

1. I will prove that  $A$  has at most 9 elements.

Firstly, we take the  $\{5, 10, 11, 7\}$  subset from  $\{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$  because the prime factors 5, 11, 7 appear at most 2 times (5 in  $5 \cdot 10 = 5^2 \cdot 2$ ) so we can't have a perfect cube product with them.

I will denote the subset  $\{5, 10, 11, 7\} = B$ . We have  $B \subset A$  for maximum  $A$ . Now we have to form a subset of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12\}$  with as many elements as we can.

There are 2 cases: we don't take either 1 or 8 or we take at least one of them and put it in the subset  $A$ .

Let's denote by  $C = A - B$ . So,  $C \subset \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12\}$

In the first case, when we don't put either 1 or 8 in  $A$  we have  $C \subset \{2, 3, 6, 9, 12\}$

Since  $3 \cdot 6 \cdot 12 = 6^3$ ;  $2 \cdot 9 \cdot 12 = 6^3$ ,  $4 \cdot 6 \cdot 9 = 6^3$  we can take at most 4 elements in  $C$ , otherwise we have at least 5 elements in  $C$ . If we have 5 or more elements in  $C$  that means that we have at least 2 of the 3 numbers that appear in the products mentioned above and at most 3 numbers that appear one. So, we have at least  $3 - 2 \cdot 2 = 7$  appearances in the numbers of the three products (I count 6 or 12 or 9, each, to appear twice, because there are 2 products forming a perfect cube). I have 7 appearances in 3 products with 3 factors each, so by the Pigeonhole principle at least one product has all of its 3 factors.

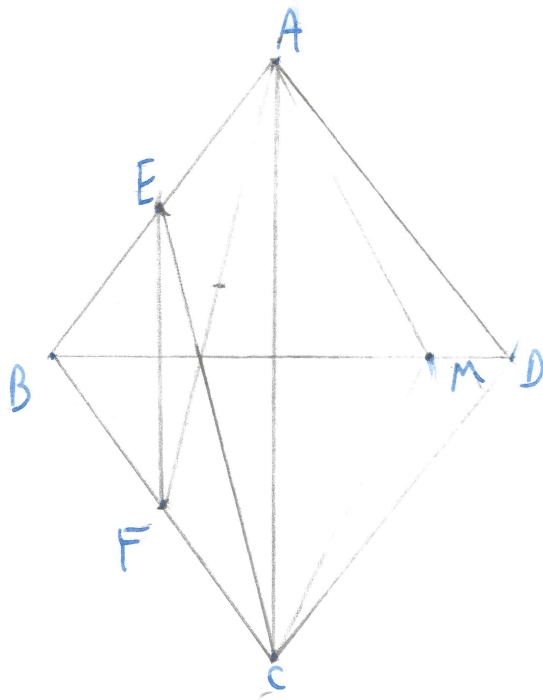
1. So, in this case we can't have 5 numbers in the subset because we will find 3 with their product to be a perfect cube.  $C$  has at most 4 elements (an example would be  $C = \{2, 3, 4, 6\}$ ) so  $A$  has at most 8 elements, in this case.

In the second case, if we ~~take~~ take either 1 or 8 we can have them both in  $C$ , because  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 = 2^3$ ,  $8 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 = 4^3$ ,  $1 \cdot 3 \cdot 9 = 3^3$ ,  $8 \cdot 3 \cdot 9 = 6^3$ ; 1 and 8 can't form a perfect cube product together with another number, so they both have perfect cube products with the same pairs of numbers. Now let's take  $D = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12\} - \{1, 8\}$

$C = \{1, 8\} \cup D$  so we can't have 2 and 4 or 3 and 9 at the same time in  $D$ . Since  $3 \cdot 6 \cdot 12 = 6^3 = 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 12 = 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 9$  we can have only 3 elements in  $D$ . Indeed, if there are 4 elements in  $D$  and 2 and 4 or 3 and 9 can't simultaneously be in  $D$  we have to put ~~3, 12~~ 6 and 12 in  $D$ . Now, we can't put 3 in  $D$  so we put 9. We can't have either 2 or 4 in  $D$  because  $2 \cdot 9 \cdot 12 = 6^3$  and  $4 \cdot 6 \cdot 12 = 6^3$ , so  $D$  has at most 3 elements (example  $\{2, 3, 12\}$ ) so  $C$  has at most 5 elements, so  $A$  has at most 9 elements (4 + 5 = 9, 4 elements from  $B$ , 5 from  $C$ ,  $C \subset \{1, 2, \dots, 12\} - B$  so  $C \cap B = \emptyset$ )  
An example of a 9 element subset  $A$  is  $\{1, 2, 3, 12, 8, 5, 10, 11, 7\}$



2. Lets take  $M$  to be the intersection of  $BD$  and the perpendicular to  $[AF]$  in its center. I will ~~prove~~<sup>prove</sup> that  $ME=MC$ , so  $M=P$ .



