

# Cryptarithms

## Fall 2016 ARML Power Contest Problems

**Problem 1.** Let's explore why there are no solutions to the puzzle given in the reading:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Y O U} \\ + \text{M E} \\ \hline \text{L O V E.} \end{array}$$

- [1] (a) Fill in the blanks with the smallest possible integers: Even if we were allowed to have different letters representing the same digit, the three-digit number **YOU** is at most \_\_\_\_\_ and the two-digit number **ME** is at most \_\_\_\_\_, so their four-digit sum **LOVE** is at most \_\_\_\_\_ . (Remember to put your answers on the answer page and not just on this question sheet!)
- [1] (b) Continue filling in the blanks with the only digits that follow logically from your work in part (a): Thus, the only hope for an answer to this puzzle is if **L** represents the digit \_\_\_\_\_ and **O** represents \_\_\_\_\_ .
- [2] (c) Now, remembering that we *cannot* have two different letters representing the same digit, explain why there cannot be any solution to this puzzle.
- [2] **Problem 2.** Complete the solution to Dudeney's puzzle. Remember to give your answer in the proper format!

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{S E N D} \\ + \text{M O R E} \\ \hline \text{M O N E Y} \end{array}$$

- [4] **Problem 3.** Solve the astronomical alphametic below.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{S A T U R N} \\ + \text{U R A N U S} \\ \hline \text{P L A N E T S} \end{array}$$

- [3] **Problem 4.** A *doubly-true* alphametic occurs when the words spell out a true mathematical sentence. Try this one:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{F O R T Y} \\
 \quad \text{T E N} \\
 + \quad \text{T E N} \\
 \hline
 \text{S I X T Y.}
 \end{array}$$

- [3] **Problem 5.** Why should addition have all the fun? The following multiplication problem is clearly not a doubly-true alphametic!

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{T W O} \\
 * \quad \text{T W O} \\
 \hline
 \text{T H R E E}
 \end{array}$$

- [3] **Problem 6.** There's nothing special about English, either. The following is doubly-true *auf Deutsch*.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{E I N S} \\
 \text{E I N S} \\
 \text{E I N S} \\
 + \text{E I N S} \\
 \hline
 \text{V I E R}
 \end{array}$$

- [3] **Problem 7.** Get out your best factoring tricks to solve this one:

$$9(\text{B I G T O P}) = 4(\text{T O P B I G}).$$

- [3] **Problem 8.** Here is another old classic, created by master puzzle creator Alan Wayne. Solve:

$$\text{K I S S} = \sqrt{\text{P A S S I O N}}.$$

- [3] **Problem 9.** The following isn't strictly a cryptarithm, but it seems to be in the same spirit. In the following multiplication problem, each digit has been replaced with the same letter, X. And each digit in the original problem was a prime. There is only one solution. For your answer, restore the multiplication, that is, reproduce the entire multiplication, restoring as many digits as you can.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{X} X X \\
 * \phantom{X} X X \\
 \hline
 \phantom{X} X X X X \\
 X X X X \\
 \hline
 X X X X X
 \end{array}$$

- [3] **Problem 10.** In the variant below (again, this isn't strictly a cryptarithm), each time the letter E occurs it should be replaced by an even digit (though not necessarily always the same digit), while each O is to be replaced by an odd digit (again, not necessarily the same odd digit each time) to make a correct multiplication. Can you restore all the digits?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{E} E O \\
 * \phantom{E} O O \\
 \hline
 \phantom{E} O E O \\
 E O O \\
 \hline
 O O O O O
 \end{array}$$

- [4] **Problem 11.** This one is another odd/even restoration, only a little bit harder:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{O} E E \\
 * \phantom{O} E E \\
 \hline
 E O E E \\
 E O E \\
 \hline
 O O E E.
 \end{array}$$

- [5] **Problem 12.** There's nothing special about base 10! Determine, with proof, all bases in which the following alphametic has at least one solution.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{K Y O T O} \\ \text{K Y O T O} \\ + \text{K Y O T O} \\ \hline \text{T O K Y O} \end{array}$$