

2020 June Advanced Contest

Saturday and Sunday, 13-14 June 2020

Problem 1. A tuple of real numbers $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_m)$ is called *stable* if for each $k \in \{1, 2, ..., m-1\}$,

$$\left| \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k}{k} - a_{k+1} \right| < 1.$$

Does there exist a stable *n*-tuple (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) such that for any real number x, the (n+1)-tuple $(x, x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ is not stable?

Problem 2. Let p be a prime number. At a school of p^{2020} students it is required that each club consist of exactly p students. Is it possible for each pair of students to have exactly one club in common?

Problem 3. Let a *lattice tetrahedron* denote a tetrahedron whose vertices have integer coordinates. Given a lattice tetrahedron, a *move* consists of picking some vertex and moving it parallel to one of the three edges of the face opposite the vertex so that it lands on a different point with integer coordinates. Prove that any two lattice tetrahedra with the same volume can be transformed into each other by a series of moves.

Problem 4. Let c be a positive real number. Alice wishes to pick an integer n and a sequence a_1, a_2, \ldots of distinct positive integers such that $a_i \leq ci$ for all positive integers i and

$$n, n + a_1, n + a_1 - a_2, n + a_1 - a_2 + a_3, \cdots$$

is a sequence of distinct nonnegative numbers. Find all c such that Alice can fulfil her wish.

Language: English Time: 4 hours
Each problem is worth 7 points