

Mathematical Olympiads Discord Server

2019 July Beginner Contest

Time: 4 hours

Each problem is worth 7 points

Calculators and protractors are not allowed. Do not write your name on your working. At the end of the contest, please scan your solutions and working and send them to Tony Wang#6285 via direct message. Do not discuss the contents of this paper outside the text channel #finished-contestants and the voice channel Post-Contest Banter until notified by staff.

Problem 1. Amy writes a 1 or a -1 in each cell of an $n \times 2$ grid, where n is not a multiple of 4. Below each column she writes the product of the 2 entries in that column in blue, and to the right of each row she writes the product of the n entries in that row in green. Amy notices that the sum of the blue numbers is 0. Prove that the sum of the green numbers is 0.

Problem 2. Let $ABCD$ be a parallelogram. The internal angle bisectors of ABC and BCD meet at P , and the internal angle bisectors of CDA and DAB meet at Q . Prove that $PQ \parallel AB$.

Problem 3. Determine all positive integers that can be written as the sum of 2 or more consecutive positive integers.

Problem 4. Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n be positive real numbers with the property that $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n$. Prove that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^2}{a_i + b_i} \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i.$$