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# **Olympiad Corner**

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**Problem 1.** Determine all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that for all real numbers x and y holds

$$f(x^2 + f(y)) = (f(x) + y^2)^2$$
.

(Tonći Kokan)

**Problem 2.** Along the coast of an island there are 20 villages. Each village has 20 fighters. Every fighter fights all the fighters from all the other villages. No two fighters have equal strength and the stronger fighter wins the fight.

We say that the village A is *stronger* than the village B if in at least k fights among the fighters from A and B a fighter from the village A wins. It turned out that every village is stronger than its neighbour (in the clockwise direction).

Show that the maximal possible k is 290.

(Moscow Olympiad 2003, modified)

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# The Inequality of A. Oppenheim

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In this note we establish conditions solving the problems of A. Oppenheim and O. Bothema, then we solve some problems. Below, we let *a,b,c,S,s,R,r* denote the sides *BC, CA, AB*, area, semiperimeter, circumradius, inradius of a triangle *ABC* respectively. In [1], two problems are stated as follow:

**Problem 1.** (O. Bothema) For  $\triangle ABC$ , give conditions on real numbers x, y, z so

$$vza^2 + zxb^2 + xvc^2 \le R^2(x+v+z)^2$$
 (1)

with equality if and only if

$$\frac{x}{\sin 2A} = \frac{y}{\sin 2B} = \frac{z}{\sin 2C}.$$
 (2)

**Problem 2.** (A. Oppenheim) For  $\triangle ABC$ , give conditions on real numbers x,y,z so

$$xa^{2} + yb^{2} + zc^{2} \ge 4S\sqrt{xy + yz + zx}$$
 (3)

with equality if and only if

$$\frac{x}{-a^2+b^2+c^2} = \frac{y}{a^2-b^2+c^2} = \frac{z}{a^2+b^2-c^2}.$$
 (4)

The author will solve problem 2, then use it to solve problem 1. It is easy to see these problems are false for some x,y,z. For example, if one of x,y,z is negative, problems 1 and 2 may be false.

**Theorem.** For  $\triangle$  *ABC*, if x+y>0, y+z>0, z+x>0 and xy+yz+zx>0, then (3) and (4) hold.

**Proof.** Let  $k = 4\sqrt{xy + yz + zx}$ . Using  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab\cos C$  and  $S = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$ , we can rewrite (3) as

 $2(x+z)a^2+2(y+z)b^2 \ge (4z\cos C+k\sin C)ab$ .

By the AM-GM inequality, the left side is greater than or equal to

$$4\sqrt{(x+z)(y+z)}ab = \sqrt{16z^2 + k^2}ab,$$

which is greater than or equal to the right side by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. So (3) is true. Equality holds (from *AM-GM* and Cauchy-Schwarz) if and only if

$$\frac{a^2}{y+z} = \frac{b^2}{z+x} = \frac{c^2}{x+y}$$

Let t be this ratio. Then  $a^2 = t(y+z)$ ,  $b^2 = t(z+x)$ ,  $c^2 = t(x+y)$ . So  $-a^2+b^2+c^2 = 2tx$ ,  $a^2-b^2+c^2 = 2ty$  and  $a^2+b^2-c^2 = 2tz$ . This gives (4) and steps can be reversed. Using the cosine law, we can see (4) is equivalent to

$$\frac{xa}{\cos A} = \frac{yb}{\cos B} = \frac{zc}{\cos C}.$$

From (4), we see x,y,z can be all positive or one negative and two positive.

To solve problem 1, in place of x,y,z, we use  $x/a^2$ ,  $y/b^2$ ,  $z/c^2$ , which also satisfy the conditions of the theorem. Then (3) is

$$x + y + z \ge 4S\sqrt{\frac{xy}{a^2b^2} + \frac{yz}{b^2c^2} + \frac{zx}{c^2a^2}}$$

Using the formula S=abc/(4R) (which is from  $S=\frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$  and  $c/(\sin C)=2R$ ), the last inequality becomes

$$x + y + z \ge \frac{1}{R} \sqrt{xyc^2 + yza^2 + zxb^2}$$
,

which is equivalent to (1). For equality case, observe that using the cosine law and  $a/(\sin A)=2R$ ,

$$\frac{x/a^2}{-a^2+b^2+c^2} = \frac{x}{2a^2bc\cos A} = t\frac{x}{\sin 2A},$$

where t = 1/(2Rabc). This gives (2).

