

The Hot Grapes

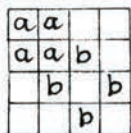
The grapes contain 10g of solids and 990g of water. After evaporation, the new mass m is made up of the same 10g of solids with (98% m)g of water so

$$\begin{aligned} m &= 10 + 0.98m \\ 100m &= 1000 + 98m \\ 2m &= 1000 \end{aligned}$$

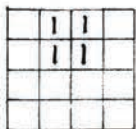
The grapes now weigh only 500g - a beautifully surprising result!

Squaring Up

The four moves in the sample game could be played in any order, so choosing any of the squares 1, 2, 3 or 4 will lead to a four-move game with 'evens' winning. Starting with either of the first two squares illustrated leads to immediate defeat for 'odds' in a two-move game:



If $a = 1$ then $b = 2$ and vice-versa.

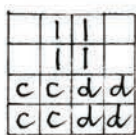


The winning first move is

... which can only proceed



or

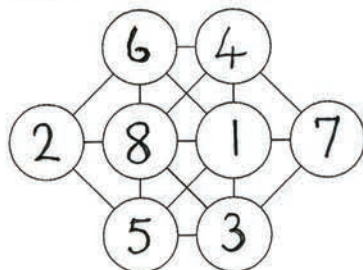


If $c = 2$ then $d = 3$ & vice-versa.

Two Special Triangles

It's relatively easy to spot (6, 8, 10) with area and perimeter 24, but one can also use the equations $ab = 2(a + b + c)$ and $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ to find that $a = 4 + 8/(b - 4)$. For integer values, $(b - 4)$ can only be 1, 2, 4 or 8. I leave it to you to calculate the values of a and b that arise!

1 to 8



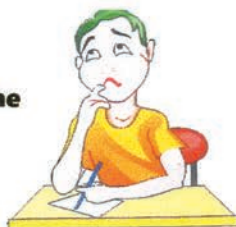
Twisted Logic

I had to be told the answer: starting with the 1 near the centre, the squares spiral clockwise in the order 1, 2, 4, 8, 1, 6, 3, 2, 6, 4, 1, 2, 8... since these are the digits of the powers of 2, the next three digits are 2, 5, 6, placing 6 in the empty square.

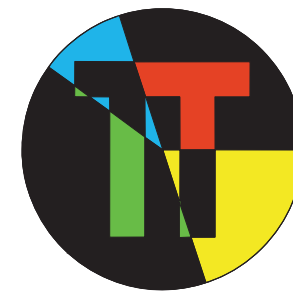


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Borromean Rings

Very attractive. Removal of the central ring frees the rest. One crucial difference is that the removal of *any* ring undoes the linkage in the traditional three-ring version. I don't think that this is possible with any more than three rings. Search the internet to see interesting *African Borromean rings* carved from wood.

Jigsaw

I have done a physical cut-and-paste to demonstrate:



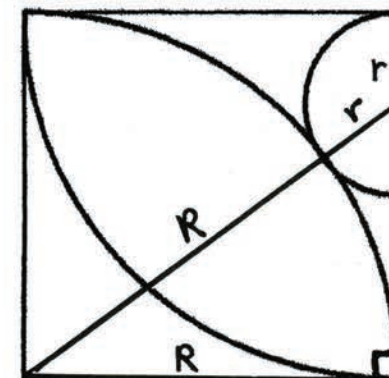
Mathematical Link-Words

Number, triangle, coordinate, set, vector

Sumo Wrestling

In the quarter-diagram shown, $(R + r)^2 = R^2 + (R - r)^2$, so $(R + r)^2 - (R - r)^2 = R^2$ and $2R \cdot 2r = R^2$ or $4r = R$

In the original diagram, the centre of the small circle is situated one-eighth of the way down the central line.



Five Numbers

We need the primes to be close to 60: 47, 53, 61, 67, 72

Just as Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Of course it is relatively easy to make the equations 'true' by using one match to cross out the equals sign - but apart from such sneaky dodges, there are solutions such as these -

$$\begin{aligned} 6 - 5 &= 1 \\ 9 + 5 &= 14 \\ 5 + 3 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

Easy Multiplication

The essential pattern is the multiplication of numbers with the same tens digit a and 'complementary' units digits b and b' where $b' = 10 - b$. We then have

$$\begin{aligned} (10a + b)(10a + b') &= 100a^2 + 10ab' + 10ab + bb' \\ &= 100a^2 + 10a(10 - b) + 10ab + b(10 - b) \\ &= 100a^2 - 100a - 10ab + 10ab + 10b - b^2 \\ &= 100a(a + 1) + b(10 - b) \\ &= 100a(a + 1) + bb' \end{aligned}$$

So $11 \times 19 = 209$, $12 \times 18 = 216$, $13 \times 17 = 221$ etc.,
 $21 \times 29 = 609$, $22 \times 28 = 616$, $23 \times 27 = 621$ etc.,
 $31 \times 39 = 1209$, $32 \times 38 = 1216$, ...

