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Instructions:

- **Calculators (in any form) and protractors are not allowed.**
- **Rulers and compasses are allowed.**
- **Answer all the questions. Maximum marks: 100.**
- **Answer to each question should start on a new page. Clearly indicate the question number.**

1. Let ABC be triangle in which $AB = AC$. Suppose the orthocentre of the triangle lies on the incircle. Find the ratio AB/BC.

2. For positive real numbers a, b, c, which of the following statements necessarily implies $a = b = c$: (I) $a(b^3 + c^3) = b(c^3 + a^3) = c(a^3 + b^3)$, (II) $a(a^3 + b^3) = b(b^3 + c^3) = c(c^3 + a^3)$? Justify your answer.

3. Let $\mathbb{N}$ denote the set of all natural numbers. Define a function $T : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ by $T(2k) = k$ and $T(2k + 1) = 2k + 2$. We write $T^2(n) = T(T(n))$ and in general $T^k(n) = T^{k-1}(T(n))$ for any $k > 1$.

   (i) Show that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists k such that $T^k(n) = 1$.

   (ii) For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let c_k denote the number of elements in the set $\{n : T^k(n) = 1\}$. Prove that $c_{k+2} = c_{k+1} + c_k$, for $k \geq 1$.

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$$\frac{1}{r'} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{BD}.$$

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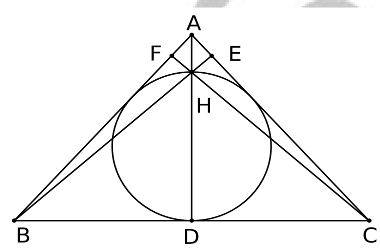
INMO-2016 problems and solutions

1. Let ABC be triangle in which $AB = AC$. Suppose the orthocentre of the triangle lies on the in-circle. Find the ratio AB/BC.

Solution: Since the triangle is isosceles, the orthocentre lies on the perpendicular AD from A on to BC. Let it cut the in-circle at H. Now we are given that H is the orthocentre of the triangle. Let $AB = AC = b$ and $BC = 2a$. Then $BD = a$. Observe that $b > a$ since b is the hypotenuse and a is a leg of a right-angled triangle. Let BH meet AC in E and CH meet AB in F. By Pythagoras theorem applied to $\triangle BDH$, we get



$$BH^2 = HD^2 + BD^2 = 4r^2 + a^2,$$

where r is the in-radius of ABC. We want to compute BH in another way. Since A, F, H, E are con-cyclic, we have

$$BH \cdot BE = BF \cdot BA.$$

But $BF \cdot BA = BD \cdot BC = 2a^2$, since A, F, D, C are con-cyclic. Hence $BH^2 = 4a^4/BE^2$. But

$$BE^2 = 4a^2 - CE^2 = 4a^2 - BF^2 = 4a^2 - \left(\frac{2a^2}{b}\right)^2 = \frac{4a^2(b^2 - a^2)}{b^2}.$$

This leads to

$$BH^2 = \frac{a^2b^2}{b^2 - a^2}.$$

Thus we get

$$\frac{a^2b^2}{b^2 - a^2} = a^2 + 4r^2.$$

This simplifies to $(a^4/(b^2 - a^2)) = 4r^2$. Now we relate a, b, r in another way using area. We know that $[ABC] = rs$, where s is the semi-perimeter of ABC. We have $s = (b + b + 2a)/2 = b + a$. On the other hand area can be calculated using Heron's formula::

$$[ABC]^2 = s(s - 2a)(s - b)(s - b) = (b + a)(b - a)a^2 = a^2(b^2 - a^2).$$

Hence

$$r^2 = \frac{[ABC]^2}{s^2} = \frac{a^2(b^2 - a^2)}{(b + a)^2}.$$

Using this we get

$$\frac{a^4}{b^2 - a^2} = 4\left(\frac{a^2(b^2 - a^2)}{(b + a)^2}\right).$$

Therefore $a^2 = 4(b - a)^2$, which gives $a = 2(b - a)$ or $2b = 3a$. Finally,

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{b}{2a} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Alternate Solution 1:

