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§1 Problemas

Problem 1.1. Find all triples (a, b, p) of positive integers with p prime and

$$a^p = b! + p.$$

Problem 1.2. Let ABC be an acute-angled triangle with $AC > AB$, let O be its circumcentre, and let D be a point on the segment BC. The line through D perpendicular to BC intersects the lines AO, AC, and AB at W, X, and Y, respectively. The circumcircles of triangles AXY and ABC intersect again at $Z \neq A$. Prove that if $W \neq D$ and $OW = OD$, then DZ is tangent to the circle AXY.

Problem 1.3. Let ABC be a triangle and ℓ_1, ℓ_2 be two parallel lines. Let ℓ_i intersects line BC, CA, AB at X_i, Y_i, Z_i, respectively. Let Δ_i be the triangle formed by the line passed through X_i and perpendicular to BC, the line passed through Y_i and perpendicular to CA, and the line passed through Z_i and perpendicular to AB. Prove that the circumcircles of Δ_1 and Δ_2 are tangent.

Problem 1.4. Two squirrels, Bushy and Jumpy, have collected 2021 walnuts for the winter. Jumpy numbers the walnuts from 1 through 2021, and digs 2021 little holes in a circular pattern in the ground around their favourite tree. The next morning Jumpy notices that Bushy had placed one walnut into each hole, but had paid no attention to the numbering. Unhappy, Jumpy decides to reorder the walnuts by performing a sequence of 2021 moves. In the k-th move, Jumpy swaps the positions of the two walnuts adjacent to walnut k.

Prove that there exists a value of k such that, on the k-th move, Jumpy swaps some walnuts a and b such that $a < k < b$.

Problem 1.5. Suppose that a, b, c, d are positive real numbers satisfying $(a+c)(b+d) = ac + bd$. Find the smallest possible value of

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}.$$

Problem 1.6. A social network has 2019 users, some pairs of whom are friends. Whenever user A is friends with user B, user B is also friends with user A. Events of the following kind may happen repeatedly, one at a time: Three users A, B, and C such that A is friends with both B and C, but B and C are not friends, change their friendship statuses such that B and C are now friends, but A is no longer friends with B, and no longer friends with C. All other friendship statuses are unchanged. Initially, 1010 users have 1009 friends each, and 1009 users have 1010 friends each. Prove that there exists a sequence of such events after which each user is friends with at most one other user.

Problem 1.7. Determine all pairs (n, k) of distinct positive integers such that there exists a positive integer s for which the number of divisors of sn and of sk are equal.

Problem 1.8. Let $m, n \geqslant 2$ be integers, let X be a set with n elements, and let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_m$ be pairwise distinct non-empty, not necessary disjoint subset of X. A function $f\colon X \to \{1, 2, \ldots, n+1\}$ is called nice if there exists an index k such that

$$\sum_{x \in X_k} f(x) > \sum_{x \in X_i} f(x) \quad \text{for all } i \neq k.$$

Prove that the number of nice functions is at least n^n.

Problem 1.9. Let ABC be a triangle with circumcircle Ω and incentre I. A line ℓ intersects the lines AI, BI, and CI at points D, E, and F, respectively, distinct from the points A, B, C, and I. The perpendicular bisectors x, y, and z of the segments AD, BE, and CF, respectively determine a triangle Θ. Show that the circumcircle of the triangle Θ is tangent to Ω.

Problem 1.10. ind all triples (a, b, c) of positive integers such that $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = (abc)^2$.

Problem 1.11. A number is called Norwegian if it has three distinct positive divisors whose sum is equal to 2022. Determine the smallest Norwegian number. (Note: The total number of positive divisors of a Norwegian number is allowed to be larger than 3.)

Problem 1.12. Let S be an infinite set of positive integers, such that there exist four pairwise distinct $a, b, c, d \in S$ with $\gcd(a, b) \neq \gcd(c, d)$. Prove that there exist three pairwise distinct $x, y, z \in S$ such that $\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(y, z) \neq \gcd(z, x)$.

Problem 1.13. Let $ABCD$ be a parallelogram with $AC = BC$. A point P is chosen on the extension of ray AB past B. The circumcircle of ACD meets the segment PD again at Q. The circumcircle of triangle APQ meets the segment PC at R. Prove that lines CD, AQ, BR are concurrent.

Problem 1.14. Let ABC be an acute-angled triangle and let D, E, and F be the feet of altitudes from A, B, and C to sides BC, CA, and AB, respectively. Denote by ω_B and ω_C the incircles of triangles BDF and CDE, and let these circles be tangent to segments DF and DE at M and N, respectively. Let line MN meet circles ω_B and ω_C again at $P \neq M$ and $Q \neq N$, respectively. Prove that $MP = NQ$.