Since  $M$  is on the ~~per~~ perpendicular to the center of  $AF$  we have  $[AM] \cong [MF]$ . Because  $M$  is on  $BD$  and  $BD$  is perpendicular to the center of  $AC$  we have  $[AM] \cong [MC]$ . In the triangle  $ABC$  we have  $E$  the midpoint of  $[AB]$  and  $F$  the midpoint of  $[BC] \Rightarrow \frac{BE}{EA} = \frac{BF}{FC}$  so  $EF \parallel AC$ , so by the same logic as above we have  $[EM] \cong [MF]$  (by same logic as above I meant that  $BD$  is perpendicular to the midpoint of  $[EF]$ , because  $EF \parallel AC$ , so we have  $[EM] \cong [MF]$ )

Since  $[EM] \cong [MF]$ ,  $[AM] \cong [MC]$ ,  $[AM] \cong [MF] \Rightarrow [EM] \cong [MC] \Rightarrow ME=MC \Rightarrow M$  is the intersection of the perpendicular lines to the midpoints of  $AF$  and  $CE$ , but so is  $P$  because  $PA=PF$  and  $PE=PC \Rightarrow M=P$ , but  $M$  is on  $BD \Rightarrow P$  is also on the line  $BD$

3. The Product in the hypothesis is equal to  $\left(\frac{x^2y^2}{xyz} + \frac{z^2x^2}{xyz} + \frac{y^2z^2}{xyz}\right)$ .

$\left(\frac{x^2}{xyz} + \frac{y^2}{xyz} + \frac{z^2}{xyz}\right)$ , which is equal to:

$$\frac{(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{x^2y^2z^2}$$

Since  $x^2, y^2, z^2, x^2y^2, y^2z^2, z^2x^2, x^2y^2z^2$  are all positive num. numbers, so is their product. If we denote by  $a, b, c$  the absolute values of  $x, y, z$ , respectively, so we have  $a, b, c > 0$  we observe that  $x^2y^2 = a^2b^2, y^2z^2 = b^2c^2, z^2x^2 = c^2a^2, x^2 = a^2, y^2 = b^2, z^2 = c^2,$

$$x^2y^2z^2 = a^2b^2c^2, \text{ so } \frac{(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{x^2y^2z^2} = \frac{(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{a^2b^2c^2}$$

By the AM-GM inequality we have  $\frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}$

$$\Rightarrow a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq 3abc \sqrt[3]{abc}$$

similarly, by AM-GM we have  $\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq 9a^2b^2c^2 \Rightarrow \frac{(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{a^2b^2c^2} \geq 9$$

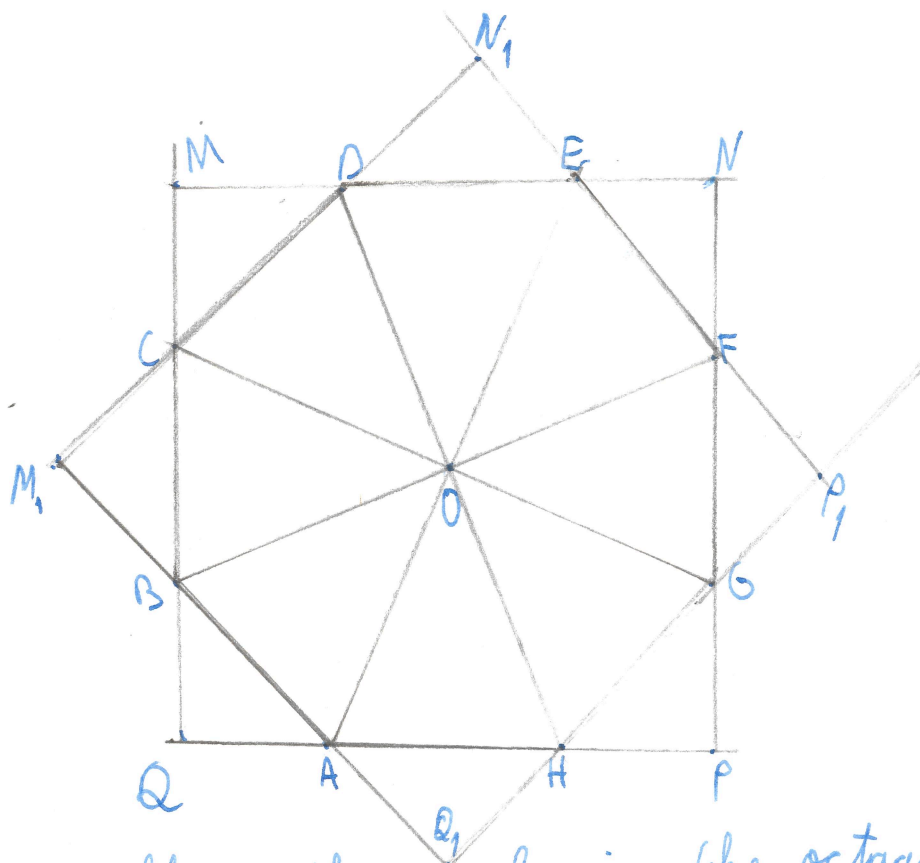
$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{x^2y^2z^2} \geq 9$$

equality holds if and only if  $a^2 = b^2 = c^2$  or  $a = b = c$

or  $|x| = |y| = |z|$  (by  $|x|$  I mean the absolute value of  $x$ )



4.



