

USA TST Selection Test for 67th IMO and 15th EGMO

Aurora, IL

Day I 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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Problem 1. In a finite group of people, some pairs are friends (friendship is mutual). Each person p has a list $f_1(p), f_2(p), \dots, f_{d(p)}(p)$ of their friends, where $d(p)$ is the number of distinct friends p has. Additionally, any two people are connected by a series of friendships. Each person also has a *water balloon*. The following game is played until someone ends up with more than one water balloon: on round r , each person p throws the current water balloon they have to their friend $f_s(p)$ such that $d(p)$ divides $r - s$. Show that if the game never ends, then everyone has the same number of friends.

Problem 2. Find all sets $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ for which there exists a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that

- $f(x - y) - 2f(x) + f(x + y) \geq -1$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, and
- $S = \{f(z) \mid z \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

Problem 3. Let a_1, a_2, r , and s be positive integers with r and s odd. The sequence a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots is defined by

$$a_{n+2} = ra_{n+1} + sa_n$$

for all $n \geq 1$. Determine the maximum possible number of integers $1 \leq \ell \leq 2025$ such that a_ℓ divides $a_{\ell+1}$, over all possible choices of a_1, a_2, r , and s .

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Day II 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Thursday, June 26, 2025

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Problem 4. Let $n \geq 2$ be a positive integer. Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be a sequence of positive integers such that

$$\gcd(a_1, a_2), \gcd(a_2, a_3), \dots, \gcd(a_{n-1}, a_n)$$

is a strictly increasing sequence. Find, in terms of n , the maximum possible value of

$$\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}$$

over all such sequences.

Problem 5. A tetrahedron $ABCD$ is said to be *angelic* if it has nonzero volume and satisfies

$$\angle BAC + \angle CAD + \angle DAB = \angle ABC + \angle CBD + \angle DBA,$$

$$\angle ACB + \angle BCD + \angle DCA = \angle ADB + \angle BDC + \angle CDA.$$

Across all angelic tetrahedrons, what is the maximum number of distinct lengths that could appear in the set $\{AB, AC, AD, BC, BD, CD\}$?

Problem 6. Alice and Bob play a game on n vertices labelled $1, 2, \dots, n$. They take turns adding edges $\{i, j\}$, with Alice going first. Neither player is allowed to make a move that creates a cycle, and the game ends after $n - 1$ total turns.

Let the weight of the edge $\{i, j\}$ be $|i - j|$, and let W be the total weight of all edges at the end of the game. Alice plays to maximize W and Bob plays to minimize W . If both play optimally, what will W be?

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Day III 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Saturday, June 28, 2025

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Problem 7. For a positive real number c , the sequence a_1, a_2, \dots of real numbers is defined as follows. Let $a_1 = c$, and for $n \geq 2$, let

$$a_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (a_i)^{n-i+1}.$$

Find all positive real numbers c such that $a_i > a_{i+1}$ for all positive integers i .

Problem 8. Find all polynomials f with integer coefficients such that for all positive integers n ,

$$n \text{ divides } \underbrace{f(f(\dots(f(0))\dots))}_{n+1 \text{ } f\text{'s}} - 1.$$

Problem 9. Let acute triangle ABC have orthocenter H . Let B_1 , C_1 , B_2 , and C_2 be collinear points which lie on lines AB , AC , BH , and CH , respectively. Let ω_B and ω_C be the circumcircles of triangles BB_1B_2 and CC_1C_2 , respectively. Prove that the radical axis of ω_B and ω_C intersects the line through their centers on the nine-point circle of triangle ABC .