

1 Cubes

Example 1.1: Sample Problem

How many times would a piece of paper need to be folded in half to create 256 layers?

Example 1.2: Sample Problem

Simplify the expressions.

(a)
$$\frac{(-1)^{93} \cdot (-1)^{94} \cdot (-1)^{95}}{(-1)^{96} \cdot (-1)^{97}}$$

(b)
$$\frac{5^4 + 5^4 + 5^4 + 5^4}{5^5}$$

Example 1.3: Sample Problem

(MATHCOUNTS) Susan's calculator has a key that replaces the number displayed with its cube. If a 2 is displayed, how many times must Susan press the "cubing" key to display a number that is greater than 10^9 ?

Example 1.4: Sample Problem

Multiply and simplify.

a. $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}) \cdot (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})$

b. $(5 + \sqrt{5}) \cdot (5 + \sqrt{5})$

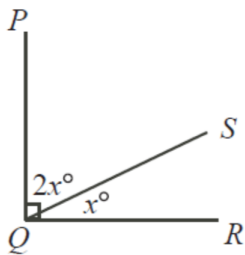
c. $(\sqrt{2} + 1) \cdot (\sqrt{2} - 1)$

Example 1.5: Sample Problem

If n is an integer, and $13 < n\sqrt{11} < 14$, then what is n ?

Example 1.6: Sample Problem

In the diagram, $\angle PQR = 90^\circ$. What is the value of x ?

**Example 1.7: Sample Problem**

In the diagram, triangle ABC is isosceles, with $AB = AC$. If $\angle ABC = 50^\circ$ and $\angle DAC = 60^\circ$, the value of x is

