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**Topic 2.**

**POLYNOMIAL 1**

**Note that.** (Bezout's theorem) If polynomial  $f(x)$  has root  $x = x_0$  then  $f(x) = (x - x_0)g(x)$  for some polynomial  $g(x)$ .

**Corollary.** Suppose  $\deg f = n$  and  $f$  has  $n$  root  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  then

$$f(x) = c(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n).$$

**Problem 1.**

Let  $P(x)$  be a integer coefficient polynomial with at least 9 distinct integer roots. Suppose that there exist  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $|P(x_0)| < 2019$ . Prove that  $P(x_0) = 0$ .

**Problem 2.**

a) Let  $P(x)$  be a quadratic polynomial with  $x^2 - 2x + 3 \leq P(x) \leq 2x^2 - 4x + 4$  for all  $x$ . Given that  $P(\frac{2}{3}) = 7$ , find  $P(7)$ .

b) Let  $P(x)$  is a cubic polynomial and  $Q(x) = (x^3 - 2x + 1 - P(x))(2x^3 - 5x^2 + 4 - P(x))$ . Suppose that  $Q(x) \leq 0, \forall x$  and  $P(0) = 3$ , find  $Q(-1)$ .

**Problem 3.**

Consider  $P(x) = 5x^3 - 40x^2 + 100x - 79$ . Prove that  $P(x)$  has three distinct real roots  $a, b, c$  and they are the sidelength of some triangle  $ABC$ . Prove that the length of the medians of  $ABC$  also form another triangle.

**Problem 4.**

Consider  $P(x), Q(x), R(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  as three non constant polynomials and satisfy

$$P(x^2 - x) + xQ(x^2 - x) = (x^2 - 4)R(x) \text{ for all } x.$$

a) Prove that the equation  $Q(x) = R(x - 3)$  has at least two distinct real roots.

b) Suppose that the sum of degree of  $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  is 5 and  $R(x)$  is monic. Find the minimum value of  $M = P^2(0) + 8Q^2(3)$ .

**Problem 5.**

Find all integer  $k$  such that the polynomial  $P(x) = x^{n+1} + kx^n + 13x^2 + 4x + 2019$  has integer root for infinite many positive integers  $n \geq 3$ .

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**POLYNOMIAL 2**

**Problem 1.** Consider two polynomials

$$P(x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 5x^3 + 5x^2 + 1 \text{ and } Q(x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 1.$$

Find all prime  $p$  such that there exist some nonnegative integer  $x_0$  less than  $p$  and  $P(x_0), Q(x_0)$  are all divisible by  $p$ .

**Problem 2.** Suppose that polynomials  $P, Q$  of real coefficient such that

$$[P(x)] = [Q(x)] \text{ for all } x.$$

Prove that  $P(x) = Q(x)$ .

**Problem 3.** Find all polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that for all integer  $n > 2019$ , then

$$f(n) > 1 \text{ and } f(n + g(n)) = n + g(f(n)),$$

in which  $g(n)$  is the greatest prime divisor of integers  $n > 1$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $f$  be a integer polynomial such that for primes  $p > 2019$  then

$$f(p) > 0 \text{ and } 2(f(p)!) + 1 \text{ is divisible by } p.$$

a) Prove that  $f(x) = x - c$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

b) Find  $c$ .

**Problem 4.** Let  $f$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients such that: for each positive number  $a$ , there is some positive integer  $b$  such that  $f^{(b)}(a) = a$ .

a) Is there any  $a$  such that  $b \geq 3$ ?

b) Find all  $f$  satisfy the given condition.

**Problem 5.**

a) Prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $x > 0$  then  $\frac{x^{2n} + x^{2n-2} + \dots + x^2 + 1}{x^{2n-1} + x^{2n-3} + \dots + x} \geq \frac{n+1}{n}$ .

b) Find the smallest  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that there exist some polynomial  $P(x)$  of degree  $2n$  such that : all of its coefficients are in the range  $[7; 8]$  and it has some real root.

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#### Topic 4.

