



# Art of Problem Solving

## 2001 USA Team Selection Test

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### Day 1

June 9th

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**1** Let  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a sequence of real numbers such that  $a_{n+1} \geq a_n^2 + \frac{1}{5}$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Prove that  $\sqrt{a_{n+5}} \geq a_{n-5}^2$  for all  $n \geq 5$ .

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**2** Express

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k (n-k)! (n+k)!$$

in closed form.

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**3** For a set  $S$ , let  $|S|$  denote the number of elements in  $S$ . Let  $A$  be a set of positive integers with  $|A| = 2001$ . Prove that there exists a set  $B$  such that

- (i)  $B \subseteq A$ ;
  - (ii)  $|B| \geq 668$ ;
  - (iii) for any  $u, v \in B$  (not necessarily distinct),  $u + v \notin B$ .
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### Day 2

June 10th

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**4** There are 51 senators in a senate. The senate needs to be divided into  $n$  committees so that each senator is on one committee. Each senator hates exactly three other senators. (If senator A hates senator B, then senator B does *not* necessarily hate senator A.) Find the smallest  $n$  such that it is always possible to arrange the committees so that no senator hates another senator on his or her committee.

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**5** In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\angle B = 2\angle C$ . Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be points on the perpendicular bisector of segment  $BC$  such that rays  $AP$  and  $AQ$  trisect  $\angle A$ . Prove that  $PQ < AB$  if and only if  $\angle B$  is obtuse.

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**6** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that

$$a + b + c \geq abc.$$

Prove that at least two of the inequalities

$$\frac{2}{a} + \frac{3}{b} + \frac{6}{c} \geq 6, \quad \frac{2}{b} + \frac{3}{c} + \frac{6}{a} \geq 6, \quad \frac{2}{c} + \frac{3}{a} + \frac{6}{b} \geq 6$$

are true.

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### Day 3

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- 7 Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral such that  $\angle ABC = \angle ADC = 135^\circ$  and

$$AC^2 \cdot BD^2 = 2 \cdot AB \cdot BC \cdot CD \cdot DA.$$

Prove that the diagonals of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are perpendicular.

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- 8 Find all pairs of nonnegative integers  $(m, n)$  such that

$$(m + n - 5)^2 = 9mn.$$

- 9 Let  $A$  be a finite set of positive integers. Prove that there exists a finite set  $B$  of positive integers such that  $A \subseteq B$  and

$$\prod_{x \in B} x = \sum_{x \in B} x^2.$$

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