Next we give many applications of these inequalities.

**Example 1** If we take x=y=z in (3), then we get  $a^2+b^2+c^2 \ge 4S\sqrt{3}$ , which dated back to Ionescu (1897), later to Weitzenböck (1919) and Carlitz (1961).

<u>Example 2</u> If we take  $x=a^2$ ,  $y=b^2$  and  $z=c^2$  in (3), then we get

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \ge 4S\sqrt{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}$$
.

Since Heron's formula gives

$$2(a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2)-(a^4+b^4+c^4)=16S^2$$

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and expanding  $(a^2-b^2)^2 + (b^2-c^2)^2 + (c^2-a^2)^2 \ge 0$  leads to

$$a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2 \le a^4+b^4+c^4$$

it follows immediately that

$$a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2 \ge 16S^2$$

and hence  $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \ge 16S^2$ .

<u>Example 3</u> (a) If x = 9, y = 5 and z = -3 in (3), then we get  $9a^2 + 5b^2 - 3c^2 \ge 4S\sqrt{3}$ .

(b) If x=27, y=27 and z=-13 in (3), then we get  $27a^2 + 27b^2 - 13c^2 \ge 12S\sqrt{3}$ .

(c) If x=3, y=-1 and z=15 in (3), then we get  $3a^2 - b^2 + 15c^2 \ge 12S\sqrt{3}$ .

These were exercises proposed in [6] and [9].

<u>Example 4</u> If we consider x=bc/a, y=ca/b and z=ab/c in (3), then we have

$$3abc \ge 4\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}S.$$

Taking into account that 4RS=abc and  $ab+bc+ca \le a^2+b^2+c^2$ , we have  $ab+bc+ca \le a^2+b^2+c^2 \le 9R^2$ .

<u>Example 5</u> If we consider x=bc, y=ca and z=ab in (3), then we have

$$abc(a+b+c) \ge 4S\sqrt{abc(a+b+c)},$$

which implies  $abc(a+b+c) \ge 16S^2$ . Using  $S = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)r = sr$ , we get  $abc \ge 8sr^2$ . Using abc = 4RS = 4Rsr, we have  $R \ge 2r$ .

**Example 6** Let x > 0. If we consider

 $2x-1, \frac{2}{x}-1$  and 1, then we can easily

check that they satisfy the conditions in the theorem. So (3) yields

$$(2x-1)a^2 + \left(\frac{2}{x}-1\right)b^2 + c^2 \ge 4S\sqrt{3}.$$

This was a proposed exercise of B. Suceavă in [9].

Example 7 If we consider

$$x = \frac{s-a}{a^2}, y = \frac{s-b}{b^2}, z = \frac{s-c}{c^2}$$

in (3), then we get

$$s \ge 4S\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{a^2b^2} + \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{b^2c^2} + \frac{(s-c)(s-a)}{c^2a^2}}$$

Squaring both sides and applying the *AM-GM* inequality on the right side,

we ge

$$s^{2} \ge 48S^{2}\sqrt[3]{\frac{(s-a)^{2}(s-b)^{2}(s-c)^{2}}{a^{4}b^{4}c^{4}}},$$

which is equivalent to

$$a^4b^4c^4s^6 \ge 48^3S^6(s-a)^2(s-b)^2(s-c)^2$$
.

Using abc=4RS=4Rsr on the left and Heron's formula on the right, we can simplify this to  $sR^2 \ge 12\sqrt{3}r^3$ .

