What does trigonometry have in common with a beach? Tan gents.

A mathematician and her husband were driving along a country road and he said to her, "Look dear, those sheep have been shorn." She replied, "At least on this side."

Computer Science student: "My computer ate my data; it's trying to get me in trouble."

CS Instructor: "Don't anthropomorphize computers; they don't like it."

Two Physicists were riding in a hot air balloon and were blown off course sailing over a mountain trail and were completely lost. They spotted a jogger running on the trail and they shouted, "Can you tell us where we are?" After a few minutes, the jogger yelled back "You're up in a balloon." One physicist said to the other, "Just our luck to run into a mathematician." "How do you know he was a mathematician?" asked the other. "Well, in the first place he took a long time to answer; second, his answer was 100% correct, and third, it was totally useless."

A physicist, a mathematician, and a mystic were asked to name the greatest invention of all time. The physicist chose the fire, which gave humanity the power over matter. The mathematician chose the alphabet, which gave humanity power over symbols. The mystic chose the thermos bottle. "Why a thermos bottle?" the others asked. "Because the thermos keeps hot liquids hot in winter and cold liquids cold in summer." "Yes -- so what?" "Think about it." said the mystic reverently. That little bottle -- how does it know?"

Question: "How many seconds are there in a year?"Answer: "Twelve, January second, February second, March second, ..."

The Daily Journal published a story saying that one-half of the city council members were crooks. The city council objected to that and demanded a retraction and an apology. The newspaper responded the next day with an apology and reported that one-half of the city council members were not crooks.

Philosophy is a game with objectives and no rules. Mathematics is a game with rules and no objectives.

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A mathematician, applied mathematician and a statistician all apply for the same job. At the interview they are asked the question, what is 1+1. The mathematician replies, “I can prove that it exists but not that it is unique.” The applied mathematician after some thought replies, “the answer is approximately 1.99 with an error in the region of 0.01.” The statistician steps outside the room, mulls it over for several minutes, and eventually in desparation returns and inquires, “so what do you want it to be?”

A hungry man went into a restaurant and noticed that the daily special was rabbit burgers, a real delicacy, for only 49 cents a burger. He was astounded at his good fortune to find such a bargain. When he inquired of the cook, the cook told him that in order to keep prices down he had to add some filler: in fact, only part of the burger was rabbit meat. The rest was horse meat.

“How much of each kind of meat is in a burger?” asked the customer.

The cook replied, “There is an equal amount of horse and rabbit in the burger: One horse, one rabbit.”

There were a physicist, a circus strong man, and a statistician marooned on a desert island. A box of canned food washes ashore, and the question is how to open the cans. The physicist suggests dropping them from the trees so that they break open. The strong man says that’s too messy. Instead, he will rip the cans open with his bare hands. The statistician says that’s still too messy, but he knows how to open the cans without making a mess. “First,” he says “assume we have a can opener.”

A math student is pestered by a classmate who wants to copy his homework assignment. The student hesitates, not only because he thinks it’s wrong, but also because he doesn’t want to be sanctioned for aiding and abetting.

His classmate calms him down: “Nobody will be able to trace my homework to you: I’ll be changing the names of all the constants and variables: a to b, x to y, and so on.”

Not quite convinced, but eager to be left alone, the student hands his completed assignment to the classmate for copying.

After the deadline, the student asks: “Did you really change the names of all the variables?”

“Sure!” the classmate replies. “When you called a function f, I called it g; when you called a variable x, I renamed it to y; and when you were writing about the log of x+1, I called it the timber of x+1…”

Teacher: "What is seven Q plus three Q?"

Student: "Ten Q"

Teacher: "You're Welcome."

Surgeon: Nurse! I have so many patients! Who do I work on first?

Nurse: Simple. Use the order of operations.

New York (CNN): At John F. Kennedy International Airport today, a Caucasian male (later discovered to be a high school mathematics teacher) was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor, and a graphical calculator. According law enforcement officials, he is believed to have ties to the Al-Gebra network. He will be charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"What happened to your girlfriend, that really cute math student?"

 "She no longer is my girlfriend. I caught her cheating on me."

"I don't believe that she cheated on you!"

"Well, a couple of nights ago I called her on the phone, and she told me that she was in bed wrestling with three unknowns..."