

# Olympiad functions.

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## 1 IMO

1. *2015/5*. Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the set of real numbers. Determine all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfy the equation

$$f(x + f(x + y)) + f(xy) = x + f(x + y) + yf(x)$$

for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

2. *2013/5*. Let  $\mathbb{Q}_{>0}$  be the set of all positive rational numbers. Let  $f : \mathbb{Q}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function satisfying the following three conditions:

- (i) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ , we have  $f(x)f(y) \geq f(xy)$ ;
- (ii) for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ , we have  $f(x + y) \geq f(x) + f(y)$ ;
- (iii) there exists a rational number  $a > 1$  such that  $f(a) = a$ .

Prove that  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$

3. *2012/4*. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that, for all integers  $a, b, c$  that satisfy  $a + b + c = 0$ , the following equality holds:

$$f(a)^2 + f(b)^2 + f(c)^2 = 2f(a)f(b) + 2f(b)f(c) + 2f(c)f(a).$$

(Here  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of integers.)

4. *2011/3*. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real-valued function defined on the set of real numbers that satisfies

$$f(x + y) \leq yf(x) + f(f(x))$$

for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ . Prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \leq 0$ .

5. *2011/5*. Let  $f$  be a function from the set of integers to the set of positive integers. Suppose that, for any two integers  $m$  and  $n$ , the difference  $f(m) - f(n)$  is divisible by  $f(m - n)$ . Prove that, for all integers  $m$  and  $n$  with  $f(m) \leq f(n)$ , the number  $f(n)$  is divisible by  $f(m)$ .

6. *2010/1*. Find all function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  the following equality holds

$$f(\lfloor x \rfloor y) = f(x) \lfloor f(y) \rfloor$$

where  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  is greatest integer not greater than  $a$ .

7. *2010/3*. Find all functions  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(g(m) + n)(g(n) + m)$$

is a perfect square for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

8. *2009/5*. Determine all functions  $f$  from the set of positive integers to the set of positive integers such that, for all positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , there exists a non-degenerate triangle with sides of lengths

$$a, f(b) \text{ and } f(b + f(a) - 1).$$

(A triangle is non-degenerate if its vertices are not collinear.)

9. *2008/4*. Find all functions  $f : (0, \infty) \mapsto (0, \infty)$  (so  $f$  is a function from the positive real numbers) such that

$$\frac{(f(w))^2 + (f(x))^2}{f(y^2) + f(z^2)} = \frac{w^2 + x^2}{y^2 + z^2}$$

for all positive real numbers  $w, x, y, z$ , satisfying  $wx = yz$ .

10. *2002/5*. Find all functions  $f$  from the reals to the reals such that

$$(f(x) + f(z))(f(y) + f(t)) = f(xy - zt) + f(xt + yz)$$

for all real  $x, y, z, t$ .

## 2 APMO

1. *2016/5*. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$(z + 1)f(x + y) = f(xf(z) + y) + f(yf(z) + x),$$

for all positive real numbers  $x, y, z$ .

2. *2015/2*. Let  $S = \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}$  denote the set of integers that are greater than or equal to 2. Does there exist a function  $f : S \rightarrow S$  such that

$$f(a)f(b) = f(a^2b^2) \text{ for all } a, b \in S \text{ with } a \neq b?$$

3. *2011/5*. Determine all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of all real numbers, satisfying the following two conditions:

- 1) There exists a real number  $M$  such that for every real number  $x$ ,  $f(x) < M$  is satisfied.
- 2) For every pair of real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$f(xf(y)) + yf(x) = xf(y) + f(xy)$$

is satisfied.

4. *2010/5*. Find all functions  $f$  from the set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers into  $\mathbb{R}$  which satisfy for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  the identity  $f(f(x) + f(y) + f(z)) = f(f(x) - f(y)) + f(2xy + f(z)) + 2f(xz - yz)$
5. *2008/4*. Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ , where  $\mathbb{N}_0$  is the set of all non-negative integers, defined by the following conditions :

- (i)  $f(0) = 0$ ;
- (ii)  $f(2n) = 2f(n)$  and
- (iii)  $f(2n + 1) = n + 2f(n)$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

(a) Determine the three sets  $L = \{n | f(n) < f(n + 1)\}$ ,  $E = \{n | f(n) = f(n + 1)\}$ , and  $G = \{n | f(n) > f(n + 1)\}$ .

(b) For each  $k \geq 0$ , find a formula for  $a_k = \max\{f(n) : 0 \leq n \leq 2^k\}$  in terms of  $k$ .

### 3 TOT

- Do there exist two functions  $f$  and  $g$  (integer to integer) such that for every integers  $x$ ,
  - $f(f(x)) = x$ ,  $g(g(x)) = x$ ,  $f(g(x)) > x$ ,  $g(f(x)) > x$ ,
  - $f(f(x)) < x$ ,  $g(g(x)) < x$ ,  $f(g(x)) > x$ ,  $g(f(x)) > x$ .

