

Junior problems

J301. Let a and b be nonzero real numbers such that $ab \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + 3$. Prove that

$$ab \geq \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{b}} \right)^3.$$

Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA

J302. Given that the real numbers x, y, z satisfy $x + y + z = 0$ and

$$\frac{x^4}{2x^2 + yz} + \frac{y^4}{2y^2 + zx} + \frac{z^4}{2z^2 + xy} = 1,$$

determine, with proof, all possible values of $x^4 + y^4 + z^4$.

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J303. Let ABC be an equilateral triangle. Consider a diameter XY of the circle centered at C which passes through A and B such that lines AB and XY as well as lines AX and BY meet outside this circle. Let Z be the point of intersection of AX and BY . Prove that

$$AX \cdot XZ + BY \cdot YZ + 2CZ^2 = XZ \cdot YZ + 6AB^2.$$

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J304. Let a, b, c be real numbers such that $a + b + c = 1$. Let M_1 be the maximum value of $a + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}$ and let M_2 be the maximum value of $a + \sqrt{b + \sqrt[3]{c}}$. Prove that $M_1 = M_2$ and find this value.

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J305. Consider a triangle ABC with $\angle ABC = 30^\circ$. Suppose the length of the angle bisector from vertex B is twice the length of the angle bisector from vertex A . Find the measure of $\angle BAC$.

Proposed by Mircea Lascu and Marius Stanean, Zalau, Romania

J306. Let S be a nonempty set of positive real numbers such that for any a, b, c in S , the number $ab + bc + ca$ is rational. Prove that for any a and b in S , $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational number.

Proposed by Bogdan Enescu, Buzau, Romania

Senior problems

S301. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^3.$$

Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

S302. If triangle ABC has sidelengths a, b, c and triangle $A'B'C'$ has sidelengths $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}, \sqrt{c}$, prove that

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = \cos A' \cos B' \cos C'.$$

Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA

S303. Let $a_1 = 1$ and $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(a_n + \frac{n}{a_n} \right)$, for $n \geq 1$. Find $\lfloor a_{2014} \rfloor$.

Proposed by Marius Cavachi, Romania

S304. Let M be a point inside triangle ABC . Line AM intersects the circumcircle of triangle MBC for the second time at D . Similarly, line BM intersects the circumcircle of triangle MCA for the second time at E and line CM intersects the circumcircle of triangle MAB for the second time at F . Prove that

$$\frac{AD}{MD} + \frac{BE}{ME} + \frac{CF}{MF} \geq \frac{9}{2}.$$

Proposed by Nairi Sedrakyan, Yerevan, Armenia

S305. Solve in integers the following equation:

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2(xy + yz + zx) + 1.$$

Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

S306. Points M, N, K lie on sides BC, CA, AB of a triangle ABC , respectively and are different from its vertices. Triangle MNK is called *beautiful* if $\angle BAC = \angle KMN$ and $\angle ABC = \angle KNM$. If in triangle ABC there are two beautiful triangles with a common vertex, prove that triangle ABC is right.

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Undergraduate problems

U301. Let $x, y, z, t > 0$ such that $x \leq 2$, $x + y \leq 6$, $x + y + z \leq 12$, and $x + y + z + t \leq 24$. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{t} \geq 1.$$

Proposed by Mircea Lascu and Marius Stanean, Zalau, Romania

U302. Let a be a real number. Evaluate

$$a - \sqrt{a^2 - \sqrt{a^4 - \sqrt{a^8 - \dots}}}$$

Proposed by Ángel Plaza, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

U303. Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k be distinct primes and let $n = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$. For each function $f : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, denote $P_f(n) = f(1)f(2)\dots f(n)$.

- (a) For how many functions f are n and $P_f(n)$ relatively prime?
- (b) For how many functions f is $\gcd(n, P_f(n))$ a prime?

Proposed by Vladimir Cerbu and Mihai Piticari, Romania

U304. In a finite graph G , we call a subset S of the set of vertices a *dominating* set if the following conditions are satisfied

- (i) the subgraph induced by S is connected,
- (ii) every vertex of G is either in S or is adjacent to a vertex of S .

Given a positive integer k , find the maximum number of edges of G such that there are no dominating sets of size k or less.

Proposed by Cosmin Pohoata, Princeton University, USA

U305. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers such that $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n < n^2$ for all $n \geq 1$. Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} \right) = \infty.$$

Proposed by Mihai Piticari Campulung, Moldovenesc, Romania

U306. Let n be a natural number. Prove the identity

$$\pi = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2^{k+1}}{k \binom{2k}{k}} + \frac{4^{n+1}}{\binom{2n}{n}} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{n+1}} dx$$

and derive the estimate

$$\frac{2}{2^n \sqrt{n}} < \pi - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2^{k+1}}{k \binom{2k}{k}} < \frac{4}{2^n \sqrt{n}}.$$

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Olympiad problems

O301. Let a, b, c, d be nonnegative real numbers such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 4$. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b+3} + \frac{b}{c+3} + \frac{c}{d+3} + \frac{d}{a+3} \leq 1.$$

Proposed by An Zhen-ping, Xianyang Normal University, China

O302. Let ABC be an isosceles triangle with $AB = AC$ and let $M \in (BC)$ and $N \in (AC)$ such that $\angle BAM = \angle MNC$. Suppose that lines MN and AB intersect at P . Prove that the bisectors of angles BAM and BPM intersect at a point lying on line BC .

Proposed by Bogdan Enescu, Buzau, Romania

O303. Let a, b, c be real numbers greater than 2 such that

$$\frac{1}{a^2 - 4} + \frac{1}{b^2 - 4} + \frac{1}{c^2 - 4} = \frac{1}{7}.$$

Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a+2} + \frac{1}{b+2} + \frac{1}{c+2} \leq \frac{3}{7}.$$

Proposed by Mihaly Bencze, Brasov, Romania

O304. Let \mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_2 be non-intersecting circles centered at O_1 and O_2 . One common external tangent of these circles touches \mathcal{C}_i at P_i ($i = 1, 2$). The other common external tangent touches \mathcal{C}_i at Q_i ($i = 1, 2$). Denote by M the midpoint of Q_1Q_2 . Let P_iM intersect \mathcal{C}_i at R_i and R_1R_2 intersect \mathcal{C}_i again at S_i ($i = 1, 2$). P_1S_1 intersects P_2S_2 at A . The tangent to \mathcal{C}_1 at R_1 and the tangent to \mathcal{C}_2 at R_2 intersect at B . Prove that $AB \perp O_1O_2$.

Proposed by Alex Anderson, UC Berkeley, USA

O305. Prove that for any positive integers m and a , there is a positive integer n such that $a^n + n$ is divisible by m .

Proposed by Gregory Galperin, Eastern Illinois University, USA

O306. Let ABC be a triangle with incircle γ and circumcircle Γ . Let Ω be the circle tangent to rays AB , AC , and to Γ externally, and let A' be the tangency point of Ω with Γ . Let the tangents from A' to γ intersect Γ again at B' and C' . Finally, let X be the tangency point of the chord $B'C'$ with γ . Prove that the circumcircle of triangle BXC is tangent to γ .

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