



Art of Problem Solving

WOOT 2010–11

Practice Olympiad 3

Instructions

- You should take the test under “olympiad conditions,” meaning that the test should be completed in one sitting, with handwritten solutions (just like on an actual olympiad exam). Take the test using only the resources that would be available to you on an actual olympiad, meaning you should use scrap paper, a ruler, a compass, etc., but no calculators and no reference materials.
- You should allot 3 hours to take the test.
- Completely fill out the cover sheet and make sure it is the first page of your solutions.
- On the WOOT Home Page, there is a **WOOT Practice Olympiad Answer Sheet**. Print out (or copy) several blank copies of the answer sheets, and write all of your work on these sheets. Use only black pen or very dark pencil. Make sure that the top of every answer sheet page is completely filled out. Each problem’s solution should start on a new page, along with new page numbering.
- Do not discuss the problems on or before the due date of Wednesday, November 24, 2010.

How to submit your solutions

You can submit solutions by upload, email, or by fax. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR SOLUTIONS!**

By Upload: Scan your solutions as a single PDF file. **Check to make sure that the file is legible before submitting it!** In your “My Classes” area, follow the link that says “Submit.”

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By fax: Fax to (619)659-8146.

Solutions are due by Wednesday, November 24, 2010

Late submissions will not be accepted except under extraordinary circumstances



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Practice Olympiad Number: 3

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Intermediate	
Advanced	

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1. A square of side n is divided into n^2 unit squares, each colored red, yellow, or green. Find the minimum value of n such that for any such coloring, we can find a row or a column containing at least three squares of the same color.

2. The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$$f(x) \leq x$$

and

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

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

3. Determine the largest positive integer that is a factor of

$$n^4(n-1)^3(n-2)^2(n-3)$$

for all positive integers n .

4. Let n be a positive integer. For $1 \leq k \leq n$, let a_k denote the number of pairs (x, y) of nonnegative integers satisfying $kx + (k+1)y = n - k + 1$. Show that $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n = n$.

5. A semicircle has center O and diameter AB . Let M be a point on AB extended past B . A line through M intersects the semicircle at C and D , so that D is closer to M than C . The circumcircles of triangles AOC and DOB intersect at O and K . Show that $\angle MKO = 90^\circ$.

6. Let $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{2010}\}$ and $\{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{2010}\}$ be two partitions of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, such that for all $1 \leq i, j \leq 2010$, if $A_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$, then $|A_i| + |B_j| \geq 2010$. Find the minimum value of n for which such partitions exist.

Note: We say that $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k\}$ is a partition of the set S if $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$ for all $i \neq j$, and $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \cdots \cup S_k = S$.

7. The sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots is defined by $a_0 = 1$ and

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(a_n + \frac{1}{3a_n} \right).$$

Let

$$A_n = \frac{3}{3a_n^2 - 1}.$$

Prove that A_n is a perfect square and that it has at least n distinct prime divisors for all $n \geq 1$.





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