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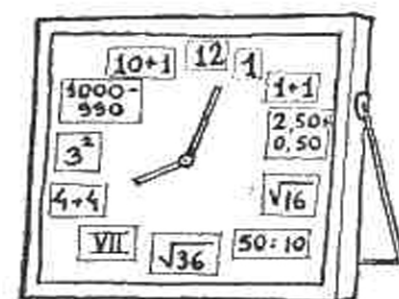
This game is known by mathematicians as addition in Modulo 6 arithmetic (No number larger than 6 appears in the table). Can you now make up an addition table for Modulo 12 arithmetic, i.e., using the normal clock face numbers 1 to 12? This time some of your sums may include 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, which of course were not allowed in your first game.

Another piece of research is to make up similar tables for games of Modulo arithmetic for all Modulo arithmetics up to 12.

Problem.

Can you now use these tables to do subtraction and then make up subtraction tables for each Modulo arithmetic.

Example.



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In one of our future issues we will deal with the problem of multiplication in Modulo arithmetic.

Modulo 6 subtraction $5 - 2 = 3$ and $1 - 3 = 4$. Do you notice anything queer about the answers you get?

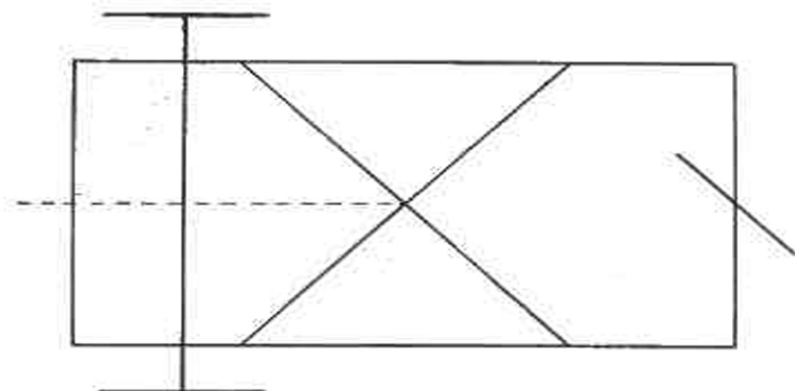
But what use can be found for Modulo arithmetic? It is strange that you should have been using it but have not noticed it.

Example in Modulo 7.

In counting the days of the week, if 1 indicates Sunday, 2 indicates Monday, 3 Tuesday, etc., then five days after Tuesday is $3 + 5 = 1$, i.e., Sunday.

Can you find an example in Modulo 12 arithmetic?

RUNNING IN CIRCLES



The diagram shows the skeleton chassis of a tricar. The front wheel is turned through 30° from the normal position. What are the radii of the circles described by the three wheels when the car is set in motion, given the distance between the axles is 12 feet, the distance between the wheels on the axle is 5 feet, and the diameter of the wheel is 2 feet? J.G.

JOHNNY IS NO SQUARE

John wrote down the cube of his age in years. He then subtracted his age from this figure and obtained 4080. How old is he?

FUN WITH NUMBERS—2

$$2 \times 2 - 1 \times 3$$

$$3 \times 3 - 2 \times 4$$

$$4 \times 4 - 3 \times 5$$

$$5 \times 5 - 4 \times 6$$

$$6 \times 6 - 5 \times 7$$

What do you notice about these expressions? Deduce the n th. line.

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What like fractions of a pound, a shilling and a penny when added together will make exactly one pound? R.H.C.

GOALS, MORE OR LESS

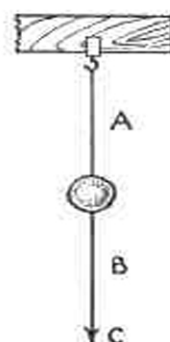
If the star performer in the school eleven had scored two more goals than he actually did, his average would have been 3 goals per match. With a score of two goals less, the average would have been 2. What was his total score? J.F.H.

