

**Problem 1C.** Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be real numbers such that  $|x_i| \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n| = 1$ . Prove that there exists a permutation  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  of the numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  such that

$$|x_1 + 2x_2 + \dots + nx_n| \leq \frac{n+1}{2}.$$

**Problem 2C.** Let  $p, q, n$  be positive integers such that  $p+q < n$ . Let  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be an  $(n+1)$ -tuple of integers satisfying the following:

- a)  $x_0 = x_n = 0$ ;
- b) for each  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$  either  $x_i - x_{i-1} = p$  or  $x_i - x_{i-1} = -q$ .

Prove that there exists a pair  $(i, j)$  of distinct indices with  $(i, j) \neq (0, n)$ , such that  $x_i = x_j$ .

**Problem 3C.** 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

$$a_n = \frac{a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-k}}{k}.$$

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

**Problem 4C.** An infinite sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  of real numbers satisfies the condition

$$a_n = |a_{n+1} - a_{n+2}| \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0,$$

with  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  positive and distinct. Can this sequence be bounded?

**Problem 5C.** Let  $n$  be fixed positive integer. Find the maximum possible value of

$$\sum_{1 \leq r < s \leq 2n} (s - r - n)x_r x_s,$$

where  $-1 \leq x_i \leq 1$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ .

**Problem 6C.** Let  $n \geq 2$  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

$$A = \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i < j \leq n, |a_i - a_j| \geq 1\}.$$

Prove that, if  $A$  is not empty, then

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

**Problem 7C.** Find all positive integers  $n \geq 3$  for which there exist real numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  ( $a_{n+1} = a_1, a_{n+2} = a_2$ ) such that

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

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