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**Property 1:** Any even square number can be written as  $(2n)^2 = 4n$ , which is a multiple of 4.

Any odd square number can be written as  $(2n + 1)^2 = 4n^2 + 4n + 1$ , which is a multiple of 4 plus 1.

**Property 2:** There are no square numbers between two consecutive square numbers.

if  $n^2 < a < (n + 1)^2$ , then  $a$  is not a square number.

**Problem 1:** Find the smallest value of  $a + b$  for any positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $56a + 392b$  is a square number.

- A. 6              B. 7              C. 8              D. 9

**2)** How many two-digit positive integers are there such that the sum of the two-digit positive integers and the number formed by reversing the digits of the two-digit positive integers is a square number?

**3)** (AMC) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two-digit integers such that  $y$  is obtained by reversing the digits of  $x$ . The integers  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy  $x^2 - y^2 = m^2$  for some positive integer  $m$ . What is  $x + y + m$ ?

- (A) 88              (B) 112              (C) 116              (D) 144              (E) 154

4) How many positive integers  $x$  are there such that both  $x$  and  $x + 99$  are perfect squares?

- (A) 1                      (B) 2                      (C) 3                      (D) 49                      (E) 99

Miscellaneous

5) If  $pq = 21$ ,  $qr = 132$ , and  $rp = 77$ , and  $p > 0$ , then  $p =$

- (A)  $\frac{49}{4}$                       (B)  $\frac{4}{49}$                       (C)  $\frac{11}{4}$                       (D)  $\frac{2}{7}$                       (E)  $\frac{7}{2}$

6) Chris can paint a house in 18 hours. He has been contracted to paint 5 houses. After painting 23 hours, Tom helps him and they finish in 40 hours. How long would it have taken Tom to paint 2 of the houses alone?

- (A) 46 hours                      (B) 48 hours                      (C) 51 hours,  $6\frac{2}{3}$  minutes  
(D) 51 hours, 40 minutes                      (E) 53 hours, 20 minutes

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$$56a + 392b = 56(a + 7b) = 8 \cdot 7(a + 7b) = 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 7(a + 7b)$$

$$4 \cdot 2 \cdot 7(14) = 4 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 7^2 = \text{square number}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ 7 \quad 1 \end{array} \quad \boxed{a=7, b=1}$$

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$$10a + b + 10b + a = m^2 \quad | \quad a + b = 11$$

$$11a + 11b = m^2$$

$$11(a + b) = m^2$$

$$(a, b) = (2, 9), (3, 8), (4, 7), (5, 6), (6, 5), (7, 4), (8, 3), (9, 2)$$

8 integers: 29, 38, 47, 56, 65, 74, 83, 92

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$$a^2 - b^2 = 99$$

$$(a-b)(a+b) = 99$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$1 \cdot 99$$

$$3 \cdot 33$$

$$9 \cdot 11$$

$$(a-b)(a+b)$$

$$\rightarrow (50-49)(50+49)$$

$$\rightarrow (18-15)(18+15)$$

$$\rightarrow (10-1)(10+1)$$

3 integers:

$$x = 1^2, 15^2, 49^2$$

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$$rp = 77$$

$$qr = 77q$$

$$132p = 77q$$

$$q = \frac{21}{p}$$

$$132p = 77\left(\frac{21}{p}\right)$$

$$\frac{132p}{1} = \frac{77 \cdot 21}{p}$$

$$132p^2 = 77 \cdot 21$$

$$p^2 = \frac{77 \cdot 21}{132}$$

$$p^2 = \frac{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 3 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 33}$$

$$p^2 = \frac{49}{4}$$

$$p = \sqrt{\frac{49}{4}}$$

$$p = \frac{7}{2}$$

- 6) Chris can paint a house in 18 hours. He has been contracted to paint 5 houses. After painting 23 hours, Tom helps him and they finish in 40 hours. How long would it have taken Tom to paint 2 of the houses alone? Total: 5 houses =  $\frac{90}{18}$  houses

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$$\text{Chris} \rightarrow \frac{23}{18} \text{ houses finished, } \frac{90}{18} - \frac{23}{18} = \frac{67}{18} \text{ houses remaining}$$

$$(\text{hours}) \left( \frac{\text{houses}}{\text{hr}} \right) = \text{remaining houses}$$

$$(40) \left[ \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{T} \right] = \frac{67}{18}$$

$$\frac{40}{18} + \frac{40}{T} = \frac{67}{18}$$

$$\frac{40}{T} = \frac{67}{18} - \frac{40}{18}$$

$$\frac{40}{T} = \frac{27}{18}$$

$$\frac{40}{T} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$3T = 80$$

$$T = \frac{80}{3}$$

$$2T = 2\left(\frac{80}{3}\right) = \frac{160}{3}$$

$$\frac{160}{3} = 53\frac{1}{3} \text{ hrs.}$$