### POLYNOMIAL 3

#### Problem 1.

- a) Suppose that polynomial  $x^{2018} \pm x^{2017} \pm \dots \pm x \pm 1$  has no real root. At most how many signs – we can have?
- b) Consider equation  $(x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-16) = (x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-16)$ . At least how many factors we need to delete to make the remain equation has no real root?

#### Problem 2.

- a) Prove that if  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} + b \cdot \sqrt[3]{2} + c = 0$  then  $a = b = c = 0$ .
- b) Let  $P(x)$  be a polynomial with nonnegative integer coefficients and  $P(\sqrt[3]{2}) = 2019$ . Find the minimum value of the sum of all coefficients of  $P$ .

#### Problem 3.

Prove that the polynomial  $P(x) = (x^2 - 11x + 10)^4 + 23$  cannot be expressed as the product of three integer polynomials.

#### Problem 4.

Denote  $P(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a monic polynomial with 3 distinct irrational roots  $a, b, c$  such that their sum is equal to 0. Suppose that there are some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $a = b^2 + mb + n$ . Prove that

$$(m-a)(m-b)(m-c) = 1.$$

#### Problem 5.

- a) Suppose that  $P(x)$  is polynomial such that  $P(x)P(x+1) = P(x^2+1)$ . Prove that the degree of  $P(x)$  must be even.
- b) Find all polynomial  $P(x)$  such that

$$P(-x)P(3x) + P^2(2x) = P(x)P(5x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

#### Problem 6.

- a) Find all nonconstant polynomial  $P(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that for any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a^2 + b^2 \neq c^2$  then  $a^2 + b^2 - c^2 \mid P(a) + P(b) - P(c)$ .
- b) Find condition of two real numbers  $a, b$  and  $ab \neq 0$  such that there exist a polynomial of degree 2019 such that

$$xP(x-a) = (x-b)P(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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**Topic 5.**

**POLYNOMIAL 5**

**Problem 1.**

Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a polynomial satisfies  $f\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = 0$  for some integers  $a, b$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Prove that there is some  $g(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that  $f(x) = (bx - a)g(x)$ .

**Problem 2.**

a) Prove that  $P(x) = x^{2^n} + 1$  is irreducible for all  $n \geq 1$ .

b) For prime  $p$ , prove that the polynomial  $\frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1}$  is irreducible.

**Problem 3.**

Denote  $f(x) = x^{16} + a_{15}x^{15} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$  as a polynomial with  $a_k \in \{4, 8, 12\}$  for  $0 \leq k \leq 15$ .

a) Prove that  $f(x) + 1$  is irreducible.

b) Is there any  $f(x)$  reducible?

**Problem 4.**

For odd prime  $p$ , how many pairs  $(k, l)$  such that  $1 \leq k < l \leq p$  and

$$x^p - p(x^k + x^l) + 1$$

is irreducible?

**Problem 5.**

For  $k \geq 2$ , denote  $65^k = \overline{a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_1 a_0}$  and consider polynomial

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0.$$

Prove that  $f(x)$  has no rational root.

**Problem 6.**

A student partitions the set  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  into 2019 non empty subsets  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{2019}$ . Prove that there is a set among them such that from this, we can make infinitely many irreducible polynomials.



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**Topic 7.**

**POLYNOMIAL 6**

**Problem 1.**

- a) Prove that if  $P(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  has more than 2 distinct monomials, then  $P^2(x) - P(x^2)$  has at least 2 distinct monomials.
- b) Suppose that  $P(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  and  $P^2(x) - P(x^2) = cx^{2018}$  for some real number  $c$ . Find the smallest value of  $c$ . And for that number, find all ~~value~~ polynomials satisfied.

**Problem 2.**

Consider the polynomial  $P(x) = x^3 - 3x$ .

- a) Prove that there exist  $a, b, c$  are distinct real numbers such that

$$P(a) = b, P(b) = c, P(c) = a.$$

- b) Suppose that there are 9 numbers  $(a_i, b_i, c_i)$  with  $i = 1, 2, 3$  such that

$$P(a_i) = b_i, P(b_i) = c_i, P(c_i) = a_i.$$

Prove that three sums  $s_i = a_i + b_i + c_i$  cannot be all equal.