Problem 1.15. Find all pairs (k, n) of positive integers such that

$$k! = (2^n - 1)(2^n - 2)(2^n - 4) \cdots (2^n - 2^{n-1}).$$

Problem 1.16. A hunter and an invisible rabbit play a game on an infinite square grid. First the hunter fixes a colouring of the cells with finitely many colours. The rabbit then secretly chooses a cell to start in. Every minute, the rabbit reports the colour of its current cell to the hunter, and then secretly moves to an adjacent cell that it has not visited before (two cells are adjacent if they share an edge). The hunter wins if after some finite time either: the rabbit cannot move; or the hunter can determine the cell in which the rabbit started. Decide whether there exists a winning strategy for the hunter.

Problem 1.17. For every positive integer N, determine the smallest real number b_N such that, for all real x,

$$\sqrt[N]{\frac{x^{2N} + 1}{2}} \leqslant b_N (x - 1)^2 + x.$$

Problem 1.18. Let a_1, a_2, ... be an infinite sequence of positive integers. Suppose that there is an integer $N > 1$ such that, for each $n \geq N$, the number

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} + \frac{a_2}{a_3} + \cdots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} + \frac{a_n}{a_1}$$

is an integer. Prove that there is a positive integer M such that $a_m = a_{m+1}$ for all $m \geq M$.

Problem 1.19. Which positive integers n make the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left\lfloor \frac{ij}{n+1} \right\rfloor = \frac{n^2(n-1)}{4}$$

true?

Problem 1.20. You are given a set of n blocks, each weighing at least 1; their total weight is $2n$. Prove that for every real number r with $0 \leq r \leq 2n-2$ you can choose a subset of the blocks whose total weight is at least r but at most $r+2$.

Problem 1.21. Let $n \geqslant 3$ be a positive integer and let $(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n)$ be a strictly increasing sequence of n positive real numbers with sum equal to 2. Let X be a subset of $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ such that the value of

$$\left| 1 - \sum_{i \in X} a_i \right|$$

is minimised. Prove that there exists a strictly increasing sequence of n positive real numbers $(b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_n)$ with sum equal to 2 such that

$$\sum_{i \in X} b_i = 1.$$

Problem 1.22. Let $n > 3$ be a positive integer. Suppose that n children are arranged in a circle, and n coins are distributed between them (some children may have no coins). At every step, a child with at least 2 coins may give 1 coin to each of their immediate neighbors on the right and left. Determine all initial distributions of the coins from which it is possible that, after a finite number of steps, each child has exactly one coin.

Problem 1.23. Let $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_{2019}$ be real numbers satisfying

$$u_1 + u_2 + \cdots + u_{2019} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u_1^2 + u_2^2 + \cdots + u_{2019}^2 = 1.$$

Let $a = \min(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_{2019})$ and $b = \max(u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_{2019})$. Prove that

$$ab \leqslant -\frac{1}{2019}.$$

Problem 1.24. Let n and k be two integers with $n > k \geqslant 1$. There are $2n+1$ students standing in a circle. Each student S has $2k$ neighbors - namely, the k students closest to S on the left, and the k students closest to S on the right.

Suppose that $n+1$ of the students are girls, and the other n are boys. Prove that there is a girl with at least k girls among her neighbors.

Problem 1.25. Let $n \geqslant 3$ be an integer, and let $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$ be real numbers in the interval $[0, 1]$. Let $s = x_1 + x_2 + \ldots + x_n$, and assume that $s \geqslant 3$. Prove that there exist integers i and j with $1 \leqslant i < j \leqslant n$ such that

$$2^{j-i} x_i x_j > 2^{s-3}.$$

Problem 1.26. In a regular 100-gon, 41 vertices are colored black and the remaining 59 vertices are colored white. Prove that there exist 24 convex quadrilaterals $Q_1, \dots, Q_{24}$ whose corners are vertices of the 100-gon, so that the quadrilaterals $Q_1, \dots, Q_{24}$ are pairwise disjoint, and every quadrilateral Q_i has three corners of one color and one corner of the other color.

Problem 1.27. An anti-Pascal triangle is an equilateral triangular array of numbers such that, except for the numbers in the bottom row, each number is the absolute value of the difference of the two numbers immediately below it. For example, the following is an anti-Pascal triangle with four rows which contains every integer from 1 to 10.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & 4 & & & \\ & & 2 & & 6 & & \\ & 5 & & 7 & & 1 & \\ 8 & & 3 & & 10 & & 9 \end{array}$$

Does there exist an anti-Pascal triangle with 2018 rows which contains every integer from 1 to $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + 2018$?

Problem 1.28. Show that $n! = a^{n-1} + b^{n-1} + c^{n-1}$ has only finitely many solutions in positive integers.

