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1. If 170% of 2.8 is 1.4% of x , compute x .
 2. The base of a pyramid is a square with sides of length 2. The other four edges of the pyramid have length $\sqrt{38}$. Compute the volume of the pyramid.
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3. The first three terms of an arithmetic sequence are $\log 5$, $\log x$, and $\log 45$, respectively. Compute x .
 4. The lengths of the three sides of right triangle form a geometric sequence, and the shortest side has length 6. Given that the length of the hypotenuse is $m + \sqrt{n}$, where m and n are positive integers, find $m + n$.
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5. An 8 by 8 magic square is a grid of 64 unit squares arranged to form an 8 by 8 square. Each of the unit squares contains an integer between 1 and 64 inclusive, and the sums of each row, each column, and each long diagonal are equal. Compute that sum.
6. Find the sum of all values of x between 0 and 2π that satisfy $12 \sin^2 x = \sin x + 1$. Round your answer to the nearest integer.

Solutions for Contest #1

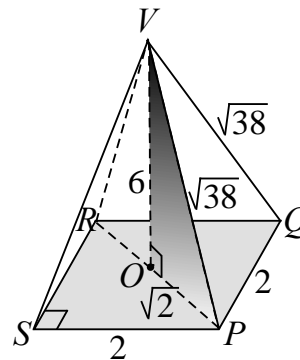
1. The given condition is equivalent to $1.7(2.8) = 0.014x$. Solve to obtain $x = 340$.

2. The volume of a pyramid is given by $V = (1/3)Bh$, where B is the area of the base of the pyramid and h is the height of the pyramid. In this case $B = 4$.

Let $PQRS$ be the base of the pyramid, and let V be its other vertex. Let O be the center of the base. To find h , consider right triangle VOP .

Because $OP = 1/2(PR) = 1/2(2\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}$, conclude that

$h = \sqrt{(\sqrt{38})^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2}$, so $h = 6$. Thus, the volume of the pyramid is $\frac{1}{3} \cdot 4 \cdot 6 = 8$.



3. In the arithmetic sequence: a, b, c , it is true that $b - a = c - b$.

Therefore, $\log x - \log 5 = \log 45 - \log x \rightarrow \log\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = \log\left(\frac{45}{x}\right) \rightarrow \frac{x}{5} = \frac{45}{x} \rightarrow x^2 = 225 \rightarrow x = 15$.

4. Let r be the ratio of the geometric sequence. Then $6^2 + (6r)^2 = (6r^2)^2$, and so

$r^4 - r^2 - 1 = 0$. Use the quadratic formula to find that $r^2 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$. Hence, the hypotenuse equals $6r^2 = 3 + 3\sqrt{5} = 3 + \sqrt{45}$, so $m + n = 48$.

5. The sum of the 64 integers in the magic square is $64(64 + 1)/2 = 32 \cdot 65$. The sum of each row is $1/8$ of that, namely $4 \cdot 65 = 260$, so the requested sum is 260.

6. The given equation is equivalent to $(3 \sin x - 1)(4 \sin x + 1) = 0$, so $\sin x = \frac{1}{3}$ or $\sin x = -\frac{1}{4}$.

Let $\theta_1 = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$. Then the two solutions corresponding to $\sin x = \frac{1}{3}$ are θ_1 and $\pi - \theta_1$.

Let $\theta_2 = \sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)$. Note that θ_2 is negative. So, the two solutions corresponding to $\sin x = -\frac{1}{4}$ are $\pi - \theta_2$ and $2\pi + \theta_2$.

The sum of the four solutions is thus 4π , and this rounds to 13.