

1. Let  $ABCD$  be a unit square. A semicircle with diameter  $AB$  is drawn so that it lies outside of the square. If  $E$  is the midpoint of arc  $AB$  of the semicircle, what is the area of triangle  $CDE$ ?

**Answer:**  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Solution:** To compute the area of  $\triangle CDE$ , we can multiply the base of the triangle by the height of the triangle and divide by 2. Letting  $CD$  be the base, it remains to compute the perpendicular distance from  $E$  to  $CD$ . Note that the radius of the semicircle is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , so the perpendicular distance from  $E$  to  $CD$  must be  $\frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}$ . Finally,  $CD = 1$ , so the area of

$$\triangle CDE \text{ is } \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}}.$$

2. A cat and mouse live on a house mapped out by the points  $(-1, 0)$ ,  $(-1, 2)$ ,  $(0, 3)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ . The cat starts at the top of the house (point  $(0, 3)$ ) and the mouse starts at the origin  $(0, 0)$ . Both start running clockwise around the house at the same time. If the cat runs at 12 units a minute and the mouse at 9 units a minute, how many laps around the house will the cat run before it catches the mouse?

**Answer:** 2

**Solution:** We note that the cat and mouse start off  $3 + \sqrt{2}$  units apart and the pace the cat catches up to the mouse is  $12 - 9 = 3$  units a minute. Therefore, the cat will catch the mouse in  $\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3}$  minutes. Then the cat will run  $\frac{3+\sqrt{2}}{3} \times 12 = 4(3 + \sqrt{2})$  units. The perimeter of the house is  $2(3 + \sqrt{2})$  units, so the cat runs  $\frac{4(3+\sqrt{2})}{2(3+\sqrt{2})} = \boxed{2}$  laps.

3. In triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB = 10$ , let  $D$  be a point on side  $BC$  such that  $AD$  bisects  $\angle BAC$ . If  $\frac{CD}{BD} = 2$  and the area of  $ABC$  is 50, compute the value of  $\angle BAD$  in degrees.

**Answer:**  $15^\circ$

**Solution:** Since  $AD$  bisects  $\angle BAC$ , we have by the Angle-Bisector Theorem that  $\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{AC}{CD} \implies AC = \frac{CD}{BD} \cdot AB = 20$ . Let  $E$  be the point on  $AC$  such that  $BE \perp AC$ . Since the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is 50, we have  $\frac{AC \cdot BE}{2} = 50 \implies BE = 5$ . But  $\triangle ABE$  is a right triangle and  $AB = 2BE$ , so  $\triangle ABE$  must be a 30-60-90 triangle. It follows that  $\angle BAC = 30^\circ$  so  $\angle BAD = \boxed{15^\circ}$ .

4. Let  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  be two circles intersecting at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . The tangent line closer to  $Q$  touches  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  at  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. If  $PQ = 3$ ,  $QN = 2$ , and  $MN = PN$ , what is  $QM^2$ ?

**Answer:** 6

**Solution:** Since  $MN$  is tangent to  $\omega_1$  at  $M$ ,  $\angle NMQ = \angle MPQ$ . Since  $MN = PN$ ,  $\triangle MNP$  is isosceles so  $\angle MPN = \angle PMN$ . It follows that  $\angle NPQ = \angle PMQ$ . But  $MN$  is tangent to  $\omega_2$  at  $N$ , so  $\angle NPQ = \angle MNQ$ . Hence,  $\angle MNQ = \angle PMQ$ . Combining this with the fact that  $\angle NMQ = \angle MPQ$ , we see that  $\triangle PMQ \sim \triangle MNQ$ . Then  $\frac{PQ}{QM} = \frac{QM}{QN}$ , so  $QM^2 = PQ \cdot QN = 3 \cdot 2 = \boxed{6}$ .

5. The bases of a right hexagonal prism are regular hexagons of side length  $s > 0$ , and the prism has height  $h$ . The prism contains some water, and when it is placed on a flat surface with a hexagonal face on the bottom, the water has depth  $\frac{s\sqrt{3}}{4}$ . The water depth doesn't change when the prism is turned so that a rectangular face is on the bottom. Compute  $\frac{h}{s}$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{6\sqrt{3}}{5}$

**Solution:** When a hexagonal face is on the bottom, the volume of the water may be written as depth  $(\frac{s\sqrt{3}}{4})$  times the area of the hexagonal base  $(\frac{3s^2\sqrt{3}}{2})$ , so the volume is  $\frac{9s^3}{8}$ . When

a rectangular face is on the bottom, the volume of the water may be written as the cross-sectional area times the length  $h$ . The cross-section is an isosceles trapezoid with height  $\frac{s\sqrt{3}}{4}$ , one base of length  $s$ , and angles  $120^\circ$  adjacent to this base. The area of this trapezoid is  $\frac{5s^2\sqrt{3}}{16}$ . This can be seen by several ways. One way is to extend the trapezoid's sides past the base of length  $s$  to form an equilateral triangle, after which we may use similar triangles. Alternatively, we may notice that we can cut the cross-section into five equilateral triangles of side length  $\frac{s}{2}$ .

