

1. Real numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are given. For each i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) define $d_i = \max\{a_j : 1 \leq j \leq i\} - \min\{a_j : i \leq j \leq n\}$ and let $d = \max\{d_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.
 (a) Prove that, for any real numbers $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$, $\{|x_i - a_i| : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \geq \frac{d}{2}$. (*)
 (b) Show that there are real numbers $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$ such that equality holds in (*).
2. Consider five points A, B, C, D and E such that $ABCD$ is a parallelogram and $BCED$ is a cyclic quadrilateral. Let l be a line passing through A . Suppose that l intersects the interior of the segment DC at F and intersects line BC at G . Suppose also that $EF = EG = EC$. Prove that l is the bisector of angle DAB .
3. In a mathematical competition some competitors are friends. Friendship is always mutual. Call a group of competitors a clique if each two of them are friends. (In particular, any group of fewer than two competitors is a clique.) The number of members of a clique is called its size. Given that, in this competition, the largest size of a clique is even, prove that the competitors can be arranged in two rooms such that the largest size of a clique contained in one room is the same as the largest size of a clique contained in the other room.
4. In triangle ABC the bisector of angle BCA intersects the circumcircle again at R , the perpendicular bisector of BC at P , and the perpendicular bisector of AC at Q . The midpoint of BC is K and the midpoint of AC is L . Prove that the triangles RPK and RQL have the same area.
5. Let a and b be positive integers. Show that if $4ab - 1$ divides $(4a^2 - 1)^2$, then $a = b$.
6. Let n be a positive integer. Consider $S = \{(x, y, z) : x, y, z \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}, x + y + z > 0\}$ as a set of $(n+1)^3 - 1$ points in three-dimensional space. Determine the smallest possible number of planes, the union of which contains S but does not include $(0, 0, 0)$.