## MATH CIRCLE AT FAU

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On a different day of the same week Alice again meets the brothers and they say:

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Second One: If that is really true, then I am Tweedledee.
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One day Alice met only one of the brothers. He said:
I am lying today, and I am Tweedledee.
Who was he?

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If the brother had said:
I am lying today, or I am Tweedledee.
Could one determine who he was?

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First one: If I am Tweedledum, then he's Tweedledee.. Second One: If he's Tweedledee, then I'm Tweedledum.

Can one figure out which one is really which? Can one know what day of the week it is?

## CARELESS COURIERS



- A chunk of consecutively numbered pages fell out of a folder. The first page of the chunk has number 463; the last has a number with the same digits 4 , 6,3 , in a different order, Each sheet is numbered on both sides, with consecutive numbers.
- How many pages were dropped?


## JACK AND JILL

Jack and Jill ;leave for school from the same spot, at the same time, and follow the same route. Each of Jack' steps is 10\%\% longer than Jill's, but Jack takes 10\% fewer steps per minute than Jill.

Who will get to school first?


## CHOPPING TREES

A logging company wants to chop down a forest that is 99\% pine trees. The Forest Service objects.

The logging company then says it will only cut pine trees, and when it is done the forest will be $98 \%$ pine trees.

What part of the forest will be chopped down?


## A NUTTY STORY

- A merchant brought a bag of nuts to sell at the market.
- The first customer bought 1 nut, the second bought 2 nuts, the third customer bought 4, and so on, with each succeeding customer buying twice as many nuts as the preceding one.
- The nuts the last customer bought weighed 50 lbs .
- The merchant had one nut left over.
- If all nuts weighed the same, how much did the merchant's bag weigh at the beginning of the day?



## TANGENTIAL TROUBLES

- The quadrilateral $A B C D$ circumscribes a circle.
- If sides $A B, B C, C D$ have the indicated lengths, what is the length of side $A D$ ?

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|A B|=14
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|B C|=5
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|C D|=3
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|A D|=?
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## INSCRIBING CIRCLES

- Triangle ABC has sides of lengths:
- $|A B|=c=29$.
- $|B C|=a=30$.
- $|C A|=b=5$.

- What is the radius of the inscribed circle?

The picture is NOT to scale.

## GHOST TRIANGLES

The midpoints of all three sides of a triangle have been marked. The triangle is then erased leaving only the marked midpoints. How can the triangle be recreated if the only tools you are allowed to use are a straightedge and a compass?

Here is how things may look.

