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16	3	1

If  $x \wedge y$  are three digits,  $(x||y) = 1000x + y$  because  $1000x$  is the concatenation of  $x$  and 000.

$$6(1000x + y) = 1000y + x$$

$$5999x = 994y$$

$$\frac{7}{7} \cdot \frac{857}{142}x = y$$

$$x = 142 \wedge y = 857$$

Similarly, if  $x \wedge y$  are nine digits,  $1000000000x$  is the concatenation of  $x$  and 000000000 so that  $(x||y) = 1000000000x + y$ .

$$6(1000000000x + y) = 1000000000y + x$$

$$5999999999x = 999999996y$$

$$\frac{7}{7} \cdot \frac{857142857}{142857142}x = y$$

$$x = 142857142 \wedge y = 857142857$$

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The sides  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{BC}$  are equal. The remaining side is  $\overline{AC}$ . P is the perimeter and A is the area. The altitude stretches from B to the midpoint of  $\overline{AC}$ , which we will call D.

$$P = 2\overline{AB} + \overline{AC}$$

Pythagorean Theorem

$$\overline{BD} = \sqrt{\overline{AB}^2 - \left(\frac{\overline{AC}}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$A = \frac{\frac{\overline{AC}}{2} \sqrt{\overline{AB}^2 - \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{4}}}{2}$$

$$6(2\overline{AB} + \overline{AC}) = \frac{\overline{AC} \sqrt{\overline{AB}^2 - \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{4}}}{2}$$

$$48\overline{AB} + 24\overline{AC} = \overline{AC} \sqrt{\overline{AB}^2 - \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{4}}$$

$$48\frac{\overline{AB}}{\overline{AC}} + 24 = \sqrt{\overline{AB}^2 - \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{4}}$$

$$2304\frac{\overline{AB}^2}{\overline{AC}^2} + 2304\frac{\overline{AB}}{\overline{AC}} + 576 = \overline{AB}^2 - \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{4}$$

$$9216\overline{AB}^2 + 9216\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{AC} + 2304\overline{AC}^2 - 4\overline{AB}^2\overline{AC}^2 + \overline{AC}^4 = 0$$

Solution 1:  $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = 80 \wedge \overline{AC} = 96$

Solution 2:  $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = 85 \wedge \overline{AC} = 80$

Solution 3:  $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = 90 \wedge \overline{AC} = 144$

Solution 4:  $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = 130 \wedge \overline{AC} = 240$

Solution 5:  $\overline{AB} = \overline{BC} = 175 \wedge \overline{AC} = 336$

I used an automated brute force approach that found 87129 solutions with 5 digits or fewer. Some of these might be incorrect due to overflow of the long int data type, but I think that is unlikely because the unsigned long int produced the same result.

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//C++ program for USAMTS year 16 round 3 problem 2
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
    long int countx=0;//length of AB
    long int county=0;//length of AC
    long int countsolutions=0;//number of solutions
    while(countx<100000){
```

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    county=0;//reset segment AC length
    while(county<100000){
        if(9216*countx*countx+9216*countx*county+2304*county*county-4*countx*
countx*county*county+county*county*county*county==0){
//test for a solution without math library's "pwr();" function.
        cout<<"AB= " <<countx<<" and AC=" <<county<<endl;
        countsolutions++;//increment AC length
        }
        county++;//increment AC length
    }
    if(countx%1000==0)
        cout<<"AB= " <<countx<<" has been checked." <<endl;//output progress
        countx++;
    }
    cout<<"Done! Found " <<countsolutions<<" solutions." <<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

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If multiplication or addition is performed on a positive integer  $s$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  digit from the right of the result is only effected by the addend or factor and the  $n$  or fewer places from the right of  $s$ . If the same addition and multiplication operations are performed repetatively, once the same integer has appeared twice in the ones place, a repeating series of ones places has been defined, because there are no places to the right of the ones place. If the last digit of  $s_1 = 1$ , and subsequent values of  $s$  end in 4, 3, 0, and 1, respectively, and the addend and factor used to find each new  $s$  stay the same, then  $s$  will only have a ones digit of 1, 4, 3, or 0, always in that order.

Consider any  $s_a$  that ends in the digits 44. The preceeding digits of  $s_a$  will be represented by an ellipsis and the immediately preceeding digit by  $r$ . An expression surrounded by brackets is a digit.

$$\dots r44 = s_a$$

$$\dots r44 \cdot 3 + 1 = \dots \{3r + 1\}33 = s_{a+1}$$

$s_{a+1}$  must end in the digits 33.

$$\dots \{3r + 1\}33 \cdot 3 + 1 = \dots \{9r + 4\}00 = s_{a+2}$$

$s_{a+2}$  must end in the digits 00.

The same argurment in reverse leads to the converse.

$$s_a = \dots 44 \leftrightarrow s_{a+1} = \dots 33 \leftrightarrow s_{a+2} = \dots 00$$

This recursive sequence forms some interesting patterns in other bases as well. In binary, the first digit from the right alternates between 1 and 0. The second digit is always 0. The third is 1 twice, then 0 twice, starting with the second number. The fourth digit from the right is 1 four times, then 0 four times, starting with the third number. In trinary, all the digits are always 1, and a new place is added on each recursion.

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Law of cosines:

$$(10\sqrt{3})^2 = 2(10\sqrt{2})^2 - 2(10\sqrt{2})^2 \cos(\angle BAC)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \cos(\angle BAC)$$

$$\angle BAC \approx 1.318$$

$\theta$  is the angle formed by the planes ABC and DEF.  $5\sqrt{3}$  is the radius of the

$$(\cos(\theta) + 5\sqrt{2})\cos(\sin(\theta)) = 5\sqrt{3} - \sin(90 - \theta)$$