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SOLUTION OF QUINTIC EQUATIONS AND HIGHER DEGREE POLYNOMIALS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper I explore methods of solving higher degree polynomial

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– Jerrard quintic equation

INTRODUCTION

Previous efforts by Leonard Euler and others to extend methods used in solving lower degree polynomials to the quintic to obtain its general solution have proved

In 1683 Ehrenfried Walther von Tschirnhaus, attempted at to solve the general quintic by suggesting a transformation that would eliminate some intermediate

In 1786 the Swedish mathematician, Erland Samuel Bring [3 & 4] discovered a transformation of a higher degree that would reduce the general quintic to what is

– Jerrard form.

Glashan [5], Young, Runge and others established that some forms of the Bring Jerrard Quintic can be solved in radicals.

In 2011 Edward Thabo Motloutle [6], in his Masters Degree dissertation, established a formula for solving a Bring Jerrard quintic by assuming a solution of the form

$$= K^{\frac{1}{5}} + L^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

+ M^{\frac{1}{5}} and then converting this algebraic form into a differential form as a more secure way of obtaining fault free solution to the polynomial. The contribution

In my published articles [1], [2] I established a form in which quintics can be written for easy solvability. In subsequent papers I tried to write establish better app

In this paper I will highlight on other methods of establishing various general forms in which quintic equations and higher degree polynomial equations can be w

METHOD OF SOLVING QUINTIC EQUATIONS

In the paper titled a calculator for polynomial equation calculator for degree five and above [1] a method was highlighted in which a polynomial of degree n was

– 1 factors over all rational. In this paper I will highlight on other possible methods of solving polynomials.

Consider an infinite set, $\phi_i(x)$, of fifth degree polynomials. In the set consider a quintic f

$\in \phi_i(x)$ such that f is divisible by lower degree polynomial g ; that is: $f(x) = g(x)r(x)$ where $r(x)$ is a polynomial, then the quintic equation $f(x)$

$= 0$ is solvable since it is reducible or relatively composite. Consider another form of an infinite set, $\psi_j(x)$ of fifth degree polynomial with a set of surjective fun

For the purpose of this research I will coin a definition

Definition 1: a polynomial, f , is relatively composite if it can be decomposed to the form $f(x) = g(x)r(x)$ where $g(x)$ and $r(x)$ are lower degree polynomials.

Definition 2: two polynomials are said to be equal if their corresponding coefficients are equal.

Proposition 1: a general quintic can have more than one general form all of which are equal as long as their corresponding coefficients are equal.

Proposition 2: If a general monic quintic is in general an irreducible monic polynomial in its various general forms then it has no general solution. If it is reducible then a general solution is – existent.

Proposition 3: If a general monic quintic in its various forms is in general irreducible in respect to the other lower degree polynomials then it is relatively prime to them.

Proposition 4: When a polynomial has no rational roots in a field of rational numbers, then the field of rational numbers can be extended a larger field that can contain the roots.

I will seek, by different approaches the solvable form of the general quintic.

APPROACH 1

Consider the general quintic equation:

$$x^5 + a_4x^4 + a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 = 0 \text{ ----- 1}$$

If we permitted a functional form the coefficients such that:

$$a_4 = k_1x \text{ ----- 2}$$

$$a_3 = k_2x^2 \text{ ----- 3}$$

$$a_2 = k_3x^3 \text{ ----- 4}$$

$$a_1 = k_4x^4 \text{ ----- 5}$$

$$a_0 = k_5x^5 \text{ ----- 6}$$

And: k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5 are in the field of rational numbers.

We can substitute equations 2 to 6 into 1 to obtain the equation:

$$k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Or } k_5 = -(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1) \text{ ----- 7}$$

We can substitute equations 7 to 6

$$a_0 = k_5x^5 = -(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1)x^5 \text{ ----- 6}$$

$$x^5 = \frac{-a_0}{(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1)} \text{ ----- 6}$$

By 7 and 6,

$$x = \sqrt[5]{\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}} \text{ ----- 8}$$

Substituting 8 into 2 to 5:

$$a_4 = k_1 \sqrt[5]{\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}} \text{ ----- 9}$$

$$a_3 = k_2 \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}\right)^2} \text{-----} 10$$

$$a_2 = k_3 \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}\right)^3} \text{-----} 11$$

$$a_1 = k_4 \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}\right)^4} \text{-----} 12$$

