## THETA CIPHERING ANSWERS

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- 7. 1
- 8. -5, -1, 4
- 9.  $\frac{1+3\sqrt{5}}{2}$
- 10.  $\left(\frac{2}{3}, 1\right) \cup (1, 2) \cup (3, \infty)$
- 11.  $\frac{x^2+1}{x^3+2x}$
- 12. 128
- 13. 4
- 14.  $\frac{7}{2}$

## **2018 THETA CIPHERING SOLUTIONS**

- 0. 54  $3 \cdot 6 \cdot 3 = 3$  choices for hundreds place, 6 choices for tens place, 3 even digits for ones place.
- 1.  $\frac{152\pi}{15}$  Arc length is a fraction (38/60) of the circumference (16 $\pi$ )
- 2. (-1.5, 0) Slope of perpendicular line will be  $-\frac{4}{3}$  and the midpoint of the segment is (-3, 2). Using point-slope form  $y - 2 = -\frac{4}{3}(x + 3)$  leads to 4x + 3y = -6 and letting y = 0, gives x = -1.5.
- 3.  $\frac{169}{24}$  or  $7\frac{1}{24}$   $\Delta ABC$  is a right triangle by the Pythagorean Theorem.  $\Delta AMP \cong \Delta BMP$ by SAS, so AP=PB. Let AP = x. Using the Pythagorean Theorem on  $\Delta APC$ ,  $25 + (12-x)^2 = x^2$  which gives  $25 + 144 - 24x + x^2 = x^2$  and so x = 169/24.
- 4. 4 The center (h, k) is (0, -4) and c = 4. Since a vertex is (0, 1), a = 5.  $b^2 = a^2 c^2$  resulting in b = 3. So, a + b + h + k = 5 + 3 + 0 + (-4) = 4.
- 5.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -8 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad AB = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ -12 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B^{-1}A = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ Subtract the two results and you get  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -8 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- 6.  $72\sqrt{3} 36\pi$  The radius of the circle is 6 so its area is  $36\pi$ . Using the 30-60-90 triangle formed by drawing a radius of the circle to the point of tangency to the hexagon (an apothem) and a segment from the center to a vertex of the hexagon, the short leg of the triangle is  $2\sqrt{3}$ . This makes the side of the hexagon  $4\sqrt{3}$ . The formula for area =  $\frac{1}{2}$  (apothem)(perimeter) so  $A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 24\sqrt{3} = 72\sqrt{3}$ . The area between them is  $72\sqrt{3} 36\pi$ .

7. 1 
$$4(-1) + 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = -4 + 3 + 2 = 1$$

8. -5, -1, 4 Try the test for -1 as a root of f(-x). It works! Synthetically divide by -1 to get the quotient  $x^2 + x - 20 = 0$  which factors to (x + 5)(x - 4) = 0 and gives zeros of -5 and 4.

9. 
$$\frac{1+3\sqrt{5}}{2}$$
 Let  $x = \sqrt{11 + \sqrt{11 + \sqrt{11 + \dots}}}$  Squaring both sides gives  $x^2 = 11 + x$  which can be solved by the quadratic formula as  $x = \frac{1\pm 3\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Only the positive solution works.

10.  $\left(\frac{2}{3},1\right) \cup (1,2) \cup (3,\infty)$  The argument of the logarithm must be positive which gives the resulting domain of  $(-3,2) \cup (3,\infty)$ . The base of the logarithm, 3x - 2, must also be positive and not equal to 1. This means that x must be greater than  $\frac{2}{3}$  but not equal to 1.

11. 
$$\frac{x^2+1}{x^3+2x}$$
  $\left(x+\frac{1}{x}\right)^{-1}$  becomes  $\frac{x}{x^2+1}$ .  $\left[x+\frac{x}{x^2+1}\right]^{-1} = \left(\frac{x^3+2x}{x^2+1}\right)^{-1} = \frac{x^2+1}{x^3+2x}$ 

- 12. $2^7$  or 128The prime factorization of 2016 is  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$ . The smallest prime<br/>factor is 2 and the largest prime factor is 7.
- 13. 4 Solving the first inequality gives  $-10 \le 3x 4 \le 10$  resulting in  $-2 \le x \le \frac{14}{3}$ . Solving the second gives 3x + 2 > 4 or 3x + 2 < -4 leading to the solution of  $x > \frac{2}{3}$  or x < -2. The only integers that satisfy both are 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- 14.  $\frac{7}{2}$  Let m = 2<sup>2x</sup>. The equation becomes  $3(2^{2x}2^3) (2^{2x})^2 = 128$  and after substituting we get 24(m) m<sup>2</sup> = 128, or m<sup>2</sup> 24m + 128 = 0. This factors into (m 16)(m 8) = 0 so m = 8 or m = 16. Solving for x, we get 2<sup>2x</sup> = 8 which yields x = 3/2 and 2<sup>2x</sup> = 16 which yields x = 2. The sum is 3/2 + 2 = 7/2.