

## Absurdity

Find the exact values of

$$\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{3}}$$

and of

$$\sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt{5}} + \sqrt[3]{2 - \sqrt{5}}$$

## Upsetting Pitagoras

Find the smallest integer solution to the following equation:

$$\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = \frac{1}{z^2}$$

## Baby Circle

A circle with radius 1 and a circle with radius 2 touch at a point. A third circle fits between these two circles so that all three touch each other and all three have a common tangent. What is the radius of the smallest circle?

## Three Ways

Given that  $x+y=1$  find the largest value of  $xy$  by

- 1) coordinate geometry.
- 2) by calculus.
- 3) by algebra.

## Biggest Bendy

Four rods are hinged at their ends to form a quadrilateral with fixed side lengths.

Show that the quadrilateral has a maximum area when it is cyclic.

## BT.. Eat your heart out

My phone number has seven digits: if the last four digits are placed in front of the remaining three you get one more than twice my number! What is the number?