

## Baltic Way 2016 – Solutions

1. Find all pairs of primes  $(p, q)$  such that

$$p^3 - q^5 = (p + q)^2.$$

**Solution.** Assume first that neither of the numbers equals 3. Then, if  $p \equiv q \pmod{3}$ , the left hand side is divisible by 3, but the right hand side is not. But if  $p \equiv -q \pmod{3}$ , the left hand side is not divisible by 3, while the right hand side is. So this is not possible.

If  $p = 3$ , then  $q^5 < 27$ , which is impossible. Therefore  $q = 3$ , and the equation turns into  $p^3 - 243 = (p + 3)^2$  or

$$p(p^2 - p - 6) = 252 = 7 \cdot 36.$$

As  $p > 3$  then  $p^2 - p - 6$  is positive and increases with  $p$ . So the equation has at most one solution. It is easy to see that  $p = 7$  is the one and  $(7, 3)$  is a solution to the given equation.

2. Prove or disprove the following hypotheses.

a) For all  $k \geq 2$ , each sequence of  $k$  consecutive positive integers contains a number that is not divisible by any prime number less than  $k$ .

b) For all  $k \geq 2$ , each sequence of  $k$  consecutive positive integers contains a number that is relatively prime to all other members of the sequence.

**Solution** We give a counterexample to both claims. So neither of them is true.

For a), a counterexample is the sequence  $(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)$  of eight consecutive integers all of which are divisible by some prime less than 8.

To construct a counterexample to b), we notice that by the Chinese Remainder Theorem, there exists an integer  $x$  such that  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ ,  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ ,  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  and  $x \equiv 10 \pmod{13}$ . The last three of these congruences mean that  $x + 16$  is a multiple of 3, 7, and 13. Now consider the sequence  $(x, x + 1, \dots, x + 16)$  of 17 consecutive integers. Of these all numbers  $x + 2k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 8$ , are even and so have a common factor with some other. Of the remaining,  $x + 1$ ,  $x + 7$  and  $x + 13$  are divisible by 3,  $x + 3$  is a multiple of 13 as is  $x + 16$ ,  $x + 5$  is divisible by 5 as  $x$ ,  $x + 9$  is a multiple of 7 as  $x + 2$ ,  $x + 11$  a multiple of 11 as is  $x$ , and finally  $x + 15$  is a multiple of 5 as is  $x$ .

*Remark.* The counterexample given to either hypothesis is the shortest possible. The only counterexamples of length 8 to the first hypothesis are those where numbers give remainders  $2, 3, \dots, 9$ ;  $3, 4, \dots, 10$ ;  $-2, -3, \dots, -9$ ; or  $-3, -4, \dots, -10$  modulo 210. The only counterexamples of length 17 to the second hypothesis are those where the numbers give remainders  $2184, 2185, \dots, 2200$  or  $-2184, -2185, \dots, -2200$  modulo 30030.

3. For which integers  $n = 1, \dots, 6$  does the equation

$$a^n + b^n = c^n + n$$

have a solution in integers?

**Solution.** A solution clearly exists for  $n = 1, 2, 3$ :

$$1^1 + 0^1 = 0^1 + 1, \quad 1^2 + 1^2 = 0^2 + 2, \quad 1^3 + 1^3 = (-1)^3 + 3.$$

We show that for  $n = 4, 5, 6$  there is no solution.

For  $n = 4$ , the equation  $a^4 + b^4 = c^4 + 4$  may be considered modulo 8. Since each fourth power  $x^4 \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$ , the expression  $a^4 + b^4 - c^4$  can never be congruent to 4.

For  $n = 5$ , consider the equation  $a^5 + b^5 = c^5 + 5$  modulo 11. As  $x^5 \equiv 0$  or  $\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{11}$  (This can be seen by Fermat's Little Theorem or by direct computation),  $a^5 + b^5 - c^5$  cannot be congruent to 5.

The case  $n = 6$  is similarly dismissed by considering the equation modulo 13.