Example 8 Consider

$$x = \frac{s-a}{a}, y = \frac{s-b}{b}, z = \frac{s-c}{c}$$

Then

$$xa^{2} + yb^{2} + zc^{2} = a(s-a) + b(s-b) + c(s-c)$$

$$= \frac{2ab + 2bc + 2ca - (a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})}{2}.$$

From [3], we have  $ab+bc+ca=s^2+r^2+4Rr$  and  $a^2+b^2+c^2=2(s^2-r^2-4Rr)$ . Putting these into the above equation, we get

$$xa^2 + yb^2 + zc^2 = 2r^2 + 8Rr.$$

Recall by cosine law

$$\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab} = \frac{c^2 - a^2 - b^2 + 2ab}{4ab}$$
$$= \frac{1 - \cos C}{2}$$
$$= \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}.$$

Using this and similar equations, we have

$$4S\sqrt{xy + yz + zx}$$

$$=4S\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab} + \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc} + \frac{(s-c)(s-a)}{ca}}$$

$$=4S\sqrt{\sin^2\frac{C}{2} + \sin^2\frac{A}{2} + \sin^2\frac{B}{2}}$$

$$\geq 4S\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} = 2S\sqrt{3},$$

where the last inequality follows by applying Jensen's inequality to  $f(x) = \sin^2(x/2)$  on  $[0,\pi/2]$ . Thus, (3) yields

$$r^2 + 4Rr \ge S\sqrt{3}$$
.

**Example 9** If instead of x, y, z, we replace

them by 
$$\frac{yz}{a^2}$$
,  $\frac{xy}{b^2}$ ,  $\frac{zx}{c^2}$  in (3), then we get

after calculations that

$$xa^{2} + yb^{2} + zc^{2} \le R^{2} \frac{(xy + yz + zx)^{2}}{xvz}.$$

**Example 10** If instead of x, y, z, we consider yz, zx, xy, then (1) and (3) yield the following inequality

$$4S\sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)} \le a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy$$
$$\le (x+y+z)^2R^2,$$

which is the subject of the article "On an inequality in a triangle" from GM 8 in 1984 by Prof. Virgil Nicula.

**Example 11** If instead of x,y,z, we consider

$$\frac{p}{q+r}$$
,  $\frac{q}{r+p}$ ,  $\frac{r}{p+q}$ ,

where p,q,r > 0, then (3) yields

$$\frac{p}{q+r}a^2 + \frac{q}{r+p}b^2 + \frac{r}{p+q}c^2 \ge 2S\sqrt{3}.$$

This is problem *E3150* proposed by G. Tsintsifas in the <u>American Math.</u> <u>Monthly</u> in 1988.

**Example 12** If instead of x,y,z, we consider

$$\frac{b}{a}m$$
,  $\frac{c}{b}n$ ,  $\frac{a}{c}p$ ,

where m, n, p > 0, then (3) yields

$$mab + nbc + pca \ge 4S\sqrt{\frac{c}{a}mn + \frac{a}{b}np + \frac{b}{c}mp}$$
.

By the AM-GM inequality, we have

$$\frac{c}{a}mn + \frac{a}{b}np + \frac{b}{c}mp \ge 3\sqrt[3]{m^2n^2p^2}.$$

Combining the last two inequalities, we get

$$mab + nbc + pca \ge 4S\sqrt{3\sqrt[3]{m^2n^2p^2}}$$
.

If we take m = n = p = 1, then we get

$$ab + bc + ca \ge 4S\sqrt{3}$$
,

which is due to V. E. Olhov, see [7] and [8] in the bibliography on page 4.

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#### **Problem Corner**

We welcome readers to submit their solutions to the problems posed below for publication consideration. The solutions should be preceded by the solver's name, home (or email) address and school affiliation. Please send submissions to *Dr. Kin Y. Li, Department of Mathematics, The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong.* The deadline for sending solutions is *May 10, 2013.* 

**Problem 416.** If  $x_1 = y_1 = 1$  and for n > 1,

$$x_n = -3x_{n-1} - 4y_{n-1} + n$$
  
$$y_n = x_{n-1} + y_{n-1} - 2,$$

and

then find  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  in terms of n only.

