

ISL 1 - 3 [2007-2018]

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1 A1 2007

Real numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are given. For each i , ($1 \leq i \leq n$), define

$$d_i = \max\{a_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq i\} - \min\{a_j \mid i \leq j \leq n\}$$

and let $d = \max\{d_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$,

(a) Prove that, for any real numbers $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$

$$\max\{|x_i - a_i| \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \geq \frac{d}{2}. \quad (*)$$

(b) Show that there are real numbers $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$ such that the equality holds in (*).

2 A2 2007

Consider those functions $f : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$ which satisfy the condition

$$f(m+n) \geq f(m) + f(f(n)) - 1$$

for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. Find all possible values of $f(2007)$.

3 A3 2007

Let n be a positive integer, and let x and y be a positive real number such that $x^n + y^n = 1$. Prove that

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+x^{2k}}{1+x^{4k}} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+y^{2k}}{1+y^{4k}} \right) < \frac{1}{(1-x) \cdot (1-y)}.$$

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4 C1 2007

Let $n > 1$ be an integer. Find all sequences $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n^2+n}$ satisfying the following conditions:

$$(a) \ a_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n^2 + n;$$

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$$(b) \ a_{i+1} + a_{i+2} + \dots + a_{i+n} < a_{i+n+1} + a_{i+n+2} + \dots + a_{i+2n} \text{ for all } 0 \leq i \leq n^2 - n.$$

5 C2 2007

A rectangle D is partitioned in several (≥ 2) rectangles with sides parallel to those of D . Given that any line parallel to one of the sides of D , and having common points with the interior of D , also has common interior points with the interior of at least one rectangle of the partition; prove that there is at least one rectangle of the partition having no common points with D 's boundary.

6 C3 2007

Find all positive integers n for which the numbers in the set $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ can be colored red and blue, with the following condition being satisfied: The set $S \times S \times S$ contains exactly 2007 ordered triples (x, y, z) such that:

- (i) the numbers x, y, z are of the same color, and
- (ii) the number $x + y + z$ is divisible by n .

7 G1 2007

In triangle ABC the bisector of angle BCA intersects the circumcircle again at R , the perpendicular bisector of BC at P , and the perpendicular bisector of AC at Q . The midpoint of BC is K and the midpoint of AC is L . Prove that the triangles RPK and RQL have the same area.

8 G2 2007

Denote by M midpoint of side BC in an isosceles triangle $\triangle ABC$ with $AC = AB$. Take a point X on a smaller arc MA of circumcircle of triangle $\triangle ABM$. Denote by T point inside of angle BMA such that $\angle TMX = 90^\circ$ and $TX = BX$.

Prove that $\angle MTB - \angle CTM$ does not depend on choice of X

9 G3 2007

The diagonals of a trapezoid $ABCD$ intersect at point P . Point Q lies between the parallel lines BC and AD such that $\angle AQD = \angle CQB$, and line CD separates points P and Q . Prove that $\angle BQP = \angle DAQ$.

10 N1 2007

Find all pairs of natural numbers (a, b) such that $7^a - 3^b$ divides $a^4 + b^2$.

11 N2 2007

Let $b, n > 1$ be integers. Suppose that for each $k > 1$ there exists an integer a_k such that $b - a_k^n$ is divisible by k . Prove that $b = A^n$ for some integer A .

12 N3 2007

Let X be a set of 10,000 integers, none of them is divisible by 47. Prove that there exists a 2007-element subset Y of X such that $a - b + c - d + e$ is not divisible by 47 for any $a, b, c, d, e \in Y$.

13 A1 2008

Find all functions $f : (0, \infty) \mapsto (0, \infty)$ (so f is a function from the positive real numbers) such that

$$\frac{(f(w))^2 + (f(x))^2}{f(y^2) + f(z^2)} = \frac{w^2 + x^2}{y^2 + z^2}$$

for all positive real numbers w, x, y, z , satisfying $wx = yz$.

14 A2 2008

(a) Prove that

$$\frac{x^2}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(y-1)^2} + \frac{z^2}{(z-1)^2} \geq 1$$

for all real numbers x, y, z , each different from 1, and satisfying $xyz = 1$.

(b) Prove that equality holds above for infinitely many triples of rational numbers x, y, z , each different from 1, and satisfying $xyz = 1$.

15 A3 2008

Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a set of real numbers. We say that a pair (f, g) of functions from S into S is a Spanish Couple on S , if they satisfy the following conditions:

(i) Both functions are strictly increasing, i.e. $f(x) < f(y)$ and $g(x) < g(y)$ for all $x, y \in S$ with $x < y$;

(ii) The inequality $f(g(g(x))) < g(f(x))$ holds for all $x \in S$.

Decide whether there exists a Spanish Couple
on the set $S = \mathbb{N}$ of positive integers;
on the set $S = \{a - \frac{1}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

16 C1 2008

In the plane we consider rectangles whose sides are parallel to the coordinate axes and have positive length. Such a rectangle will be called a box. Two boxes intersect if they have a common point in their interior or on their boundary. Find the largest n for which there exist n boxes B_1, \dots, B_n such that B_i and B_j intersect if and only if $i \not\equiv j \pm 1 \pmod{n}$.

17 C2 2008

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and A_n set of all permutations (a_1, \dots, a_n) of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ for which

$$k|2(a_1 + \dots + a_k), \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Find the number of elements of the set A_n .

18 C3 2008

In the coordinate plane consider the set S of all points with integer coordinates. For a positive integer k , two distinct points $a, B \in S$ will be called k -friends if there is a point $C \in S$ such that the area of the triangle ABC is equal to k . A set $T \subset S$ will be called k -clique if every two points in T are k -friends. Find the least positive integer k for which there exists a k -clique with more than 200 elements.

19 G1 2008

Let H be the orthocenter of an acute-angled triangle ABC . The circle Γ_A centered at the midpoint of BC and passing through H intersects the sideline BC at points A_1 and A_2 . Similarly, define the points B_1, B_2, C_1 and C_2 .

Prove that the six points A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2, C_1 and C_2 are concyclic.