FLOOR SPACE

Show how you can cover half a square two feet on each side and still have a square which is two feet from top to bottom and two feet across.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU DO (IT'S THE WAY THAT YOU DO IT)

(Adapted from Le Facteur X)



The diagram represents a heavy ball of metal suspended by means of a wire A of uniform thickness. From a point diametrically opposite to the point of suspension, a piece of similar wire B hangs underneath the ball. What will happen when

- a gradually increasing downward pull is applied at C?
- a very sudden and powerful downward jerk is applied at C?

J.F.H.

SHAKESPEARE AS MATHEMATICIAN, RE SIGNS

Bolingbroke: Are you contented to resign the crown?

Richard II: Ay, no; no, ay; for I must nothing be;

Therefore no no, for I resign to thee.

Shakespeare seems to have known the rule of signs, viz.: $2 - 2 = 0$; $-2 + 2 = 0$; and two minus signs operating on each other give a plus.

The reason is quite simple. It is a question of cost. If a printer is to be able to print all the numbers from 1 to 999 he needs three of each of the figures from 1 to 9 (He could leave spaces for the zeros). In the scale of two we write one thousand and twenty-three as 111,111,111. To print numbers up to this needs nine figures, but since the only figure used is 1 we need only nine altogether. The same comparison holds for all large numbers. Using the scale of ten the printer needs a stock of type three times as great as the stock needed for the scale of two.

In a computer some piece of apparatus is needed to represent each of the digits to be used in its calculations. Therefore a computer using scale of ten is three times as big as a computer using scale of two. As large computers cost hundreds of thousands of pounds this represents an enormous difference in cost even though a few hundred pounds has to be spent on an input machine to change numbers from scale of ten to scale of two, and an output machine to change numbers from scale of two to scale of ten.

C.V.G.

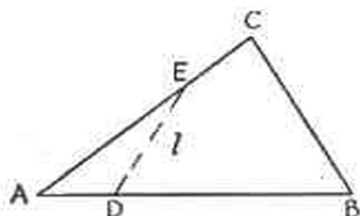


Claudius said he could take one from four and have five left. Thereupon Julius showed how he could take eleven from twenty nine and have twenty left.

DIGITAL COMPUTERS

TRY ANGLES

(adapted from Le Facteur X)



The owner of a triangular field has a fence of length l with which he wants to divide the field into two parts as shown. He further requires that the portions AD and EC shall be of equal length. How is he to determine point D ?

J.F.H.

NOT VERY OBVIOUS

Two right angled triangles have equal hypotenuses and equal perimeters. Are they congruent?

A small circle indicates zero. Fractions should be decimalised. The number of significant figures is indicated by the double lines.



ACROSS :

- A number which is a perfect square, whose four digits in order may be written $x+1, x-1, x-1, x+2$.
- Stable hands in 44 ft.
- The angle BOY (Fig. 1). Diameters perpendicular. $OA = \frac{1}{2}OC$, $AX = AB$, $BY = BX$. (Calculation or scale drawing).
- A lady kept 84 pets—cats and goldfish. One day each cat ate 2 goldfish and then there were only 12 left. How many goldfish originally?
- A price in shillings which, when increased by a quarter of itself, further increased by 15%, then reduced by 3s. in the £, is £39 2s.
- Recurring figures in the decimalised $\frac{1}{11}$. (Exclude zero).
- How many cats? (See 9 across).
- $(a+b)^2 - (a-b)^2$ if $a=222$, $b=111$.
- $(x^2+y^2)(1+k^2)$ if $x = ky=14$, $kx+y=13$.
- A floor is tiled with 6 in. square tiles. A circle of 4 ft. radius is drawn with its centre in the middle of the floor at the junction of 4 tiles. How many complete tiles are enclosed?
- $\frac{a^3-b^3}{a-b}$ if $a+b=30$, $ab=48$.
- (Fig. 2). Rectangle and semicircle of equal areas. Radius of semicircle is 10 in., find the height of the rectangle. (Take $\pi=3.1416$).
- (Fig. 3). Area of rectangle ABCD inscribed in rectangle PQRS.