We use the known facts $BH = 2R\cos B$ and $r = 4R\sin(A/2)\sin(B/2)\sin(C/2)$, where R is the circumradius of $\triangle ABC$ and r its in-radius. Therefore

$$HD = BH\sin\angle HBD = 2R\cos B\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - C\right) = 2R\cos^2 B,$$

since $\angle C = \angle B$. But $\angle B = (\pi - \angle A)/2$, since ABC is isosceles. Thus we obtain

$$HD = 2R\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2}\right).$$

However HD is also the diameter of the in circle. Therefore $HD = 2r$. Thus we get

$$2R\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2}\right) = 2r = 8R\sin(A/2)\sin^2((\pi - A)/4).$$

This reduces to

$$\sin(A/2) = 2\left(1 - \sin(A/2)\right).$$

Therefore $\sin(A/2) = 2/3$. We also observe that $\sin(A/2) = BD/AB$. Finally

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AB}{2BD} = \frac{1}{2\sin(A/2)} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Alternate Solution 2:

Let D be the mid-point of BC. Extend AD to meet the circumcircle in L. Then we know that $HD = DL$. But $HD = 2r$. Thus $DL = 2r$. Therefore $IL = ID + DL = r + 2r = 3r$. We also know that $LB = LI$. Therefore $LB = 3r$. This gives

$$\frac{BL}{LD} = \frac{3r}{2r} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

But $\triangle BLD$ is similar to $\triangle ABD$. So

$$\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{BL}{LD} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Finally,

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{AB}{2BD} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Alternate Solution 3:

Let D be the mid-point of BC and E be the mid-point of DC. Since $DI = IH (= r)$ and $DE = EC$, the mid-point theorem implies that $IE \parallel CH$. But $CH \perp AB$. Therefore $EI \perp AB$. Let EI meet AB in F. Then F is the point of tangency of the incircle of $\triangle ABC$ with AB. Since the incircle is also tangent to BC at D, we have $BF = BD$. Observe that $\triangle BFE$ is similar to $\triangle BDA$. Hence

$$\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{BE}{BF} = \frac{BE}{BD} = \frac{BD + DE}{BD} = 1 + \frac{DE}{BD} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

This gives

$$\frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

2. For positive real numbers a, b, c, which of the following statements necessarily implies $a = b = c$: (I) $a(b^3 + c^3) = b(c^3 + a^3) = c(a^3 + b^3)$, (II) $a(a^3 + b^3) = b(b^3 + c^3) = c(c^3 + a^3)$? Justify your answer.

Solution: We show that (I) need not imply that $a = b = c$ where as (II) always implies $a = b = c$.

Observe that $a(b^3 + c^3) = b(c^3 + a^3)$ gives $c^3(a - b) = ab(a^2 - b^2)$. This gives either $a = b$ or $ab(a + b) = c^3$. Similarly, $b = c$ or $bc(b + c) = a^3$. If $a \neq b$ and $b \neq c$, we obtain

$$ab(a + b) = c^3, \quad bc(b + c) = a^3.$$

Therefore

$$b(a^2 - c^2) + b^2(a - c) = c^3 - a^3.$$

This gives $(a - c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca) = 0$. Since a, b, c are positive, the only possibility is $a = c$. We have therefore 4 possibilities: $a = b = c$; $a \neq b$, $b \neq c$ and $c = a$; $b \neq c$, $c \neq a$ and $a = b$; $c \neq a$, $a \neq b$ and $b = c$.

Suppose $a = b$ and $b, a \neq c$. Then $b(c^3 + a^3) = c(a^3 + b^3)$ gives $ac^3 + a^4 = 2ca^3$. This implies that $a(a - c)(a^2 - ac - c^2) = 0$. Therefore $a^2 - ac - c^2 = 0$. Putting $a/c = x$, we get the quadratic equation $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$. Hence $x = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$. Thus we get

$$a = b = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) c, \quad c \text{ arbitrary positive real number.}$$

Similarly, we get other two cases:

$$b = c = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) a, \quad a \text{ arbitrary positive real number;}$$

$$c = a = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) b, \quad b \text{ arbitrary positive real number.}$$

And $a = b = c$ is the fourth possibility.

Consider (II): $a(a^3 + b^3) = b(b^3 + c^3) = c(c^3 + a^3)$. Suppose a, b, c are mutually distinct. We may assume $a = \max\{a, b, c\}$. Hence $a > b$ and $a > c$. Using $a > b$, we get from the first relation that $a^3 + b^3 < b^3 + c^3$. Therefore $a^3 < c^3$ forcing $a < c$. This contradicts $a > c$. We conclude that a, b, c cannot be mutually distinct. This means some two must be equal. If $a = b$, the equality of the first two expressions give $a^3 + b^3 = b^3 + c^3$ so that $a = c$. Similarly, we can show that $b = c$ implies $b = a$ and $c = a$ gives $c = b$.