**4.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $a, b, c, d$  be integers such that  $n \mid a + b + c + d$  and  $n \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$ . Show that

$$n \mid a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 + 4abcd.$$

**Solution 1.** Consider the polynomial

$$w(x) = (x - a)(x - b)(x - c)(x - d) = x^4 + Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D.$$

It is clear that  $w(a) = w(b) = w(c) = w(d) = 0$ . By adding these values we get

$$\begin{aligned} w(a) + w(b) + w(c) + w(d) &= a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 + A(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3) + \\ &\quad + B(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + C(a + b + c + d) + 4D = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 + 4D \\ &= -A(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3) - B(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) - C(a + b + c + d). \end{aligned}$$

Using Vieta's formulas, we can see that  $D = abcd$  and  $-A = a + b + c + d$ . Therefore the right hand side of the equation above is divisible by  $n$ , and so is the left hand side.

**Solution 2.** Since the numbers  $(a + b + c + d)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3)$ ,  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)$  and  $(a + b + c + d)(abc + acd + abd + bcd)$  are divisible by  $n$ , then so is the number

$$\begin{aligned} &(a + b + c + d)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3) - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd) + \\ &\quad + (a + b + c + d)(abc + acd + abd + bcd) = a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 + 4abcd. \end{aligned}$$

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5. Let  $p > 3$  be a prime such that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Given a positive integer  $a_0$ , define the sequence  $a_0, a_1, \dots$  of integers by  $a_n = a_{n-1}^2$  for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Prove that it is possible to choose  $a_0$  such that the subsequence  $a_N, a_{N+1}, a_{N+2}, \dots$  is not constant modulo  $p$  for any positive integer  $N$ .

**Solution.** Let  $p$  be a prime with residue 3 modulo 4 and  $p > 3$ . Then  $p - 1 = u \cdot 2$  where  $u > 1$  is odd. Choose  $a_0 = 2$ . The order of 2 modulo  $p$  (that is, the smallest positive integer  $t$  such that  $2^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ) is a divisor of  $\phi(p) = p - 1 = u \cdot 2$ , but not a divisor of 2 since  $1 < 2^2 < p$ . Hence the order of 2 modulo  $p$  is not a power of 2. By definition we see that  $a_n = a_0^{2^{1+2+\dots+n}}$ . Since the order of  $a_0 = 2$  modulo  $p$  is not a power of 2, we know that  $a_n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  for all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . We prove the statement by contradiction. Assume there exists a positive integer  $N$  such that  $a_n \equiv a_N \pmod{p}$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Let  $d > 1$  be the order of  $a_N$  modulo  $p$ . Then  $a_N \equiv a_n \equiv a_{n+1} = a_n^2 \equiv a_N^{2^{n+1}} \pmod{p}$ , and hence  $a_N^{2^{n+1}-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Now  $d$  divides  $2^{n+1} - 1$  for all  $n \geq N$ , but this is a contradiction since

$$\gcd(2^{n+1} - 1, 2^{n+2} - 1) = \gcd(2^{n+1} - 1, 2^{n+2} - 1 - 2(2^{n+1} - 1)) = \gcd(2^{n+1} - 1, 1) = 1.$$

Hence there does not exist such an  $N$ .

6. The set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$  is partitioned into three subsets  $A, B$  and  $C$ . For each subset the sum of its elements, the product of its elements and the sum of the digits of all its elements are calculated. Is it possible that  $A$  alone has the largest sum of elements,  $B$  alone has the largest product of elements, and  $C$  alone has the largest sum of digits?

**Solution.** It is indeed possible. Choose  $A = \{1, 9, 10\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 7, 8\}$ ,  $C = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Then the sum of elements in  $A, B$  and  $C$ , respectively, is 20, 18 and 17, the sum of digits 11, 18 and 17, while the product of elements is 90, 168 and 240.

7. Find all positive integers  $n$  for which

$$3x^n + n(x + 2) - 3 \geq nx^2$$

holds for all real numbers  $x$ .

**Solution.** We show that the inequality holds for even  $n$  and only for them.

If  $n$  is odd, then for  $x = -1$  the left hand side of the inequality equals  $n - 6$  while the right hand side is  $n$ . So the inequality is not true for  $x = -1$  for any odd  $n$ . So now assume that  $n$  is even. Since  $|x| \geq x$ , it is enough to prove  $3x^n + 2n - 3 \geq nx^2 + n|x|$  for all  $x$  or equivalently that  $3x^n + (2n - 3) \geq nx^2 + nx$  for  $x \geq 0$ . Now the AGM-inequality gives

$$2x^n + (n - 2) = x^n + x^n + 1 + \dots + 1 \geq n(x^n \cdot x^n \cdot 1^{n-2})^{\frac{1}{n}} = nx^2, \quad (1)$$

and similarly

$$x^n + (n - 1) \geq n(x^n \cdot 1^{n-1})^{\frac{1}{n}} = nx. \quad (2)$$

Adding (1) and (2) yields the claim.