When the general quintic equation is written in the form:

$$x^5 + \left(k_1 \sqrt[5]{\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}}\right)x^4 + \left(k_2 \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}\right)^2}\right)x^3 + \left(k_3 \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}\right)^3}\right)x^2 + \left(k_4 \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}\right)^4}\right)x + a_0 = 0 \text{-----} 13,$$

One of its roots is:

$$x = \sqrt[5]{\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}} \text{-----} 8$$

$$x_1 = \sqrt[5]{\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}} \text{-----} 14$$

Coefficients of quintic equation 14 are in radical form while those of equation 1 are not

If the coefficients of the quintic (13) are assumed to be real rational numbers then

$$\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1} = x^5 = q^5 \text{-----} 15,$$

$$x = q = \sqrt[5]{\frac{-a_0}{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1}} \text{-----} 15,$$

q is a rational number

Substituting 15 into equation 13:

$$x^5 + (k_1 q)x^4 + (k_2 q^2)x^3 + (k_3 q^3)x^2 + (k_4 q^4)x - (k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1)q^5 = 0 \text{-----} 16$$

$$\frac{x^5 + (k_1 q)x^4 + (k_2 q^2)x^3 + (k_3 q^3)x^2 + (k_4 q^4)x - (k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1)q^5}{x - q} = (x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) = 0 \text{-----} 16$$

Equation 16 can be factorized into the form:

$$x^5 + (k_1q)x^4 + (k_2q^2)x^3 + (k_3q^3)x^2 + (k_4q^4)x - (k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1)q^5 = (x - q)(x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) = 0 \quad \text{-----} \quad 17$$

Where:

$$a = q(k_1 + 1) \quad \text{-----} \quad 18$$

$$b = q^2(k_2 + k_1 + 1) \quad \text{-----} \quad 19$$

$$c = q^3(k_3 + k_2 + k_1 + 1) \quad \text{-----} \quad 20$$

$$d = q^4(k_4 + k_3 + k_2 + k_1 + 1) \quad \text{-----} \quad 21$$

Either $x - q = 0 \Rightarrow x = q$

Or $(x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) = 0$

By equation 16 given rational numbers k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 and q one should be able to determine the roots of the quintic. By equation 16 if these parameters are in the field of rational numbers, the quintic equation 16 is a composite form of equation 13 (a composite polynomial is reducible to lower degree factors). The connections between the coefficients of equation 16 and the parameters k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, q are given by:

$$a_4 = k_1q$$

$$a_3 = k_2q^2$$

$$a_2 = k_3q^3$$

$$a_1 = k_4q^4$$

$$a_0 = -(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + 1)q^5$$

Example

If we take $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 0, k_4 = 1$ and $q = 1$ we obtain the quintic $x^5 + x - 2 = 0$

With root $x_1 = q = 1$

The method above integrates one of the roots of the quintic as one of the constituent parameters of the coefficients.

By the above reasoning it can be shown that if the Bring – Jerrard quintic is written in the form:

$$x^5 + bx - (n + 1)\left(\frac{b}{n}\right)^{\frac{5}{4}} = 0 \quad \text{-----} \quad 22$$

Then one of the roots is given by:

$$x_1 = \sqrt[4]{\frac{b}{n}} \quad \text{-----} \quad 23$$

Note here, when the Bring – Jerrard quintic is written in the solvable form 22, one of the roots is in the form,

$x_1 = \sqrt[4]{l}$. It will be established, the form the first root of the equation takes depends on the form of the solvable form chosen.

If $b = 81$ and $n = 16$ then the resulting quintic equation is:

$$x^5 + 81x - \frac{4131}{32} = 0 \quad \text{-----} \quad 24$$

One of the roots of this quintic equation is $x_1 = \frac{3}{2}$

For the form 22 to accommodate only rational coefficient I will make

$$\frac{b}{n} = p^4 - \dots - 5$$

Where p is a rational number, in which case equation 23 can be written in the form:

$$x^5 + np^4x - (n+1)p^5 = 0 - \dots - 24$$

In which case the first root equation 24 is given by:

$$x_1 = p - \dots - 25$$

Equation 24 suggests that Bring – Jerrard quintics with a common root say, $\frac{12}{13}$ will take the form:

$$x^5 + \frac{20736}{28561}nx - \frac{248832}{371293}(1+n) = 0$$

Equation forms:

$$x^5 + \frac{2401}{1296}nx - \frac{16807}{7776}(1+n) = 0, \text{ will have a common root, } x_1 = \frac{7}{6}$$

