

MATH CIRCLE CONTEST I
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1(A). TILING, PART ONE

Let T_n denote the number of ways to tile a rectangle of size 3-by- n with 1-by-3 tiles. For instance, $T_4 = 3$ since we have the following three tilings of the 3-by-4 rectangle



Find T_{10} .

1(B) TILING, PART 2

Using the notation of the previous problem, prove that

$$T_{3n} = 1 + T_2 + T_5 + T_8 + \cdots + T_{3n-1}.$$

1(C) TILING, PART 3

For $n \geq 3$, prove

$$T_{2n+1} = T_n^2 + T_{n-1}^2 + 2T_nT_{n-2}.$$

2.

Let r denote the radius of a circle inscribed in an acute triangle with perimeter P and area A . Show that

$$A = \frac{Pr}{2}.$$

3.

Consider a circle centered at a point P . Suppose AB and AC are two chords the circle meeting at the point A . Prove that the angle BAC is half of the angle subtended by the arc passing through B and C (but not A).