# MathLinks EveryOne

#### IMO Shortlist 2002



## Algebra

 $\boxed{1}$  Find all functions f from the reals to the reals such that

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

for all real x, y.

Let  $a_1, a_2, \ldots$  be an infinite sequence of real numbers, for which there exists a real number c with  $0 \le a_i \le c$  for all i, such that

$$|a_i - a_j| \ge \frac{1}{i+j} \forall i, j \text{ with } i \ne j.$$

Prove that  $c \geq 1$ .

3 Let P be a cubic polynomial given by  $P(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ , where a, b, c, d are integers and  $a \neq 0$ . Suppose that xP(x) = yP(y) for infinitely many pairs x, y of integers with  $x \neq y$ . Prove that the equation P(x) = 0 has an integer root.

 $\boxed{4}$  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.

5 Let n be a positive integer that is not a perfect cube. Define real numbers a, b, c by

$$a = \sqrt[3]{n}, \qquad b = \frac{1}{a - [a]}, \qquad c = \frac{1}{b - [b]},$$

where [x] denotes the integer part of x. Prove that there are infinitely many such integers n with the property that there exist integers r, s, t, not all zero, such that ra + sb + tc = 0.

6 Let A be a non-empty set of positive integers. Suppose that there are positive integers  $b_1, \ldots b_n$  and  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$  such that

- for each i the set  $b_iA + c_i = \{b_ia + c_i : a \in A\}$  is a subset of A, and

- the sets  $b_i A + c_i$  and  $b_j A + c_j$  are disjoint whenever  $i \neq j$ 

Prove that

$$\frac{1}{h_1} + \ldots + \frac{1}{h_n} \le 1.$$





#### **Combinatorics**

- Let n be a positive integer. Each point (x, y) in the plane, where x and y are non-negative integers with x + y < n, is coloured red or blue, subject to the following condition: if a point (x, y) is red, then so are all points (x', y') with  $x' \le x$  and  $y' \le y$ . Let A be the number of ways to choose n blue points with distinct x-coordinates, and let B be the number of ways to choose n blue points with distinct y-coordinates. Prove that A = B.
- For n an odd positive integer, the unit squares of an  $n \times n$  chessboard are coloured alternately black and white, with the four corners coloured black. A it tromino is an L-shape formed by three connected unit squares. For which values of n is it possible to cover all the black squares with non-overlapping trominos? When it is possible, what is the minimum number of trominos needed?
- 1 Let n be a positive integer. A sequence of n positive integers (not necessarily distinct) is called **full** if it satisfies the following condition: for each positive integer  $k \geq 2$ , if the number k appears in the sequence then so does the number k-1, and moreover the first occurrence of k-1 comes before the last occurrence of k. For each n, how many full sequences are there
- 4 Let T be the set of ordered triples (x, y, z), where x, y, z are integers with  $0 \le x, y, z \le 9$ . Players A and B play the following guessing game. Player A chooses a triple (x, y, z) in T, and Player B has to discover A's triple in as few moves as possible. A move consists of the following: B gives A a triple (a, b, c) in T, and A replies by giving B the number |x + y a b| + |y + z b c| + |z + x c a|. Find the minimum number of moves that B needs to be sure of determining A's triple.
- Let  $r \geq 2$  be a fixed positive integer, and let F be an infinite family of sets, each of size r, no two of which are disjoint. Prove that there exists a set of size r-1 that meets each set in F.
- 6 Let n be an even positive integer. Show that there is a permutation  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  of  $1, 2, \ldots, n$  such that for every  $1 \le i \le n$  the number  $x_{i+1}$  is one of  $2x_i, 2x_i 1, 2x_i n, 2x_i n 1$  (where we take  $x_{n+1} = x_1$ ).
- [7] Among a group of 120 people, some pairs are friends. A weak quartet is a set of four people containing exactly one pair of friends. What is the maximum possible number of weak quartets?





