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**Day 1** April 29th

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**1** Prove that for every positive integer  $n$  there exists an  $n$ -digit number divisible by  $5^n$  all of whose digits are odd.

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**2** A convex polygon  $\mathcal{P}$  in the plane is dissected into smaller convex polygons by drawing all of its diagonals. The lengths of all sides and all diagonals of the polygon  $\mathcal{P}$  are rational numbers. Prove that the lengths of all sides of all polygons in the dissection are also rational numbers.

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**3** Let  $n \neq 0$ . For every sequence of integers

$$A = a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$$

satisfying  $0 \leq a_i \leq i$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, n$ , define another sequence

$$t(A) = t(a_0), t(a_1), t(a_2), \dots, t(a_n)$$

by setting  $t(a_i)$  to be the number of terms in the sequence  $A$  that precede the term  $a_i$  and are different from  $a_i$ . Show that, starting from any sequence  $A$  as above, fewer than  $n$  applications of the transformation  $t$  lead to a sequence  $B$  such that  $t(B) = B$ .

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**Day 2** April 30th

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**4** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle. A circle passing through  $A$  and  $B$  intersects segments  $AC$  and  $BC$  at  $D$  and  $E$ , respectively. Lines  $AB$  and  $DE$  intersect at  $F$ , while lines  $BD$  and  $CF$  intersect at  $M$ . Prove that  $MF = MC$  if and only if  $MB \cdot MD = MC^2$ .

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**5** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{(2a + b + c)^2}{2a^2 + (b + c)^2} + \frac{(2b + c + a)^2}{2b^2 + (c + a)^2} + \frac{(2c + a + b)^2}{2c^2 + (a + b)^2} \leq 8.$$


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**6** At the vertices of a regular hexagon are written six nonnegative integers whose sum is  $2003^{2003}$ . Bert is allowed to make moves of the following form: he may pick a vertex and replace the number written there by the absolute value of the difference between the numbers written at the two neighboring vertices. Prove that Bert can make a sequence of moves, after which the number 0 appears at all six vertices.

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