**Problem 417.** Prove that there does not exist a sequence  $p_0$ ,  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ , ... of prime numbers such that for all positive integer k,  $p_k$  is either  $2p_{k-1}+1$  or  $2p_{k-1}-1$ .

**Problem 418.** Point M is the midpoint of side AB of acute  $\triangle ABC$ . Points P and Q are the feet of perpendicular from A to side BC and from B to side AC respectively. Line AC is tangent to the circumcircle of  $\triangle BMP$ . Prove that line BC is tangent to the circumcircle of  $\triangle AMO$ .

**Problem 419.** Let  $n \ge 4$ . M is a subset of  $\{1,2,...,2n-1\}$  with n elements. Prove that M has a nonempty subset, the sum of all its elements is divisible by 2n.

**Problem 420.** Find (with proof) all positive integers x and y such that  $2x^2y+xy^2+8x$  is divisible by  $xy^2+2y$ .

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**Problem 411.** A and B play a game on a square board divided into  $100 \times 100$  squares. Each of A and B has a checker. Initially A's checker is in the lower left corner square and B's checker is in the lower right corner square. They take turn to make moves. The rule is that each of them has to move his checker one square up, down, left or right within the board and A goes first. Prove that no matter how B plays, A can always move his checker to meet B's checker eventually.

Solution. Jon GLIMMS (Vancouver, Canada) and ZOLBAYAR Shagdar (Orchlon International School, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia).

Suppose the squares are unit length. A can apply the following strategy. After B made the n-th move, let R(n) denote the rectangle bounded by the squares in the same row or same column as one of the two squares containing the checkers. Let a(n) be the length (i.e. long side) and b(n)be the width (i.e. short side) of R(n). As R(0) is consisted of the lowest row squares, a(0)=100 and b(0)=1. Following the rules, A can always make a move to decrease the length of R(n). After B made n + 1 moves, a(n+1)+b(n+1) will either be a(n)+b(n) or a(n)+b(n)-2. In particular, a(n)+b(n) is always odd, non-increasing and a(n) >b(n). Since the side of the board is finite, eventually a(n) + b(n) must decrease to 3 and A can move his checker to meet B's checker in the next move.

Other commended solvers: CHEUNG Ka Wai (Munsang College (Hong Kong Island)) and F5D (Carmel Alison Lam Foundation Secondary School).

**Problem 412.**  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral and points D, E, F are on sides BC, CA, AB respectively. If

$$\angle BAD + \angle CBE + \angle ACF = 120^{\circ}$$
,

then prove that  $\triangle BAD$ ,  $\triangle CBE$  and  $\triangle ACF$  cover  $\triangle ABC$ .

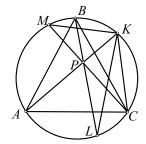
(Source: 2006 Indian Math Olympiad Team Selection Test)

**Solution. Jon GLIMMS** (Vancouver, Canada) and **William PENG**.

Assume P is in  $\triangle ABC$  not covered by  $\triangle BAD$ ,  $\triangle CBE$  and  $\triangle ACF$ . Then  $\angle BAD < \angle BAP$ ,  $\angle CBE < \angle CBP$  and  $\angle ACF < \angle ACP$ . Adding these, we have

$$120^{\circ} < \angle BAP + \angle CBP + \angle ACP$$
.

Now P cannot be the circumcenter of  $\Delta$  ABC (otherwise  $\angle BAP + \angle CBP + \angle ACP = 90^\circ$  would contradict the inequality above). So PA, PB, PC are not all equal. Suppose PA > PB. Let rays AP, BP, CP intersect the circumcircle of  $\Delta$  ABC at points K, L, M respectively.