Which gives 45 such examples in total (discounting commutative results).

Multiply and Add

To maximise the number of 9's in the total we need to place 9 centrally and use the next four largest digits (8, 7, 6, 5) in some order round it. Suppose we place 8 at 'N'

To maximise the number of 8's we must multiply it by the next largest available digits (4, 3), so place these 'NE' and 'NW'. Then we would rather have 4×7 than 4×6 , and prefer 3×6 to 3×5 so this fixes the positions of 7, 6, 5. Finally 7×2 is preferable to 6×2 , fixing 2 and 1.

The total is then: $9(8 + 7 + 6 + 5) + 8(4 + 3) + 7(4 + 2) + 6(3 + 1) + 5(2 + 1) = 371$

3		8		4
6		9		7
1		5		2

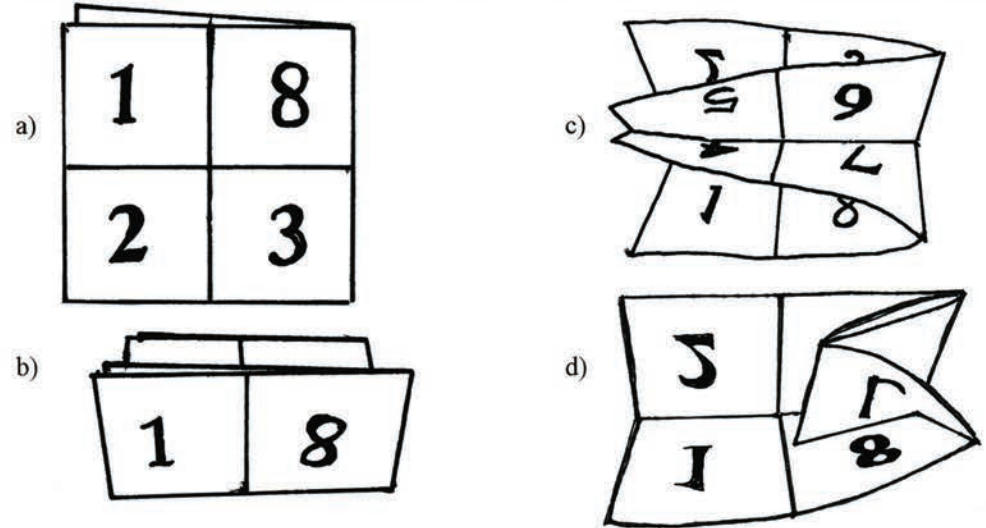
3	24	8	32	4
18		72		28
6	54	9	63	7
6		45		14
1	5	5	10	2



What is the lowest total?

A Mad Map

The process is not easy to describe: I hope that the drawings below help to convey the process! I used a 10cm x 20cm piece of tracing paper so the numbering showed on both sides:



- Fold the square 7, 4, 5, 6 under 1, 8, 3, 2.
- Then fold 2,3 under 1, 8.
- Looking 'inside' the package it can be seen that 6, 7, 8 are in order but 1, 2 are separated by the central 4, 5: so pinch the 4,5 section and tuck it behind the 6.
- Flatten the packet back down to look similar to b) and fold the left 1, 2 under the rest.

From Puzzle Papers in Arithmetic (adapted)

Jack is 16 and Jill is 25, since $625 = 25^2$ and $256 = 16^2$

Trios, not Triples

Once a few of the empty cells have been filled using the 'not triples' rule, the 'once in a row/column' sudoku style leads to quick completion.

For example, the second cell in the top row of the first grid i) cannot be 5 or 6 since these are already in that row, ii) cannot be 1 or 3 - already in that column, iii) cannot be 4 since the trio would sum to $5 + 4 + 6 = 15 = 5 \times 3$. So this cell contains 2.

The second column can be completed quickly since we cannot place 6 between 5 and 1 because $5 + 6 + 1 = 12 = 4 \times 3$.

5	2	6	3	1	4
2	5	3	6	4	1
1	4	2	5	6	3
4	1	5	2	3	6
3	6	4	1	5	2
6	3	1	4	2	5

2	1	4	6	3	5
4	3	6	5	2	1
1	6	3	2	5	4
3	2	5	4	1	6
6	5	2	1	4	3
5	4	1	3	6	2

Abundant, but Weird Nevertheless

70: $1 + 2 + 5 + 7 + 10 + 14 + 35 = 74$