

1-st Czech–Polish–Slovak Match 2001

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1. Prove that for any positive numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n ($n \geq 2$)

$$(a_1^3 + 1)(a_2^3 + 1) \cdots (a_n^3 + 1) \geq (a_1^2 a_2 + 1)(a_2^2 a_3 + 1) \cdots (a_n^2 a_1 + 1).$$

2. A triangle ABC has acute angles at A and B . Isosceles triangles ACD and BCE with bases AC and BC are constructed externally to triangle ABC such that $\angle ADC = \angle ABC$ and $\angle BEC = \angle BAC$. Let S be the circumcenter of $\triangle ABC$. Prove that the length of the polygonal line DSE equals the perimeter of triangle ABC if and only if $\angle ACB$ is right.
3. Let n and k be positive integers such that $n/2 < k \leq 2n/3$. Find the least number m for which it is possible to place m pawns on m squares of an $n \times n$ chessboard so that no column or row contains a block of k adjacent unoccupied squares.
4. Distinct points A and B are given on the plane. Consider all triangles ABC in this plane on whose sides BC, CA points D, E respectively can be taken so that

(i) $\frac{BD}{BC} = \frac{CE}{CA} = \frac{1}{3}$;

(ii) points A, B, D, E lie on a circle in this order.

Find the locus of the intersection points of lines AD and BE .

5. Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy

$$f(x^2 + y) + f(f(x) - y) = 2f(f(x)) + 2y^2 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

6. Points with integer coordinates in cartesian space are called *lattice* points. We color 2000 lattice points blue and 2000 other lattice points red in such a way that no two blue-red segments have a common interior point (a segment is *blue-red* if its two endpoints are colored blue and red). Consider the smallest rectangular parallelepiped that covers all the colored points.
- (a) Prove that this rectangular parallelepiped covers at least 500,000 lattice points.
- (b) Give an example of a coloring for which the considered rectangular parallelepiped covers at most 8,000,000 lattice points.