Problem 1.29. Let $f : \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \to \{2, 3, \dots\}$ be a function such that $f(m+n) | f(m) + f(n)$ for all pairs m, n of positive integers. Prove that there exists a positive integer $c > 1$ which divides all values of f.

Problem 1.30. Let $r > 1$ be a rational number. Alice plays a solitaire game on a number line. Initially there is a red bead at 0 and a blue bead at 1. In a move, Alice chooses one of the beads and an integer $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. If the chosen bead is at x, and the other bead is at y, then the bead at x is moved to the point x' satisfying $x' - y = r^k(x - y)$.

Find all r for which Alice can move the red bead to 1 in at most 2021 moves.

Problem 1.31. Find all positive integers $n \geqslant 2$ for which there exist n real numbers $a_1 < \cdots < a_n$ and a real number $r > 0$ such that the $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ differences $a_j - a_i$ for $1 \leqslant i < j \leqslant n$ are equal, in some order, to the numbers $r^1, r^2, \dots, r^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}$.

Problem 1.32. Determine all functions f defined on the set of all positive integers and taking non-negative integer values, satisfying the three conditions: (i) $f(n) \neq 0$ for at least one n; (ii) $f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$ for every positive integers x and y; (iii) there are infinitely many positive integers n such that $f(k) = f(n - k)$ for all $k < n$.

Problem 1.33. Let $n \geq 3$ be a fixed integer. There are $m \geq n + 1$ beads on a circular necklace. You wish to paint the beads using n colors, such that among any $n + 1$ consecutive beads every color appears at least once. Find the largest value of m for which this task is *not* possible.

Problem 1.34. A point T is chosen inside a triangle ABC. Let A_1, B_1, and C_1 be the reflections of T in BC, CA, and AB, respectively. Let Ω be the circumcircle of the triangle $A_1B_1C_1$. The lines A_1T, B_1T, and C_1T meet Ω again at A_2, B_2, and C_2, respectively. Prove that the lines AA_2, BB_2, and CC_2 are concurrent on Ω.

Problem 1.35. Consider a 100×100 square unit lattice $\mathbf{L}$ (hence $\mathbf{L}$ has 10000 points). Suppose $\mathcal{F}$ is a set of polygons such that all vertices of polygons in $\mathcal{F}$ lie in $\mathbf{L}$ and every point in $\mathbf{L}$ is the vertex of exactly one polygon in $\mathcal{F}$. Find the maximum possible sum of the areas of the polygons in $\mathcal{F}$.

Problem 1.36. Let $(a_n)_{n\geq 1}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers with the property that

$$(a_{n+1})^2 + a_n a_{n+2} \leq a_n + a_{n+2}$$

for all positive integers n. Show that $a_{2022} \leq 1$.

Problem 1.37. A site is any point (x, y) in the plane such that x and y are both positive integers less than or equal to 20.

Initially, each of the 400 sites is unoccupied. Amy and Ben take turns placing stones with Amy going first. On her turn, Amy places a new red stone on an unoccupied site such that the distance between any two sites occupied by red stones is not equal to $\sqrt{5}$. On his turn, Ben places a new blue stone on any unoccupied site. (A site occupied by a blue stone is allowed to be at any distance from any other occupied site.) They stop as soon as a player cannot place a stone.

Find the greatest K such that Amy can ensure that she places at least K red stones, no matter how Ben places his blue stones.

Problem 1.38. Let $k \geq 2$ be an integer. Find the smallest integer $n \geq k+1$ with the property that there exists a set of n distinct real numbers such that each of its elements can be written as a sum of k other distinct elements of the set.

Problem 1.39. Let $\mathbb{R}^+$ denote the set of positive real numbers. Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ such that for each $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$, there is exactly one $y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ satisfying

$$xf(y) + yf(x) \leq 2$$

Problem 1.40. Let Γ be a circle with centre I, and $ABCD$ a convex quadrilateral such that each of the segments AB, BC, CD and DA is tangent to Γ. Let Ω be the circumcircle of the triangle AIC. The extension of BA beyond A meets Ω at X, and the extension of BC beyond C meets Ω at Z. The extensions of AD and CD beyond D meet Ω at Y and T, respectively. Prove that

$$AD + DT + TX + XA = CD + DY + YZ + ZC.$$

Problem 1.41. Find all positive integers n with the following property: the k positive divisors of n have a permutation $(d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_k)$ such that for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$, the number $d_1 + d_2 + \cdots + d_i$ is a perfect square.

