

HMMT February 2019

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Team Round

1. [20] Let $ABCD$ be a parallelogram. Points X and Y lie on segments AB and AD respectively, and AC intersects XY at point Z . Prove that

$$\frac{AB}{AX} + \frac{AD}{AY} = \frac{AC}{AZ}.$$

2. [20] Let $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ be the set of all positive integers, and let f be a bijection from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} . Must there exist some positive integer n such that $(f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n))$ is a permutation of $(1, 2, \dots, n)$?
3. [25] For any angle $0 < \theta < \pi/2$, show that

$$0 < \sin \theta + \cos \theta + \tan \theta + \cot \theta - \sec \theta - \csc \theta < 1.$$

4. [35] Find all positive integers n for which there do not exist n consecutive composite positive integers less than $n!$.
5. [40] Find all positive integers n such that the unit segments of an $n \times n$ grid of unit squares can be partitioned into groups of three such that the segments of each group share a common vertex.
6. [45] Scalene triangle ABC satisfies $\angle A = 60^\circ$. Let the circumcenter of ABC be O , the orthocenter be H , and the incenter be I . Let D, T be the points where line BC intersects the internal and external angle bisectors of $\angle A$, respectively. Choose point X on the circumcircle of $\triangle IHO$ such that $HX \parallel AI$. Prove that $OD \perp TX$.
7. [50] A convex polygon on the plane is called *wide* if the projection of the polygon onto any line in the same plane is a segment with length at least 1. Prove that a circle of radius $\frac{1}{3}$ can be placed completely inside any wide polygon.
8. [50] Can the set of lattice points $\{(x, y) | x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 1 \leq x, y \leq 252, x \neq y\}$ be colored using 10 distinct colors such that for all $a \neq b, b \neq c$, the colors of (a, b) and (b, c) are distinct?
9. [55] Let $p > 2$ be a prime number. $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$ is defined as the set of all polynomials in x with coefficients in \mathbb{F}_p (the integers modulo p with usual addition and subtraction), so that two polynomials are equal if and only if the coefficients of x^k are equal in \mathbb{F}_p for each nonnegative integer k . For example, $(x+2)(2x+3) = 2x^2 + 2x + 1$ in $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$ because the corresponding coefficients are equal modulo 5. Let $f, g \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$. The pair (f, g) is called *compositional* if

$$f(g(x)) \equiv x^{p^2} - x$$

in $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$. Find, with proof, the number of compositional pairs (in terms of p).

10. [60] Prove that for all positive integers n , all complex roots r of the polynomial

$$P(x) = (2n)x^{2n} + (2n-1)x^{2n-1} + \dots + (n+1)x^{n+1} + nx^n + (n+1)x^{n-1} + \dots + (2n-1)x + 2n$$

lie on the unit circle (i.e. $|r| = 1$).