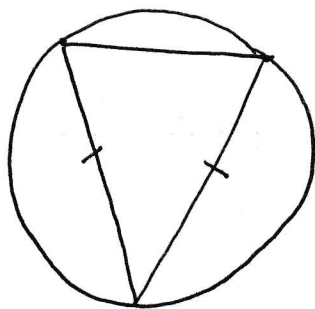


Interview II (40 minutes) (2 interviewers)

Q1) • Prove that $x^2 + y^2 \geq 2xy$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

• Prove that $p^4 + q^4 + r^4 + s^4 \geq 4pqrs$, $p, q, r, s \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q2) • Consider an (equilateral) isosceles triangle inscribed in a circle as shown, radius of the circle is 1



How would the triangle have to look in order for the area to be a maximum?

• Now consider a general triangle inscribed in a circle, how would the triangle with maximum area look?

Q3) • Consider a game played with a fair coin, I toss the coin until either 2 heads (HH) or 2 tails (TT) come up one after another. I win the game if HH, you win if TT, find the probability that I win the game $\frac{2}{3}$.

• Is that a surprising answer?

• What if I won if HH and you won if HT?

• And what if I won if HH and you won if TH?

NB: As is standard for Mathematics interviews, I had no non-mathematical questions and interviewers simply greeted, explained they would be asking me mathematics problems and proceeded to do so.