Problem 1.42. The real numbers a, b, c, d are such that $a \geq b \geq c \geq d > 0$ and $a + b + c + d = 1$. Prove that

$$(a + 2b + 3c + 4d)a^a b^b c^c d^d < 1$$

Problem 1.43. Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral. Assume that the points Q, A, B, P are collinear in this order, in such a way that the line AC is tangent to the circle ADQ, and the line BD is tangent to the circle BCP. Let M and N be the midpoints of segments BC and AD, respectively. Prove that the following three lines are concurrent: line CD, the tangent of circle ANQ at point A, and the tangent to circle BMP at point B.

Problem 1.44. For each integer $n \geq 1$, compute the smallest possible value of

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left\lfloor \frac{a_k}{k} \right\rfloor$$

over all permutations $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$ of $\{1, \ldots, n\}$.

Problem 1.45. Consider the convex quadrilateral $ABCD$. The point P is in the interior of $ABCD$. The following ratio equalities hold:

$$\angle PAD : \angle PBA : \angle DPA = 1 : 2 : 3 = \angle CBP : \angle BAP : \angle BPC$$

Prove that the following three lines meet in a point: the internal bisectors of angles $\angle ADP$ and $\angle PCB$ and the perpendicular bisector of segment AB.

Problem 1.46. There is an integer $n > 1$. There are n^2 stations on a slope of a mountain, all at different altitudes. Each of two cable car companies, A and B, operates k cable cars; each cable car provides a transfer from one of the stations to a higher one (with no intermediate stops). The k cable cars of A have k different starting points and k different finishing points, and a cable car which starts higher also finishes higher. The same conditions hold for B. We say that two stations are linked by a company if one can start from the lower station and reach the higher one by using one or more cars of that company (no other movements between stations are allowed). Determine the smallest positive integer k for which one can guarantee that there are two stations that are linked by both companies.

Problem 1.47. Let $n \geqslant 100$ be an integer. Ivan writes the numbers $n, n+1, \ldots, 2n$ each on different cards. He then shuffles these $n+1$ cards, and divides them into two piles. Prove that at least one of the piles contains two cards such that the sum of their numbers is a perfect square.

Problem 1.48. The Bank of Oslo issues two types of coin: aluminum (denoted A) and bronze (denoted B). Marianne has n aluminum coins and n bronze coins arranged in a row in some arbitrary initial order. A chain is any subsequence of consecutive coins of the same type. Given a fixed positive integer $k \leq 2n$, Gilberty repeatedly performs the following operation: he identifies the longest chain containing the k^{th} coin from the left and moves all coins in that chain to the left end of the row. For example, if $n = 4$ and $k = 4$, the process starting from the ordering $AABBBABA$ would be $AABBBABA \to BBBAAABA \to AAABBBBA \to BBBBAAAA \to ...$

Find all pairs (n, k) with $1 \leq k \leq 2n$ such that for every initial ordering, at some moment during the process, the leftmost n coins will all be of the same type.

Problem 1.49. For each prime p, construct a graph G_p on $\{1, 2, \ldots p\}$, where $m \neq n$ are adjacent if and only if p divides $(m^2 + 1 - n)(n^2 + 1 - m)$. Prove that G_p is disconnected for infinitely many p

Problem 1.50. Four positive integers x, y, z and t satisfy the relations

$$xy - zt = x + y = z + t.$$

Is it possible that both xy and zt are perfect squares?

Problem 1.51. Let n be a positive integer. Find the number of permutations a_1, a_2, $\ldots a_n$ of the sequence 1, 2, $\ldots$, n satisfying

$$a_1 \leq 2a_2 \leq 3a_3 \leq \cdots \leq na_n$$

Problem 1.52. Show that the inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\sqrt{|x_i - x_j|} \leqslant \sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\sqrt{|x_i + x_j|}$$

holds for all real numbers $x_1, \dots x_n$.

Problem 1.53. We say that a set S of integers is rootiful if, for any positive integer n and any $a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_n \in S$, all integer roots of the polynomial $a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$ are also in S. Find all rootiful sets of integers that contain all numbers of the form $2^a - 2^b$ for positive integers a and b.

Problem 1.54. In the acute-angled triangle ABC, the point F is the foot of the altitude from A, and P is a point on the segment AF. The lines through P parallel to AC and AB meet BC at D and E, respectively. Points $X \neq A$ and $Y \neq A$ lie on the circles ABD and ACE, respectively, such that $DA = DX$ and $EA = EY$. Prove that B, C, X, and Y are concyclic.

Problem 1.55. A magician intends to perform the following trick. She announces a positive integer n, along with $2n$ real numbers $x_1 < \cdots < x_{2n}$, to the audience. A member of the audience then secretly chooses a polynomial $P(x)$ of degree n with real coefficients, computes the $2n$ values $P(x_1), \dots, P(x_{2n})$, and writes down these $2n$ values on the blackboard in non-decreasing order. After that the magician announces the secret polynomial to the audience. Can the magician find a strategy to perform such a trick?

