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- 1 (a) Suppose that each square of a 4 x 7 chessboard is colored either black or white. Prove that with any such coloring, the board must contain a rectangle (formed by the horizontal and vertical lines of the board) whose four distinct unit corner squares are all of the same color. (b) Exhibit a black-white coloring of a 4 x6 board in which the four corner squares of every rectangle, as described above, are not all of the same color.
- If A and B are fixed points on a given circle and XY is a variable diameter of the same circle, 2 determine the locus of the point of intersection of lines AX and BY. You may assume that AB is not a diameter.
- 3 Determine all integral solutions of

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = a^2b^2$$
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- If the sum of the lengths of the six edges of a trirectangular tetrahedron PABC (i.e., $\angle APB =$ 4 $\angle BPC = \angle CPA = 90^{\circ}$) is S, determine its maximum volume.
- 5 If P(x), Q(x), R(x), and S(x) are all polynomials such that

$$P(x^5) + xQ(x^5) + x^2R(x^5) = (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)S(x),$$

prove that x-1 is a factor of P(x).



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