### 4 IMO Shortlist

(ISL 2015)

- Determine all functions  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  with the property that

$$f(x - f(y)) = f(f(x)) - f(y) - 1$$

holds for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- Let  $2\mathbb{Z} + 1$  denote the set of odd integers. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto 2\mathbb{Z} + 1$  satisfying

$$f(x + f(x) + y) + f(x - f(x) - y) = f(x + y) + f(x - y)$$

for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  denote the set of positive integers. Consider a function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . For any  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  we write  $f^n(m) = \underbrace{f(f(\dots f(m)\dots))}_n$ . Suppose that  $f$  has the following two

properties:

- if  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , then  $\frac{f^n(m) - m}{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ;
- The set  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0} \setminus \{f(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}\}$  is finite.

Prove that the sequence  $f(1) - 1, f(2) - 2, f(3) - 3, \dots$  is periodic.

- Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  denote the set of positive integers. For any positive integer  $k$ , a function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  is called  $k$ -good if  $\gcd(f(m) + n, f(n) + m) \leq k$  for all  $m \neq n$ . Find all  $k$  such that there exists a  $k$ -good function.
- For every positive integer  $n$  with prime factorization  $n = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\alpha_i}$ , define

$$\mathfrak{U}(n) = \sum_{i: p_i > 10^{100}} \alpha_i.$$

That is,  $\mathfrak{U}(n)$  is the number of prime factors of  $n$  greater than  $10^{100}$ , counted with multiplicity.

Find all strictly increasing functions  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$\mathfrak{U}(f(a) - f(b)) \leq \mathfrak{U}(a - b) \quad \text{for all integers } a \text{ and } b \text{ with } a > b.$$

(ISL 2014)

- Determine all functions  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying

$$f(f(m) + n) + f(m) = f(n) + f(3m) + 2014$$

for all integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

7. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$n^2 + 4f(n) = f(f(n))^2$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(ISL 2013)

8. Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  be the set of all nonnegative integers. Find all the functions  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  satisfying the relation

$$f(f(f(n))) = f(n+1) + 1$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

9. Let  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  be the set of positive integers. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  such that

$$m^2 + f(n) \mid mf(m) + n$$

for all positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

10. Determine all functions  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying

$$f\left(\frac{f(x)+a}{b}\right) = f\left(\frac{x+a}{b}\right)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ . (Here,  $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  denotes the set of positive integers.)

(ISL 2012)

11. Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfy the conditions

$$f(1+xy) - f(x+y) = f(x)f(y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$

and  $f(-1) \neq 0$ .

12. Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a function, and let  $f^m$  be  $f$  applied  $m$  times. Suppose that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f^{2k}(n) = n + k$ , and let  $k_n$  be the smallest such  $k$ . Prove that the sequence  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  is unbounded.

(ISL 2011)

13. Determine all pairs  $(f, g)$  of functions from the set of real numbers to itself that satisfy

$$g(f(x+y)) = f(x) + (2x+y)g(y)$$

for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

14. Determine all pairs  $(f, g)$  of functions from the set of positive integers to itself that satisfy

$$f^{g(n)+1}(n) + g^{f(n)}(n) = f(n+1) - g(n+1) + 1$$

for every positive integer  $n$ . Here,  $f^k(n)$  means  $\underbrace{f(f(\dots f)}_k(n) \dots)$ .

15. Let  $n \geq 1$  be an odd integer. Determine all functions  $f$  from the set of integers to itself, such that for all integers  $x$  and  $y$  the difference  $f(x) - f(y)$  divides  $x^n - y^n$ .

(ISL 2010)

16. Denote by  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  the set of all positive rational numbers. Determine all functions  $f : \mathbb{Q}^+ \mapsto \mathbb{Q}^+$  which satisfy the following equation for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}^+$  :

$$f(f(x)^2y) = x^3f(xy).$$

17. Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are two functions defined on the set of positive integers and taking positive integer values. Suppose also that the equations  $f(g(n)) = f(n) + 1$  and  $g(f(n)) = g(n) + 1$  hold for all positive integers. Prove that  $f(n) = g(n)$  for all positive integer  $n$ .  
(ISL 2009)

18. Let  $f$  be any function that maps the set of real numbers into the set of real numbers. Prove that there exist real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that

$$f(x - f(y)) > yf(x) + x$$

19. Find all functions  $f$  from the set of real numbers into the set of real numbers which satisfy for all  $x, y$  the identity

$$f(xf(x+y)) = f(yf(x)) + x^2$$

20. Let  $f$  be a non-constant function from the set of positive integers into the set of positive integer, such that  $a - b$  divides  $f(a) - f(b)$  for all distinct positive integers  $a, b$ . Prove that there exist infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $p$  divides  $f(c)$  for some positive integer  $c$ .

21. Let  $P(x)$  be a non-constant polynomial with integer coefficients. Prove that there is no function  $T$  from the set of integers into the set of integers such that the number of integers  $x$  with  $T^n(x) = x$  is equal to  $P(n)$  for every  $n \geq 1$ , where  $T^n$  denotes the  $n$ -fold application of  $T$ .