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Day 1 April 27th

- 1 Some checkers placed on an $n \times n$ checkerboard satisfy the following conditions:
 - (a) every square that does not contain a checker shares a side with one that does;
 - (b) given any pair of squares that contain checkers, there is a sequence of squares containing checkers, starting and ending with the given squares, such that every two consecutive squares of the sequence share a side.

Prove that at least $(n^2 - 2)/3$ checkers have been placed on the board.

2 Let ABCD be a cyclic quadrilateral. Prove that

$$|AB - CD| + |AD - BC| \ge 2|AC - BD|.$$

3 Let p > 2 be a prime and let a, b, c, d be integers not divisible by p, such that

$$\left\{\frac{ra}{p}\right\} + \left\{\frac{rb}{p}\right\} + \left\{\frac{rc}{p}\right\} + \left\{\frac{rd}{p}\right\} = 2$$

for any integer r not divisible by p. Prove that at least two of the numbers a+b, a+c, a+d, b+c, b+d, c+d are divisible by p.

(Note: $\{x\} = x - \lfloor x \rfloor$ denotes the fractional part of x.)

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4 Let a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n (n > 3) be real numbers such that

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \ge n$$
 and $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 \ge n^2$.

Prove that $\max(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \geq 2$.

The Y2K Game is played on a 1×2000 grid as follows. Two players in turn write either an S or an O in an empty square. The first player who produces three consecutive boxes that spell SOS wins. If all boxes are filled without producing SOS then the game is a draw. Prove that the second player has a winning strategy.

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Let ABCD be an isosceles trapezoid with $AB \parallel CD$. The inscribed circle ω of triangle BCD meets CD at E. Let F be a point on the (internal) angle bisector of $\angle DAC$ such that $EF \perp CD$. Let the circumscribed circle of triangle ACF meet line CD at C and G. Prove that the triangle AFG is isosceles.



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