Finally, these two expressions for the volume of the water yield the equation  $\frac{5s^2h\sqrt{3}}{16} = \frac{9s^3}{8}$ ,

which can be rearranged to  $\frac{h}{s} = \boxed{\frac{6\sqrt{3}}{5}}$ .

6. Let the altitude of  $\triangle ABC$  from  $A$  intersect the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  at  $D$ . Let  $E$  be a point on line  $AD$  such that  $E \neq A$  and  $AD = DE$ . If  $AB = 13$ ,  $BC = 14$ , and  $AC = 15$ , what is the area of quadrilateral  $BDCE$ ?

**Answer:**  $\frac{441}{4}$

**Solution:** Let  $AD$  intersect  $BC$  at  $X$ . From the Pythagorean Theorem, we have that  $13^2 - BX^2 = 15^2 - (14 - BX)^2$ , so solving for  $BX$  yields  $BX = 5$ . This implies that  $CX = 14 - BX = 9$  and  $AX = 12$ . Next, note that since  $ABDC$  is cyclic,  $\angle BAX = \angle DCX$  and  $\angle ABX = \angle CDX$  so  $\triangle ABX \sim \triangle CDX$ . Then  $\frac{CD}{13} = \frac{9}{12} \implies CD = \frac{39}{4}$ . Also,  $\frac{DX}{12} = \frac{9}{12} \implies DX = \frac{15}{4}$ . By similar reasoning,  $\triangle BDX \sim \triangle ACX$  so  $\frac{BD}{15} = \frac{5}{12} \implies BD = \frac{25}{4}$ .

We also have that  $\sin \angle BDE = \sin \angle BDX = \sin \angle ACX = \frac{12}{15} = \frac{4}{5}$  and  $\sin \angle CDE = \sin \angle CDX = \sin \angle ABX = \frac{12}{13}$ . Finally, from  $AD = DE$  we have that  $DE = AX + DX = 12 + \frac{15}{4} = \frac{63}{4}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} [BDCE] &= [BDE] + [CDE] \\ &= \frac{BD \cdot DE \sin \angle BDE}{2} + \frac{CD \cdot DE \cdot \sin \angle CDE}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{63}{4} \left( \frac{25}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5} + \frac{39}{4} \cdot \frac{12}{13} \right) \\ &= \frac{63}{8} \cdot (5 + 9) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{441}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

7. Let  $G$  be the centroid of triangle  $ABC$  with  $AB = 9$ ,  $BC = 10$ , and  $AC = 17$ . Denote  $D$  as the midpoint of  $BC$ . A line through  $G$  parallel to  $BC$  intersects  $AB$  at  $M$  and  $AC$  at  $N$ . If  $BG$  intersects  $CM$  at  $E$  and  $CG$  intersects  $BN$  at  $F$ , compute the area of triangle  $DEF$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{9}{4}$

**Solution:** The centroid  $G$  cuts median  $AD$  such that  $AG : GD = 2 : 1$ . Since  $GM \parallel BC$ ,  $\triangle AGM \sim \triangle ADB$ . It follows that  $GM : BD = 2 : 3$ , and since  $BC = 2BD$ ,  $GM : BC = 1 : 3$ . Furthermore,  $GM \parallel BC$  implies  $\triangle GEM \sim \triangle BEC$ , so  $GE : BE = GM : BC = 1 : 3$ .

Extend median  $BG$  so that it intersects  $AC$  at  $X$ . We know that  $BG : GX = 2 : 1$ , so if we let  $GE = x$ , we get  $BE = 3x$ ,  $BG = BE + GE = 4x$ , and  $GX = 2x$ . It follows that  $BE = EX = 3x$ , so  $E$  is the midpoint of  $BX$ . But  $D$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , so  $DE \parallel CX$ . Thus,  $\triangle BDE \sim \triangle BCX$ , so  $DE : CX = 1 : 2$ , meaning that  $DE : AC = 1 : 4$ .

By similar reasoning, we find that  $GF : CF = 1 : 3$  and  $DF : AB = 1 : 4$ . Combining the first ratio with  $GE : BE = 1 : 3$  shows that  $EF \parallel BC$ , so  $\triangle GEF \sim \triangle GBC$ . Hence,

$EF : BC = 1 : 4$ . It follows that  $\triangle DFE \sim \triangle ABC$  as the ratio of the corresponding sides is  $1 : 4$ .

Using Heron's Formula, the area of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $\sqrt{18(18-17)(18-10)(18-9)} = 36$ , so the area of  $\triangle DEF$  is  $\frac{36}{16} = \boxed{\frac{9}{4}}$ .

8. In the coordinate plane, a point  $A$  is chosen on the line  $y = \frac{3}{2}x$  in the first quadrant. Two perpendicular lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  intersect at  $A$  where  $l_1$  has slope  $m > 1$ . Let  $l_1$  intersect the  $x$ -axis at  $B$ , and  $l_2$  intersects the  $x$  and  $y$  axes at  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively. Suppose that line  $BD$  has slope  $-m$  and  $BD = 2$ . Compute the length of  $CD$ .

