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First Exam

1. Let ABC be an acute triangle with incentre I . On its circumcircle, let M_A, M_B and M_C be the midpoints of minor arcs BC, CA and AB respectively. Prove that the reflection of M_A over the line IM_B lies on the circumcircle of the triangle $IM_B M_C$.
2. The wizards Albus and Brian are playing a game on a square of side length $2n + 1$ metres surrounded by lava. In the centre of the square there sits a toad. In a turn, a wizard chooses a direction parallel to a side of the square and enchants the toad. This will cause the toad to jump d metres in the chosen direction, where d is initially equal to 1 and increases by 1 after each jump. The wizard who sends the toad into the lava loses. Albus begins and they take turns. Depending on n , determine which wizard has a winning strategy.

3. Let x, y and a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots be integers satisfying $a_0 = a_1 = 0$ and

$$a_{n+2} = x \cdot a_{n+1} + y \cdot a_n + 1$$

for all integers $n \geq 0$. Let p be any prime number. Show that $\gcd(a_p, a_{p+1})$ is either equal to 1 or greater than \sqrt{p} .

4. Determine the smallest possible value of the expression

$$\frac{ab+1}{a+b} + \frac{bc+1}{b+c} + \frac{ca+1}{c+a},$$

where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfy $a + b + c = -1$ and $abc \leq -3$.

Good luck!



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Second Exam

5. Let D be the set of real numbers excluding -1 . Find all functions $f: D \rightarrow D$ such that for all $x, y \in D$ satisfying $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq -x$, the equality

$$\left(f(f(x)) + y\right)f\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + f(f(y)) = x$$

holds.

6. Determine all integers $n \geq 3$ such that

$$n! \mid \prod_{\substack{p < q \leq n \\ p, q \text{ prime}}} (p + q).$$

Remark: The expression on the right-hand side denotes the product over all sums of two distinct primes less than or equal to n . For $n = 6$, this is equal to $(2 + 3)(2 + 5)(3 + 5)$.

7. In the acute triangle ABC , the point F is the foot of the altitude from A , and P is a point on the segment AF . The lines through P parallel to AC and AB meet BC at D and E respectively. Points $X \neq A$ and $Y \neq A$ lie on the circumcircles of triangles ABD and ACE respectively, such that $DA = DX$ and $EA = EY$. Prove that $BCXY$ is a cyclic quadrilateral.
8. Let n be a positive integer. Kimiko starts with n piles of pebbles each containing a single pebble. She can take an equal number of pebbles from two existing piles and combine the removed pebbles to create a new pile. Determine, in terms of n , the smallest number of nonempty piles Kimiko can end up with.

Good luck!