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## Algebra

A5 Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer and  $\lambda$  a positive real number. Initially there are n fleas on a horizontal line, not all at the same point. We define a move as choosing two fleas at some points A and B, with A to the left of B, and letting the flea from A jump over the flea from B to the point C so that  $\frac{BC}{AB} = \lambda$ .

Determine all values of  $\lambda$  such that, for any point M on the line and for any initial position of the n fleas, there exists a sequence of moves that will take them all to the position right of M.

 $\boxed{\text{A1}}$  Let a, b, c be positive real numbers so that abc = 1. Prove that

$$\left(a-1+\frac{1}{b}\right)\left(b-1+\frac{1}{c}\right)\left(c-1+\frac{1}{a}\right) \le 1.$$

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#### **Combinatorics**

- C5 A number of n rectangles are drawn in the plane. Each rectangle has parallel sides and the sides of distinct rectangles lie on distinct lines. The rectangles divide the plane into a number of regions. For each region R let v(R) be the number of vertices. Take the sum  $\sum v(R)$  over the regions which have one or more vertices of the rectangles in their boundary. Show that this sum is less than 40n.
- C1 A magician has one hundred cards numbered 1 to 100. He puts them into three boxes, a red one, a white one and a blue one, so that each box contains at least one card. A member of the audience draws two cards from two different boxes and announces the sum of numbers on those cards. Given this information, the magician locates the box from which no card has been drawn.

How many ways are there to put the cards in the three boxes so that the trick works?

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### Geometry

- G1 In the plane we are given two circles intersecting at X and Y. Prove that there exist four points with the following property:
  - (P) For every circle touching the two given circles at A and B, and meeting the line XY at C and D, each of the lines AC, AD, BC, BD passes through one of these points.
- G2 Two circles  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  intersect at two points M and N. Let AB be the line tangent to these circles at A and B, respectively, so that M lies closer to AB than N. Let CD be the line parallel to AB and passing through the point M, with C on  $G_1$  and D on  $G_2$ . Lines AC and BD meet at E; lines AN and CD meet at P; lines BN and CD meet at Q. Show that EP = EQ.
- $\boxed{\text{G5}}$  Let ABC be an acute-angled triangle, and let w be the circumcircle of triangle ABC.
  - The tangent to the circle w at the point A meets the tangent to the circle w at C at the point B'. The line BB' intersects the line AC at E, and E is the midpoint of the segment E.
  - Similarly, the tangent to the circle w at the point B meets the tangent to the circle w at the point C at the point A'. The line AA' intersects the line BC at D, and M is the midpoint of the segment AD.
  - a) Show that  $\angle ABM = \angle BAN$ . b) If AB = 1, determine the values of BC and AC for the triangles ABC which maximise  $\angle ABM$ .
- G6 Let ABCD be a convex quadrilateral. The perpendicular bisectors of its sides AB and CD meet at Y. Denote by X a point inside the quadrilateral ABCD such that  $\angle ADX = \angle BCX < 90^{\circ}$  and  $\angle DAX = \angle CBX < 90^{\circ}$ . Show that  $\angle AYB = 2 \cdot \angle ADX$ .
- G8 Let  $AH_1, BH_2, CH_3$  be the altitudes of an acute angled triangle ABC. Its incircle touches the sides BC, AC and AB at  $T_1, T_2$  and  $T_3$  respectively. Consider the symmetric images of the lines  $H_1H_2, H_2H_3$  and  $H_3H_1$  with respect to the lines  $T_1T_2, T_2T_3$  and  $T_3T_1$ . Prove that these images form a triangle whose vertices lie on the incircle of ABC.



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## **Number Theory**

- N3 Does there exist a positive integer n such that n has exactly 2000 prime divisors and n divides  $2^n + 1$ ?
- [N4] Find all triplets of positive integers (a, m, n) such that  $a^m + 1 \mid (a + 1)^n$ .
- N2 For every positive integers n let d(n) the number of all positive integers of n. Determine all positive integers n with the property:  $d^3(n) = 4n$ .