8. Find all real numbers  $a$  for which there exists a non-constant function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following two equations for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- i)  $f(ax) = a^2 f(x)$  and
- ii)  $f(f(x)) = af(x)$ .

**Solution.** The conditions of the problem give two representations for  $f(f(f(x)))$ :

$$f(f(f(x))) = af(f(x)) = a^2 f(x)$$

and

$$f(f(f(x))) = f(af(x)) = a^2 f(f(x)) = a^3 f(x).$$

So  $a^2 f(x) = a^3 f(x)$  for all  $x$ , and if there is an  $x$  such that  $f(x) \neq 0$ , the  $a = 0$  or  $a = 1$ . Otherwise  $f$  is the constant function  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ . If  $a = 1$ , the function  $f(x) = x$  satisfies the conditions. For  $a = 0$ , one possible solution is the function  $f$ ,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}.$$

9. Find all quadruples  $(a, b, c, d)$  of real numbers that simultaneously satisfy the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} a^3 + c^3 = 2 \\ a^2 b + c^2 d = 0 \\ b^3 + d^3 = 1 \\ ab^2 + cd^2 = -6 \end{cases}$$

**Solution 1.** Consider the polynomial  $P(x) = (ax + b)^3 + (cx + d)^3 = (a^3 + b^3)x^3 + 3(a^2 b + c^2 d)x^2 + 3(ab^2 + cd^2)x + b^3 + d^3$ . By the conditions of the problem,  $P(x) = 2x^3 - 18x + 1$ . Clearly  $P(0) > 0$ ,  $P(1) < 0$  and  $P(3) > 0$ . Thus  $P$  has three distinct zeroes. But  $P(x) = 0$  implies  $ax + b = -(cx + d)$  or  $(a + c)x + b + d = 0$ . This equation has only one solution, unless  $a = -c$  and  $b = -d$ . But since the conditions of the problem do not allow this, we infer that the system of equations in the problem has no solution.

**Solution 2.** If  $0 \in \{a, b\}$ , then one easily gets that  $0 \in \{c, d\}$ , which contradicts the equation  $ab^2 + cd^2 = -6$ . Similarly, if  $0 \in \{c, d\}$ , then  $0 \in \{a, b\}$  and this contradicts  $ab^2 + cd^2 = -6$  again. Hence  $a, b, c, d \neq 0$ .

Let the four equations in the problem be (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), respectively. Then (i) + 3(ii) + 3(iii) + (iv) will give

$$(a + b)^3 + (c + d)^3 = -15. \tag{1}$$

According to the equation (ii),  $b$  and  $d$  have different sign, and similarly (iv) yields that  $a$  and  $c$  have different sign.

First, consider the case  $a > 0, b > 0$ . Then  $c < 0$  and  $d < 0$ . By (i), we have  $a > -c$  (i.e.  $|a| > |c|$ ) and (iii) gives  $b > -d$ . Hence  $a + b > -(c + d)$  and so  $(a + b)^3 > -(c + d)^3$ , thus  $(a + b)^3 + (c + d)^3 > 0$  which contradicts (1).

Next, consider the case  $a > 0, b < 0$ . Then  $c < 0$  and  $d > 0$ . By (i), we have  $a > -c$  and by (iii),  $d > -b$  (i.e.  $b > -d$ ). Thus  $a + b > -(c + d)$  and hence  $(a + b)^3 + (c + d)^3 > 0$  which contradicts (1).

The case  $a < 0, b < 0$  leads to  $c > 0, d > 0$ . By (i), we have  $c > -a$  and by (iii)  $d > -b$ . So  $c + d > -(a + b)$  and hence  $(c + d)^3 + (a + b)^3 > 0$  which contradicts (1) again.

Finally, consider the case  $a < 0, b > 0$ . Then  $c > 0$  and  $d < 0$ . By (i),  $c > -a$  and by (iii)  $b > -d$  which gives  $c + d > -(a + b)$  and hence  $(c + d)^3 + (a + b)^3 > 0$  contradicting (1).

