

1. George is drawing a Christmas tree; he starts with an isosceles triangle  $AB_0C_0$  with  $AB_0 = AC_0 = 41$  and  $B_0C_0 = 18$ . Then, he draws points  $B_i$  and  $C_i$  on sides  $AB_0$  and  $AC_0$ , respectively, such that  $B_iB_{i+1} = 1$  and  $C_iC_{i+1} = 1$  ( $B_{41} = C_{41} = A$ ). Finally, he uses a green crayon to color in triangles  $B_iC_iC_{i+1}$  for  $i$  from 0 to 40. What is the total area that he colors in?

**Answer:**  $\frac{7560}{41}$

**Solution:** Since  $B_iC_i$  is parallel to  $B_0C_0$ , triangles  $AB_iC_i$  are similar to  $\triangle AB_0C_0$ . So, the area of  $\triangle AB_iC_i$  is  $(\frac{41-i}{41})^2$  of the area of  $AB_0C_0$ . Also, the area of  $\triangle B_iC_iC_{i+1}$  is  $\frac{1}{41-i}$  of the area of  $\triangle AB_iC_i$ . So, the area of  $\triangle B_iC_iC_{i+1}$  is  $\frac{1}{41-i}(\frac{41-i}{41})^2 = \frac{41-i}{41^2}$ .

The sum of all triangles  $\triangle B_iC_iC_{i+1}$  is then  $\sum_{i=1}^{41} \frac{i}{41^2} = \frac{41 \times 42}{2 \cdot 41^2} = \frac{21}{41}$ . The height of  $\triangle AB_0C_0$  is  $\sqrt{41^2 - 9^2} = 40$ , so its area is  $\frac{1}{2} \times 40 \times 18 = 360$ . The total area of the colored triangles is  $\frac{21}{41} \times 360 = \frac{7560}{41}$ .

2. The incircle of  $\triangle ABC$  is centered at  $I$  and is tangent to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  at  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$ , respectively. A circle with radius 2 is centered at each of  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$ . Circle  $D$  intersects circle  $I$  at points  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . The points  $E_1, E_2, F_1$ , and  $F_2$  are defined similarly. If the inradius of  $\triangle ABC$  is 5, what is the ratio of the area of the triangle whose sides are formed by extending  $D_1D_2$ ,  $E_1E_2$ , and  $F_1F_2$  to the area of  $\triangle ABC$ ?

**Answer:**  $\frac{529}{625}$

**Solution:** Let the new triangle be  $\triangle XYZ$ . Note that  $\triangle XYZ \sim \triangle ABC$  since all of its sides are parallel to a corresponding side of  $\triangle ABC$ . The incenter of  $\triangle XYZ$  is also  $I$ , so it suffices to find the inradius of  $\triangle XYZ$  and then use the ratio with the inradius of  $\triangle ABC$  to find the ratio of their areas. Consider circle  $D$ . Let the intersection of  $ID$  and  $D_1D_2$  be  $M$  and let the length of  $MD$  be  $x$ . Then,  $D_1M = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$  and the Pythagorean theorem on  $\triangle D_1MI$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} D_1M^2 + IM^2 &= D_1I^2 \\ \Rightarrow 4 - x^2 + (5 - x)^2 &= 25 \\ \Rightarrow 4 - 10x &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{2}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $IM = \frac{23}{25}$ , which is the inradius of  $\triangle XYZ$ . The ratio of the areas of  $\triangle XYZ$  and  $\triangle ABC$  is then  $\frac{529}{625}$ .

3. Let  $\triangle ABC$  be a triangle with  $BA < AC$ ,  $BC = 10$ , and  $BA = 8$ . Let  $H$  be the orthocenter of  $\triangle ABC$ . Let  $F$  be the point on segment  $AC$  such that  $BF = 8$ . Let  $T$  be the point of intersection of  $FH$  and the extension of line  $BC$ . Suppose that  $BT = 8$ . Find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .

**Answer:**  $15\sqrt{7}$

**Solution:** We claim that  $\triangle TAC$  is isosceles. It will suffice to show that  $\triangle THC$  is isosceles. Note that  $BHFC$  is cyclic. Hence  $\angle BFH = \angle BHC$ . But then  $\triangle TBF \sim \triangle THC$ , from  $AA$  similarity. Since  $\triangle TBF$  is isosceles, so is  $\triangle THC$ . Hence we have that  $AH$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $TC$  which has length 18. Let  $A_H$  be the foot of the altitude from  $A$  to  $BC$ . We then see that  $A_HC = 9$ , and so  $BA_H = 1$ . From the Pythagorean Theorem, we then have that  $AA_H = \sqrt{63}$ , and so our answer is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 10 \cdot \sqrt{63} = 15\sqrt{7}$ .