

**2010 – 2011 Log1 Contest Round 1**  
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**Algebra and Functions Solutions**

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1	1	1	Subtract 4 and divide by 3 to get $x=7$ .
2	2	2	Since a slice of pizza is one eighth of the whole pizza and the cheese is spread out evenly, then there are $3/8$ pounds of cheese on one slice. $3/8 + 3/16 = 9/16$ .
3	3	3	PEMDAS. $5(4) - (-3) = 23$
	4	4	Combining like terms and solving for $x$ using symbolic manipulation we see that $-2x+9=5x+4$ or $7x=5$ , $x=5/7$ .
4			Since the function is continuous, all that is needed is to evaluate the function at $x=2$ . 12.
		5	There is no need to multiply the functions, just multiply $f(3)=10$ times $g(3)=5$ to get 50.
5	5		The sum of the coefficients of the binomial expansion can be found by substituting $x = y = 1$ and evaluating the exponent. Thus seven cubed is 343.
6	6	6	$\sqrt{\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{4 \times 7 - 1}}$ $= \sqrt{\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{27}}$ $= \sqrt{\sqrt{81}}$ $= \sqrt{9} = 3$
7	7	7	The slope of the perpendicular line will be the negative inverse of the original line. Thus the slope is negative one-half. With the given point solve for the y-intercept (7) and write the equation in slope intercept form: $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 7$
8	8	8	Notice that the value of $f(x)$ depends on the previous two values of $f(x)$ . Brute forcing this evolves the answer of 55. $f(3)=f(1)+f(2)=2$ , etc.
	9	9	Notice that if we let $y = e^x$ , the equation becomes a quadratic. Solving for $y$ yields: $y = -\frac{5}{2}, \frac{2}{3}$ . But notice that $e^x$ can only be positive so therefore $x = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$ .
9			First notice that the graph extends into negative infinity once $x$ is not in the neighborhood of $f(x)$ 's roots (graph looks like an 'M'). So the global maximum of the graph occurs when: $f'(x) = 0 = -12x^3 + 24x^2 + 60x - 72$ . Solving for $x$ yields that $x = -2, 1, 3$ ; plugging this back into $f$ we obtain a corresponding $y = 224$ ( $y=99$ when $x=3$ ). Thus $(-2, 224)$ .
		10	$\frac{a^3 b^{-5} (c^2)^3 a^{-5}}{a^4 b c^4} = \frac{a^3 c^6}{a^4 a^5 b b^5 c^4} = \frac{c^2}{a^6 b^6}$
10	10		For a function to have an inverse, it must pass the horizontal line test: any horizontal line drawn will intersect the function at most 1 point. Notice that this property only holds for odd values of $n$ . Thus there are 5 possible values of $n$ .
11	11	11	If $x$ satisfies $\sqrt{43 + \sqrt{43 - x}} = x$ , then it also satisfies the original equation. Squaring this equation twice yields $x^4 - 86x^2 + x + 43(42) = 0$ Trying positive factors of $43(42)$ , yields $x=7$ which can be verified.

12	12	12	Drawing these three lines yields a triangle with vertices (-2,0), (3,0) and (4,3). There are 6 points with y=0, 4 with y=1, 2 with y=2 and 1 with y=3.
13	13	13	Notice that $n!$ for $n \geq 5$ is divisible by 15, so any addition of these values won't contribute to the remainder. So summing up the first four factorials (33) and dividing by 15, we see a remainder of 3.
	14	14	By substituting $y = x^2$ into the equation for a circle we obtain a quadratic equation in terms of y. Solving for y, we get: $y = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ as y is necessarily positive. Taking the square root gives us: $x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}}$ .
14			Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin x - x}{x \sin x}$ which approaches 0/0 so use L'Hopital's rule. $f'(x) = \frac{\cos x - 1}{\sin x + x \cos x}$ which also approaches 0/0, so $f''(x) = \frac{-\sin x}{2 \cos x - x \sin x}$ which approaches 0/2 = 0.
		15	Graphing these three curves, we see that only when $x = 0$ or $1$ will $2x - 1 <  x + 1  < 3x + 2$ hold true. Therefore 2 integer solutions.
15	15		$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^4 = 625 = x^4 + 4x^2 + 6 + \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^4}$ $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 25 = x^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ <p>Combining, we get</p> $619 = x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 4(23)$ <p>so the answer is <math>619 - 92 = 527</math>.</p>