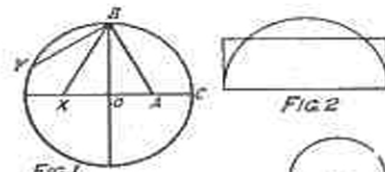


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

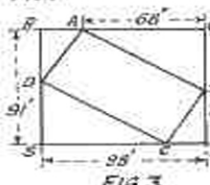


Fig. 3

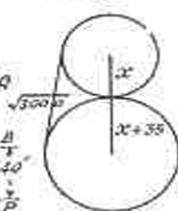


Fig. 4



Fig. 5

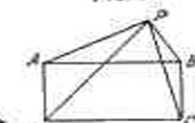


Fig. 6

DOWN :

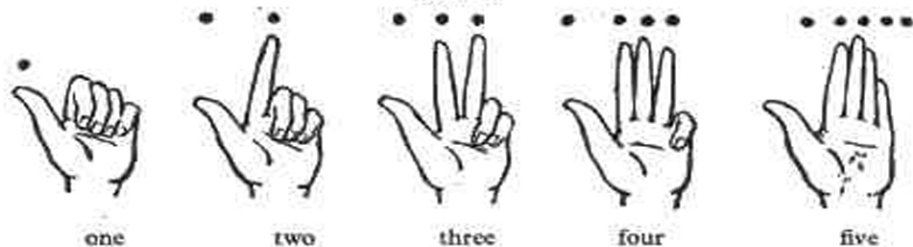
- Becomes a perfect square if you add 10 or subtract 33.
- Less than 53×53 , but leaves no remainder when divided by 53, and leaves a remainder 53 when divided by 7×53 .
- Sum of the areas of all the different rectangles (including squares), whose adjacent sides may be any of the numbers from 1 to 6.
- Two numbers, the larger first. They are the radii of the circles in Fig. 4. One radius is 35 in. longer than the other and the common tangent is $\sqrt{3000}$.
- Freezes when divided by 53. Boils when divided by 8.
- (Fig. 5). Diameter of a semicircle touching the shorter sides of a 3", 4", 5" triangle. (First 3 dec. pl.).
- Sum of the 3 altitudes of an isosceles triangle whose sides are 75, 75, 90.
- $a - b$ if $a^2 - ab = ab - b^2 = 228$.
- Three consecutive digits in descending order. Reverse and add to the original and the result is 1110.
- Two numbers. The values of a and b if the roots of $x^2 - bx + a = 0$ are $\frac{22 + \sqrt{464}}{2}$.
- pv. When p is reduced by 3 and v is increased by 3, pv is unaltered. If p is increased by 3 and v is reduced by 2, pv is again unaltered.
- (Fig. 6). Sum of the areas of the triangles APD and BPC. The rectangle is 15 in. by 10 in.
- This number increased by 25% three times is 859.

J.G.

MISSED CHANCES

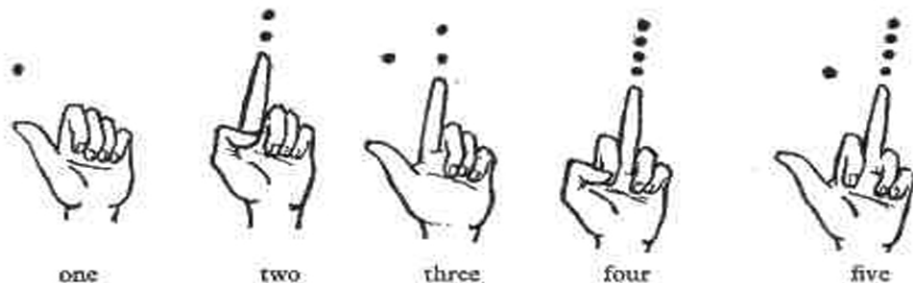
People who count on their fingers are usually very young or not very bright. Whatever the other cavemen may have thought of him, the first man to count on his fingers was probably not very bright by our standards, but he has had a tremendous influence on the mathematics that have come after him. He decided that when he thought of one thing he would stick up his thumb, and that when he thought of two things he would hold up a finger as well, and that when he thought of three things he would hold up another finger. Like this :—