**Problem 3.**

Consider the positive integer  $n$  and not divisible by 5, prove that  $\left(x^8 + x^3 + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^7}\right)^n$  has no constant.

**Problem 4.**

Denote  $f$  as a polynomial such that: for each rational number  $a$ , there exist rational number  $b$  such that  $f(b) = a$ .

- a) Prove that  $f \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
- b) Prove that  $f$  is linear.

**Problem 5.**

Consider an integer polynomial  $P(x)$ . Denote  $m$  as the sum of all the coefficients of  $x^n$  with  $(n, 3) = 1$  in the expansion of  $(P(x))^3$ . Prove that  $6 \mid m$ .

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**Topic 8.**

**POLYNOMIAL 7**

**Problem 1.**

Let  $f(x) = x^2 + ax + b$  be a quadratic function with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(f(x)) = 0$  has four distinct real roots and the sum of 2 roots among them is equal to  $-1$ . Prove that  $b \leq -\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Problem 2.**

Given polynomial  $P(x) = x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$  and each of equation  $P(x) = 1, P(x) = 2$  has 4 real roots (not necessary distinct). Prove that if four roots of  $P(x) = 1$  are  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and satisfy the equation  $x_1 + x_2 = x_3 + x_4$ , then the same holds for  $P(x) = 2$ .

**Problem 3.**

Suppose that  $P_i(x) = x^2 + b_i x + c_i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are pairwise distinct polynomials of degree 2 with real coefficients such that for any  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , the polynomial  $P_i(x) + P_j(x)$  has only one real root. Find the greatest possible value of  $n$ .

**Problem 4.**

Does there exist polynomials  $P(x), Q(x)$  of integer coefficients and  $\deg P, Q > 1$  such that

$$P(Q(x)) = (x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-9)?$$

**Problem 5.**

Polynomial  $P(x)$  is called "nice" if it is monic and its coefficients are in  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ .

a) Suppose that  $\deg P(x) = 100$  and it is divisible by  $x^7 - 1$ , at least how many non-zero coefficients  $P(x)$  can have?

b) Consider  $a \in (1, 2)$ , prove that there exist nice polynomial  $P(x)$  such that  $|P(a)| < \frac{1}{2019}$ .

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**Topic 9.**

**POLYNOMIAL 8**

**Problem 1.**

Denote  $\alpha$  is the positive real root of  $x^2 + x = 5$ . Consider positive integer  $n \geq 3$  and nonnegative integer  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$  satisfy

$$c_0 + c_1\alpha + c_2\alpha^2 + \dots + c_n\alpha^n = 2019.$$

What is the remainder of  $c_0 + c_1 + \dots + c_n$  when divide by 3?

**Problem 2.**

Let  $P(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  and has only roots  $x = 0, x = 2, x = 3$  (no complex root). Suppose that  $P'(x)$  is divisible by  $8x^2 - 24x + 7$ . Find the minimum value of  $n$ .

**Problem 3.**

Given  $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 7x - 16$ ,  $Q(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 - 800$ . Prove that each of them has exactly one positive real root, namely  $u, v$  and  $\sqrt{\frac{v}{2}} = \sqrt{u} + 1$ .

**Problem 4.**

On the board, there are two polynomial  $x^2 - 2x$  and  $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 4$ . At each step, if there are some polynomial  $f(x), g(x)$  we can write more the following

$$f(x) \pm g(x), f(x)g(x), cf(x), cg(x) \text{ for any } c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Can we obtain the following after finite step?

- a)  $x^n - 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ?
- b)  $(x - 2)^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ?

**Bài 5.**

Let  $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$  be polynomials with degree 3, 2, 3 and satisfy the equation

$$P^2(x) + Q^2(x) = R^2(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Prove that  $T(x) = P(x)Q(x)R(x)$  has at least 6 real root (not necessary distinct).