Hence there is no real solution to this system of equations. (*Heiki Niglas*)

**Solution 3.** As in Solution 2, we conclude that  $a, b, c, d \neq 0$ . The equation  $a^2b + c^2d = 0$  yields  $a = \pm\sqrt{\frac{-d}{b}}c$ . On the other hand, we have  $a^3 + c^3 = 2$  and  $ab^2 + cd^2 = -6 < 0$

which implies that  $\min\{a, c\} < 0 < \max\{a, c\}$  and thus  $a = -\sqrt{\frac{-d}{b}}c$ .

Let  $x = -\sqrt{\frac{-d}{b}}$ . Then  $a = xc$  and so

$$2 = a^3 + c^3 = c^3(1 + x^3). \quad (2)$$

Also  $-6 = ab^2 + cd^2 = cxb^2 + cd^2$ , which, using (2), gives

$$(xb^2 + d^2)^3 = \frac{-6^3}{c^3} = -108(x^3 + 1).$$

Thus

$$-108(1 + x^3) = \left(d^2 \left(x \frac{b^2}{d^2} + 1\right)\right)^3 = d^6 \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + 1\right)^3 = d^6 \left(\frac{1 + x^3}{x^3}\right)^3. \quad (3)$$

If  $x^3 + 1 = 0$ , then  $x = -1$  and hence  $a = -c$ , which contradicts  $a^3 + c^3 = 2$ . So  $x^3 + 1 \neq 0$  and (3) gives

$$d^6(1 + x^3)^2 = -108x^9. \quad (4)$$

Now note that

$$x^3 = \left(-\sqrt{\frac{-d}{b}}\right)^3 = -\sqrt{\frac{-d^3}{b^3}} = -\sqrt{\frac{b^3 - 1}{b^3}}$$

and hence (4) yields that

$$(b^3 - 1)^2 \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{b^3 - 1}{b^3}}\right)^2 = 108 \left(\sqrt{\frac{b^3 - 1}{b^3}}\right)^3. \quad (5)$$

Let  $y = \sqrt{\frac{b^3 - 1}{b^3}}$ . Then  $b^3 = \frac{1}{1 - y^2}$  and so (5) implies

$$\left(\frac{1}{1 - y^2} - 1\right)^2 (1 - y^2)^2 = 108y^3,$$

i.e.

$$\frac{y^4}{(1-y^2)^2}(1-y)^2 = 108y^3.$$

If  $y = 0$ , then  $b = 1$  and so  $d = 0$ , a contradiction. So

$$y(1-y)^2 = 108(1-y)^2(1+y)^2.$$

Clearly  $y \neq 1$  and hence  $y = 108 + 108y^2 + 216y$ , or  $108y^2 + 215y + 108 = 0$ . The last equation has no real solutions and thus the initial system of equations has no real solutions.

**Remark 1.** Note that this solution worked because RHS of  $a^2b + c^2d = 0$  is zero. If instead it was, e.g.,  $a^2b + c^2d = 0.1$  then this solution would not work out, but the first solution still would.

**Remark 2.** The advantage of this solution is that solving the last equation  $108y^2 + 215y + 108 = 0$  one can find complex solutions of this system of equations. (*Heiki Niglas*)

**10.** Let  $a_{0,1}, a_{0,2}, \dots, a_{0,2016}$  be positive real numbers. For  $n \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq k < 2016$  set

$$a_{n+1,k} = a_{n,k} + \frac{1}{2a_{n,k+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{n+1,2016} = a_{n,2016} + \frac{1}{2a_{n,1}}.$$

Show that  $\max_{1 \leq k \leq 2016} a_{2016,k} > 44$ .

**Solution.** We prove

$$m_n^2 \geq n \tag{1}$$

for all  $n$ . The claim then follows from  $44^2 = 1936 < 2016$ . To prove (1), first notice that the inequality certainly holds for  $n = 0$ . Assume (1) is true for  $n$ . There is a  $k$  such that  $a_{n,k} = m_n$ . Also  $a_{n,k+1} \leq m_n$  (or if  $k = 2016$ ,  $a_{n,1} \leq m_n$ ). Now (assuming  $k < 2016$ )

$$a_{n+1,k}^2 = \left( m_n + \frac{1}{2a_{n,k+1}} \right)^2 = m_n^2 + \frac{m_n}{a_{n,k+1}} + \frac{1}{4a_{n,k+1}^2} > n + 1.$$

Since  $m_{n+1}^2 \geq a_{n+1,k}^2$ , we are done.