#### Geometry

- Let B be a point on a circle  $S_1$ , and let A be a point distinct from B on the tangent at B to  $S_1$ . Let C be a point not on  $S_1$  such that the line segment AC meets  $S_1$  at two distinct points. Let  $S_2$  be the circle touching AC at C and touching  $S_1$  at a point D on the opposite side of AC from B. Prove that the circumcentre of triangle BCD lies on the circumcircle of triangle ABC.
- 2 Let ABC be a triangle for which there exists an interior point F such that  $\angle AFB = \angle BFC = \angle CFA$ . Let the lines BF and CF meet the sides AC and AB at D and E respectively. Prove that

$$AB + AC > 4DE$$
.

- [3] The circle S has centre O, and BC is a diameter of S. Let A be a point of S such that  $\angle AOB < 120^{\circ}$ . Let D be the midpoint of the arc AB which does not contain C. The line through O parallel to DA meets the line AC at I. The perpendicular bisector of OA meets S at E and at F. Prove that I is the incentre of the triangle CEF.
- [4] Circles  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  intersect at points P and Q. Distinct points  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  (not at P or Q) are selected on  $S_1$ . The lines  $A_1P$  and  $B_1P$  meet  $S_2$  again at  $A_2$  and  $B_2$  respectively, and the lines  $A_1B_1$  and  $A_2B_2$  meet at C. Prove that, as  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  vary, the circumcentres of triangles  $A_1A_2C$  all lie on one fixed circle.
- [5] For any set S of five points in the plane, no three of which are collinear, let M(S) and m(S) denote the greatest and smallest areas, respectively, of triangles determined by three points from S. What is the minimum possible value of M(S)/m(S)?
- 6 Let  $n \geq 3$  be a positive integer. Let  $C_1, C_2, C_3, \ldots, C_n$  be unit circles in the plane, with centres  $O_1, O_2, O_3, \ldots, O_n$  respectively. If no line meets more than two of the circles, prove that

$$\sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} \frac{1}{O_i O_j} \le \frac{(n-1)\pi}{4}.$$

- The incircle  $\Omega$  of the acute-angled triangle ABC is tangent to BC at K. Let AD be an altitude of triangle ABC and let M be the midpoint of AD. If N is the other common point of  $\Omega$  and KM, prove that  $\Omega$  and the circumcircle of triangle BCN are tangent at N.
- Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be circles meeting at the points A and B. A line through A meets  $S_1$  at C and  $S_2$  at D. Points M, N, K lie on the line segments CD, BC, BD respectively, with MN





parallel to BD and MK parallel to BC. Let E and F be points on those arcs BC of  $S_1$  and BD of  $S_2$  respectively that do not contain A. Given that EN is perpendicular to BC and FK is perpendicular to BD prove that  $\angle EMF = 90^{\circ}$ .





## **Number Theory**

1 What is the smallest positive integer t such that there exist integers  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_t$  with

$$x_1^3 + x_2^3 + \ldots + x_t^3 = 2002^{2002}$$
?

- 2 Let  $n \ge 2$  be a positive integer, with divisors  $1 = d_1 < d_2 < \ldots < d_k = n$ . Prove that  $d_1d_2 + d_2d_3 + \ldots + d_{k-1}d_k$  is always less than  $n^2$ , and determine when it is a divisor of  $n^2$ .
- 3 Let  $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_n$  be distinct primes greater than 3. Show that  $2^{p_1p_2...p_n} + 1$  has at least  $4^n$  divisors.
- $\boxed{4}$  Is there a positive integer m such that the equation

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{abc} = \frac{m}{a+b+c}$$

has infinitely many solutions in positive integers a, b, c?

- 5 Let  $m, n \ge 2$  be positive integers, and let  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$  be integers, none of which is a multiple of  $m^{n-1}$ . Show that there exist integers  $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n$ , not all zero, with  $|e_i| < m$  for all i, such that  $e_1a_1 + e_2a_2 + \ldots + e_na_n$  is a multiple of  $m^n$ .
- 6 Find all pairs of positive integers  $m, n \geq 3$  for which there exist infinitely many positive integers a such that

$$\frac{a^m + a - 1}{a^n + a^2 - 1}$$

is itself an integer.

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