Problem 1.56. The Fibonacci numbers $F_0, F_1, F_2, ...$ are defined inductively by $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$, and $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$. Given an integer $n \geq 2$, determine the smallest size of a set S of integers such that for every $k = 2, 3, ..., n$ there exist some $x, y \in S$ such that $x - y = F_k$.

Problem 1.57. In triangle ABC, point A_1 lies on side BC and point B_1 lies on side AC. Let P and Q be points on segments AA_1 and BB_1, respectively, such that PQ is parallel to AB. Let P_1 be a point on line PB_1, such that B_1 lies strictly between P and P_1, and $\angle PP_1C = \angle BAC$. Similarly, let Q_1 be the point on line QA_1, such that A_1 lies strictly between Q and Q_1, and $\angle CQ_1Q = \angle CBA$.

Prove that points P, Q, P_1, and Q_1 are concyclic.

Problem 1.58. Given any set S of positive integers, show that at least one of the following two assertions holds:

(1) There exist distinct finite subsets F and G of S such that $\sum_{x\in F} 1/x = \sum_{x\in G} 1/x$;

(2) There exists a positive rational number $r < 1$ such that $\sum_{x\in F} 1/x \neq r$ for all finite subsets F of S.

Problem 1.59. Let $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ be a sequence of real numbers such that $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$, and for every $n \geq 2$ there exists $1 \leq k \leq n$ satisfying

$$a_n = \frac{a_{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-k}}{k}.$$

Find the maximum possible value of $a_{2018} - a_{2017}$.

Problem 1.60. For any odd prime p and any integer n, let $d_p(n) \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ denote the remainder when n is divided by p. We say that $(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots)$ is a p-sequence, if a_0 is a positive integer coprime to p, and $a_{n+1} = a_n + d_p(a_n)$ for $n \geqslant 0$. (a) Do there exist infinitely many primes p for which there exist p-sequences $(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots)$

and $(b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots)$ such that $a_n > b_n$ for infinitely many n, and $b_n > a_n$ for infinitely many n? (b) Do there exist infinitely many primes p for which there exist p-sequences $(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots)$ and $(b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots)$ such that $a_0 < b_0$, but $a_n > b_n$ for all $n \geqslant 1$?

Problem 1.61. Let a be a positive integer. We say that a positive integer b is a-good if $\binom{an}{b} - 1$ is divisible by $an + 1$ for all positive integers n with $an \geq b$. Suppose b is a positive integer such that b is a-good, but $b + 2$ is not a-good. Prove that $b + 1$ is prime.

Problem 1.62. Define the sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ by $a_n = 2^n + 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$. Prove that there are infinitely many terms of the sequence which can be expressed as a sum of (two or more) distinct terms of the sequence, as well as infinitely many of those which cannot be expressed in such a way.

Problem 1.63. Given a positive integer k show that there exists a prime p such that one can choose distinct integers $a_1, a_2 \cdots, a_{k+3} \in \{1, 2, \cdots, p-1\}$ such that p divides $a_i a_{i+1} a_{i+2} a_{i+3} - i$ for all $i = 1, 2, \cdots, k$.

Problem 1.64. Let $n \geqslant 3$ be an integer. Prove that there exists a set S of $2n$ positive integers satisfying the following property: For every $m = 2, 3, ..., n$ the set S can be partitioned into two subsets with equal sums of elements, with one of subsets of cardinality m.

Problem 1.65. Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral with $\angle ABC > 90$, $CDA > 90$ and $\angle DAB = \angle BCD$. Denote by E and F the reflections of A in lines BC and CD, respectively. Suppose that the segments AE and AF meet the line BD at K and L, respectively. Prove that the circumcircles of triangles BEK and DFL are tangent to each other.

Problem 1.66. Find all positive integers $n \geq 1$ such that there exists a pair (a, b) of positive integers, such that $a^2 + b + 3$ is not divisible by the cube of any prime, and

$$n = \frac{ab + 3b + 8}{a^2 + b + 3}.$$

Problem 1.67. Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral. Points K, L, M, N are chosen on AB, BC, CD, DA such that $KLMN$ is a rhombus with $KL \parallel AC$ and $LM \parallel BD$. Let $\omega_A, \omega_B, \omega_C, \omega_D$ be the incircles of $\triangle ANK, \triangle BKL, \triangle CLM, \triangle DMN$.

Prove that the common internal tangents to ω_A, and ω_C and the common internal tangents to ω_B and ω_D are concurrent.

