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There are three regular pentagons, each with inner angles of 108 degrees.

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It's okay to look up any of them online. For example, you can use <u>The Math Genealogy Project</u> to look up the numbers of PhD students.

Flip Chart:

While it's fun to graph this by hand, it's okay to use an online tool such as Desmos.

Your answers should all be positive whole numbers.

2021 Hints

The Crate:

- 1. If only locations i and j have property P, then the remaining locations cannot have property P.
- 2. One may start with issue 3 because there is only one copy for each era.
- 3. It might be easier to keep track what issues are "used". Fill the gap using the "un-used" one(s).

The Bag:

- 1. How many colors are there in a tower?
- 2. Which color is on the top? Which colors are at the bottom?
- 3. How many ways are there to form the non-rotationally equivalent bottom?

<u>The Briefcase:</u> Let $1 \le r \le 3$ ($1 \le c \le 3$) be the number of consecutive tokens in the same row (column) as the placed token.

- 1. If the placed token is neither the isolated token in its row nor the isolated token in its column, then we earn (r + c).
- 2. If the placed token is the isolated token in its row and/or the isolated token in its column, then we earn (r+c-1).

Therefore, to maximize the amount of money, we could make the isolated token in its row also the isolated token in its column. That is, we reduce the number of (-1). To minimize the amount of money, we could make more isolated token in its row or in its column. That is, we increase the number of (-1). Be careful! For some cases, although we obtain (r + c - 1) when placing a token, either r or c may be large.

Hint for the final clues

The final password is simultaneously 21 letters long and 6 letters long.