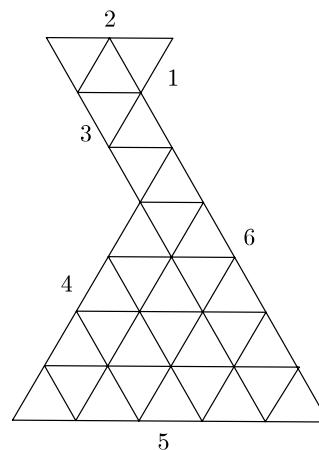
**11.** The set  $A$  consists of 2016 positive integers. All prime divisors of these numbers are smaller than 30. Prove that there are four distinct numbers  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  in  $A$  such that  $abcd$  is a perfect square.

**Solution** There are ten prime numbers  $\leq 29$ . Let us denote them as  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{10}$ . To each number  $n$  in  $A$  we can assign a 10-element sequence  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{10})$  such that  $n_i = 1$  if  $p_i$  has an odd exponent in the prime factorization of  $n$ , and  $n_i = 0$  otherwise. Two numbers to which identical sequences are assigned, multiply to a perfect square. There are only 1024 different 10-element  $\{0, 1\}$ -sequences so there exist some two numbers  $a$  and  $b$  with identical sequences, and after removing these from  $A$  certainly two other numbers  $c$  and  $d$  with identical sequences remain. These  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  satisfy the condition of the problem.

**12.** Does there exist a hexagon (not necessarily convex) with side lengths 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (not necessarily in this order) that can be tiled with a) 31 b) 32 equilateral triangles with side length 1?

**Solution.** The adjoining figure shows that question a) can be answered positively.

For a negative answer to b), we show that the number of triangles has to be odd. Assume there are  $x$  triangles in the triangulation. They have altogether  $3x$  sides. Of these,  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 6 = 21$  are on the perimeter of the hexagon. The remaining  $3x - 21$  sides are in the interior, and they touch each other pairwise. So  $3x - 21$  has to be even, which is only possible, if  $x$  is odd.



**13.** Let  $n$  numbers all equal to 1 be written on a blackboard. A move consists of replacing two numbers on the board with two copies of their sum. It happens that after  $h$  moves all  $n$  numbers on the blackboard are equal to  $m$ . Prove that  $h \leq \frac{1}{2}n \log_2 m$ .

**Solution.** Let the product of the numbers after the  $k$ -th move be  $a_k$ . Suppose the numbers involved in a move were  $a$  and  $b$ . By the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality,  $(a + b)(a + b) \geq 4ab$ . Therefore, regardless of the choice of the numbers in the move,  $a_k \geq 4a_{k-1}$ , and since  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_h = m^n$ , we have  $m^n \geq 4^h = 2^{2h}$  and  $h \leq \frac{1}{2}n \log_2 m$ .

**14.** A cube consists of  $4^3$  unit cubes each containing an integer. At each move, you choose a unit cube and increase by 1 all the integers in the neighbouring cubes having a face in common with the chosen cube. Is it possible to reach a position where all the  $4^3$  integers are divisible by 3, no matter what the starting position is?

**Solution.** Two unit cubes with a common face are called neighbours. Colour the cubes either black or white in such a way that two neighbours always have different colours. Notice that the integers in the white cubes only change when a black cube is chosen. Now recolour the white cubes that have exactly 4 neighbours and make them green. If we look at a random black cube it has either 0, 3 or 6 white neighbours. Hence if we look at the sum of the integers in the white cubes, it changes by 0, 3 or 6 in each turn. From this it follows that if this sum is not divisible by 3 at the beginning, it will never be, and none of the integers in the white cubes is divisible by 3 at any state.

**15.** The Baltic Sea has 2016 harbours. There are two-way ferry connections between some of them. It is impossible to make a sequence of direct voyages  $C_1 - C_2 - \dots - C_{1062}$  where all the harbours  $C_1, \dots, C_{1062}$  are distinct. Prove that there exist two disjoint sets  $A$  and  $B$  of 477 harbours each, such that there is no harbour in  $A$  with a direct ferry connection to a harbour in  $B$ .