Problem 1.68. Let $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ be different real numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant n} \prod_{j \neq i} \frac{1 - x_i x_j}{x_i - x_j} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \\ 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Problem 1.69. The Bank of Bath issues coins with an H on one side and a T on the other. Harry has n of these coins arranged in a line from left to right. He repeatedly performs the following operation: if there are exactly $k > 0$ coins showing H, then he turns over the kth coin from the left; otherwise, all coins show T and he stops. For example, if $n = 3$ the process starting with the configuration THT would be $THT \to HHT \to HTT \to TTT$, which stops after three operations.

(a) Show that, for each initial configuration, Harry stops after a finite number of operations.

(b) For each initial configuration C, let $L(C)$ be the number of operations before Harry stops. For example, $L(THT) = 3$ and $L(TTT) = 0$. Determine the average value of $L(C)$ over all 2^n possible initial configurations C.

Problem 1.70. A deck of $n > 1$ cards is given. A positive integer is written on each card. The deck has the property that the arithmetic mean of the numbers on each pair of cards is also the geometric mean of the numbers on some collection of one or more cards. For which n does it follow that the numbers on the cards are all equal?

Problem 1.71. In each square of a garden shaped like a 2022×2022 board, there is initially a tree of height 0. A gardener and a lumberjack alternate turns playing the following game, with the gardener taking the first turn: The gardener chooses a square in the garden. Each tree on that square and all the surrounding squares (of which there are at most eight) then becomes one unit taller. The lumberjack then chooses four different squares on the board. Each tree of positive height on those squares then becomes one unit shorter. We say that a tree is majestic if its height is at least 10^6. Determine the largest K such that the gardener can ensure there are eventually K majestic trees on the board, no matter how the lumberjack plays.

Problem 1.72. Let ABC be an isosceles triangle with $BC = CA$, and let D be a point inside side AB such that $AD < DB$. Let P and Q be two points inside sides BC and CA, respectively, such that $\angle DPB = \angle DQA = 90^\circ$. Let the perpendicular bisector of PQ meet line segment CQ at E, and let the circumcircles of triangles ABC and CPQ meet again at point F, different from C. Suppose that P, E, F are collinear. Prove that $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$.

Problem 1.73. Let ABC be a triangle with $AB = AC$, and let M be the midpoint of BC. Let P be a point such that $PB < PC$ and PA is parallel to BC. Let X and Y be points on the lines PB and PC, respectively, so that B lies on the segment PX, C lies on the segment PY, and $\angle PXM = \angle PYM$. Prove that the quadrilateral $APXY$ is cyclic.

Problem 1.74. On a flat plane in Camelot, King Arthur builds a labyrinth $\mathfrak{L}$ consisting of n walls, each of which is an infinite straight line. No two walls are parallel, and no three walls have a common point. Merlin then paints one side of each wall entirely red and the other side entirely blue.

At the intersection of two walls there are four corners: two diagonally opposite corners where a red side and a blue side meet, one corner where two red sides meet, and one corner where two blue sides meet. At each such intersection, there is a two-way door connecting the two diagonally opposite corners at which sides of different colours meet.

After Merlin paints the walls, Morgana then places some knights in the labyrinth. The knights can walk through doors, but cannot walk through walls.

Let $k(\mathfrak{L})$ be the largest number k such that, no matter how Merlin paints the labyrinth $\mathfrak{L}$, Morgana can always place at least k knights such that no two of them can ever meet. For each n, what are all possible values for $k(\mathfrak{L})$, where $\mathfrak{L}$ is a labyrinth with n walls?

Problem 1.75. In the plane, there are $n \geqslant 6$ pairwise disjoint disks $D_1, D_2, \ldots, D_n$ with radii $R_1 \geqslant R_2 \geqslant \ldots \geqslant R_n$. For every $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$, a point P_i is chosen in disk D_i. Let O be an arbitrary point in the plane. Prove that

$$OP_1 + OP_2 + \ldots + OP_n \geqslant R_6 + R_7 + \ldots + R_n.$$

(A disk is assumed to contain its boundary.)

Problem 1.76. Let k be a positive integer. The organising commitee of a tennis tournament is to schedule the matches for $2k$ players so that every two players play once, each day exactly one match is played, and each player arrives to the tournament site the day of his first match, and departs the day of his last match. For every day a player is present on the tournament, the committee has to pay 1 coin to the hotel. The organisers want to design the schedule so as to minimise the total cost of all players' stays. Determine this minimum cost.

Problem 1.77. Let $ABCDE$ be a convex pentagon with $CD = DE$ and $\angle EDC \neq 2 \cdot \angle ADB$. Suppose that a point P is located in the interior of the pentagon such that $AP = AE$ and $BP = BC$. Prove that P lies on the diagonal CE if and only if area (BCD) + area (ADE) = area (ABD) + area (ABP).

Problem 1.78. Find all functions $f : \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \to \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that $a + f(b)$ divides $a^2 + bf(a)$ for all positive integers a and b with $a + b > 2019$.

