

1. Let  $f(x) = x^n + 5x^{n-1} + 3$ , where  $n > 1$  is an integer. Prove that  $f(x)$  cannot be expressed as the product of two nonconstant polynomials with integer coefficients.
2. Let  $D$  be a point inside acute triangle  $ABC$  such that  $\angle ADB = \angle ACB + \pi/2$  and  $AC \cdot BD = AD \cdot BC$ .
  - (a) Calculate the ratio  $(AB \cdot CD)/(AC \cdot B)$ .
  - (b) Prove that the tangents at  $C$  to the circumcircles of  $\triangle ACD$  and  $\triangle BCD$  are perpendicular.
3. On an infinite chessboard, a game is played as follows. At the start,  $n^2$  pieces are arranged on the chessboard in an  $n$  by  $n$  block of adjoining squares, one piece in each square. A move in the game is a jump in a horizontal or vertical direction over an adjacent occupied square to an unoccupied square immediately beyond. The piece which has been jumped over is removed.  
 Find those values of  $n$  for which the game can end with only one piece remaining on the board.
4. For three points  $P, Q, R$  in the plane, we define  $m(PQR)$  as the minimum length of the three altitudes of  $\triangle PQR$ . (If the points are collinear, we set  $m(PQR) = 0$ .)  
 Prove that for points  $A, B, C, X$  in the plane,  

$$m(ABC) \leq m(ABX) + m(AXC) + m(XBC).$$
5. Does there exist a function  $f : N \rightarrow N$  such that  $f(1) = 2$ ,  $f(f(n)) = f(n) + n$  for all  $n \in N$ , and  $f(n) < f(n+1)$  for all  $n \in N$ ?
6. There are  $n$  lamps  $L_0, \dots, L_{n-1}$  in a circle ( $n > 1$ ), where we denote  $L_{n+k} = L_k$ . (A lamp at all times is either on or off.) Perform steps  $s_0, s_1, \dots$  as follows: at step  $s_i$ , if  $L_{i-1}$  is lit, switch  $L_i$  from on to off or vice versa, otherwise do nothing. Initially all lamps are on. Show that:
  - (a) There is a positive integer  $M(n)$  such that after  $M(n)$  steps all the lamps are on again;
  - (b) If  $n = 2^k$ , we can take  $M(n) = n^2 - 1$ ;
  - (c) If  $n = 2^k + 1$ , we can take  $M(n) = n^2 - n + 1$ .