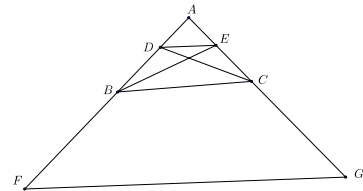
**Solution.** Let  $V$  be the set of all harbours. Take any harbour  $C_1$  and set  $U = V \setminus \{C_1\}$ ,  $W = \emptyset$ . If there is a ferry connection from  $C$  to another harbour, say  $C_2$  in  $V$ , consider the route  $C_1C_2$  and remove  $C_2$  from  $U$ . Extend it as long as possible. Since there is no route of length 1061, So we have a route from  $C_1$  to some  $C_k$ ,  $k \leq 1061$ , and no connection from  $C_k$  to a harbor not already included in the route exists. There are at least  $2016 - 1062$  harbours in  $U$ . Now we move  $C_k$  from  $U$  to  $W$  and try to extend the route from  $C_{k-1}$  onwards. The extension again terminates at some harbor, which we then move from  $U$  to  $W$ . If no connection from  $C_1$  to any harbour exists, we move  $C_1$  to  $W$  and start the process again from some other harbour. This algorithm produces two sets of harbours,  $W$  and  $U$ , between which there are no direct connections. During the process, the number of harbours in  $U$  always decreases by 1 and the number of harbours in  $W$  increases by 1. So at some point the number of harbours is the same, and it then is at least  $\frac{1}{2}(2016 - 1062) = 477$ . By removing, if necessary, some harbours from  $U$  and  $W$  we get sets of exactly 477 harbours.

**16.** In triangle  $ABC$ , the points  $D$  and  $E$  are the intersections of the angular bisectors from  $C$  and  $B$  with the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively. Points  $F$  and  $G$  on the extensions of  $AB$  and  $AC$  beyond  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively, satisfy  $BF = CG = BC$ . Prove that  $FG \parallel DE$ .

**Solution.** Since  $BE$  and  $CD$  are angle bisectors,

$$\frac{AD}{AB} = \frac{AC}{AC + BC}, \quad \frac{AE}{AC} = \frac{AB}{AB + BC}.$$

So



$$\frac{AD}{AF} = \frac{AD}{AB} \cdot \frac{AB}{AF} = \frac{AC \cdot AB}{(AC + BC)(AB + BC)}$$

and

$$\frac{AE}{AG} = \frac{AE}{AC} \cdot \frac{AC}{AG} = \frac{AB \cdot AC}{(AB + AC)(AC + BC)}.$$

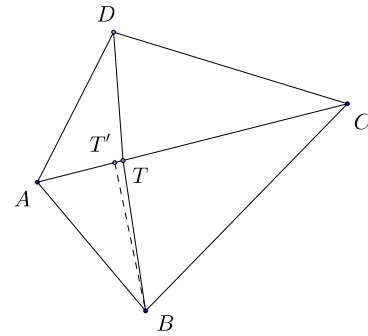
Since  $\frac{AD}{AF} = \frac{AE}{AG}$ ,  $DE$  and  $FG$  are parallel.

**17.** Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral with  $AB = AD$ . Let  $T$  be a point on the diagonal  $AC$  such that  $\angle ABT + \angle ADT = \angle BCD$ . Prove that  $AT + AC \geq AB + AD$ .



**Solution.** On the segment  $AC$ , consider the unique point  $T'$  such that  $AT' \cdot AC = AB^2$ . The triangles  $ABC$  and  $AT'B$  are similar: they have the angle at  $A$  common, and  $AT' : AB = AB : AC$ . So  $\angle ABT' = \angle ACB$ . Analogously,  $\angle ADT' = \angle ACD$ . So  $\angle ABT' + \angle ADT' = \angle BCD$ . But  $ABT' + ADT'$  increases strictly monotonously, as  $T'$  moves from  $A$  towards  $C$  on  $AC$ . The assumption on  $T$  implies that  $T' = T$ . So, by the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality,

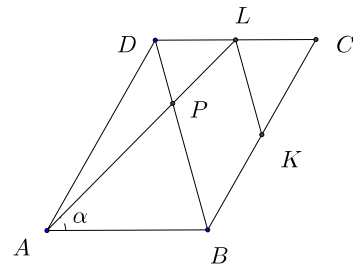
$$AB + AD = 2AB = 2\sqrt{AT \cdot AC} \leq AT + AC.$$



**18.** Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram such that  $\angle BAD = 60^\circ$ . Let  $K$  and  $L$  be the midpoints of  $BC$  and  $CD$ , respectively. Assuming that  $ABKL$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, find  $\angle ABD$ .

