

## Miscellaneous Problem Set

1) Let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer. Then

a) Prove that  $X^n + Y^n + Z^n$  can be written as a polynomial

with integers coefficients in the variables

$\alpha = X + Y + Z$ ,  $\beta = XY + YZ + ZX$  and  $\gamma = XYZ$ .

b) Let  $G_n = x^n \sin(nA) + y^n \sin(nB) + z^n \sin(nC)$ , where

$x, y, z, A, B, C$  are real numbers such that  $A + B + C$  is an

Integral multiple of  $\pi$ . Using (a) or otherwise show that if

$G_1 = G_2 = 0$ , then  $G_n = 0$  for all positive integers  $n$ .

2) The Fibonacci sequence is defined by

$a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1, a_{n+2} = a_{n+1} + a_n$ . Find number of  $n$  for which

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{2}{2^3} + \frac{3}{2^4} + \frac{5}{2^5} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{2^n} > 2$$

3) Suppose that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are nonnegative real numbers for

which  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n < \frac{1}{2}$ . Prove that

$$(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2) \dots (1 - x_n) > \frac{1}{2}$$

4) If  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  are non-zero complex numbers such that

$$\frac{2}{z_1} = \frac{1}{z_2} + \frac{1}{z_3}. \text{ Then prove that } z_1, z_2, z_3 \text{ lie on a circle passing}$$

through the origin.

5) Let  $a = \sqrt[2023]{2023}$  which is greater between 2023 and  $a^{a^{\dots^a}}$ , where  $a$  appears 2023 times.

6) Prove that the sum of entries of the table situated in different rows and different columns is not less than 1.

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \dots\dots\dots & \frac{1}{n} & \\
 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \dots\dots\dots & \frac{1}{n+1} & \\
 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{6} & \dots\dots\dots & \frac{1}{n+2} & \\
 & \vdots & & & & & \vdots & \\
 & \frac{1}{n} & \frac{1}{n+1} & \frac{1}{n+2} & \frac{1}{n+3} & \dots\dots\dots & \frac{1}{2n-1} & 
 \end{array}$$

7) How many distinct integers are in the sequence

$$\left\lfloor \frac{1^2}{2023} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{2^2}{2023} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{3^2}{2023} \right\rfloor, \dots\dots\dots, \left\lfloor \frac{2023^2}{2023} \right\rfloor.$$

8) Consider three circles,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ . Say, the center of  $C_1$  is  $O$ . The center of  $C_2$  is  $A$  and  $C_3$  is  $C$ . Radius of  $C_2 \neq$  Radius of  $C_3$ .  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  touches circle  $C_1$  at  $B$  and  $D$  respectively. Now  $AC$  and  $BD$  extends to meet at  $P$ .  $BP$  meets  $C_3$  at  $E$ . Prove that

$$\frac{PE}{PB} = \frac{PC}{PA}.$$