20 G2 2008

Given trapezoid $ABCD$ with parallel sides AB and CD , assume that there exist points E on line BC outside segment BC , and F inside segment AD such that $\angle DAE = \angle CBF$. Denote by I the point of intersection of CD and EF , and by J the point of intersection of AB and EF . Let K be the midpoint of segment EF , assume it does not lie on line AB . Prove that I belongs to the circumcircle of ABK if and only if K belongs to the circumcircle of CDJ .

21 G3 2008

Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral and let P and Q be points in $ABCD$ such that $PQDA$ and $QPBC$ are cyclic quadrilaterals. Suppose that there exists a point E on the line segment PQ such that $\angle PAE = \angle QDE$ and $\angle PBE = \angle QCE$. Show that the quadrilateral $ABCD$ is cyclic.

22 N1 2008

Let n be a positive integer and let p be a prime number. Prove that if a, b, c are integers (not necessarily positive) satisfying the equations

$$a^n + pb = b^n + pc = c^n + pa$$

then $a = b = c$.

23 N2 2008

Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be distinct positive integers, $n \geq 3$. Prove that there exist distinct indices i and j such that $a_i + a_j$ does not divide any of the numbers $3a_1, 3a_2, \dots, 3a_n$.

24 N3 2008

Let a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots be a sequence of positive integers such that the greatest common divisor of any two consecutive terms is greater than the preceding term; in symbols, $\gcd(a_i, a_{i+1}) > a_{i-1}$. Prove that $a_n \geq 2^n$ for all $n \geq 0$.

25 A1 2009

Find the largest possible integer k , such that the following statement is true: Let 2009 arbitrary non-degenerated triangles be given. In every triangle the three sides are coloured, such that one is blue, one is red and one is white. Now, for every colour separately, let us sort the lengths of the sides. We obtain

$$\begin{array}{ll} b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_{2009} & \text{the lengths of the blue sides} \\ r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_{2009} & \text{the lengths of the red sides} \\ \text{and } w_1 \leq w_2 \leq \dots \leq w_{2009} & \text{the lengths of the white sides} \end{array}$$

Then there exist k indices j such that we can form a non-degenerated triangle with side lengths b_j, r_j, w_j .

26 A2 2009

Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = a + b + c$. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{(2a + b + c)^2} + \frac{1}{(a + 2b + c)^2} + \frac{1}{(a + b + 2c)^2} \leq \frac{3}{16}.$$

27 A3 2009

Determine all functions f from the set of positive integers to the set of positive integers such that, for all positive integers a and b , there exists a non-degenerate triangle with sides of lengths

$$a, f(b) \text{ and } f(b + f(a) - 1).$$

(A triangle is non-degenerate if its vertices are not collinear.)

28 C1 2009

Consider 2009 cards, each having one gold side and one black side, lying on parallel on a long table. Initially all cards show their gold sides. Two player, standing by the same long side of the table, play a game with alternating moves. Each move consists of choosing a block of 50 consecutive cards, the leftmost of which is showing gold, and turning them all over, so those which showed gold now show black and vice versa. The last player who can make a legal move wins. (a) Does the game necessarily end? (b) Does there exist a winning strategy for the starting player?

29 C2 2009

For any integer $n \geq 2$, let $N(n)$ be the maxima number of triples (a_i, b_i, c_i) , $i = 1, \dots, N(n)$, consisting of nonnegative integers a_i, b_i and c_i such that the following two conditions are satisfied: $a_i + b_i + c_i = n$ for all $i = 1, \dots, N(n)$, If $i \neq j$ then $a_i \neq a_j$, $b_i \neq b_j$ and $c_i \neq c_j$. Determine $N(n)$ for all $n \geq 2$.

30 C3 2009

Let n be a positive integer. Given a sequence $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{n-1}$ with $\varepsilon_i = 0$ or $\varepsilon_i = 1$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n-1$, the sequences a_0, \dots, a_n and b_0, \dots, b_n are constructed by the following rules:

$$a_0 = b_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = b_1 = 7,$$

$$a_{i+1} = \begin{cases} 2a_{i-1} + 3a_i, & \text{if } \varepsilon_i = 0, \\ 3a_{i-1} + a_i, & \text{if } \varepsilon_i = 1, \end{cases} \quad \text{for each } i = 1, \dots, n-1,$$

$$b_{i+1} = \begin{cases} 2b_{i-1} + 3b_i, & \text{if } \varepsilon_{n-i} = 0, \\ 3b_{i-1} + b_i, & \text{if } \varepsilon_{n-i} = 1, \end{cases} \quad \text{for each } i = 1, \dots, n-1.$$

Prove that $a_n = b_n$.

31 G1 2009

Let ABC be a triangle with $AB = AC$. The angle bisectors of $\angle CAB$ and $\angle ABC$ meet the sides BC and CA at D and E , respectively. Let K be the incentre of triangle ADC . Suppose that $\angle BEK = 45^\circ$. Find all possible values of $\angle CAB$.

32 G2 2009

Let ABC be a triangle with circumcentre O . The points P and Q are interior points of the sides CA and AB respectively. Let K, L and M be the midpoints of the segments BP, CQ and PQ , respectively, and let Γ be the circle passing through K, L and M . Suppose that the line PQ is tangent to the circle Γ . Prove that $OP = OQ$.

33 G3 2009

Let ABC be a triangle. The incircle of ABC touches the sides AB and AC at the points Z and Y , respectively. Let G be the point where the lines BY and CZ meet, and let R and S be points such that the two quadrilaterals $BCYR$ and $BCSZ$ are parallelogram. Prove that $GR = GS$.

34 N1 2009

Let n be a positive integer and let $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k$ ($k \geq 2$) be distinct integers in the set $1, 2, \dots, n$ such that n divides $a_i(a_{i+1} - 1)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$. Prove that n does not divide $a_k(a_1 - 1)$.

35 N2 2009

A positive integer N is called balanced, if $N = 1$ or if N can be written as a product of an even number of not necessarily distinct primes. Given positive integers a and b , consider the polynomial P defined by $P(x) = (x + a)(x + b)$. (a) Prove that there exist distinct positive integers a and b such that all the number $P(1), P(2), \dots, P(50)$ are balanced. (b) Prove that if $P(n)$ is balanced for all positive integers n , then $a = b$.

36 N3 2009

Let f be a non-constant function from the set of positive integers into the set of positive integer, such that $a - b$ divides $f(a) - f(b)$ for all distinct positive integers a, b . Prove that there exist infinitely many primes p such that p divides $f(c)$ for some positive integer c .

