^{-x^{2}+4 x-2} .
$$

Solution by the proposers.
Rewritten the equation to solve is:

$$
\log _{2}^{2}\left(x+\frac{4}{x}\right)+x+\frac{4}{x}=\left(-x^{2}+4 x-2\right)^{2}+2^{-x^{2}+4 x-2} .
$$

Using the injectivity of the function $f(t)=2^{t}+t^{2}, t>0$, we obtain

$$
\log _{2}\left(x+\frac{4}{x}\right)=-x^{2}+4 x-2 .
$$

Since we have $x+\frac{4}{x} \geq 4$ and $-x^{2}+4 x-2 \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow(x-2)^{2} \geq 0$, we have only one solution, $x=2$.

Also solved by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland.
Problem 900. Proposed by Neculai Stanciu, "George Emil Palade" School, Buzău, Romania.
Prove that in any triangle $A B C$, the following inequality holds:

$$
\frac{2 r}{R}+\sum \frac{a^{2}}{b c} \geq 4
$$

Solution by Kee-Wai Lau, Hong Kong, China.
Let $s$ be the semiperimeter of the triangle. It is well known that $A B C=4 s R r$ and $\sum a^{3}=2 s\left(s^{2}-6 R r-3 r^{2}\right)$. It is also known that $R \geq 2 r$ (entry 5.1 on page 48 of [1]) and $s^{2} \geq 16 R r-5 r^{2}$ (entry 5.8 on page 50 of [1]). Hence

$$
\frac{2 r}{R}+\sum \frac{a^{2}}{b c}=\frac{s^{2}-6 R r+r^{2}}{2 R r}=\frac{\left(s^{2}-16 R r+5 r^{2}\right)+2 r(R-2 r)}{2 R r}+4 \geqslant 4 .
$$

Reference: [1] O.Bottema, R.R, Janić, D.S. Mitrinović, P.M. Vasić, Geometric Inequalities, Groningen, 1969.

Also solved by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland; Daniel Vacaru, "Maria Teiuleanu" National Economic College, Piteşti, Romania; and the proposer.

# Kappa Mu Epsilon News 

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KAPPA MU EPSILON<br>Installation Report<br>California Theta, William Jessup University<br>Rocklin, California

The installation of the California Theta Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon was held in the Commons on William Jessup University campus on Monday, October 17, 2022, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

KME National President Don Tosh was the installing officer. Faculty member Michelle Clark, already a member of KME, was the main driving force in establishing this chapter of KME and will serve as the chapter's Faculty Sponsor. She served as the conductor during the ceremony. Faculty member Bradley Wagner was initiated during the ceremony and will serve as the Corresponding Secretary. During the ceremony, new members were initiated and officers were installed. Don Tosh declared the organization to be the California Theta Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon and presented the chapter's charter and crest to the Corresponding Secretary.

The student charter members of California Theta are: Michael Beishline, HannahJeanne Bethards, Stephen Chau, Mikayla Erickson, Lizzie Salvato, Samuel Smith, and Rachel Weaver. Each initiate was invited to sign the California Theta Chapter Roll and was presented with a membership certificate and a KME pin.

The officers of California Theta installed during the ceremony are: Michelle Clark (Faculty Sponsor), Bradley Wagner (Corresponding Secretary), Lizzie Salvato (President), Stephen Chau (Vice-President), Mikayla Erickson (Secretary), and Samuel Smith (Treasurer). Each officer was charged with the responsibilities of
his/her new office, and each chose to accept those responsibilities.
Dr. John Jackson, William Jessup University President, concluded the ceremony with some closing remarks.

A time of congratulations and fellowship with refreshments was enjoyed by all following the installation ceremony.


California Theta
Back row: Bradley Wagner, Samuel Smith, Stephen Chau, Michael Beishline, Hannah-Jeanne Bethards, Don Tosh
Front row: Michelle Clark, Mikayla Erickson, Lizzie Salvato, Rachel Weaver

## Chapter News

## AL Gamma - University of Montevallo

Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor - Dr. George Lytle; 717 Total Members
The Alabama Gamma chapter will hold its annual initiation ceremony in the spring semester. We're still in the process of acquiring officers.

