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AMO TRAINING SESSIONS

**2009 Senior Mathematics Contest Problems**

1. In  $\triangle ABC$ , let  $M_a, M_b, M_c$  be the midpoints of sides  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively, and  $F_a, F_b, F_c$  be the feet of the altitudes from  $A, B, C$ , respectively.

Prove that

$$M_a F_b + M_b F_c + M_c F_a = F_a M_b + F_b M_c + F_c M_a.$$

2. Determine all pairs of real numbers  $(a_0, a_1)$  such that

(i)  $a_0 + a_1 = 2008$  and

(ii)  $x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$  has only non-negative solutions.

3. The non-negative real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  satisfy the conditions

(i)  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and

(ii)  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \leq 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Prove that

$$a_1^2 + 3a_2^2 + 5a_3^2 + \dots + (2n-1)a_n^2 \leq 1 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

4. In acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ , let  $H_a$  and  $H_c$  be the feet of the altitudes through  $A$  and  $C$ , respectively. In  $\triangle AH_a C$ , let  $F_b$  be the foot of the altitude through  $H_a$  and, in  $\triangle AH_a B$ , let  $F_c$  be the foot of the altitude through  $H_a$ . Further, let  $P$  be the intersection of  $CH_c$  with  $F_b F_c$ .

Prove that  $H_c F_c H_a P$  is a rectangle.

5. A set  $S$  of integers is called *indifferent* if the difference of any two integers in  $S$  does not divide the sum of the same two integers.

What is the largest number of integers that can be chosen from among the numbers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, 2008, 2009$  to form an indifferent set?