Alternate for (II) by a contestant: We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{a^3}{c} + \frac{b^3}{c} &= \frac{c^3}{a} + a^2, \\
\frac{b^3}{a} + \frac{c^3}{a} &= \frac{a^3}{b} + b^2, \\
\frac{c^3}{b} + \frac{a^3}{b} &= \frac{b^3}{c} + c^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Adding, we get

$$\frac{a^3}{c} + \frac{b^3}{a} + \frac{c^3}{b} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2.$$

Using C-S inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{a^3}}{\sqrt{c}}\cdot\sqrt{ac}+\frac{\sqrt{b^3}}{\sqrt{a}}\cdot\sqrt{ba}+\frac{\sqrt{c^3}}{\sqrt{b}}\cdot\sqrt{cb}\right)^2\\ &\leq \left(\frac{a^3}{c}+\frac{b^3}{a}+\frac{c^3}{b}\right)(ac+ba+cb)\\ &= (a^2+b^2+c^2)(ab+bc+ca).\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$a^2+b^2+c^2 \leq ab+bc+ca.$$

However this implies $(a-b)^2+(b-c)^2+(c-a)^2 \leq 0$ and hence $a=b=c$.

3. Let $\mathbb{N}$ denote the set of all natural numbers. Define a function $T:\mathbb{N}\to\mathbb{N}$ by $T(2k)=k$ and $T(2k+1)=2k+2$. We write $T^2(n)=T(T(n))$ and in general $T^k(n)=T^{k-1}(T(n))$ for any $k>1$.

   (i) Show that for each $n\in\mathbb{N}$, there exists k such that $T^k(n)=1$.

   (ii) For $k\in\mathbb{N}$, let c_k denote the number of elements in the set $\{n : T^k(n)=1\}$. Prove that $c_{k+2}=c_{k+1}+c_k$, for $k\geq 1$.

   Solution:

   (i) For $n=1$, we have $T(1)=2$ and $T^2(1)=T(2)=1$. Hence we may assume that $n>1$.

   Suppose $n>1$ is even. Then $T(n)=n/2$. We observe that $(n/2)\leq n-1$ for $n>1$.

   Suppose $n>1$ is odd so that $n\geq 3$. Then $T(n)=n+1$ and $T^2(n)=(n+1)/2$. Again we see that $(n+1)/2\leq(n-1)$ for $n\geq 3$.

   Thus we see that in at most $2(n-1)$ steps T sends n to 1. Hence $k\leq 2(n-1)$. (Here $2(n-1)$ is only a bound. In reality, less number of steps will do.)

   (ii) We show that $c_n=f_{n+1}$, where f_n is the n-th Fibonacci number.

   Let $n\in\mathbb{N}$ and let $k\in\mathbb{N}$ be such that $T^k(n)=1$. Here n can be odd or even. If n is even, it can be either of the form $4d+2$ or of the form $4d$.

   If n is odd, then $1=T^k(n)=T^{k-1}(n+1)$. (Observe that $k>1$; otherwise we get $n+1=1$ which is impossible since $n\in\mathbb{N}$.) Here $n+1$ is even.

   If $n=4d+2$, then again $1=T^k(4d+2)=T^{k-1}(2d+1)$. Here $2d+1=n/2$ is odd.

   Thus each solution of $T^{k-1}(m)=1$ produces exactly one solution of $T^k(n)=1$ and n is either odd or of the form $4d+2$.

   If $n=4d$, we see that $1=T^k(4d)=T^{k-1}(2d)=T^{k-2}(d)$. This shows that each solution of $T^{k-2}(m)=1$ produces exactly one solution of $T^k(n)=1$ of the form $4d$.

   Thus the number of solutions of $T^k(n)=1$ is equal to the number of solutions of $T^{k-1}(m)=1$ and the number of solutions of $T^{k-2}(l)=1$ for $k>2$. This shows that $c_k=c_{k-1}+c_{k-2}$ for $k>2$. We also observe that 2 is the only number which goes to 1 in one step and 4 is the only number which goes to 1 in two steps. Hence $c_1=1$ and $c_2=2$. This proves that $c_n=f_{n+1}$ for all $n\in\mathbb{N}$.

