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OC751. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ be matrices. Consider the matrix function $f : \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ defined by

$$f(Z) = AZ + B\bar{Z}, \quad Z \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C}),$$

where \bar{Z} is the matrix having as elements the conjugates of the elements of Z . Prove that the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) f is injective;
- (ii) f is surjective;
- (iii) the matrices $A + B$ and $A - B$ are invertible.

OC752. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with $f(1) = 0$. Prove the existence and determine the value of the limit

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow 1 \\ t < 1}} \left(\frac{1}{1-t} \int_0^1 x (f(tx) - f(x)) \, dx \right).$$

OC753. Determine all pairs of prime numbers (p, q) with the following property: there exist positive integers a, b, c satisfying the equality

$$\frac{p}{a} + \frac{p}{b} + \frac{p}{c} = 1, \quad \frac{a}{p} + \frac{b}{p} + \frac{c}{p} = q + 1.$$

OC754. Solve in real numbers the equation

$$3^{\log_5(5x-10)} - 2 = 5^{-1+\log_3 x}.$$

OC755. Consider the inscribable pentagon $ABCDE$ in which $AB = BC = CD$ and the centroid of the pentagon coincides with the center of the circumscribed circle. Show that the pentagon $ABCDE$ is regular.

