

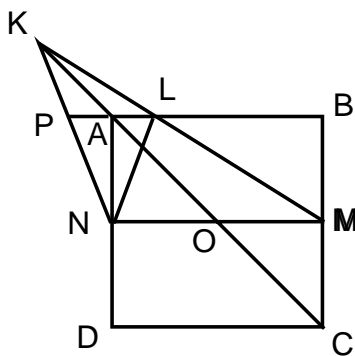
**MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.**  
**Solution Sheet 4, May 19, 2015<sup>1</sup>**

1. First write  $2016 = 2^5 3^2 7$ , then divide both sides by  $2^b$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{a-b} \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 &= 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \\ 2^{a-b} &= 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 + 1 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Since  $2^a - 2^b = 2016 > 0$ ,  $a > b$ , which implies the LHS of equation (1) is an even number. For the RHS of (1) to be even, we must have  $b = 5$ . Substituting  $b = 5$  into (1), then  $2^{a-5} = 64$ , solving to obtain  $a = 11$ .

2. Let  $O$  be the midpoint of  $NM$ , extend the line  $AB$  so that it intercepts  $KN$  at the point  $P$ ; see below. Since  $NM$  and  $PL$  are parallel and  $O$  is the mid point of  $NM$ ,  $A$  is the midpoint of  $PL$  (this is a special case of the intercept theorem [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intercept\\_theorem](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intercept_theorem)). Therefore the triangles  $PNA$  and  $ANL$  are congruent to each other, hence  $\angle PNA = \angle ANL$ .



3. We can write  $n$  as  $n = 3^a 5^b 7^c \cdot N$ , where the number  $N$  has no factors of 3, 5 or 7. Then  $\frac{1}{3}n = 3^{a-1} 5^b 7^c \cdot N$ ,  $\frac{1}{5}n = 3^a 5^{b-1} 7^c \cdot N$  and  $\frac{1}{7}n = 3^a 5^b 7^{c-1} \cdot N$ . Because we are looking minimal  $N$ , we may as well set  $N = 1$ . So for  $\frac{1}{3}n$  to be a perfect cube,  $\frac{1}{5}n$  to be a perfect fifth power and  $\frac{1}{7}n$  to be a perfect seventh power, we must have  $a - 1$  a multiple of 3 and  $a$  a multiplied of 5; 7; the smallest such  $a$  is 70. To find  $n$ , repeat this argument to obtain  $b$  and  $c$ .

<sup>1</sup>Some problems from UNSW's publication Parabola, and the Tournament of Towns in Toronto

4. We have

$$k^3 - 1 = (k - 1)(k^2 + k + 1) = (k - 1)(k(k + 1) + 1)$$

and

$$k^3 + 1 = (k + 1)(k^2 - k + 1) = (k + 1)(k(k$$

Suppose we have  $n$  integers,  $x_1; \dots; x_n$  from the list  $0; 1; 2$  such that their sum is even. We know there is  $f(n)$  ways to choose these  $n$  numbers, and we can either pick  $x_{n+1}$  to be 0 or 2 so that the sum of  $x_1; \dots; x_{n+1}$  is even; the total number of ways we can pick these  $n + 1$  integers is  $2f(n)$ .

On the other hand, if the initial  $n$  integers,  $x_1; \dots; x_n$

(b)  $(n + 1)! < n(1! + 2! + \dots + n!)$  because

$$(n + 1)! = (n + 1)n$$