4. Suppose 2016 points of the circumference of a circle are coloured red and the remaining points are coloured blue. Given any natural number $n\geq 3$, prove that there is a regular n-sided polygon all of whose vertices are blue.

   Solution: Let $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_{2016}$ be 2016 points on the circle which are coloured *red* and the remain-

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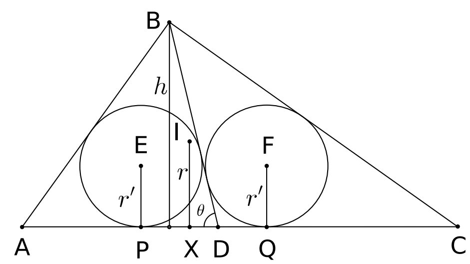
ing blue. Let $n \geq 3$ and let $B_1, B_2, \ldots, B_n$ be a regular n-sided polygon inscribed in this circle with the vertices chosen in anti-clock-wise direction. We place B_1 at A_1. (It is possible, in this position, some other B's also coincide with some other A's.) Rotate the polygon in anti-clock-wise direction gradually till some B's coincide with (an equal number of) A's second time. We again rotate the polygon in the same direction till some B's coincide with an equal number of A's third time, and so on until we return to the original position, i.e., B_1 at A_1. We see that the number of rotations will not be more than $2016 \times n$, that is, at most these many times some B's would have coincided with an equal number of A's. Since the interval $(0, 360°)$ has infinitely many points, we can find a value $\alpha^{\circ} \in (0, 360°)$ through which the polygon can be rotated from its initial position such that no B coincides with any A. This gives a n-sided regular polygon having only blue vertices.

Alternate Solution: Consider a regular $2017 \times n$-gon on the circle; say, $A_1A_2A_3 \cdots A_{2017n}$. For each j, $1 \leq j \leq 2017$, consider the points $\{A_k \ : \ k \equiv j \pmod{2017}\}$. These are the vertices of a regular n-gon, say S_j. We get 2017 regular n-gons; $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_{2017}$. Since there are only 2016 red points, by pigeon-hole principle there must be some n-gon among these 2017 which does not contain any red point. But then it is a blue n-gon.

5. Let ABC be a right-angled triangle with $\angle B = 90°$. Let D be a point on AC such that the in-radii of the triangles ABD and CBD are equal. If this common value is r' and if r is the in-radius of triangle ABC, prove that
$$\frac{1}{r'} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{BD}.$$

Solution: Let E and F be the incentres of triangles ABD and CBD respectively. Let the in-circles of triangles ABD and CBD touch AC in P and Q respectively. If $\angle BDA = \theta$, we see that



$$r' = PD\tan(\theta/2) = QD\cot(\theta/2).$$

Hence

$$PQ = PD + QD = r'\left(\cot\frac{\theta}{2} + \tan\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{2r'}{\sin\theta}.$$

But we observe that

$$DP = \frac{BD + DA - AB}{2}, \quad DQ = \frac{BD + DC - BC}{2}.$$

Thus $PQ = (b - c - a + 2BD)/2$. We also have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{ac}{2} = [ABC] = [ABD] + [CBD] = r'\frac{(AB + BD + DA)}{2} + r'\frac{(CB + BD + DC)}{2} \\ = r'\frac{(c + a + b + 2BD)}{2} = r'(s + BD).\end{aligned}$$

But

$$r' = \frac{PQ\sin\theta}{2} = \frac{PQ \cdot h}{2BD},$$

where h is the altitude from B on to AC. But we know that $h = ac/b$. Thus we get

$$ac = 2 \times r'(s + BD) = 2 \times \frac{PQ \cdot h}{2 \times BD}(s + BD) = \frac{(b - c - a + 2BD)ca(s + BD)}{2 \times BD \times b}.$$

Thus we get

$$2 \times BD \times b = 2 \times \big(BD - (s-b)\big)(s + BD).$$

This gives $BD^2 = s(s-b)$. Since ABC is a right-angled triangle $r = s - b$. Thus we get $BD^2 = rs$. On the other hand, we also have $[ABC] = r'(s + BD)$. Thus we get

$$rs = [ABC] = r'(s + BD).$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{r'} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{BD}{rs} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{BD}.$$

