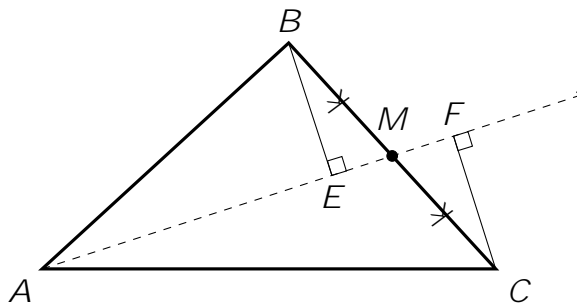


MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.
Solution Sheet 11, 13 August, 2018

1. Let BE and CF be perpendiculars dropped from B and C to AM , extended if necessary. We need to prove that $BE = CF$.



Since BE and CF are both perpendicular to AM , $\angle BED = \angle DFC = 90^\circ$, and since AM is a median, $BM = CM$. Moreover, \angle

4. (a) $0.75_{10} = 0.11_2$, since $0.75 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2^1} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2^2}$

(b) $0.96875_{10} = 0.11111_2$ in base 2.

(c)

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2^k} + \dots = 0.1_2 = 1$$

If you are not convinced of this last fact, let $x = 0.1_2$. Then

$$2x = 1.1_2 \quad (1)$$

$$x = 0.1_2 \quad (2)$$

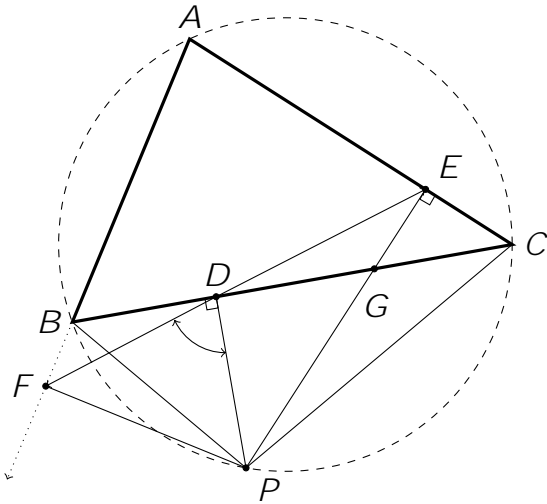
$$x = 1 \quad (1) \quad (2)$$

5. Firstly, we note that $x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$. Then, we find the prime factorisation of $1729 = 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$. Thus the possible factors of 1729 are 1, 7, 13, 19, 91, 133, 247, and 1729 itself. If we assume that $x - y = 1$, then

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = 1729:$$

Furthermore, we can substitute $x = y + 1$ into this second equation, thereby obtaining a quadratic in y . In this case, the quadratic does not have integer solutions, as it is not a perfect square. However, continuing this way through all the possibilities, we obtain the solutions $(-1; 12)$, $(1; -12)$, $($

2. Join CP and PB as shown.



Let $\angle ACB = \alpha$, $\angle BCP = \beta$ and $\angle FDP = \gamma$. Let D and E be the feet of perpendiculars from P