In the above set of Bring – Jerrard quintics we can identify a quintic like:

$$x^5 - \frac{59023783}{21781872}x + 1 = 0$$

Such an equation has a root $x_1 = \frac{7}{6}$

Equation 24 permits one to introduce a Bring – Jerrard quintic triplet co

ordinates, (b, c, x_1) where b is the x coefficient of the quintic, c is the constant term of the quintic and x_1 is one of the roots of the quintic. By equation 24 the tri

$+1)p^5, p)$. These triplets will permit a construction of R^3 space of the Bring – Jerrard quintic. The selection of specific values of the parameters constituting the triplets will permit the identification of the specific quintic. Suppose in this

$= 1$, then the Bring – Jerrard triplets of the subspace would be $(n, -(n+1), 1)$. This would be a subspace containing quintics having a root, $x_1 = 1$.

The above simple analysis has helped to convert general and Bring – Jerrard quintics to solvable forms.

RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE BRING – JERRARD QUINTIC – ALTERNATIVE APPROACH 2

Consider the Bring – Jerrard quintic equation :

$$x^5 + bx + c = 0 - \dots - 1$$

One way of obtaining its solution is to consider a functional form of the coefficient b such that

$$b = (q^5 - 1)x^4 - \dots - 2$$

Where q is in the field of rational numbers.

Then a substitution of 2 into 1 would yield a real root of x given by

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{-c}{q}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} - \dots - 3$$

Substituting 3 into 2 we would obtain the relation:

$$b = f(q, c) = (q^5 - 1) \frac{(-c)^{\frac{4}{5}}}{q^4} - \dots - 4$$

This means that is the Bring Jerrard quintic is written in the form:

$$x^5 + (q^5 - 1) \frac{(-c)^{\frac{4}{5}}}{q^4} x + c = 0 \quad (5), \text{ then one of the real roots of the quintic equation is given by:}$$

$$x_1 = \left(\frac{-c}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

If we take $c = r^5$ then equation 5 takes the form:

$$x^5 + (q^5 - 1) \frac{(-r^5)^{\frac{4}{5}}}{q^4} x + c = x^5 + (q^5 - 1) \frac{-r^4}{q^4} x + c = 0 \quad \dots - 6$$

$$\text{In which case } x_1 = \left(\frac{-c}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = \left(\frac{-r^5}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{-r}{q^{\frac{1}{5}}}$$

If we take $r = 1$ and $q = 2$ we obtain the quintic equation:

$$x^5 + (q^5 - 1) \frac{-r^4}{q^4} x + c = x^5 + \frac{31}{16} x + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{With a root: } x_1 = \frac{-r}{q^{\frac{1}{5}}} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE BRING – JERRARD QUINTIC – ALTERNATIVE APPROACH 3

Consider again the general quintic equation:

$$x^5 + a_4 x^4 + a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = 0 \quad \dots - 1$$

If we take

$$a_2 = l_1 x \quad \dots - 2$$

$$a_1 = l_2 x^2 \quad \dots - 3$$

$$a_0 = l_3 x^3 \quad \dots - 4 \text{ and substituted into equation 1 we would get the value:}$$

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-a_4 \pm \sqrt{a_4^2 - 4(l_1 + l_2 + l_3 + a_3)}}{2} \quad \dots - 5$$

If we wrote equation 1 in the form:

$$\begin{aligned} x^5 + a_4 x^4 + a_3 x^3 + l_1 \left(\frac{-a_4 + \sqrt{a_4^2 - 4(l_1 + l_2 + l_3 + a_3)}}{2} \right) x^2 + l_2 \left(\frac{-a_4 + \sqrt{a_4^2 - 4(l_1 + l_2 + l_3 + a_3)}}{2} \right)^2 x + l_3 \left(\frac{-a_4 + \sqrt{a_4^2 - 4(l_1 + l_2 + l_3 + a_3)}}{2} \right)^3 \\ = 0 \quad \dots - 6 \end{aligned}$$

In the form 6 above the quintic equation has root:

$$x_1 = \frac{-a_4 + \sqrt{a_4^2 - 4(l_1 + l_2 + l_3 + a_3)}}{2} \text{-----} 7$$

If we let $a_4 = a_3 = l_1 = 0$

We obtain the Bring Jerrard quintic form

$$x^5 + l_2 \left(\sqrt{-(l_2 + l_3)} \right)^2 x + l_3 \left(\sqrt{-(l_2 + l_3)} \right)^3 = 0 \text{-----} 8a$$