Since  $\angle BAP = \angle KLP$  and  $\angle ABP = \angle LKP$ ,  $\triangle ABP$  and  $\triangle LKP$  are similar. Then PA > PB implies PL > PK and so  $\angle BAP = \angle KLP < \angle LKP$ . We get

$$\angle BAP + \angle CBP + \angle ACP$$
  
=  $\angle KLP + \angle CKL + \angle AKM$   
<  $\angle LKP + \angle CKL + \angle AKM$   
<  $\angle BKC = 120^{\circ}$ ,

which contradicts the inequality above.

Other commended solvers: KWAN Chung Hang (Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)) and Cyril LETROUIT (Lycée Jean-Baptiste Say, Paris, France).

**Problem 413.** Determine (with proof) all integers  $n \ge 3$  such that there exists a positive integer  $M_n$  satisfying the condition for all n positive numbers  $a_1$ ,  $a_2, \ldots, a_n$ , we have

$$\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{\sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n}} \le M_n \left( \frac{a_2}{a_1} + \frac{a_3}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} + \frac{a_1}{a_n} \right)$$

(Source: 2005 Chinese Taipei Math Olympiad Team Selection Test)

Solution. F5D (Carmel Alison Lam Foundation Secondary School) and Paolo PERFETTI (Math Dept, Università degli studi di Tor Vergata Roma, via della ricerca scientifica, Roma, Italy).

For n=3, let  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3 > 0$  and

$$x = \frac{a_2}{a_1} + \frac{a_3}{a_2} + \frac{a_1}{a_3}.$$

Suppose  $a_3 \ge a_1$ ,  $a_2$ . Then  $x > a_2/a_1$ ,  $a_3/a_2$ ,  $a_1/a_3$ . So  $a_2 > a_3/x$  and  $a_1 > a_2/x > a_3/x^2$ . Hence,

$$\frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{\sqrt[3]{a_1 a_2 a_3}} \le \frac{3a_3}{\sqrt[3]{\frac{a_3}{x^2} \frac{a_3}{x} a_3}} = 3x.$$

So we can take  $M_3=3$ . For n>3, assume there is such  $M_n$ . Let  $a_1=c$ ,  $a_2=c^2$ ,...,  $a_n=c^n$ . Then

$$M_n \ge \frac{c + c^2 + \dots + c^n}{\sqrt[n]{c^{n(n+1)/2}}} \left( (n-1)c + \frac{1}{c^{n-1}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\geq \frac{c^n}{c^{(n+1)/2}} \frac{1}{c((n-1)+c^{-n})} = \frac{c^{(n-3)/2}}{n-1+c^{-n}}.$$

As  $c \to \infty$ ,  $c^{(n-3)/2}/(n-1+c^{-n}) \to \infty$ . Then  $M_n$  cannot be finite, contradiction.

**Problem 414.** Let p be an odd prime number and  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_{p-1}$  be positive integers not divisible by p. Prove that there exist integers  $b_1, b_2, ..., b_{p-1}$ ,

each equals 1 or -1 such that

$$a_1b_1+a_2b_2+\cdots+a_{n-1}b_{n-1}$$

is divisible by p.

**Solution.** Jon GLIMMS (Vancouver, Canada).

For k = 1, 2, ..., p - 1, we will prove the numbers of the form  $a_1c_1 + a_2c_2 + ... + a_kc_k$  (where each  $c_i$  is 0 or 1) when divided by p will yield at least k + 1 different remainders. For k = 1, we are given that  $a_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .

Suppose a case k < p-1 is true. For the case k+1, if the numbers  $a_1c_1+a_2c_2+\cdots+a_kc_k$  when divided by p yield at least k+2 different remainders, then the case k+1 is also true. Otherwise, there are numbers  $m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_{k+1}$  of the form  $a_1c_1+a_2c_2+\cdots+a_kc_k$  when divided by p yield exactly k+1 different remainders. Considering (mod p), we see  $m_1+a_{k+1}$ ,  $m_2+a_{k+1},\ldots, m_{k+1}+a_{k+1}$  also have k+1 different remainders.