37 A1 2010

Find all function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ the following equality holds

$$f(\lfloor x \rfloor y) = f(x) \lfloor f(y) \rfloor$$

where $\lfloor a \rfloor$ is greatest integer not greater than a .

38 A2 2010

Let the real numbers a, b, c, d satisfy the relations $a + b + c + d = 6$ and $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 12$. Prove that

$$36 \leq 4(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4) \leq 48.$$

39 A3 2010

Let x_1, \dots, x_{100} be nonnegative real numbers such that $x_i + x_{i+1} + x_{i+2} \leq 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, 100$ (we put $x_{101} = x_1, x_{102} = x_2$). Find the maximal possible value of the sum $S = \sum_{i=1}^{100} x_i x_{i+2}$.

40 C1 2010

In a concert, 20 singers will perform. For each singer, there is a (possibly empty) set of other singers such that he wishes to perform later than all the singers from that set. Can it happen that there are exactly 2010 orders of the singers such that all their wishes are satisfied?

41 C2 2010

On some planet, there are 2^N countries ($N \geq 4$). Each country has a flag N units wide and one unit high composed of N fields of size 1×1 , each field being either yellow or blue. No two countries have the same flag. We say that a set of N flags is diverse if these flags can be arranged into an $N \times N$ square so that all N fields on its main diagonal will have the same color. Determine the smallest positive integer M such that among any M distinct flags, there exist N flags forming a diverse set.

42 C3 2010

2500 chess kings have to be placed on a 100×100 chessboard so that

(i) no king can capture any other one (i.e. no two kings are placed in two squares sharing a common vertex); (ii) each row and each column contains exactly 25 kings.

Find the number of such arrangements. (Two arrangements differing by rotation or symmetry are supposed to be different.)

43 G1 2010

Let ABC be an acute triangle with D, E, F the feet of the altitudes lying on BC, CA, AB respectively. One of the intersection points of the line EF and the circumcircle is P . The lines BP and DF meet at point Q . Prove that $AP = AQ$.

44 G2 2010

Let P be a point interior to triangle ABC (with $CA \neq CB$). The lines AP, BP and CP meet again its circumcircle Γ at K, L , respectively M . The tangent line at C to Γ meets the line AB at S . Show that from $SC = SP$ follows $MK = ML$.

45 G3 2010

Let $A_1A_2 \dots A_n$ be a convex polygon. Point P inside this polygon is chosen so that its projections P_1, \dots, P_n onto lines A_1A_2, \dots, A_nA_1 respectively lie on the sides of the polygon. Prove that for arbitrary points X_1, \dots, X_n on sides A_1A_2, \dots, A_nA_1 respectively,

$$\max \left\{ \frac{X_1X_2}{P_1P_2}, \dots, \frac{X_nX_1}{P_nP_1} \right\} \geq 1.$$

46 N1 2010

Find the least positive integer n for which there exists a set $\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ consisting of n distinct positive integers such that

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{s_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{s_2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{s_n}\right) = \frac{51}{2010}.$$

47 N2 2010

Find all pairs (m, n) of nonnegative integers for which

$$m^2 + 2 \cdot 3^n = m(2^{n+1} - 1).$$

48 N3 2010

Find the smallest number n such that there exist polynomials f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n with rational coefficients satisfying

$$x^2 + 7 = f_1(x)^2 + f_2(x)^2 + \dots + f_n(x)^2.$$

49 A1 2011

Given any set $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$ of four distinct positive integers, we denote the sum $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4$ by s_A . Let n_A denote the number of pairs (i, j) with $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$ for which $a_i + a_j$ divides s_A . Find all sets A of four distinct positive integers which achieve the largest possible value of n_A .

50 A2 2011

Determine all sequences $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2011})$ of positive integers, such that for every positive integer n there exists an integer a with

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2011} jx_j^n = a^{n+1} + 1$$

51 A3 2011

Determine all pairs (f, g) of functions from the set of real numbers to itself that satisfy

$$g(f(x+y)) = f(x) + (2x+y)g(y)$$

for all real numbers x and y .

52 C1 2011

Let $n > 0$ be an integer. We are given a balance and n weights of weight $2^0, 2^1, \dots, 2^{n-1}$. We are to place each of the n weights on the balance, one after another, in such a way that the right pan is never heavier than the left pan. At each step we choose one of the weights that has not yet been placed on the balance, and place it on either the left pan or the right pan, until all of the weights have been placed. Determine the number of ways in which this can be done.

53 C2 2011

Suppose that 1000 students are standing in a circle. Prove that there exists an integer k with $100 \leq k \leq 300$ such that in this circle there exists a contiguous group of $2k$ students, for which the first half contains the same number of girls as the second half.

54 C3 2011

Let \mathcal{S} be a finite set of at least two points in the plane. Assume that no three points of \mathcal{S} are collinear. A windmill is a process that starts with a line ℓ going through a single point $P \in \mathcal{S}$. The line rotates clockwise about the pivot P until the first time that the line meets some other point belonging to \mathcal{S} . This point, Q , takes over as the new pivot, and the line now rotates clockwise about Q , until it next meets a point of \mathcal{S} . This process continues indefinitely. Show that we can choose a point P in \mathcal{S} and a line ℓ going through P such that the resulting windmill uses each point of \mathcal{S} as a pivot infinitely many times.

55 G1 2011

Let ABC be an acute triangle. Let ω be a circle whose centre L lies on the side BC . Suppose that ω is tangent to AB at B' and AC at C' . Suppose also that the circumcentre O of triangle ABC lies on the shorter arc $B'C'$ of ω . Prove that the circumcircle of ABC and ω meet at two points.

56 G2 2011

Let $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ be a non-cyclic quadrilateral. Let O_1 and r_1 be the circumcentre and the circumradius of the triangle $A_2A_3A_4$. Define O_2, O_3, O_4 and r_2, r_3, r_4 in a similar way. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{O_1A_1^2 - r_1^2} + \frac{1}{O_2A_2^2 - r_2^2} + \frac{1}{O_3A_3^2 - r_3^2} + \frac{1}{O_4A_4^2 - r_4^2} = 0.$$

57 G3 2011

Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral whose sides AD and BC are not parallel. Suppose that the circles with diameters AB and CD meet at points E and F inside the quadrilateral. Let ω_E be the circle through the feet of the perpendiculars from E to the lines AB, BC and CD . Let ω_F be the circle through the feet of the perpendiculars from F to the lines CD, DA and AB . Prove that the midpoint of the segment EF lies on the line through the two intersections of ω_E and ω_F .