## AL Theta - Jacksonville State University (Spring 2022)

Chapter President - Hannah Davis; 324 Total Members; 21 New Members
Other Spring 2022 Officers: Bronte Ray, Vice President; Dakota Heathcock, Secretary; Evan Parton, Treasurer; Dr. David Dempsey, Corresponding Secretary; and Dr. Jason Cleveland, Faculty Sponsor.
The Alabama Theta chapter met at least monthly in person during Spring 2022 and replaced officers who graduated in December. At long last, we held an inperson initiation ceremony on April 8, 2022, for 21 new members. We had a great
road trip with 2 faculty and 3 students to the KME Southeastern Regional Convention on April 22-23.

## AL Theta - Jacksonville State University

Chapter President - Dakota Heathcock; 324 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Nicholas Covalsen, Vice President; Adam Parton, Secretary; Suneet Sharma, Treasurer; Dr. David Dempsey, Corresponding Secretary; and Dr. Jason Cleveland, Faculty Sponsor.
The Alabama Theta chapter met at least monthly in person during Fall 2022 and elected new officers. One highlight was an outing for bowling and mini-golf (studying the varied trajectories of both large and small spheres!). We look forward to a spring initiation ceremony and travel to the 2023 KME National Convention.

## CA Theta - William Jessup University

Chapter President - Elizabeth Salvato; 9 Total Members; 8 New Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Stephen Chau, Vice President; Mikayla Erickson, Secretary; Samuel Smith, Treasurer; Bradley Wagner, Corresponding Secretary; and Michelle Clark, Faculty Sponsor.
This past semester our chapter, California Theta, began its existence. In a ceremony on Oct 17, 2022, KME President Dr. Don Tosh came to Jessup to install the California Theta chapter, with 7 charter student members - Michael Beishline, Hannah-Jeanne Bethards, Stephen Chau, Mikayla Erickson, Lizzie Salvato, Samuel Smith, and Rachel Weaver. The chapter was sponsored by Faculty Member Michelle Clark, who herself was a Kappa Mu Epsilon student member as an undergraduate. Dr. Tosh also installed faculty member Bradley Wagner as the Corresponding Secretary.

On Nov 17, 2022, we held a game night open to the University community, as our first event. The event was well-attended, with over 15 attendees participating in math-themed games, ice-breakers and snacks. The game night was a great opportunity for us to promote the interest of mathematics among undergraduate students and to connect with fellow math enthusiasts.

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Don Tosh, faculty members Michelle Clark and Bradley Wagner, and all the members who supported us during the semester. We are excited for all the opportunities and challenges that the next semester brings and looking forward to a productive year.

## CT Beta - Eastern Connecticut State University

Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor - Dr. Mehdi Khorami; 547 Total Members

## CT Gamma - Central Connecticut State University

Corresponding Secretary - Gurbakhshash Singh; 78 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officer: Nelson Castaneda, Faculty Sponsor.

## GA Zeta - Georgia Gwinnett College

Chapter President - Hope Doherty; 66 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Gabriel Amat, Vice President; William Watts, Secretary; Matt Elenteny, Treasurer; Dr. Jamye Curry Savage, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor; and Dr. Livy Uko, Faculty Sponsor.
The members of the GA Zeta Chapter have been working on new ideas/events to incorporate social events, such as math-related games/activities and study sessions with chapter meetings.

## GA Theta - College of Coastal Georgia

Chapter President - Marianela Landi; 18 Total Members; 6 New Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Monique Deschenes, Vice President; Darius Hammond, Secretary; Kaelyn Tyler, Treasurer; Aaron Yeager, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
In the Fall 2022 semester we initiated six new members into the Georgia Theta Chapter of KME. Three of the members in the chapter, Garrett Moseley, Darius Hammond, and Madison Ellis, graduated from CCGA in the Fall. Garrett received a Bachelors in Mathematics and is starting graduate school in the spring. Darius and Madison were the first CCGA students to graduate with a Bachelors in Data Science. Darius is starting graduate school in the spring and Madison is starting a job in industry. We held three meetings over the fall semester.

## IA Alpha - University of Northern Iowa

Chapter President - Jacob Metzen; 1117 Total Members; 5 New Members Other Fall 2022 Officers: Grace Croat, Vice President; Emily Moore, Secretary; Lydia Butters, Treasurer; and Dr. Mark D. Ecker, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
Eleven student members of KME and three faculty met face-to-face on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 in Wright Hall for the John Cross Fall KME Banquet. Student member Jacob Metzen presented his senior seminar project entitled "2022 Fantasy Football Quarterback Prices" and five new student members were initiated at the banquet.

