

1. Find the sum of the squares of all values of  $x$  that satisfy

$$\log_2(x+3) + \log_2(2-x) = 2.$$

**Answer: 5**

**Solution:** We use the sum rule for logs to get

$$\log_2(-x^2 - x + 6) = 2.$$

We raise 2 to the power of both sides of the equation, giving us

$$-x^2 - x + 6 = 4.$$

Subtracting 4 from both sides gives us

$$-x^2 - x + 2 = (-x+1)(x+2) = 0 \implies x = -2, 1$$

which both satisfy the original equation (in both cases,  $x+3 > 0$  and  $2-x > 0$ , so the logarithms are defined) giving an answer of  $(-2)^2 + 1^2 = \boxed{5}$ .

2. The polynomial  $f(x) = x^3 + rx^2 + sx + t$  has  $r$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$  as its roots (with multiplicity), where  $f(1)$  is rational and  $t \neq 0$ . Compute  $|f(0)|$ .

**Answer: 1**

**Solution:** First, we have by Vieta's formulae that  $rst = -t$ . Since  $t \neq 0$ ,  $rs = -1$ , so we write

$$s = -\frac{1}{r}.$$

Now we also observe (from Vieta's formulae) that  $r + s + t = -r$ , so  $t = -2r - s = -2r + \frac{1}{r}$ . Now we can write

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-r)(x-s)(x-t) \\ &= (x-r) \left(x + \frac{1}{r}\right) \left(x + 2r - \frac{1}{r}\right) \\ &= x^3 + rx^2 - \left(2r^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{r^2}\right)x - 2r + \frac{1}{r} \\ &= x^3 + rx^2 + sx + t \\ &= x^3 + rx^2 - \frac{1}{r}x - 2r + \frac{1}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

Equating the coefficients of  $x$  in the third and fifth lines above yields  $\frac{1}{r} = 2r^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{r^2}$ , so  $2r^4 - 2r^2 - r + 1 = 0$ . We are given that

$$f(1) = r + s + t + 1 = -r + 1$$

is rational, so  $r$  must be rational. By the rational root theorem, the only possible values for  $r$  are  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ . A simple check reveals that  $r = 1$  is the only possibility, whence we find

$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x - 1,$$

so  $|f(0)| = \boxed{1}$ .

3. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be integers from  $-10$  to  $10$ , inclusive, with  $xy \neq 1$ . Compute the number of ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  such that  $\left| \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \right| \leq 1$ .

**Answer: 365**

**Solution:** Either

$$-1 \leq \frac{x+y}{1-xy} \implies x+y \geq xy-1 \implies xy-x-y-1 \leq 0 \implies (x-1)(y-1) \leq 2$$

by SFFT, or similarly,

$$x+y \leq 1-xy \implies xy+x+y+1 \leq 2 \implies (x+1)(y+1) \leq 2.$$

Both of the boundaries of these graphs are hyperbolae, so we can observe that either  $(x, y) = (\pm 1, 0), (0, \pm 1)$ , or  $(0, 0)$ , or one of the variables (but not both) is negative and the other is positive, giving  $5 + 2 \cdot 10^2 = 205$  solutions for  $|x|, |y| \leq 10$ .

However, this is only for the case where  $x$  and  $y$  have opposite signs. In multiplying through by  $1-xy$ , we lose those cases in which  $x$  and  $y$  the same sign, as this makes  $1-xy$  negative. Indeed, we have those pairs in the square with vertices at  $(2, 2), (2, 10), (10, 10), (10, 2)$  and those pairs in the square with vertices  $(-2, -2), (-2, -10), (-10, -10), (-10, -2)$  with the exception of the pairs  $(2, 2)$  and  $(-2, -2)$ , for an additional  $2 \cdot 9^2 - 2 = 160$  ordered pairs. In total, there are  $205 + 160 = \boxed{365}$  satisfactory ordered pairs  $(x, y)$ .