Of the general form: $x^5 + bx + c = 0$ ----- 8b

$$x_1 = \sqrt{-(l_2 + l_3)} \text{-----} 9$$

If we selected l_2 and l_3 such that:

$$l_2 + l_3 = -1 \text{-----} 10$$

$$x_1 = \frac{+\sqrt{-4(l_2 + l_3)}}{2} = 1$$

$$b = l_2 t^2 = l_2 \text{-----} 12$$

$$c = l_3 t^3 = -(1 + l_2)$$

All Bring – Jerrard quintics of the form:

$$x^5 + l_2 x - (1 + l_2) = 0, \text{ have a root } x_1 = 1$$

If we select $l_2 + l_3 = -p$

Then the Bring – Jerrard quintic generated is of the form:

$$x^5 + pl_2 x - p^{\frac{3}{2}}(p + l_2) = 0 \text{-----} 13,$$

$$\text{And has one of its roots as } x_1 = +\sqrt{p} \text{-----} 14$$

In equation 13 if $p = 4$ and $l_2 = 1$ then we would from these values obtain the quintic equation $x^5 + 4x - 40 = 0$ with of the roots given by $x_1 = +\sqrt{p} = 2$

A solvable form of the quintic can be selected in which the first root is of the form $x_1 = \sqrt[3]{l}$

To have rational coefficients I take the substitution

$$p = t^2 \text{-----} 15$$

In which case:

$$x^5 + t^2 l_2 x - t^3(t^2 + l_2) = 0 \text{-----} 16$$

The first root of the above quintic is:

$$x_1 = t \text{-----} 17$$

METHODS OF SOLVING SEXTIC EQUATIONS

Approach 1 – Radical solution of the sextic equation

The general sextic equation can be reduced to one with three parameters by the Bring – Jerrard transformation and take a form

$$x^6 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0 \text{-----} 1$$

Using the method used in alternative approach 3 above we can express the three coefficients in terms of three rational l_1, l_2, l_3 such that $l_1 + l_2 + l_3 = -p$ --- (2) and write the sextic equation 1 above the general solvable form below.

$$x^6 + l_1 p x^2 + l_2 p^{\frac{3}{2}} x + l_3 p^2 = 0 \text{ --- 3}$$

In the above form $x_1 = \sqrt{p}$ --- 4

If we take: $l_1 = -2, l_2 = 0, l_3 = -2$ then $p = 4$ (by 2). We would then obtain the sextic equation $x^6 - 8x^2 - 32 = 0$ with one of the roots given by: $x_1 = +\sqrt{p} = 2$

Approach 2

Consider the general sixth degree polynomial,

$$x^6 + a_5 x^5 + a_4 x^4 + a_3 x^3 + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = 0 \text{ --- 1}$$

In my published paper entitled "A Calculator for Polynomial Equations of Degree Five and above" [1], I proposed a general method of factorizing a polynomial of degree 5 and above.

Suppose the equation 1 above is allowed to factorize to the form:

$$(x - r_1)(x - r_2)(x^4 + c_3 x^3 + c_2 x^2 + c_1 x + c_0) = 0 \text{ --- 2; where:}$$

$$a_0 = r_1 r_2 c_0 \text{ --- 3}$$

$$a_1 = c_1 r_1 r_2 - c_0(r_1 + r_2) \text{ --- 4}$$

$$a_2 = c_2 r_1 r_2 - c_1(r_1 + r_2) + c_0 \text{ --- 5}$$

$$a_3 = c_3 r_1 r_2 - c_2(r_1 + r_2) + c_1 \text{ --- 6}$$

$$a_4 = r_1 r_2 - c_3(r_1 + r_2) + c_2 \text{ --- 7}$$

$$a_5 = c_3 - r_1 - r_2 \text{ --- 8}$$

The general sextic equation can be written in the form below for easy factorization

$$x^6 + (c_3 - r_1 - r_2)x^5 + (r_1 r_2 - c_3(r_1 + r_2) + c_2)x^4 + (c_3 r_1 r_2 - c_2(r_1 + r_2) + c_1)x^3 + (c_2 r_1 r_2 - c_1(r_1 + r_2) + c_0)x^2 + (c_1 r_1 r_2 - c_0(r_1 + r_2))x + r_1 r_2 c_0 = 0 \text{ --- 9}$$

The factorized form is given in equation 2.

The coefficients of the quintic are replaced by rational r_1, r_2, c_0, c_1, c_2 and c_3

If we chose $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0, r_1 = r_2 = 1$ and $c_0 = 1$ and substituted into equation 9 we would obtain the quintic equation

$$x^6 - 2x^5 + x^4 + x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

With double roots $x_{1,2} = r_1 = r_2 = 1$. The other roots are obtained by solving the auxiliary quartic equation.

