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$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{(x+y)(4-z)} + \sqrt{(y+z)(2-t)} + \sqrt{(z+t)(4-x)} + \sqrt{(t+x)(2-y)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{5s^2 - 24S + 144}{2}}; s = x + y + z + t \end{aligned}$$

Find:  $\Omega = \overline{xyzt}$

*Proposed by George Florin Șerban-Romania*

*Solution 1 by proposer, Solution 2 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece*

**Solution 1 by proposer**

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{(x+y)(4-z)} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{x+y+4-z}{2}, \sqrt{(y+z)(2-t)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{y+z+2-t}{2}, \\ \sqrt{(z+t)(4-x)} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{z+t+4-x}{2}, \sqrt{(t+x)(2-y)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{t+x+2-y}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sqrt{\frac{5s^2 - 24S + 144}{2}} \leq \frac{s + 12}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{(2s)^2 + (12-s)^2}{2}} \leq \frac{2s + (12-s)}{2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{(2s)^2 + (12-s)^2}{2}}$$

Applying AM-GM inequality, equality holds when  $2s = 12 - s, s = 4 \rightarrow$

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$$x + y = 4 - z, y + z = 2 - t, z + t = 4 - x, t + x = 2 - y$$

$$x + y + z + t = 4, x + y + z = 4 \rightarrow t = 0, x + z + t = 4 \rightarrow y = 0, x = 2, \overline{xyzt} = 2020.$$

**Solution 2 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{(x+y)(4-z)} + \sqrt{(y+z)(2-t)} + \sqrt{(z+t)(4-x)} + \sqrt{(t+x)(2-y)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{5s^2 - 24S + 144}{2}}; (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{N}. \text{ By AM-GM, } LHS_{(1)} \leq \frac{s+12}{2} \text{ and } RHS_{(1)} \leq \frac{s+12}{2} \rightarrow \frac{9}{4}(s-4)^2 \leq 0 \rightarrow s = 4.$$

We see that  $(x, y, z, t) = (2, 0, 2, 0)$  is the only solution giving  $LHS_{(1)} = 8 = RHS_{(1)}$  with

$$s = 4. \text{ Therefore, } \Omega = \overline{xyzt} = 2020.$$

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