58 N1 2011

For any integer $d > 0$, let $f(d)$ be the smallest possible integer that has exactly d positive divisors (so for example we have $f(1) = 1, f(5) = 16$, and $f(6) = 12$). Prove that for every integer $k \geq 0$ the number $f(2^k)$ divides $f(2^{k+1})$.

59 N2 2011

Consider a polynomial $P(x) = \prod_{j=1}^9 (x + d_j)$, where d_1, d_2, \dots, d_9 are nine distinct integers. Prove that there exists an integer N , such that for all integers $x \geq N$ the number $P(x)$ is divisible by a prime number greater than 20.

60 N3 2011

Let $n \geq 1$ be an odd integer. Determine all functions f from the set of integers to itself, such that for all integers x and y the difference $f(x) - f(y)$ divides $x^n - y^n$.

61 A1 2012

Find all functions $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that, for all integers a, b, c that satisfy $a + b + c = 0$, the following equality holds:

$$f(a)^2 + f(b)^2 + f(c)^2 = 2f(a)f(b) + 2f(b)f(c) + 2f(c)f(a).$$

(Here \mathbb{Z} denotes the set of integers.)

62 A2 2012

Let \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Q} be the sets of integers and rationals respectively. a) Does there exist a partition of \mathbb{Z} into three non-empty subsets A, B, C such that the sets $A + B, B + C, C + A$ are disjoint? b) Does there exist a partition of \mathbb{Q} into three non-empty subsets A, B, C such that the sets $A + B, B + C, C + A$ are disjoint?

Here $X + Y$ denotes the set $\{x + y : x \in X, y \in Y\}$, for $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ and for $X, Y \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$.

63 A3 2012

Let $n \geq 3$ be an integer, and let a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n be positive real numbers such that $a_2a_3 \cdots a_n = 1$. Prove that

$$(1 + a_2)^2(1 + a_3)^3 \cdots (1 + a_n)^n > n^n.$$

64 C1 2012

Several positive integers are written in a row. Iteratively, Alice chooses two adjacent numbers x and y such that $x > y$ and x is to the left of y , and replaces the pair (x, y) by either $(y + 1, x)$ or $(x - 1, x)$. Prove that she can perform only finitely many such iterations.

65 C2 2012

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. What is the maximum number of disjoint pairs of elements of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that the sums of the different pairs are different integers not exceeding n ?

66 C3 2012

In a 999×999 square table some cells are white and the remaining ones are red. Let T be the number of triples (C_1, C_2, C_3) of cells, the first two in the same row and the last two in the same column, with C_1, C_3 white and C_2 red. Find the maximum value T can attain.

67 G1 2012

Given triangle ABC the point J is the centre of the excircle opposite the vertex A . This excircle is tangent to the side BC at M , and to the lines AB and AC at K and L , respectively. The lines LM and BJ meet at F , and the lines KM and CJ meet at G . Let S be the point of intersection of the lines AF and BC , and let T be the point of intersection of the lines AG and BC . Prove that M is the midpoint of ST .

(The excircle of ABC opposite the vertex A is the circle that is tangent to the line segment BC , to the ray AB beyond B , and to the ray AC beyond C .)

68 G2 2012

Let $ABCD$ be a cyclic quadrilateral whose diagonals AC and BD meet at E . The extensions of the sides AD and BC beyond A and B meet at F . Let G be the point such that $ECGD$ is a parallelogram, and let H be the image of E under reflection in AD . Prove that D, H, F, G are concyclic.

69 G3 2012

In an acute triangle ABC the points D, E and F are the feet of the altitudes through A, B and C respectively. The incenters of the triangles AEF and BDF are I_1 and I_2 respectively; the circumcenters of the triangles ACI_1 and BCI_2 are O_1 and O_2 respectively. Prove that I_1I_2 and O_1O_2 are parallel.

70 N1 2012

Call admissible a set A of integers that has the following property: If $x, y \in A$ (possibly $x = y$) then $x^2 + kxy + y^2 \in A$ for every integer k . Determine all pairs m, n of nonzero integers such that the only admissible set containing both m and n is the set of all integers.

71 N2 2012

Find all triples (x, y, z) of positive integers such that $x \leq y \leq z$ and

$$x^3(y^3 + z^3) = 2012(xyz + 2).$$

72 N3 2012

Determine all integers $m \geq 2$ such that every n with $\frac{m}{3} \leq n \leq \frac{m}{2}$ divides the binomial coefficient $\binom{n}{m-2n}$.

73 A1 2013

Let n be a positive integer and let a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} be arbitrary real numbers. Define the sequences u_0, \dots, u_n and v_0, \dots, v_n inductively by $u_0 = u_1 = v_0 = v_1 = 1$, and $u_{k+1} = u_k + a_k u_{k-1}$, $v_{k+1} = v_k + a_{n-k} v_{k-1}$ for $k = 1, \dots, n-1$.

Prove that $u_n = v_n$.

74 A2 2013

Prove that in any set of 2000 distinct real numbers there exist two pairs $a > b$ and $c > d$ with $a \neq c$ or $b \neq d$, such that

$$\left| \frac{a-b}{c-d} - 1 \right| < \frac{1}{100000}.$$

75 A3 2013

Let $\mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ be the set of all positive rational numbers. Let $f : \mathbb{Q}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function satisfying the following three conditions:

(i) for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$, we have $f(x)f(y) \geq f(xy)$; (ii) for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$, we have $f(x+y) \geq f(x) + f(y)$; (iii) there exists a rational number $a > 1$ such that $f(a) = a$.

Prove that $f(x) = x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$.

76 C1 2013

Let n be a positive integer. Find the smallest integer k with the following property; Given any real numbers a_1, \dots, a_d such that $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_d = n$ and $0 \leq a_i \leq 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$, it is possible to partition these numbers into k groups (some of which may be empty) such that the sum of the numbers in each group is at most 1.