Equation 9 can be written in the form:

$$x^6 + (c_3 - t)x^5 + (p - c_3 t + c_2)x^4 + (c_3 p - c_2 t + c_1)x^3 + (c_2 p - c_1 t + c_0)x^2 + (c_1 p - c_0 t)x + p c_0 = 0 \text{ --- 10}$$

Where:

$$r_1 r_2 = p$$

$$r_1 + r_2 = t$$

$$\text{In the above form: } x_{1,2} = \frac{t \pm \sqrt{t^2 - 4p}}{2}$$

This method can be extended to higher degree polynomials.

METHODS OF SOLVING SEPTIC EQUATIONS

Consider the general seventh degree polynomial,

$$x^7 + a_6x^6 + a_5x^5 + a_4x^4 + a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 = 0 \text{ ----- 1}$$

Suppose the equation 1 above is allowed to factorize to the form:

$$(x - r_1)(x - r_2)(x - r_3)(x^4 + c_3x^3 + c_2x^2 + c_1x + c_0) = 0 \text{ ----- 3}$$

where:

$$a_0 = -r_1r_2r_3c_0 \text{ ----- 3}$$

$$a_1 = -c_1r_1r_2r_3 + c_0(r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3) \text{ ----- 4}$$

$$a_2 = -c_2r_1r_2r_3 + c_1(r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3) - c_0(r_1 + r_2 + r_3) \text{ ----- 5}$$

$$a_3 = -c_3r_1r_2r_3 + c_2(r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3) - c_1(r_1 + r_2 + r_3) + c_0 \text{ ----- 6}$$

$$a_4 = -r_1r_2r_3 + c_3(r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3) - c_2(r_1 + r_2 + r_3) + c_1 \text{ ----- 7}$$

$$a_5 = r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3 - c_3(r_1 + r_2 + r_3) + c_2 \text{ ----- 8}$$

$$a_6 = -(r_1 + r_2 + r_3) + c_3 \text{ ----- 9}$$

$$\text{If we take } r_1 + r_2 + r_3 = p \text{ ----- 10}$$

$$r_1r_2 + r_1r_3 + r_2r_3 = q \text{ ----- 11}$$

$$r_1r_2r_3 = r \text{ ----- 12}$$

where:

$$a_0 = (-rc_0) \text{ ----- 3}$$

$$a_1 = (-c_1r + c_0(q)) \text{ ----- 4}$$

$$a_2 = (-c_2r + c_1(q) - c_0(p)) \text{ ----- 5}$$

$$a_3 = (-c_3r + c_2(q) - c_1(p) + c_0) \text{ ----- 6}$$

$$a_4 = (-r + c_3(q) - c_2(p) + c_1) \text{ ----- 7}$$

$$a_5 = (q - c_3(p) + c_2) \text{ ----- 8}$$

$$a_6 = (-(p) + c_3) \text{ ----- 9}$$

Equation 3 takes the form:

$$x^7 + (-(p) + c_3)x^6 + (q - c_3(p) + c_2)x^5 + (-r + c_3(q) - c_2(p) + c_1)x^4 + (-c_3r + c_2(q) - c_1(p) + c_0)x^3 + (-c_2r + c_1(q) - c_0(p))x^2 + (-c_1r + c_0(q))x + (-rc_0) =$$

$$(x - r_1)(x - r_2)(x - r_3)(x^4 + c_3x^3 + c_2x^2 + c_1x + c_0) = 0 \text{ ----- 13}$$

From equations 10 - 12 we obtain the equation

$$r_1^3 - pr_1^2 + qr_1 - r = 0 \text{ ----- 14}$$

Three of the roots of equation 14 are also the roots of the septic equation 13

One of the roots of equation 14 is:

$$r_{11} = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2p^3}{27} + r - \frac{pq}{3}\right) - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2p^3}{27} + r - \frac{pq}{3}\right)^2 + \left(q - \frac{p^2}{3}\right)}\right)^3} - \frac{p}{3} \text{----- 15}$$

The other three roots of equation 14 are obtained by solving the auxiliary quadratic equation:

$$r_1^2 + (r_{11} - p)r_1 + \frac{r}{r_{11}} = 0$$

$$r_{12,13} = \frac{p - r_{11} \pm \sqrt{(p - r_{11})^2 - \frac{4r}{r_{11}}}}{2} \text{----- 16}$$

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