## IA Gamma - Morningside University

Chapter President - Taylor Pierce; 442 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Taylor Pierce, Vice President; Isaiah Hinners, Secretary and Treasurer; and Dr. Eric Canning, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
There were no new initiates in Fall 2022, as we are having an initiation ceremony this Spring. Our KME math club met 7 different evenings during the Fall semester. At these meetings, 3 times there was a guest speaker, we watched the movie October Sky, had a craft night, and a couple of game and pizza nights.

## IL Zeta - Dominican University

Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor - Mihaela Blanariu; 458 Total Members
We have not initiated any new members in Fall 2022.

## IN Beta - Butler University

Chapter President - Kelly Ryan; 444 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Nicole Dickson, Vice President; Aaron Marshall, Secretary; Rasitha Jayasekare, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
Our main fall activity included election of new officers to the chapter. We are hoping to add more activities in the upcoming year.

## KS Beta - Emporia State University

Chapter President - Joey Feuerborn; 1539 Total Members; 7 New Members Other Fall 2022 Officers: Jeanna Hill, Vice President; Austin Crabtree, Secretary; Kaley Dembowski, Treasurer; Tom Mahoney, Corresponding Secretary; and Brian Hollenbeck, Faculty Sponsor.
The Kansas Beta chapter enjoyed a very social semester. After the February meeting, we had a bowling night. In March, we initiated seven new members at a Pizza Ranch. In April, students hosted an "art night" of acrylic painting. And in May, we gathered for a Color Run.

## KS Delta - Washburn University

Chapter President - Ajar Basnet; 834 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Sanskar Neupane, Vice President; Graci Postma, Secretary; Sarah Johnson, Treasurer; and Sarah Cook, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.

## MD Delta - Frostburg State University

Chapter President - Adam Sullivan; 543 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Kaitlyn Henderson-Adams, Vice President; Faith James Sergent, Secretary; Mark Hughes, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor; and Frank Barnet, Faculty Sponsor.
We had three meetings during the semester where we enjoyed puzzles, math videos, and pizza. We also represented the Mathematics Department at our university's annual Majors Fair.

## MI Beta - Central Michigan University

Chapter President - Kelsey Knoblock; 1761 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Maleia Thompson, Vice President; Jenna Wazny, Secretary; Jeremy Proksch, Treasurer; and Dmitry Zakharov, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
We had a Bingo and a Jeopardy night. These games have members solving problems from many different math classes to win prizes. We also did a math scav-
enger hunt, which had us working in teams to solve harder problems quickly. One of the favorites for last semester was Dr. Gilsdorf's talk on cultural mathematics.

## MO Beta - University of Central Missouri

Chapter President - Haleigh Clark; 1553 Total Members; 4 New Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Page Van Barclum, Vice President; Luke Elliott, Secretary and Treasurer; Steven Shattuck, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor; and Blaise Heider, Faculty Sponsor.
Missouri Beta had monthly meetings for Fall 2022. At our first meeting, students with REUs and internships shared their experiences and discussed how students could apply for these opportunities. At our second meeting, students played math games. At our third meeting, we had our initiation. At our fourth meeting, we had a pizza party, discussed the national convention and played math games.

## MO Theta - Evangel University

Chapter President - Peter Russell; 298 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Jack Lin, Vice President; and Dianne Twigger, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
Missouri Theta held regular, in person meetings for the fall 2022 term. Two KME students, Peter Russell and Hayden Pyle, were invited to present their research at a joint KME meeting with Missouri Alpha at Missouri State University in November. Student engagement appears to be back to pre-Covid levels. Faculty and students are planning on attending the national conference this spring.

## MO Iota - Missouri Southern State University (Spring and Fall 2022)

Chapter President - Ashley Stokes; 439 Total Members; 5 New Members
Other Spring 2022 and Fall 2022 Officer: Dr. Amila Appuhamy, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
We held our initiation ceremony on April 12, 2022, followed by a dinner. A total of five new members were initiated and the total number of participants in the event was twenty.

MO Kappa - Drury University
Chapter President - Julian Fisher; 330 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Levi Graham, Vice President; Kelsi Gelle, Secretary and Corresponding Secretary; Brooke Weider, Treasurer; and Colin T. Baker, Faculty Sponsor.
We have begun a weekly meeting to discuss any and all questions that arise from our daily lives and how to apply math(s) to them.