Problem 1.79. Let ABC be a triangle. Circle Γ passes through A, meets segments AB and AC again at points D and E respectively, and intersects segment BC at F and G such that F lies between B and G. The tangent to circle BDF at F and the tangent to circle CEG at G meet at point T. Suppose that points A and T are distinct. Prove that line AT is parallel to BC.

Problem 1.80. A ± 1-sequence is a sequence of 2022 numbers $a_1, \ldots, a_{2022}$, each equal to either $+1$ or -1. Determine the largest C so that, for any ± 1-sequence, there exists an integer k and indices $1 \leq t_1 < \ldots < t_k \leq 2022$ so that $t_{i+1} - t_i \leq 2$ for all i, and

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_{t_i} \right| \geq C.$$

Problem 1.81. Let n be a positive integer, and set $N = 2^n$. Determine the smallest real number a_n such that, for all real x,

$$\sqrt[N]{\frac{x^{2N}+1}{2}} \leqslant a_n(x-1)^2 + x.$$

Problem 1.82. Let $\mathcal{A}$ denote the set of all polynomials in three variables x, y, z with integer coefficients. Let $\mathcal{B}$ denote the subset of $\mathcal{A}$ formed by all polynomials which can be expressed as

$$(x + y + z)P(x, y, z) + (xy + yz + zx)Q(x, y, z) + xyzR(x, y, z)$$

with $P, Q, R \in \mathcal{A}$. Find the smallest non-negative integer n such that $x^i y^j z^k \in \mathcal{B}$ for all non-negative integers i, j, k satisfying $i + j + k \geq n$.

Problem 1.83. Let $\mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ denote the set of all positive rational numbers. Determine all functions $f : \mathbb{Q}_{>0} \to \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ satisfying

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

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$

Problem 1.84. Let $ABCD$ be a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle Ω. Let the tangent to Ω at D meet rays BA and BC at E and F, respectively. A point T is chosen inside $\triangle ABC$ so that $\overline{TE} \parallel \overline{CD}$ and $\overline{TF} \parallel \overline{AD}$. Let $K \neq D$ be a point on segment DF satisfying $TD = TK$. Prove that lines AC, DT, and BK are concurrent.

Problem 1.85. Find all positive integers $n > 2$ such that

$$n! \mid \prod_{p<q\leq n, p,q \text{ primes}} (p+q)$$

Problem 1.86. The kingdom of Anisotropy consists of n cities. For every two cities there exists exactly one direct one-way road between them. We say that a path from X to Y is a sequence of roads such that one can move from X to Y along this sequence without returning to an already visited city. A collection of paths is called diverse if no road belongs to two or more paths in the collection.

Let A and B be two distinct cities in Anisotropy. Let N_{AB} denote the maximal number of paths in a diverse collection of paths from A to B. Similarly, let N_{BA} denote the maximal number of paths in a diverse collection of paths from B to A. Prove that the equality $N_{AB} = N_{BA}$ holds if and only if the number of roads going out from A is the same as the number of roads going out from B.

Problem 1.87. Let n be a positive integer. Given is a subset A of $\{0, 1, ..., 5^n\}$ with $4n + 2$ elements. Prove that there exist three elements $a < b < c$ from A such that $c + 2a > 3b$.

Problem 1.88. Let Γ be the circumcircle of acute triangle ABC. Points D and E are on segments AB and AC respectively such that $AD = AE$. The perpendicular bisectors of BD and CE intersect minor arcs AB and AC of Γ at points F and G respectively. Prove that lines DE and FG are either parallel or they are the same line.

Problem 1.89. Let n be a given positive integer. Sisyphus performs a sequence of turns on a board consisting of $n + 1$ squares in a row, numbered 0 to n from left to right. Initially, n stones are put into square 0, and the other squares are empty. At every turn, Sisyphus chooses any nonempty square, say with k stones, takes one of these stones and moves it to the right by at most k squares (the stone should say within the board). Sisyphus' aim is to move all n stones to square n. Prove that Sisyphus cannot reach the aim in less than

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{1} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + \cdots + \left\lceil \frac{n}{n} \right\rceil$$

turns. (As usual, $\lceil x \rceil$ stands for the least integer not smaller than x.)

Problem 1.90. Find all integers $n \geq 3$ for which there exist real numbers $a_1, a_2, \ldots a_{n+2}$ satisfying $a_{n+1} = a_1$, $a_{n+2} = a_2$ and

$$a_i a_{i+1} + 1 = a_{i+2},$$

for $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$.

Problem 1.91. Determine all functions $f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) f(y) = f(xy) + f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

for all $x, y > 0$.

