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- [1] Let  $M$  be the midpoint of side  $BC$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . Let the median  $AM$  intersect the incircle of  $ABC$  at  $K$  and  $L$ ,  $K$  being nearer to  $A$  than  $L$ . If  $AK = KL = LM$ , prove that the sides of triangle  $ABC$  are in the ratio  $5 : 10 : 13$  in some order.
- [2] Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be positive integers such that  $\frac{43}{197} < \frac{\alpha}{\beta} < \frac{17}{77}$ . Find the minimum possible value of  $\beta$ .
- [3] Let  $p, q, r$  be positive real numbers, not all equal, such that some two of the equations

$$\begin{aligned} px^2 + 2qx + r &= 0 \\ qx^2 + 2rx + p &= 0 \\ rx^2 + 2px + q &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

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have a common root, say  $\alpha$ . Prove that

- a)  $\alpha$  is real and negative;
- b) the remaining third quadratic equation has non-real roots.

All possible 6-digit numbers, in each of which the digits occur in nonincreasing order (from left to right, e.g. 877550) are written as a sequence in increasing order. Find the 2005-th number in this sequence.

Let  $x_1$  be a given positive integer. A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  of positive integers is such that  $x_n$ , for  $n \geq 2$ , is obtained from  $x_{n-1}$  by adding some nonzero digit of  $x_{n-1}$ . Prove that

- a) the sequence contains an even term;
- b) the sequence contains infinitely many even terms.

Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x^2 + yf(z)) = xf(x) + zf(y),$$

for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ .