

- **5283:** *Proposed by Kenneth Korbin, New York, NY*

Find the sides of two different isosceles triangles that both have perimeter 162 and area 1008.

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Let b be length of the lateral sides and a be half of length of the base.

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} 2a + 2b = 162 \\ a\sqrt{b^2 - a^2} = 1008 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} a + b = 81 \\ a\sqrt{b - a} = 112 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} b = 81 - a \\ a\sqrt{81 - 2a} = 112 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We have } a\sqrt{81 - 2a} = 112 \iff \begin{cases} 0 < a \leq 81/2 \\ a^2(81 - 2a) = 112^2 \end{cases} \text{ and the equation}$$

$$a^2(81 - 2a) = 16^2 \cdot 49 \iff 2a^3 - 81a^2 + 112^2 = 0.$$

Since $2a^3 - 81a^2 + 112^2 = (a - 16)(2a^2 - 49a - 784)$ and the quadratic equation

$2a^2 - 49a - 784 = 0$ have only one positive root $a = \frac{49 + 7\sqrt{177}}{4}$ then we obtain two different isosceles triangles with side-lengths

$$(b, 2a, b) = (65, 32, 65), \left(\frac{275 - 7\sqrt{177}}{4}, \frac{49 + 7\sqrt{177}}{2}, \frac{275 - 7\sqrt{177}}{4} \right).$$