77 C2 2013

A configuration of 4027 points in the plane is called Colombian if it consists of 2013 red points and 2014 blue points, and no three of the points of the configuration are collinear. By drawing some lines, the plane is divided into several regions. An arrangement of lines is good for a Colombian configuration if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- i) No line passes through any point of the configuration.
- ii) No region contains points of both colors.

Find the least value of k such that for any Colombian configuration of 4027 points, there is a good arrangement of k lines.

78 C3 2013

A crazy physicist discovered a new kind of particle which he called an imon, after some of them mysteriously appeared in his lab. Some pairs of imons in the lab can be entangled, and each imon can participate in many entanglement relations. The physicist has found a way to perform the following two kinds of operations with these particles, one operation at a time. (i) If some imon is entangled with an odd number of other imons in the lab, then the physicist can destroy it. (ii) At any moment, he may double the whole family of imons in the lab by creating a copy I' of each imon I . During this procedure, the two copies I' and J' become entangled if and only if

the original imons I and J are entangled, and each copy I' becomes entangled with its original imon I ; no other entanglements occur or disappear at this moment.

Prove that the physicist may apply a sequence of much operations resulting in a family of imons, no two of which are entangled.

79 G1 2013

Let ABC be an acute triangle with orthocenter H , and let W be a point on the side BC , lying strictly between B and C . The points M and N are the feet of the altitudes from B and C , respectively. Denote by ω_1 is the circumcircle of BWN , and let X be the point on ω_1 such that WX is a diameter of ω_1 . Analogously, denote by ω_2 the circumcircle of triangle CWM , and let Y be the point such that WY is a diameter of ω_2 . Prove that X, Y and H are collinear.

80 G2 2013

Let ω be the circumcircle of a triangle ABC . Denote by M and N the midpoints of the sides AB and AC , respectively, and denote by T the midpoint of the arc BC of ω not containing A . The circumcircles of the triangles AMT and ANT intersect the perpendicular bisectors of AC and AB at points X and Y , respectively; assume that X and Y lie inside the triangle ABC . The lines MN and XY intersect at K . Prove that $KA = KT$.

81 G3 2013

In a triangle ABC , let D and E be the feet of the angle bisectors of angles A and B , respectively. A rhombus is inscribed into the quadrilateral $AEDB$ (all vertices of the rhombus lie on different sides of $AEDB$). Let φ be the non-obtuse angle of the rhombus. Prove that $\varphi \leq \max\{\angle BAC, \angle ABC\}$.

82 N1 2013

Let $\mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ be the set of positive integers. Find all functions $f : \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ such that

$$m^2 + f(n) \mid mf(m) + n$$

for all positive integers m and n .

83 N2 2013

Assume that k and n are two positive integers. Prove that there exist positive integers m_1, \dots, m_k such that

$$1 + \frac{2^k - 1}{n} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{m_1}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{1}{m_k}\right).$$

84 N3 2013

Prove that there exist infinitely many positive integers n such that the largest prime divisor of $n^4 + n^2 + 1$ is equal to the largest prime divisor of $(n+1)^4 + (n+1)^2 + 1$.

85 A1 2014

Let $a_0 < a_1 < a_2 \dots$ be an infinite sequence of positive integers. Prove that there exists a unique integer $n \geq 1$ such that

$$a_n < \frac{a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n}{n} \leq a_{n+1}.$$

86 A2 2014

Define the function $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1)$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x < \frac{1}{2} \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Let a and b be two real numbers such that $0 < a < b < 1$. We define the sequences a_n and b_n by $a_0 = a, b_0 = b$, and $a_n = f(a_{n-1}), b_n = f(b_{n-1})$ for $n > 0$. Show that there exists a positive integer n such that

$$(a_n - a_{n-1})(b_n - b_{n-1}) < 0.$$

87 A3 2014

For a sequence x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of real numbers, we define its *price* as

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_1 + \dots + x_i|.$$

Given n real numbers, Dave and George want to arrange them into a sequence with a low price. Diligent Dave checks all possible ways and finds the minimum possible price D . Greedy George, on the other hand, chooses x_1 such that $|x_1|$ is as small as possible; among the remaining numbers, he chooses x_2 such that $|x_1 + x_2|$ is as small as possible, and so on. Thus, in the i -th step he chooses x_i among the remaining numbers so as to minimise the value of $|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_i|$. In each step, if several numbers provide the same value, George chooses one at random. Finally he gets a sequence with price G .

Find the least possible constant c such that for every positive integer n , for every collection of n real numbers, and for every possible sequence that George might obtain, the resulting values satisfy the inequality $G \leq cD$.

88 C1 2014

Let n points be given inside a rectangle R such that no two of them lie on a line parallel to one of the sides of R . The rectangle R is to be dissected into smaller rectangles with sides parallel to the sides of R in such a way that none of these rectangles contains any of the given points in its interior. Prove that we have to dissect R into at least $n + 1$ smaller rectangles.

89 C2 2014

We have 2^m sheets of paper, with the number 1 written on each of them. We perform the following operation. In every step we choose two distinct sheets; if the numbers on the two sheets are a and b , then we erase these numbers and write the number $a + b$ on both sheets. Prove that after $m2^{m-1}$ steps, the sum of the numbers on all the sheets is at least 4^m .

90 C3 2014

Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer. Consider an $n \times n$ chessboard consisting of n^2 unit squares. A configuration of n rooks on this board is peaceful if every row and every column contains exactly one rook. Find the greatest positive integer k such that, for each peaceful configuration of n rooks, there is a $k \times k$ square which does not contain a rook on any of its k^2 unit squares.

91 G1 2014

Let P and Q be on segment BC of an acute triangle ABC such that $\angle PAB = \angle BCA$ and $\angle CAQ = \angle ABC$. Let M and N be the points on AP and AQ , respectively, such that P is the midpoint of AM and Q is the midpoint of AN . Prove that the intersection of BM and CN is on the circumference of triangle ABC .

92 G2 2014

Let ABC be a triangle. The points K, L , and M lie on the segments BC, CA , and AB , respectively, such that the lines AK, BL , and CM intersect in a common point. Prove that it is possible to choose two of the triangles ALM, BMK , and CKL whose inradii sum up to at least the inradius of the triangle ABC .