Alternate Solution 1: Observe that

$$\frac{r'}{r} = \frac{AP}{AX} = \frac{CQ}{CX} = \frac{AP + CQ}{AC},$$

where X is the point at which the incircle of ABC touches the side AC. If s_1 and s_2 are respectively the semi-perimeters of triangles ABD and CBD, we know $AP = s_1 - BD$ and $CQ = s_2 - BD$. Therefore

$$\frac{r'}{r} = \frac{(s_1 - BD) + (s_2 - BD)}{AC} = \frac{s_1 + s_2 - 2BD}{b}.$$

But

$$s_1 + s_2 = \frac{AD + BD + c}{2} + \frac{CD + BD + a}{2} = \frac{(a+b+c) + 2BD}{2} = \frac{s + BD}{2}.$$

This gives

$$\frac{r'}{r} = \frac{s + BD - 2BD}{b} = \frac{s - BD}{b}.$$

We also have

$$r' = \frac{[ABD]}{s_1} = \frac{[CBD]}{s_2} = \frac{[ABD] + [CBD]}{s_1 + s_2} = \frac{[ABC]}{s + BD} = \frac{rs}{s + BD}.$$

This implies that

$$\frac{r'}{r} = \frac{s}{s + BD}.$$

Comparing the two expressions for r'/r, we see that

$$\frac{s - BD}{b} = \frac{s}{s + BD}.$$

Therefore $s^2 - BD^2 = bs$, or $BD^2 = s(s-b)$. Thus we get $BD = \sqrt{s(s-b)}$.

We know now that

$$\frac{r'}{r} = \frac{s}{s + BD} = \frac{s - BD}{b} = \frac{BD}{(s-b) + BD} = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-b)}}{(s-b) + \sqrt{s(s-b)}} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{s-b} + \sqrt{s}}.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{r}{r'} = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{s-b}{s}}.$$

This gives

$$\frac{1}{r'} = \frac{1}{r} + \left(\sqrt{\frac{s-b}{s}}\right)\frac{1}{r}.$$

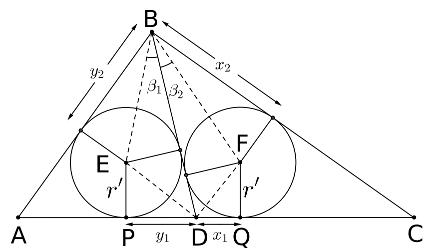
But

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{s-b}{s}}\right)\frac{1}{r} = \left(\frac{s-b}{\sqrt{s(s-b)}}\right)\frac{1}{r} = \left(\frac{s-b}{BD}\right)\frac{1}{r}.$$

If $\angle B = 90°$, we know that $r = s - b$. Therfore we get

$$\frac{1}{r'} = \frac{1}{r} + \left(\frac{s-b}{BD}\right)\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{BD}.$$

Alternate Solution 2 by a contestant: Observe that $\angle EDF = 90°$. Hence $\triangle EDP$ is similar to $\triangle DFQ$. Therefore $DP \cdot DQ = EP \cdot FQ$. Taking $DP = y_1$ and $DQ = x_1$, we get $x_1 y_1 = (r')^2$. We also observe that $BD = x_1 + x_2 = y_1 + y_2$. Since $\angle EBF = 45°$, we get



$$1 = \tan 45° = \tan(\beta_1 + \beta_2) = \frac{\tan\beta_1 + \tan\beta_2}{1 - \tan\beta_1 \tan\beta_2}.$$

But $\tan\beta_1 = r'/y_2$ and $\tan\beta_2 = r'/x_2$. Hence we obtain

$$1 = \frac{(r'/y_2) + (r'/x_2)}{1 - (r')^2/x_2 y_2}.$$

Solving for r', we get

$$r' = \frac{x_2 y_2 - x_1 y_1}{x_2 + y_2}.$$

We also know

$$r = \frac{AB + BC - AC}{2} = \frac{x_2 + y_2 - (x_1 + y_1)}{2} = \frac{(x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_1)}{2}.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{BD} &= \frac{2}{(x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_1)} + \frac{1}{x_1 + x_2} \\ &= \frac{2x_1 + 2x_2 + (x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_1)}{(x_1 + x_2)((x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_1))}. \end{aligned}$$

But we can write

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + (x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_1) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_2 - x_1) + (y_1 + y_2 + y_2 - y_1) = 2(x_2 + y_2),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 + x_2)((x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_1)) &= 2(x_1 + x_2)(x_2 - y_1) \\ &= 2(x_2(x_2 + x_1 - y_1) - x_1 y_1) = 2(x_2 y_2 - x_1 y_1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{BD} = \frac{2(x_2 + y_2)}{2(x_2 y_2 - x_1 y_1)} = \frac{1}{r'}.$$

Remark: One can also choose $B = (0,0)$, $A = (0,a)$ and $C = (1,0)$ and the coordinate geometry proof gets reduced considerbly.