## MS Alpha - Mississippi University for Women

Chapter President - Autumn Bigham; 839 Total Members; 2 New Members Other Fall 2022 Officers: Annie Sparks, Vice President; Dr. Joshua Hanes, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. Joshua Hanes, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty

Sponsor.
In the Fall semester we initiated two new members, Autumn Bigham and Annie Sparks.

## NC Zeta - Catawba College

Chapter President - Olek Malul; 92 Total Members; 4 New Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Jaxon Wheeler, Vice President; Leon Heiermann, Treasurer; and Dr. Katherine Baker, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.

## NE Beta - University of Nebraska Kearney

Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor - Dr. Katherine Kime; 937 Total Members
We are planning to send out notices for an initiation this spring. KME student member Brooke Carlson is here, finishing her majors in Math and Physics, and is applying to graduate schools in mechanical engineering. She is a player on the women's basketball team and has had an extra year due to the pandemic. Brooke has been a great student and athlete. Dr. Kaye Sorensen, who was an undergraduate at UNK (1980s or earlier) and is a member of KME from that time, has been a senior lecturer in our department and is retiring this spring. In the last few years she has pioneered the position of College of Arts and Sciences Math Specialist, which focusses on students who are retaking General Studies courses. She will be missed by the department.

## OK Alpha - Northeastern State University

Chapter President - Cade Clickenbeard; 1875 Total Members; 3 New Members Other Fall 2022 Officers: Parker Childers, Vice President; Mark Buckles, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Faculty Sponsor.
We had an initiation ceremony November 16, 2022 at both our Tahlequah campus and Broken Arrow campus.

## PA Theta - Susquehanna University

Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor - Alathea Jensen; 615 Total Members

## PA Iota - Shippensburg University

Chapter President - Luis Melara; 765 Total Members; 4 New Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Grant Innerst, Vice President; Dr. Paul Taylor, Corresponding Secretary, and Dr. Ji Young Choi, Faculty Sponsor.
Our activity roster of members was wiped out by student apathy during the ovid19 pandemic. We're trying to rebuild now.

## PA Mu - Saint Francis University

Chapter President - Michael Gallagher; 510 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Morgan Kiesewelter, Vice President; Regina Edgington,

Secretary; Jared Ohler, Treasurer; Brendon LaBuz, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
On Wednesday October 26 the Pennsylvania My chapter welcomed KME National Historian Dr. Mark Hughes for a presentation. Dr. Hughes presented on some historical applications of Cavalieri's Principle. In the seventeenth century, Bonaventura Cavalieri developed a way to compute areas and volumes that is reminiscent of modern integral techniques. What makes it so impressive is that he developed these techniques decades before Newton and Leibniz published their treatment of calculus. Dr. Hughes explained how Cavalieri's principle can be used to compute the area under the cycloid and the volume of Gabriel's horn, two geometric figures that are interesting historically and also of interest in modern mathematics.

## PA Pi - Slippery Rock University

Chapter President - Spencer Kahley; 145 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Boris Brimkov, Corresponding Secretary; and Amanda Goodrick, Faculty Sponsor.
We did not have any activities in Fall 2022 but we will be sending out invitations in the next couple months to start planning the next initiation ceremony.

## PA Rho - Thiel College

Chapter President - Hunter Gray; 145 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Devin Bossard, Vice President; Cassy Brown, Secretary; Brandon Forrest, Treasurer; Dr. Russell Richins, Corresponding Secretary; and Dr. Jie Wu, Faculty Sponsor.
This fall we had several chapter meetings and our usual Challenge 24 competition as a fundraiser for the local food bank. Over 40 students participated.

## PA Sigma - Lycoming College

Chapter President - Jordan Kinley; 156 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Haley Seebold, Vice President; Laurel Stoppard, Secretary; Derek Lewis, Treasurer; Dr. Andrew Brandon, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.

## RI Beta - Bryant University

Corresponding Secretary - Prof. John Quinn; 200 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officer: Prof. Gao Niu, Faculty Sponsor.
We have our KME initiation ceremony every spring semester and we are planning to do the same for spring 2023. We are also planning to have two students attend the KME 44th Biennial Convention to present a paper on building a recommendation system for songs for Spotify using K-Nearest Neighbors clustering method.