93 G3 2014

Let Ω and O be the circumcircle and the circumcentre of an acute-angled triangle ABC with $AB > BC$. The angle bisector of $\angle ABC$ intersects Ω at $M \neq B$. Let Γ be the circle with diameter BM . The angle bisectors of $\angle AOB$ and $\angle BOC$ intersect Γ at points P and Q , respectively. The point R is chosen on the line PQ so that $BR = MR$. Prove that $BR \parallel AC$. (Here we always assume that an angle bisector is a ray.)

94 N1 2014

Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer, and let A_n be the set

$$A_n = \{2^n - 2^k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq k < n\}.$$

Determine the largest positive integer that cannot be written as the sum of one or more (not necessarily distinct) elements of A_n .

95 N2 2014

Determine all pairs (x, y) of positive integers such that

$$\sqrt[3]{7x^2 - 13xy + 7y^2} = |x - y| + 1.$$

96 N3 2014

For each positive integer n , the Bank of Cape Town issues coins of denomination $\frac{1}{n}$. Given a finite collection of such coins (of not necessarily different denominations) with total value at most $99 + \frac{1}{2}$, prove that it is possible to split this collection into 100 or fewer groups, such that each group has total value at most 1.

97 A1 2015

Suppose that a sequence a_1, a_2, \dots of positive real numbers satisfies

$$a_{k+1} \geq \frac{ka_k}{a_k^2 + (k-1)}$$

for every positive integer k . Prove that $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \geq n$ for every $n \geq 2$.

98 A2 2015

Determine all functions $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ with the property that

$$f(x - f(y)) = f(f(x)) - f(y) - 1$$

holds for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$.

99 A3 2015

Let n be a fixed positive integer. Find the maximum possible value of

$$\sum_{1 \leq r < s \leq 2n} (s - r - n)x_r x_s,$$

where $-1 \leq x_i \leq 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, 2n$.

100 C1 2015

In Lineland there are $n \geq 1$ towns, arranged along a road running from left to right. Each town has a left bulldozer (put to the left of the town and facing left) and a right bulldozer (put to the right of the town and facing right). The sizes of the $2n$ bulldozers are distinct. Every time when a left and right bulldozer confront each other, the larger bulldozer pushes the smaller one off the road. On the other hand, bulldozers are quite unprotected at their rears; so, if a bulldozer reaches the rear-end of another one, the first one pushes the second one off the road, regardless of their sizes.

Let A and B be two towns, with B to the right of A . We say that town A can sweep town B away if the right bulldozer of A can move over to B pushing off all bulldozers it meets. Similarly town B can sweep town A away if the left bulldozer of B can move over to A pushing off all bulldozers of all towns on its way.

Prove that there is exactly one town that cannot be swept away by any other one.

101 C2 2015

We say that a finite set \mathcal{S} of points in the plane is balanced if, for any two different points A and B in \mathcal{S} , there is a point C in \mathcal{S} such that $AC = BC$. We say that \mathcal{S} is centre-free if for any three different points A , B and C in \mathcal{S} , there is no points P in \mathcal{S} such that $PA = PB = PC$.

- Show that for all integers $n \geq 3$, there exists a balanced set consisting of n points.
- Determine all integers $n \geq 3$ for which there exists a balanced centre-free set consisting of n points.

102 C3 2015

For a finite set A of positive integers, a partition of A into two disjoint nonempty subsets A_1 and A_2 is *good* if the least common multiple of the elements in A_1 is equal to the greatest common divisor of the elements in A_2 . Determine the minimum value of n such that there exists a set of n positive integers with exactly 2015 good partitions.

103 G1 2015

Let ABC be an acute triangle with orthocenter H . Let G be the point such that the quadrilateral $ABGH$ is a parallelogram. Let I be the point on the line GH such that AC bisects HI . Suppose that the line AC intersects the circumcircle of the triangle GCI at C and J . Prove that $IJ = AH$.

104 G2 2015

Triangle ABC has circumcircle Ω and circumcenter O . A circle Γ with center A intersects the segment BC at points D and E , such that B , D , E , and C are all different and lie on line BC in this order. Let F and G be the points of intersection of Γ and Ω , such that A , F , B , C , and G lie on Ω in this order. Let K be the second point of intersection of the circumcircle of triangle BDF and the segment AB . Let L be the second point of intersection of the circumcircle of triangle CGE and the segment CA .

Suppose that the lines FK and GL are different and intersect at the point X . Prove that X lies on the line AO .

105 G3 2015

Let ABC be a triangle with $\angle C = 90^\circ$, and let H be the foot of the altitude from C . A point D is chosen inside the triangle CBH so that CH bisects AD . Let P be the intersection point of the lines BD and CH . Let ω be the semicircle with diameter BD that meets the segment CB at an interior point. A line through P is tangent to ω at Q . Prove that the lines CQ and AD meet on ω .

106 N1 2015

Determine all positive integers M such that the sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots defined by

$$a_0 = M + \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{k+1} = a_k \lfloor a_k \rfloor \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

contains at least one integer term.

107 N2 2015

Let a and b be positive integers such that $a! + b!$ divides $a!b!$. Prove that $3a \geq 2b + 2$.

108 N3 2015

Let m and n be positive integers such that $m > n$. Define $x_k = \frac{m+k}{n+k}$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$. Prove that if all the numbers x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1} are integers, then $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n+1} - 1$ is divisible by an odd prime.

109 A1 2016

Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $\min(ab, bc, ca) \geq 1$. Prove that

$$\sqrt[3]{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)(c^2 + 1)} \leq \left(\frac{a + b + c}{3} \right)^2 + 1.$$

110 A2 2016

Find the smallest constant $C > 0$ for which the following statement holds: among any five positive real numbers a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 (not necessarily distinct), one can always choose distinct subscripts i, j, k, l such that

$$\left| \frac{a_i}{a_j} - \frac{a_k}{a_l} \right| \leq C.$$

111 A3 2016

Find all positive integers n such that the following statement holds: Suppose real numbers $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ satisfy $|a_k| + |b_k| = 1$ for all $k = 1, \dots, n$. Then there exists $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n$, each of which is either -1 or 1 , such that

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i a_i \right| + \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i b_i \right| \leq 1.$$

112 C1 2016

The leader of an IMO team chooses positive integers n and k with $n > k$, and announces them to the deputy leader and a contestant. The leader then secretly tells the deputy leader an n -digit binary string, and the deputy leader writes down all n -digit binary strings which differ from the leader's in exactly k positions. (For example, if $n = 3$ and $k = 1$, and if the leader chooses 101, the deputy leader would write down 001, 111 and 100.) The contestant is allowed to look at the strings written by the deputy leader and guess the leader's string. What is the minimum number of guesses (in terms of n and k) needed to guarantee the correct answer?