Since all of the angles in the octagon are equal, and their sum is  $\frac{360 \cdot 8}{2}$  we get that each angle is  $135^\circ$  degrees.

Lets take the octagon  $ABCDEFGH$  with all angles equal, and all sides rational numbers.

Lets denote by  $\{P\} = AH \cap FG$  since  $m(\widehat{AHG}) = m(\widehat{HGF}) = 135^\circ$   
 $\Rightarrow m(\widehat{GHP}) = m(\widehat{HPG}) = 45^\circ$  (by  $m(\widehat{XYZ})$  I mean the measure of the angle  $\widehat{XYZ}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  the triangle  $HGP$  has a right angle,  $\widehat{HPG}$ , and  $HP = PG$  (by  $\widehat{HPG}$  I mean the angle  $\widehat{HPG}$ )

Since  $HP^2 + PG^2 = HG^2$  and  $HP = PG \Rightarrow HP = PG = \frac{HG\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Similarly by taking  $BC \cap DE = \{M\}$ ,  $DE \cap FG = \{N\}$  and  $CB \cap HA = \{Q\}$  We have  $m(\widehat{CMD}) = m(\widehat{ENF}) = m(\widehat{GHP}) = m(\widehat{AQB}) = 90^\circ$  and  $EM = NF = \frac{EF\sqrt{2}}{2}$ ,  $CM = MD = \frac{CD\sqrt{2}}{2}$ ,  $BQ = QA = \frac{BA\sqrt{2}}{2}$  (each identity is proven analogously as the ones in the triangle  $HGP$ )

4. Since all of the angles of the quadrilateral  $MNPQ$  are right angles, we get that  $MNPQ$  is a rectangle

$$\Rightarrow MQ = NP, \text{ so } BC + CM + BQ = FG + NF + GP \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow BC - FG = \frac{EF\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{GH\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{CD\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{BA\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Since  $BC$  and  $FG$  are having their lengths rational number so is  $BC - FG$  a rational number, and so is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (GH + EF - CD - BA)$ , but  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  is not a rational number and  $GH + EF - CD - BA$  is rational, so to have the product of a rational and irrational number to be rational we have to have the rational number to be 0 so  $GH + EF - CD - BA = 0$  and  $BC - FG = 0 \Rightarrow BC = FG$

Analogously we find that  $DE = AH$ , because  $MN = QP$  and  $CD + EF = AB + HG$

Now, by taking  $AB \cap CD = \{M_1\}$ ,  $CD \cap EF = \{N_1\}$ ,  $EF \cap HG = \{P_1\}$ ,  $HG \cap AB = \{Q_1\}$  analogously we find the rectangle  $M_1N_1P_1Q_1$  and from  $M_1Q_1 = N_1P_1$  we find that  $AB = EF$  and from  $M_1N_1 = Q_1P_1$  we find that  $CD = HG$

also, opposing sides are parallel, so we find of the parallelograms  $CDGH$ ,  $DEHA$ ,  $EFAB$ ,  $FGBC$ , so we get that the lines  $AE, BF, CG, DH$  intersect in their common midpoint of  $O$ , which is the center of symmetry of the octagon since  $A$  and  $E$  are symmetrical with respect to  $O$  and so are the points on the other lines mentioned above.



5. I will prove that there can't be an uncolored 1 on the table. I suppose the contrary; since there is no positive integer smaller than 1, the uncolored 1 on the table has another 1 as its neighbor, so both of the ones are uncolored. Those two ones have either two horizontally placed or vertically placed neighbors, let them be  $a$  and  $b$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  are neighbors and are colored we have either  $a > b$  or  $a < b$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  have to be colored and have at least a single  $p$  as a neighbor then they are bigger than all their neighbors, but, since either  $a < b$  or  $a > b$  we can't have them both be colored so we have at least 3 uncolored numbers.  $\Rightarrow$  we have a contradiction, so we can't have any 1 be uncolored, but we can have 2 two of 2 on the table to be uncolored, with their sum being 4:

1	2	1	4	1	5	1	4	1	4
3	2	3	1	4	1	4	1	4	1
1	3	1	4	1	5	1	5	1	5
5	1	5	1	4	1	5	1	5	1
1	5	1	4	1	5	1	4	1	5
5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1
1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5
5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1
1	4	1	4	1	5	1	4	1	5
5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1
1	4	1	4	1	5	1	4	1	5
5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1

So, the smallest possible sum is 4 (an example is displayed on the left side)