TX Lambda - Trinity University
Corresponding Secretary - Dr. Hoa Nguyen; 315 Total Members; 8 New Members

VA Beta - Radford University (Spring 2022)
Chapter President - Lauren Craddock; 594 Total Members; 6 New Members
Other Spring 2022 Officers: Abby Ramos Cortez, Vice President; Charlene Galvez, Secretary; Adam Downs, Treasurer; Eric P. Choate, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.

## WV Alpha - Bethany College

Chapter President - Cullen J. Wise; 198 Total Members
Other Fall 2022 Officers: Lauren E. Starr, Vice President; Patrick M. Gleason, Secretary; Ian A. Nelson Treasurer; and Dr. Adam C. Fletcher, Corresponding Secretary and Faculty Sponsor.
West Virginia Alpha, like many other chapters across the country, continues to adjust to push for a return to in-person conferences and professional gatherings. West Virginia Alpha chapter and our local Mathematics and Computer Science Club continue to attend meetings virtually and host small chess and gaming tournaments on campus. They are busily planning the in-person return of the annual Math/Science Day Competition for local high school students. The chapter eagerly awaits the next in-person KME meetings in the spring.

# Active Chapters of Kappa Mu Epsilon 

Listed by date of installation

## Chapter

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MS Alpha
NE Alpha
KE Alpha
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MD Alpha
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PA Delta
PA Epsilon
AL Epsilon
PA Zeta
TN Gamma
IA Gamma
MD Beta
IL Zeta
SC Beta
PA Eta
PA Eta
NY Eta
MA Alph
MO Eta
L Eta
OH Zeta
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PA Iota
MS Delta
MO Theta
PA Kappa
CO Beta
KY Alpha
TN Delta
NY Iota
SC Gamma
IA Delta
PA Lambda
OK Gamma

Location

Northeastern State University, Tahlequah
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls
Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg
Missouri State University, Springfield
Mississippi University for Women, Columbus
Wayne State College, Wayne
Emporia State University, Emporia
Athens State University, Athens
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston
University of North Alabama, Florence
University of Montevallo, Montevallo
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green Albion College, Albion
University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg
Texas Tech University, Lubbock
Benedictine College, Atchison
Drake University, Des Moines
Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville
Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant
Montclair State University, Upper Montclair
University of St. Francis, Joliet
Washburn University, Topeka
William Jewell College, Liberty
Texas Woman's University, Denton
Mount Mary College, Milwaukee
Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea
Central Methodist College, Fayette
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
Manchester College, North Manchester
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Butler University, Indianapolis
Fort Hays State University, Hays
LaSalle University, Philadelphia
Virginia State University, Petersburg Anderson University, Anderson
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East Tennessee State University, Johnson City
Waynesburg College, Waynesburg
Raynesburg University, Radford
University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney
University of Evansville, Evansville Marietta College, Marietta
University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla Chadron State College, Chadron
College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Marywood University, Scranton
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown
Huntingdon College, Montgomery
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana Union University, Jackson
Morningside College, Sioux City
McDaniel College, Westminster
South Carolina State College, Orangeburg
Grove City College, Grove City
Niagara University, Niagara University Assumption College, Worcester
Truman State University, Kirksville
Western Illinois University, Macomb
Muskingum College, New Concord
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg
William Carey College, Hattiesburg
Evangel University, Springfield
Holy Family College, Philadelphia
Colorado School of Mines, Golden
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond
Wagner College, Staten Island
Winthrop University, Rock Hill
Wartburg College, Waverly
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford

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| Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene | 3 May 1975 |
| Missouri Southern State University, Joplin | 8 May 1975 |
| State University of West Georgia, Carrollton | 21 May 1975 |
| Bethany College, Bethany | 21 May 1975 |
| Florida Southern College, Lakeland | 31 Oct 1976 |
| University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire | 4 Feb 1978 |
| Frostburg State University, Frostburg | 17 Sep 1978 |
| Benedictine University, Lisle | 18 May 1979 |
| St. Francis University, Loretto | 14 Sep 1979 |
| Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham | 18 Feb 1981 |
| Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic | 2 May 1981 |
| C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Brookville | 2 May 1983 |
| Drury University, Springfield | 30 Nov 1984 |
| Fort Lewis College, Durango | 29 Mar 1985 |
| Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln | 18 Apr 1986 |
| McMurry University, Abilene | 25 Apr 1987 |
| Ursinus College, Collegeville | 28 Apr 1987 |
| Liberty University, Lynchburg | 30 Apr 1987 |
| St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill | 14 May 1987 |
| Ohio Northern University, Ada | 15 Dec 1987 |
| Oral Roberts University, Tulsa | 10 Apr 1990 |
| Mesa State College, Grand Junction | 27 Apr 1990 |
| Cedar Crest College, Allentown | 30 Oct 1990 |
| Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph | 10 Feb 1991 |
| University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton | 21 Feb 1991 |
| Erskine College, Due West | 28 Apr 1991 |
| Hartwick College, Oneonta | 14 May 1992 |
| Keene State College, Keene | 16 Feb 1993 |
| Northwestern State University, Natchitoches | 24 Mar 1993 |
| Cumberland College, Williamsburg | 3 May 1993 |
| Delta State University, Cleveland | 19 Nov 1994 |
| University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown | 10 Apr 1997 |
| Hillsdale College, Hillsdale | 30 Apr 1997 |
| Kettering University, Flint | 28 Mar 1998 |
| Harris-Stowe College, St. Louis | 25 Apr 1998 |
| Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville | 25 Apr 1998 |
| University of West Alabama, Livingston | 4 May 1998 |
| Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock | 19 Apr 1999 |
| Trinity University, San Antonio | 22 Nov 1999 |
| Piedmont College, Demorest | 7 Apr 2000 |
| University of Louisiana, Monroe | 11 Feb 2001 |
| Berry College, Mount Berry | 21 Apr 2001 |
| Schreiner University, Kerrville | 28 Apr 2001 |
| California Baptist University, Riverside | 21 Apr 2003 |
| Thiel College, Greenville | 13 Feb 2004 |
| Marymount University, Arlington | 26 Mar 2004 |
| St. Joseph's College, Patchogue | 1 May 2004 |
| Lewis University, Romeoville | 26 Feb 2005 |
| Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling | 11 Mar 2005 |
| Francis Marion University, Florence | 18 Mar 2005 |
| Lycoming College, Williamsport | 1 Apr 2005 |
| Columbia College, Columbia | 29 Apr 2005 |
| Stevenson University, Stevenson | 3 Dec 2005 |
| Centenary College, Hackettstown | 1 Dec 2006 |
| Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh | 20 Mar 2007 |
| Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City | 20 Apr 2007 |
| Hawaii Pacific University, Waipahu | 22 Oct 2007 |
| North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount | 24 Mar 2008 |
| Molloy College, Rockville Center | 21 Apr 2009 |
| Catawba College, Salisbury | 17 Sep 2009 |
| Roger Williams University, Bristol | 13 Nov 2009 |
| New Jersey City University, Jersey City | 22 Feb 2010 |
| Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte | 18 Mar 2010 |
| Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville | 29 Mar 2010 |
| Wesleyan College, Macon | 30 Mar 2010 |
| Southeastern University, Lakeland | 31 Mar 2010 |
| Stonehill College, Easton | 8 Apr 2011 |
| Henderson State University, Arkadelphia | 10 Oct 2011 |
| DeSales University, Center Valley | 29 Apr 2012 |
| Lee University, Cleveland | 5 Nov 2012 |
| Bryant University, Smithfield | 3 Apr 2013 |
| Black Hills State University, Spearfish | 20 Sept 2013 |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach | 22 Apr 2014 |
| Central College, Pella | 30 Apr 2014 |
| Fresno Pacific University, Fresno | 24 Mar 2015 |
| Capital University, Bexley | 24 Apr 2015 |
| Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville | 28 Apr 2015 |
| William Woods University, Fulton | 17 Feb 2016 |
| Aurora University, Aurora | 3 May 2016 |
| Atlanta Metropolitan University, Atlanta | 1 Jan 2017 |
| Central Connecticut University, New Britan | 24 Mar 2017 |
| Sterling College, Sterling | 30 Nov 2017 |
| College of Mount Saint Vincent, The Bronx | 4 Apr 2018 |
| Seton Hill University, Greensburg | 5 May 2018 |


| KY Gamma | Bellarmine University, Louisville | 23 Apr 2019 |
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| MO Omicron | Rockhurst University, Kansas City | 13 Nov 2020 |
| AK Gamma | Harding University, Searcy | 27 Apr 2021 |
| GA Theta | College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick | 22 Oct 2021 |
| CA Theta | William Jessup University, Rocklin | 17 Oct 2022 |


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