113 C2 2016

Find all positive integers n for which all positive divisors of n can be put into the cells of a rectangular table under the following constraints:

- each cell contains a distinct divisor;
- the sums of all rows are equal; and
- the sums of all columns are equal.

114 C3 2016

Let n be a positive integer relatively prime to 6. We paint the vertices of a regular n -gon with three colours so that there is an odd number of vertices of each colour. Show that there exists an isosceles triangle whose three vertices are of different colours.

115 G1 2016

Triangle BCF has a right angle at B . Let A be the point on line CF such that $FA = FB$ and F lies between A and C . Point D is chosen so that $DA = DC$ and AC is the bisector of $\angle DAB$. Point E is chosen so that $EA = ED$ and AD is the bisector of $\angle EAC$. Let M be the midpoint of CF . Let X be the point such that $AMXE$ is a parallelogram. Prove that BD , FX and ME are concurrent.

116 G2 2016

Let ABC be a triangle with circumcircle Γ and incenter I and let M be the midpoint of \overline{BC} . The points D , E , F are selected on sides \overline{BC} , \overline{CA} , \overline{AB} such that $\overline{ID} \perp \overline{BC}$, $\overline{IE} \perp \overline{AI}$, and $\overline{IF} \perp \overline{AI}$. Suppose that the circumcircle of $\triangle AEF$ intersects Γ at a point X other than A . Prove that lines XD and AM meet on Γ .

117 G3 2016

Let $B = (-1, 0)$ and $C = (1, 0)$ be fixed points on the coordinate plane. A nonempty, bounded subset S of the plane is said to be nice if

(i) there is a point T in S such that for every point Q in S , the segment TQ lies entirely in S ; and

(ii) for any triangle $P_1P_2P_3$, there exists a unique point A in S and a permutation σ of the indices $\{1, 2, 3\}$ for which triangles ABC and $P_{\sigma(1)}P_{\sigma(2)}P_{\sigma(3)}$ are similar.

Prove that there exist two distinct nice subsets S and S' of the set $\{(x, y) : x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}$ such that if $A \in S$ and $A' \in S'$ are the unique choices of points in (ii), then the product $BA \cdot BA'$ is a constant independent of the triangle $P_1P_2P_3$.

118 N1 2016

For any positive integer k , denote the sum of digits of k in its decimal representation by $S(k)$. Find all polynomials $P(x)$ with integer coefficients such that for any positive integer $n \geq 2016$, the integer $P(n)$ is positive and

$$S(P(n)) = P(S(n)).$$

119 N2 2016

Let $\tau(n)$ be the number of positive divisors of n . Let $\tau_1(n)$ be the number of positive divisors of n which have remainders 1 when divided by 3. Find all positive integral values of the fraction $\frac{\tau(10n)}{\tau_1(10n)}$.

120 N3 2016

A set of positive integers is called fragrant if it contains at least two elements and each of its elements has a prime factor in common with at least one of the other elements. Let $P(n) = n^2 + n + 1$. What is the least possible positive integer value of b such that there exists a non-negative integer a for which the set

$$\{P(a+1), P(a+2), \dots, P(a+b)\}$$

is fragrant?

121 A1 2017

Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, k , and M be positive integers such that

$$\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} = k \quad \text{and} \quad a_1 a_2 \dots a_n = M.$$

If $M > 1$, prove that the polynomial

$$P(x) = M(x+1)^k - (x+a_1)(x+a_2) \dots (x+a_n)$$

has no positive roots.

122 A2 2017

Let q be a real number. Gugu has a napkin with ten distinct real numbers written on it, and he writes the following three lines of real numbers on the blackboard:

In the first line, Gugu writes down every number of the form $a - b$, where a and b are two (not necessarily distinct) numbers on his napkin.

In the second line, Gugu writes down every number of the form qab , where a and b are two (not necessarily distinct) numbers from the first line.

In the third line, Gugu writes down every number of the form $a^2 + b^2 - c^2 - d^2$, where a, b, c, d are four (not necessarily distinct) numbers from the first line.

Determine all values of q such that, regardless of the numbers on Gugu's napkin, every number in the second line is also a number in the third line.

123 A3 2017

Let S be a finite set, and let \mathcal{A} be the set of all functions from S to S . Let f be an element of \mathcal{A} , and let $T = f(S)$ be the image of S under f . Suppose that $f \circ g \circ f \neq g \circ f \circ g$ for every g in \mathcal{A} with $g \neq f$. Show that $f(T) = T$.

124 C1 2017

A rectangle \mathcal{R} with odd integer side lengths is divided into small rectangles with integer side lengths. Prove that there is at least one among the small rectangles whose distances from the four sides of \mathcal{R} are either all odd or all even.

125 C2 2017

Let n be a positive integer. Define a chameleon to be any sequence of $3n$ letters, with exactly n occurrences of each of the letters a, b , and c . Define a swap to be the transposition of two adjacent letters in a chameleon. Prove that for any chameleon X , there exists a chameleon Y such that X cannot be changed to Y using fewer than $3n^2/2$ swaps.

126 C3 2017

Sir Alex plays the following game on a row of 9 cells. Initially, all cells are empty. In each move, Sir Alex is allowed to perform exactly one of the following two operations:

Choose any number of the form 2^j , where j is a non-negative integer, and put it into an empty cell.

Choose two (not necessarily adjacent) cells with the same number in them; denote that number by 2^j . Replace the number in one of the cells with 2^{j+1} and erase the number in the other cell.

At the end of the game, one cell contains 2^n , where n is a given positive integer, while the other cells are empty. Determine the maximum number of moves that Sir Alex could have made, in terms of n .

127 G1 2017

Let $ABCDE$ be a convex pentagon such that $AB = BC = CD$, $\angle EAB = \angle BCD$, and $\angle EDC = \angle CBA$. Prove that the perpendicular line from E to BC and the line segments AC and BD are concurrent.

