

# Problem set 1

## FE

1) Let  $S$  be the set of positive real numbers. Find all functions  $f: S^3 \rightarrow S$  such that, for all positive real numbers  $x, y, z$  and  $k$ , the following three conditions are satisfied:

- (a)  $xf(x, y, z) = zf(z, y, x)$ ,
- (b)  $f(x, ky, k^2z) = kf(x, y, z)$ ,
- (c)  $f(1, k, k+1) = k+1$ .

2) Consider function  $f: R \rightarrow R$  which satisfies the conditions for any mutually distinct real numbers  $a, b, c, d$  satisfying  $\frac{a-b}{b-c} + \frac{a-d}{d-c} = 0$ ,  $f(a), f(b), f(c), f(d)$  are mutually different and  $\frac{f(a)-f(b)}{f(b)-f(c)} + \frac{f(a)-f(d)}{f(d)-f(c)} = 0$ . Prove that function  $f$  is linear

3) Let  $f: R^2 \rightarrow R$  be a function such that  $f(x, y) + f(y, z) + f(z, x) = 0$  for real numbers  $x, y$ , and  $z$ . Prove that there exists a function  $g: R \rightarrow R$  such that  $f(x, y) = g(x) - g(y)$  for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

4) Find all differentiable functions  $f: R \rightarrow R$  such that

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+n) - f(x)}{n}$$

for all real numbers  $x$  and all positive integers  $n$ .

5) Find all functions from positive integers to itself such that  $f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b) + f(c) + f(d)$  for all  $c^2 + d^2 = 2ab$

## Graph Theory

1) Prove that a finite simple planar graph has an orientation so that every vertex has out-degree at most 3.

2) Let  $G$  be a tournament such that its edges are colored either red or blue. Prove that there exists a vertex of  $G$  like  $v$  with the property that, for every other vertex  $u$  there is a mono-color directed path from  $v$  to  $u$ .

3) A communications network consisting of some terminals is called a 3-connector if among any three terminals, some two of them can directly communicate with

each other. A communications network contains a windmill with  $n$  blades if there exist  $n$  pairs of terminals  $\{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \dots, \{x_n, y_n\}$  such that each  $x_i$  can directly communicate with the corresponding  $y_i$  and there is a hub terminal that can directly communicate with each of the  $2n$  terminals  $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n$ . Determine the minimum value of  $f(n)$ , in terms of  $n$ , such that a 3 -connector with  $f(n)$  terminals always contains a windmill with  $n$  blades.

## NT Poly

1) Find all polynomials  $f$  with integer coefficient such that, for every prime  $p$  and natural numbers  $u$  and  $v$  with the condition:

$$p \mid uv - 1$$

we always have  $p \mid f(u)f(v) - 1$

2)  $p$  is a polynomial with integer coefficients and for every natural  $n$  we have  $p(n) > n$ .  $x_k$  is a sequence that:  $x_1 = 1, x_{i+1} = p(x_i)$  for every  $N$  one of  $x_i$  is divisible by  $N$ . Prove that  $p(x) = x + 1$

3) For integral  $m$ , let  $p(m)$  be the greatest prime divisor of  $m$ . By convention, we set  $p(\pm 1) = 1$  and  $p(0) = \infty$ . Find all polynomials  $f$  with integer coefficients such that the sequence

$$\{p(f(n^2)) - 2n\}_{n \geq 0}$$

is bounded above. (In particular, this requires  $f(n^2) \neq 0$  for  $n \geq 0$ .)