**Answer:**  $3 + \sqrt{13}$

**Solution:** Let  $A'$  be the reflection of  $A$  across the  $x$ -axis. Since  $l_1$  has slope  $m$  and line  $BD$  has slope  $-m$ , line  $BD$  is the image of  $l_1$  when reflected across the  $x$ -axis. It follows that  $A'$  lies on line  $BD$ . Moreover, since  $l_2$  has slope  $-\frac{1}{m}$ , line  $A'C$  has slope  $\frac{1}{m}$ . Therefore, line  $A'C$  is perpendicular to line  $BD$ .

Let  $\angle A'DC = \theta$ . We have  $CD = \frac{A'D}{\cos \theta} = \frac{A'B+BD}{\cos \theta} = \frac{AB+2}{\cos \theta}$ . From right triangle  $BAD$ , we have  $AB = BD \sin \theta = 2 \sin \theta$ , so  $CD = \frac{2(1+\sin \theta)}{\cos \theta}$ .

Let  $O$  denote the origin. We have  $\angle BOD = 90^\circ = \angle BAD$ , so  $ABOD$  is cyclic. It follows that  $\angle AOB = \angle ADB = \theta$ . But line  $OA$  is defined by the equation  $y = \frac{3}{2}x$ , so  $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}$

and  $\cos \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}$ . Finally,  $CD = \frac{2\left(1+\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}\right)}{\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}} = \boxed{3 + \sqrt{13}}$ .

9. Let  $ABCD$  be a quadrilateral with  $\angle ABC = \angle CDA = 45^\circ$ ,  $AB = 7$ , and  $BD = 25$ . If  $AC$  is perpendicular to  $CD$ , compute the length of  $BC$ .

**Answer:**  $12\sqrt{2}$

**Solution:** Let  $\Gamma$  be the circumcircle of  $\triangle ABC$  and let line  $CD$  intersect  $\Gamma$  at  $E$ . Note that  $ABEC$  is cyclic and  $\angle ACE = 90^\circ$  so  $\angle ABE = 90^\circ$ . It follows that  $\angle AEC = \angle ABC = 45^\circ$  so  $\triangle ADE$  is a 45-45-90 triangle with  $AD = AE$ .

Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of  $\triangle ACD$  and let line  $AB$  intersect  $\omega$  at  $F$ . Note that  $ACDF$  is cyclic and  $\angle ACD = 90^\circ$  so  $\angle AFD = 90^\circ$ . It follows that  $\angle AFC = \angle ADC = 45^\circ$  so  $\triangle BCF$  is a 45-45-90 triangle with  $BC = CF$ .

Observe that  $\angle BEA = 90^\circ - \angle BAE = \angle FAD$ . But  $AE = DA$  and  $\angle AFD = 90^\circ = \angle EBA$ , so  $\triangle AEB \cong \triangle DAF$ . It follows that  $DF = AB = 7$ . Then by the Pythagorean Theorem on right triangle  $BDF$ , we have that  $BF = 24$ . Finally, using the 45-45-90 triangle  $BCF$ , we find that  $BC = \boxed{12\sqrt{2}}$ .

10. Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle with  $BC = 48$ . Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $BC$ , and let  $D$  and  $E$  be the feet of the altitudes drawn from  $B$  and  $C$  to  $AC$  and  $AB$  respectively. Let  $P$  be the intersection between the line through  $A$  parallel to  $BC$  and line  $DE$ . If  $AP = 10$ , compute the length of  $PM$ .

**Answer:**  $26$

**Solution:** Let  $H$  be the intersection of  $BD$  and  $CE$ , or in other words, the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . First, we show that  $ADHE$  is cyclic. Note that  $\angle HBC = 90^\circ - \angle ACB$  and  $\angle HCB = 90^\circ - \angle ABC$ , so

$$\angle DHE = \angle BHC = 180 - \angle HBC - \angle HCB = \angle ACB + \angle ABC$$

It follows that  $\angle DHE + \angle BAC = 180^\circ$ , as desired.

Furthermore, we have that  $\angle ADH = 90^\circ$ , so  $AH$  is the diameter of the circumcircle of  $ADHE$ . But  $AP \parallel BC$  and  $AH \perp BC$ , so  $\angle PAH = 90^\circ$ . It follows that  $PA$  is tangent to the circumcircle of  $ADHE$ . Then by Power of a Point,  $PA^2 = (PD)(PE)$ .

Next, we have that  $\angle BDC = 90^\circ = \angle BEC$ , so  $BCDE$  is cyclic. Since  $M$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ , the circumcenter of the  $BCDE$  is  $M$ . Then if  $r$  is the radius of that circumcircle of  $BCDE$ , by Power of a Point,  $(PD)(PE) = (PM - r)(PM + r) = PM^2 - r^2$ . Since  $r = \frac{BC}{2} = 24$ , we can combine our results to get

$$PA^2 = PM^2 - r^2 \implies PM = \sqrt{10^2 + 24^2} = \boxed{26}$$