128 G2 2017

Let R and S be different points on a circle Ω such that RS is not a diameter. Let ℓ be the tangent line to Ω at R . Point T is such that S is the midpoint of the line segment RT . Point J is chosen on the shorter arc RS of Ω so that the circumcircle Γ of triangle JST intersects ℓ at two distinct points. Let A be the common point of Γ and ℓ that is closer to R . Line AJ meets Ω again at K . Prove that the line KT is tangent to Γ .

129 G3 2017

Let O be the circumcenter of an acute triangle ABC . Line OA intersects the altitudes of ABC through B and C at P and Q , respectively. The altitudes meet at H . Prove that the circumcenter of triangle PQH lies on a median of triangle ABC .

130 N1 2017

For each integer $a_0 > 1$, define the sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots for $n \geq 0$ as

$$a_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{a_n} & \text{if } \sqrt{a_n} \text{ is an integer,} \\ a_n + 3 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine all values of a_0 such that there exists a number A such that $a_n = A$ for infinitely many values of n .

131 N2 2017

Let $p \geq 2$ be a prime number. Eduardo and Fernando play the following game making moves alternately: in each move, the current player chooses an index i in the set $\{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ that was not chosen before by either of the two players and then chooses an element a_i from the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$. Eduardo has the first move. The game ends after all the indices have been chosen. Then the following number is computed:

$$M = a_0 + a_1 10 + a_2 10^2 + \dots + a_{p-1} 10^{p-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} a_i \cdot 10^i$$

. The goal of Eduardo is to make M divisible by p , and the goal of Fernando is to prevent this. Prove that Eduardo has a winning strategy.

132 N3 2017

Determine all integers $n \geq 2$ having the following property: for any integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n whose sum is not divisible by n , there exists an index $1 \leq i \leq n$ such that none of the numbers

$$a_i, a_i + a_{i+1}, \dots, a_i + a_{i+1} + \dots + a_{i+n-1}$$

is divisible by n . Here, we let $a_i = a_{i-n}$ when $i > n$.

133 A1 2018

Let $\mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ denote the set of all positive rational numbers. Determine all functions $f : \mathbb{Q}_{>0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$ satisfying

$$f(x^2 f(y)^2) = f(x)^2 f(y)$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$

134 A2 2018

Find all integers $n \geq 3$ for which there exist real numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+2} satisfying $a_{n+1} = a_1$, $a_{n+2} = a_2$ and

$$a_i a_{i+1} + 1 = a_{i+2},$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

135 A3 2018

Given any set S of positive integers, show that at least one of the following two assertions holds:

- (1) There exist distinct finite subsets F and G of S such that $\sum_{x \in F} 1/x = \sum_{x \in G} 1/x$;
- (2) There exists a positive rational number $r < 1$ such that $\sum_{x \in F} 1/x \neq r$ for all finite subsets F of S .

136 C1 2018

Let $n \geq 3$ be an integer. Prove that there exists a set S of $2n$ positive integers satisfying the following property: For every $m = 2, 3, \dots, n$ the set S can be partitioned into two subsets with equal sums of elements, with one of subsets of cardinality m .

137 C2 2018

A site is any point (x, y) in the plane such that x and y are both positive integers less than or equal to 20.

Initially, each of the 400 sites is unoccupied. Amy and Ben take turns placing stones with Amy going first. On her turn, Amy places a new red stone on an unoccupied site such that the distance between any two sites occupied by red stones is not equal to $\sqrt{5}$. On his turn, Ben places a new blue stone on any unoccupied site. (A site occupied by a blue stone is allowed to be at any distance from any other occupied site.) They stop as soon as a player cannot place a stone.

Find the greatest K such that Amy can ensure that she places at least K red stones, no matter how Ben places his blue stones.

138 C3 2018

Let n be a given positive integer. Sisyphus performs a sequence of turns on a board consisting of $n + 1$ squares in a row, numbered 0 to n from left to right. Initially, n stones are put into square 0, and the other squares are empty. At every turn, Sisyphus chooses any nonempty square, say with k stones, takes one of these stones and moves it to the right by at most k squares (the stone should stay within the board). Sisyphus' aim is to move all n stones to square n . Prove that Sisyphus cannot reach the aim in less than

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{1} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + \cdots + \left\lceil \frac{n}{n} \right\rceil$$

turns. (As usual, $\lceil x \rceil$ stands for the least integer not smaller than x .)

139 G1 2018

Let Γ be the circumcircle of acute triangle ABC . Points D and E are on segments AB and AC respectively such that $AD = AE$. The perpendicular bisectors of BD and CE intersect minor arcs AB and AC of Γ at points F and G respectively. Prove that lines DE and FG are either parallel or they are the same line.

140 G2 2018

Let ABC be a triangle with $AB = AC$, and let M be the midpoint of BC . Let P be a point such that $PB < PC$ and PA is parallel to BC . Let X and Y be points on the lines PB and PC , respectively, so that B lies on the segment PX , C lies on the segment PY , and $\angle PXM = \angle PYM$. Prove that the quadrilateral $APXY$ is cyclic.

141 G3 2018

A circle ω with radius 1 is given. A collection T of triangles is called good, if the following conditions hold:

each triangle from T is inscribed in ω ;

no two triangles from T have a common interior point.

Determine all positive real numbers t such that, for each positive integer n , there exists a good collection of n triangles, each of perimeter greater than t .

142 N1 2018

Determine all pairs (m, n) of positive integers for which there exists a positive integer s such that sm and sn have an equal number of divisors.

143 N2 2018

Let $n > 1$ be a positive integer. Each cell of an $n \times n$ table contains an integer. Suppose that the following conditions are satisfied: Each number in the table is congruent to 1 modulo n . The sum of numbers in any row, as well as the sum of numbers in any column, is congruent to n modulo n^2 . Let R_i be the product of the numbers in the i^{th} row, and C_j be the product of the number in the j^{th} column. Prove that the sums $R_1 + \dots R_n$ and $C_1 + \dots C_n$ are congruent modulo n^4 .

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Define the sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots by $a_n = 2^n + 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$. Prove that there are infinitely many terms of the sequence which can be expressed as a sum of (two or more) distinct terms of the sequence, as well as infinitely many of those which cannot be expressed in such a way.