Assume these two groups of k+1 remainders are the same. Then we get  $m_1+m_2+\cdots+m_{k+1} \equiv (m_1+a_{k+1})+(m_2+a_{k+1})+\cdots+(m_{k+1}+a_{k+1})\pmod{p}$ . This implies  $(k+1)a_{k+1}\equiv 0\pmod{p}$ , which is not possible as k+1 < p and  $a_{k+1}$  is not divisible by p. Hence, there must be at least k+2 different remainders among the two groups. So the case k+1 is true.

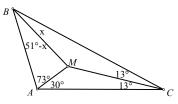
Let  $S=a_1+a_2+\cdots+a_{p-1}$ . Since  $\gcd(2,p)=1$ , there is an integer r such that  $2r\equiv S\pmod{p}$ . From the case k=p-1 above, we see there is  $a_1c_1+a_2c_2+\cdots+a_{p-1}c_{p-1}\equiv r\pmod{p}$ . Let  $b_i=1-2c_i$ , then  $b_i=\pm 1$  and  $a_1b_1+a_2b_2+\cdots+a_{p-1}b_{p-1}\equiv S-2r\equiv 0\pmod{p}$ .

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**Problem 415.** (Due to MANOLOUDIS Apostolos, Piraeus, Greece) Given a triangle ABC such that  $\angle BAC = 103^{\circ}$  and  $\angle ABC = 51^{\circ}$ . Let M be a point inside  $\triangle ABC$  such that  $\angle MAC = 30^{\circ}$  and  $\angle MCA = 13^{\circ}$ . Find  $\angle MBC$  with proof.

Solution. F5D (Carmel Alison Lam Foundation Secondary School), KWAN Chung Hang (Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)), Adrian Iain LAM (St. Paul's College), Vijaya Prasad NALLURI (Retired Principal, AP Educational Service, Andhra Pradesh, India), Alex

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Let  $x = \angle MBC$ . By the trigonometric form of Ceva's theorem, we have

$$\frac{\sin 13^{\circ}}{\sin 13^{\circ}} \frac{\sin 73^{\circ}}{\sin 30^{\circ}} \frac{\sin x}{\sin (51^{\circ} - x)} = 1.$$

Then 
$$2\sin 73^\circ = \frac{\sin 51^\circ \cos x - \cos 51^\circ \sin x}{\sin x}$$
  
=  $\sin 51^\circ \cot x - \cos 51^\circ$ .

Using 
$$\sin 73^\circ = \cos 17^\circ$$
, we get  $\cot x = (2\cos 17^\circ + \cos 51^\circ)/\sin 51^\circ$ . (\*)

Since cot is strictly decreasing on  $(0^{\circ},51^{\circ})$ , there is at most one such x. Now we have

$$2\sin y \cos y = \sin 2y$$

$$= \sin(3y-y)$$

$$= \sin 3y \cos y - \cos 3y \sin y.$$

Dividing by sin y leads to

$$2\cos y = \sin 3y \cot y - \cos 3y.$$

Solving for cot y and setting  $y=17^{\circ}$ , we get

$$\cot 17^{\circ} = (2\cos 17^{\circ} + \cos 51^{\circ})/\sin 51^{\circ}.$$

Therefore,  $x = 17^{\circ}$ .

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**Problem 3.** Trapzoid ABCD with a longer base AB is inscribed in the circle k. Let  $A_0$ ,  $B_0$  be respectively the midpoints of segments BC, CA. Let N be the foot of the

altitude from the point C to AB, and G the centroid of the trangle ABC. Circle  $k_1$  goes through  $A_0$  and  $B_0$  and touches the circle k in the point X, different than C. Prove that the points D, G, N and X are collinear.

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**Problem 4.** For a given positive integer k let S(k) denote the sum of all numbers from the set  $\{1,2,...,k\}$  relatively prime to k. Let m be a positive integer and n an odd positive integer. Prove that there exist positive integers x and y such that m divides x and  $2S(x) = y^n$ .

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