

# 8-th Austrian–Polish Mathematical Competition 1985

Hollabrunn, Austria

**Individual Competition** – June 25–26

*First Day*

1. Prove that if  $a, b, c$  are distinct nonzero numbers with  $a + b + c = 0$ , then

$$\left(\frac{b-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{b} + \frac{a-b}{c}\right) \left(\frac{a}{b-c} + \frac{b}{c-a} + \frac{c}{a-b}\right) = 9.$$

2. There are  $n$  persons  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  at a party. Assume that  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{n-6}$  know 4, 5,  $\dots, n-3$  persons, respectively, that  $P_{n-5}, P_{n-4}, P_{n-3}$  know  $n-2$  persons each, and that  $P_{n-2}, P_{n-1}, P_n$  know  $n-1$  persons each. ("Knowing" is a symmetric relation, and no one is assumed to know himself/herself.) Find all  $n \geq 8$  for which this is possible.
3. Prove that in a convex quadrilateral of area 1 the sum of the lengths of all sides and diagonals is not less than  $4 + \sqrt{8}$ .

*Second Day*

4. Find all real solutions  $(x, y)$  of the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} x^4 + y^2 - xy^3 - \frac{9}{8}x = 0, \\ y^4 + x^2 - yx^3 - \frac{9}{8}y = 0. \end{cases}$$

5. We are given a set of weights consisting of several identical groups of four weights of different (positive) integer masses. Using these weights we are able to weigh every integer mass not exceeding 1985. In how many ways can one compose such a set with the smallest possible total mass?
6. For a point  $P$  inside a tetrahedron  $ABCD$ , points  $S_A, S_B, S_C, S_D$  denote the centroids of the tetrahedra  $PBCD, PCDA, PDAB, PABC$ , respectively. Show that the volume of the tetrahedron  $S_A S_B S_C S_D$  equals  $\frac{1}{64}$  the volume of  $ABCD$ .

**Team competition** – June 27

7. If  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  are real numbers, not all zero, find an upper bound for

$$\frac{x_1 x_2 + 2x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_4}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2}.$$

The smaller bound, the better the solution.

8. A convex  $n$ -gon  $A_0A_1 \dots A_{n-1}$  has been partitioned into  $n - 2$  triangles by nonintersecting diagonals. Show that these triangles can be labelled  $\triangle_1, \triangle_2, \dots, \triangle_{n-2}$  in such a way that  $A_i$  is a vertex of  $\triangle_i$  for all  $i$ , and find the number of such labellings.
9. Given a convex polygon, prove that there exists a point  $Q$  inside the polygon and three vertices  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  such that each ray  $A_iQ$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) makes acute angles with the two sides emanating from  $A_i$ .