**Solution.** Let  $\angle BAL = \alpha$ . Since  $ABKL$  is cyclic,  $\angle KLC = \alpha$ . Because  $LK \parallel DB$  and  $AB \parallel DC$ , we further have  $\angle DBC = \alpha$  and  $\angle ADB = \alpha$ . Let  $BD$  and  $AL$  intersect at  $P$ . The triangles  $ABP$  and  $DBA$  have two equal angles, and hence  $ABP \sim DBA$ . So

$$\frac{AB}{DB} = \frac{BP}{AB}. \quad (1)$$



The triangles  $ABP$  and  $LDP$  are clearly similar with similarity ratio  $2 : 1$ . Hence  $BP = \frac{2}{3}DB$ . Inserting this into (1) we get

$$AB = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot DB.$$

The sine theorem applied to  $ABD$  (recall that  $\angle DAB = 60^\circ$ ) immediately gives

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{AB}{BD} \sin 60^\circ = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sin 45^\circ.$$

So  $\angle ABD = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 45^\circ = 75^\circ$ .

**19.** Consider triangles in the plane where each vertex has integer coordinates. Such a triangle can be legally transformed by moving one vertex parallel to the opposite side to a different point with integer coordinates. Show that if two triangles have the same area, then there exists a series of legal transformations that transforms one to the other.

**Solution.** We will first show that any such triangle can be transformed to a *special* triangle whose vertices are at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1)$  and  $(n, 0)$ . Since every transformation preserves the triangle's area, triangles with the same area will have the same value for  $n$ .

Define the  $y$ -span of a triangle to be the difference between the largest and the smallest  $y$  coordinate of its vertices. First we show that a triangle with a  $y$ -span greater than one can be transformed to a triangle with a strictly lower  $y$ -span.

Assume  $A$  has the highest and  $C$  the lowest  $y$  coordinate of  $ABC$ . Shifting  $C$  to  $C'$  by the vector  $\overrightarrow{BA}$  results in the new triangle  $ABC'$  where  $C'$  has larger  $y$  coordinate than  $C$  but lower than  $A$ , and  $C'$  has integer coordinates. If  $AC$  is parallel to the  $x$ -axis, a horizontal shift of  $B$  can be made to transform  $ABC$  into  $AB'C$  where  $B'C$  is vertical, and then  $A$  can be vertically shifted so that the  $y$  coordinate of  $A$  is between those of  $B'$  and  $C$ . Then the  $y$ -span of  $AB'C$  can be reduced in the manner described above. Continuing the process, one necessarily arrives at a triangle with  $y$ -span equal to 1. Such a triangle then necessarily has one side, say  $AC$ , horizontal. A legal horizontal move can take  $B$  to the a position  $B'$  where  $AB'$  is horizontal and  $C$  has the highest  $x$ -coordinate. If  $B'$  is above  $AC$ , perform a vertical and a horizontal legal move to take  $B'$  to the origin; the result is a special triangle. If  $B'$  is below  $AC$ , legal transformation again can bring  $B'$  to the origin, and a final horizontal transformation of one vertex produces the desired special triangle.

The inverse of a legal transformation is again a legal transformation. Hence any two triangles having vertices with integer coordinates and same area can be legally transformed into each other via a special triangle.

**20.** Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral with  $AB$  and  $CD$  not parallel. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $CD$ . Let  $P$  be a point inside  $ABCD$  such that  $PA = PB = CM$ . Prove that  $AB$ ,  $CD$  and the perpendicular bisector of  $MP$  are concurrent.

**Solution.** Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of  $ABCD$ . Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  intersect at  $X$ . Let  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  be the circles with centers  $P$  and  $M$  and with equal radius  $PB = MC = r$ . The power of  $X$  with respect to  $\omega$  and  $\omega_1$  equals  $XA \cdot XB$  and with respect to  $\omega$  and  $\omega_2$   $XD \cdot XC$ . The latter power also equals  $(XM + r)(XM - r) = XM^2 - r^2$ . Analogously, the first power is  $XP^2 - r^2$ . But since  $XA \cdot XB = XD \cdot XC$ , we must have  $XM^2 = XP^2$  or  $XM = XP$ .  $X$  indeed is on the perpendicular bisector of  $PM$ , and we are done.

