

Junior problems

J313. Solve in real numbers the system of equations

$$x(y + z - x^3) = y(z + x - y^3) = z(x + y - z^3) = 1.$$

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

J314. Alice was dreaming. In her dream, she thought that primes of the form $3k + 1$ are weird. Then she thought it would be interesting to find a sequence of consecutive integers all of which are greater than 1 and which are not divisible by weird primes. She quickly found five consecutive numbers with this property:

$$8 = 2^3, \quad 9 = 3^2, \quad 10 = 2 \cdot 5, \quad 11 = 11, \quad 12 = 2^2 \cdot 3.$$

What is the length of the longest sequence she can find?

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J315. Let a, b, c be non-negative real numbers such that $a + b + c = 1$. Prove that

$$\sqrt{4a + 1} + \sqrt{4b + 1} + \sqrt{4c + 1} \geq \sqrt{5} + 2.$$

Proposed by Cosmin Pohoata, Columbia University, USA

J316. Solve in prime numbers the equation

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + u^3 + v^3 + w^3 = 53353.$$

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J317. In triangle ABC , the angle-bisector of angle A intersects line BC at D and the circumference of triangle ABC at E . The external angle-bisector of angle A intersects line BC at F and the circumference of triangle ABC at G . Prove that $DG \perp EF$.

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J318. Determine the functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $f(x - y) - xf(y) \leq 1 - x$ for all real numbers x and y .

Proposed by Marcel Chirita, Bucharest, Romania

Senior problems

S313. Let a, b, c be nonnegative real numbers such that $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} = 3$. Prove that

$$\sqrt{(a+b+1)(c+2)} + \sqrt{(b+c+1)(a+2)} + \sqrt{(c+a+1)(b+2)} \geq 9.$$

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

S314. Let p, q, x, y, z be real numbers satisfying

$$x^2y + y^2z + z^2x = p \quad \text{and} \quad xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 = q.$$

Evaluate $(x^3 - y^3)(y^3 - z^3)(z^3 - x^3)$ in terms of p and q .

Proposed by Marcel Chirita, Bucharest, Romania

S315. Consider triangle ABC with inradius r . Let M and M' be two points inside the triangle such that $\angle MAB = \angle M'AC$ and $\angle MBA = \angle M'BC$. Denote by d_a, d_b, d_c and d'_a, d'_b, d'_c the distances from M and M' to the sides BC, CA, AB , respectively. Prove that

$$d_a d_b d_c d'_a d'_b d'_c \leq r^6.$$

Proposed by Nairi Sedrakyan, Yerevan, Armenia

S316. Circles $C_1(O_1, R_1)$ and $C_2(O_2, R_2)$ intersect in points U and V . Points A_1, A_2, A_3 lie on C_1 and points B_1, B_2, B_3 lie on C_2 such that A_1B_1, A_2B_2, A_3B_3 are passing through U . Denote by M_1, M_2, M_3 the midpoints of A_1B_1, A_2B_2, A_3B_3 . Prove that $M_1M_2M_3V$ is a cyclic quadrilateral.

Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

S317. Let ABC be an acute triangle inscribed in a circle of radius 1. Prove that

$$\frac{\tan A}{\tan^3 B} + \frac{\tan B}{\tan^3 C} + \frac{\tan C}{\tan^3 A} \geq 4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) - 3.$$

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S318. Points $A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1, E_1, F_1$ are lying on the sides AB, BC, CD, DE, EF, FA of a convex hexagon $ABCDEF$ such that

$$\frac{AA_1}{AB} = \frac{AF_1}{AF} = \frac{CC_1}{CD} = \frac{CB_1}{BC} = \frac{ED_1}{ED} = \frac{EE_1}{EF} = \lambda.$$

Prove that A_1D_1, B_1E_1, C_1F_1 are concurrent if and only if $\frac{[ACE]}{[BDF]} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} \right)^2$.

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Undergraduate problems

U313. Let X and Y be nonnegative definite Hermitian matrices such that $X - Y$ is also non-negative definite. Prove that $\operatorname{tr}(X^2) \geq \operatorname{tr}(Y^2)$

Proposed by Radouan Boukharfane, Sidislimane, Morocco

U314. Prove that for any positive integer k ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt[n]{2} + \cdots + \sqrt[n]{k}}{k} \right)^n > \frac{k}{e},$$

where e is Euler constant.

Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

U315. Let X and Y be complex matrices of the same order with $XY^2 - Y^2X = Y$. Prove that Y is nilpotent.

Proposed by Radouan Boukharfane, Sidislimane, Morocco

U316. The sequence $\{F_n\}$ is defined by $F_1 = F_2 = 1$, $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$ for $n \geq 1$. For any nonnegative integer m , let $v_2(m)$ be the highest power of 2 dividing m . Prove that there is exactly one positive real number μ such that the equation

$$v_2(\lfloor \mu n \rfloor!) = v_2(F_1 \cdots F_n)$$

is satisfied by infinitely many positive integers n . Find μ .

Proposed by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland

U317. For any positive integers s, t, p , prove that there is a number $M(s, t, p)$ such that every graph G with a matching of size at least $M(s, t, p)$ contains either a complete graph K_s , an induced copy of the complete bipartite graph $K_{t,t}$, or a matching of size p as an induced subgraph. Does the result remain true if we replace the word “matching” by “path”?

Proposed by Cosmin Pohoata, Columbia University, USA

U318. Determine all possible values of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{q(k)}}{k^2}$, where $q(x)$ is a quadratic polynomial that assumes only integer values at integer places.

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Olympiad problems

- O313. Find all positive integers n for which there are positive integers a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n such that $a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n = 5(n-1)$ and

$$\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} = 2.$$

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

- O314. Prove that every polynomial $p(x)$ with integer coefficients can be represented as a sum of cubes of several polynomials that return integer values for any integer x .

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- O315. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$(a^3 + 3b^2 + 5)(b^3 + 3c^2 + 5)(c^3 + 3a^2 + 5) \geq 27(a + b + c)^3.$$

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

- O316. Prove that for all integers $k \geq 2$ there exists a power of 2 such that at least half of the last k digits are nines. For example, for $k = 2$ and $k = 3$ we have $2^{12} = \dots 96$ and $2^{53} = \dots 992$.

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- O317. Twelve scientists met at a math conference. It is known that every two scientists have a common friend among the rest of the people. Prove that there is a scientist who knows at least five people from the attendees of the conference.

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- O318. Find all polynomials $f \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ with the property that for any distinct primes p and q , $f(p)$ and $f(q)$ are relatively prime.

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