

Art of Problem Solving

2015 Germany Team Selection Test

- 1 Find the least positive integer n , such that there is a polynomial

$$P(x) = a_{2n}x^{2n} + a_{2n-1}x^{2n-1} + \cdots + a_1x + a_0$$

with real coefficients that satisfies both of the following properties:

- For $i = 0, 1, \dots, 2n$ it is $2014 \leq a_i \leq 2015$.
- There is a real number ξ with $P(\xi) = 0$.

- 2 A positive integer n is called *naughty* if it can be written in the form $n = a^b + b$ with integers $a, b \geq 2$.
Is there a sequence of 102 consecutive positive integers such that exactly 100 of those numbers are naughty?

- 3 Let ABC be an acute triangle with $|AB| \neq |AC|$ and the midpoints of segments $[AB]$ and $[AC]$ be D resp. E . The circumcircles of the triangles BCD and BCE intersect the circumcircle of triangle ADE in P resp. Q with $P \neq D$ and $Q \neq E$. Prove $|AP| = |AQ|$.
[i](Notation: $|\cdot|$ denotes the length of a segment and $[\cdot]$ denotes the line segment.)[/i]

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

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

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- 5 Let ABC be an acute triangle with the circumcircle k and incenter I . The perpendicular through I in CI intersects segment $[BC]$ in U and k in V . In particular V and A are on different sides of BC . The parallel line through U to AI intersects AV in X .
Prove: If XI and AI are perpendicular to each other, then XI intersects segment $[AC]$ in its midpoint M .
[i](Notation: $[\cdot]$ denotes the line segment.)[/i]

- 6 Construct a tetromino by attaching two 2×1 dominoes along their longer sides such that the midpoint of the longer side of one domino is a corner of the other domino. This construction yields two kinds of tetrominoes with opposite orientations. Let us call them S - and Z -tetrominoes, respectively.



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Assume that a lattice polygon P can be tiled with S -tetrominoes. Prove that no matter how we tile P using only S - and Z -tetrominoes, we always use an even number of Z -tetrominoes.

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