Problem 1.92. A circle ω with radius 1 is given. A collection T of triangles is called good, if the following conditions hold: each triangle from T is inscribed in ω; no two triangles from T have a common interior point. Determine all positive real numbers t such that, for each positive integer n, there exists a good collection of n triangles, each of perimeter greater than t.

Problem 1.93. Let $n > 1$ be a positive integer. Each cell of an $n \times n$ table contains an integer. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied: Each number in the table is congruent to 1 modulo n. The sum of numbers in any row, as well as the sum of numbers in any column, is congruent to n modulo n^2. Let R_i be the product of the numbers in the i^{th} row, and C_j be the product of the number in the j^{th} column. Prove that the sums $R_1 + \dots R_n$ and $C_1 + \dots C_n$ are congruent modulo n^4.

Problem 1.94. Let $\mathbb{Z}$ be the set of integers. Determine all functions $f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$ such that, for all integers a and b,

$$f(2a) + 2f(b) = f(f(a+b)).$$

Problem 1.95. Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral whose sides have pairwise different lengths. Let O be the circumcenter of $ABCD$. The internal angle bisectors of $\angle ABC$ and $\angle ADC$ meet AC at B_1 and D_1, respectively. Let O_B be the center of the circle which passes through B and is tangent to $\overline{AC}$ at D_1. Similarly, let O_D be the center of the circle which passes through D and is tangent to $\overline{AC}$ at B_1.

Assume that $\overline{BD_1} \parallel \overline{DB_1}$. Prove that O lies on the line $\overline{O_B O_D}$.

Problem 1.96. The infinite sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ of (not necessarily distinct) integers has the following properties: $0 \le a_i \le i$ for all integers $i \ge 0$, and

$$\binom{k}{a_0} + \binom{k}{a_1} + \cdots + \binom{k}{a_k} = 2^k$$

for all integers $k \ge 0$. Prove that all integers $N \ge 0$ occur in the sequence (that is, for all $N \ge 0$, there exists $i \ge 0$ with $a_i = N$).

Problem 1.97. Let $n \ge 2$ be an integer and let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ be positive real numbers with sum 1. Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{a_k}{1-a_k}(a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{k-1})^2 < \frac{1}{3}.$$

Problem 1.98. For each $1 \le i \le 9$ and $T \in \mathbb{N}$, define $d_i(T)$ to be the total number of times the digit i appears when all the multiples of 1829 between 1 and T inclusive are written out in base 10.

Show that there are infinitely many $T \in \mathbb{N}$ such that there are precisely two distinct values among $d_1(T)$, $d_2(T)$, $\dots$, $d_9(T)$

Problem 1.99. Let $ABCDE$ be a convex pentagon such that $BC = DE$. Assume that there is a point T inside $ABCDE$ with $TB = TD, TC = TE$ and $\angle ABT = \angle TEA$. Let line AB intersect lines CD and CT at points P and Q, respectively. Assume that the points P, B, A, Q occur on their line in that order. Let line AE intersect CD and DT at points R and S, respectively. Assume that the points R, E, A, S occur on their line in that order. Prove that the points P, S, Q, R lie on a circle.

Problem 1.100. Let p be an odd prime, and put $N = \frac{1}{4}(p^3 - p) - 1$. The numbers $1, 2, \dots, N$ are painted arbitrarily in two colors, red and blue. For any positive integer $n \leqslant N$, denote $r(n)$ the fraction of integers $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ that are red. Prove that there exists a positive integer $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ such that $r(n) \neq a/p$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

Problem 1.101. Let P be a point inside triangle ABC. Let AP meet BC at A_1, let BP meet CA at B_1, and let CP meet AB at C_1. Let A_2 be the point such that A_1 is the midpoint of PA_2, let B_2 be the point such that B_1 is the midpoint of PB_2, and let C_2 be the point such that C_1 is the midpoint of PC_2. Prove that points A_2, B_2, and C_2 cannot all lie strictly inside the circumcircle of triangle ABC.

Problem 1.102. Let $a > 1$ be a positive integer and $d > 1$ be a positive integer coprime to a. Let $x_1 = 1$, and for $k \geq 1$, define

$$x_{k+1} = \begin{cases} x_k + d & \text{if } a \text{ does not divide } x_k \\ x_k/a & \text{if } a \text{ divides } x_k \end{cases}$$

Find, in terms of a and d, the greatest positive integer n for which there exists an index k such that x_k is divisible by a^n.

Problem 1.103. Let $n \geqslant 2$ be a positive integer and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ be real numbers such that

$$a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n = 0.$$

Define the set A by

$$A = \{(i, j) \mid 1 \leqslant i < j \leqslant n, |a_i - a_j| \geqslant 1\}$$

Prove that, if A is not empty, then

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in A} a_i a_j < 0.$$