Figure 1



Now if he had been a little brighter he might have decided to stick up his thumb when he thought of one thing, but to stick up his finger instead when he thought of two things. Then when he thought of three things he would stick up his finger and thumb. Like this :—

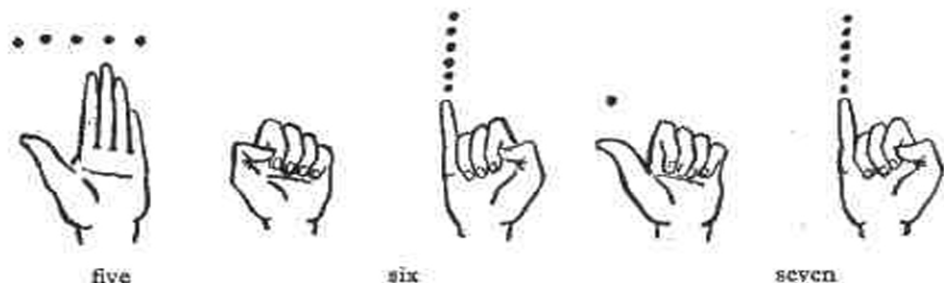
Figure 2



Then instead of being able to count up to five on the fingers of one hand, up to ten on both hands, and up to a score if he used his toes as well, he could have counted up to thirty-one on one hand, up to one thousand and twenty-three using both hands, and to over a million if he used his toes.

Of course primitive men never had that many of anything so it did not matter at first. If the first man who had to count above five had thought much about large numbers he might have speeded up the progress of arithmetic by thousands of years. If, when he had used up the fingers of one hand, he had stuck up the thumb of his second hand and put down the fingers of the first hand, and then started again on the first hand, as in *figure 3*, he would have been able to count up to thirty-five on his fingers and would have made the important discovery that one sign can stand for a group of things.

Figure 3



When men started doing calculations with pebbles they represented thirty-two like this 0000000000 It took many centuries before any 0 0
0000000000 0 one thought of this 0 0
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where one large pebble represents ten small ones. The first man to do this probably said that the pebbles represented three men and two fingers.

Less than a thousand years ago people in Europe still wrote XXX11, where X stands for two hands and 1 stands for one finger.

However someone in India realised that a pebble in the second column could represent ten units without having to be a different size of pebble. So he represented thirty-two like this :— 0

Still later more easily written symbols were invented for 0 0 0 and so on, and a symbol for an empty column, and the scale of ten was perfected.

Our first cave man might have invented the scale of two in which the number up to twelve would be written like this :—

Our second cave man might have invented the scale of six with the numbers written like this :—

1 2 3 4 5 10 11 12 13 14 15 20.

In the scale of ten 111 means One (ten \times ten) and one (ten) and one. In the scale of six 111 means one (six \times six) and one (six) and one. In the scale of two it means one (two \times two) and one (two) and one.

The readers of MATHEMATICAL PIE have become used to the scale of ten, but some of them may have found it hard at first. Because our first mathematician was not very bright every child learning arithmetic has to learn 81 facts like this :— $3 \times 4 = 12$ and 81 facts like this $3 + 4 = 7$. With the scale of two the only figures would be 0 and 1, and the only fact to learn would be $1 + 1 = 10$.

Perhaps in the long run it was a good thing that the first mathematician missed his chance. Arithmetic would have been so easy that it would not have challenged the intelligence. Certainly there would have seemed no need for logarithms, slide rules and calculating machines, so that it is perhaps rather odd that large electronic calculating machines work in the scale of two.