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6. Consider a non-constant arithmetic progression $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n, \ldots$. Suppose there exist relatively prime positive integers $p > 1$ and $q > 1$ such that a_1^2, a_{p+1}^2 and a_{q+1}^2 are also the terms of the same arithmetic progression. Prove that the terms of the arithmetic progression are all integers.

Solution: Let us take $a_1 = a$. We have

$$a^2 = a + kd, \quad (a + pd)^2 = a + ld, \quad (a + qd)^2 = a + md.$$

Thus we have

$$a + ld = (a + pd)^2 = a^2 + 2pad + p^2d^2 = a + kd + 2pad + p^2d^2.$$

Since we have non-constant AP, we see that $d \neq 0$. Hence we obtain $2pa + p^2d = l - k$. Similarly, we get $2qa + q^2d = m - k$. Observe that $p^2q - pq^2 \neq 0$. Otherwise $p = q$ and $\gcd(p, q) = p > 1$ which is a contradiction to the given hypothesis that $\gcd(p, q) = 1$. Hence we can solve the two equations for a, d:

$$a = \frac{p^2(m-k) - q^2(l-k)}{2(p^2q - pq^2)}, \quad d = \frac{q(l-k) - p(m-k)}{p^2q - pq^2}.$$

It follows that a, d are rational numbers. We also have

$$p^2a^2 = p^2a + kp^2d.$$

But $p^2d = l - k - 2pa$. Thus we get

$$p^2a^2 = p^2a + k(l - k - 2pa) = (p - 2k)pa + k(l - k).$$

This shows that pa satisfies the equation

$$x^2 - (p - 2k)x - k(l - k) = 0.$$

Since a is rational, we see that pa is rational. Write $pa = w/z$, where w is an integer and z is a natural numbers such that $\gcd(w, z) = 1$. Substituting in the equation, we obtain

$$w^2 - (p - 2k)wz - k(l - k)z^2 = 0.$$

This shows z divides w. Since $\gcd(w, z) = 1$, it follows that $z = 1$ and $pa = w$ an integer. (In fact any rational solution of a monic polynomial with integer coefficients is necessarily an integer.) Similarly, we can prove that qa is an integer. Since $\gcd(p, q) = 1$, there are integers u and v such that $pu + qv = 1$. Therefore $a = (pa)u + (qa)v$. It follows that a is an integer.
But $p^2d = l - k - 2pa$. Hence p^2d is an integer. Similarly, q^2d is also an integer. Since $\gcd(p^2, q^2) = 1$, it follows that d is an integer. Combining these two, we see that all the terms of the AP are integers.

Alternatively, we can prove that a and d are integers in another way. We have seen that a and d are rationals; and we have three relations:

$$a^2 = a + kd, \quad p^2d + 2pa = n_1, \quad q^2d + 2qa = n_2,$$

where $n_1 = l - k$ and $n_2 = m - k$. Let $a = u/v$ and $d = x/y$ where u, x are integers and v, y are natural numbers, and $\gcd(u, v) = 1$, $\gcd(x, y) = 1$. Putting this in these relations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u^2y &= uvy + kxv^2, && (1)\\ 2puy + p^2vx &= vyn_1, && (2)\\ 2quy + q^2vx &= vyn_2. && (3) \end{aligned}$$

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Now (1) shows that $v|u^2y$. Since $\gcd(u,v) = 1$, it follows that $v|y$. Similarly (2) shows that $y|p^2vx$. Using $\gcd(y,x) = 1$, we get that $y|p^2v$. Similarly, (3) shows that $y|q^2v$. Therefore y divides $\gcd(p^2v, q^2v) = v$. The two results $v|y$ and $y|v$ imply $v = y$, since both v, y are positive.

Substitute this in (1) to get

$$u^2 = uv + kxv.$$

This shows that $v|u^2$. Since $\gcd(u,v) = 1$, it follows that $v = 1$. This gives $v = y = 1$. Finally $a = u$ and $d = x$ which are integers.

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