

18-th Austrian–Polish Mathematical Competition 1995

Hollabrunn, Austria

Individual Competition – June 28–29

First Day

1. Determine all real solutions (a_1, \dots, a_n) of the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} a_3 = a_2 + a_1 \\ a_4 = a_3 + a_2 \\ \dots \\ a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \\ a_1 = a_n + a_{n-1} \\ a_2 = a_1 + a_n. \end{cases}$$

2. Let $X = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$ be a set of four distinct points in the plane. Show that there exists a subset Y of X with the property that there is no (closed) disk K such that $K \cap X = Y$.
3. Let $P(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$. Show that there exist two non-constant polynomials $Q(y)$ and $R(y)$ with integer coefficients such that for all

$$Q(y) \cdot R(y) = P(5y^2) \quad \text{for all } y.$$

Second Day

4. Determine all polynomials $P(x)$ with real coefficients such that

$$P(x)^2 + P\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = P(x^2)P\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \quad \text{for all } x.$$

5. In an equilateral triangle ABC , A_1, B_1, C_1 are the midpoints of the sides BC, CA, AB , respectively. Three parallel lines p, q and r pass through A_1, B_1 and C_1 and intersect the lines B_1C_1, C_1A_1 and A_1B_1 at points A_2, B_2, C_2 , respectively. Prove that the lines AA_2, BB_2, CC_2 have a common point D which lies on the circumcircle of the triangle ABC .
6. The Alpine Club organizes four mountain trips for its n members. Let E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 be the teams participating in these trips. In how many ways can these teams be formed so as to satisfy

$$E_1 \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset, \quad E_2 \cap E_3 \neq \emptyset, \quad E_3 \cap E_4 \neq \emptyset?$$

Team competition – June 30

7. Consider the equation $3y^4 + 4cy^3 + 2xy + 48 = 0$, where c is an integer parameter. Determine all values of c for which the number of integral solutions (x, y) satisfying the conditions (i) and (ii) is maximal:
- (i) $|x|$ is a square of an integer;
 - (ii) y is a squarefree number.
8. Consider the cube with the vertices at the points $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$. Let V_1, \dots, V_{95} be arbitrary points within this cube. Denote $v_i = \overrightarrow{OV_i}$, where $O = (0, 0, 0)$ is the origin. Consider the 2^{95} vectors of the form $s_1 v_1 + s_2 v_2 + \dots + s_{95} v_{95}$, where $s_i = \pm 1$.
- (a) If $d = 48$, prove that among these vectors there is a vector $w = (a, b, c)$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 48$.
 - (b) Find a smaller d (the smaller, the better) with the same property.
9. Prove that for all positive integers n, m and all real numbers $x, y > 0$ the following inequality holds:

$$(n-1)(m-1)(x^{n+m} + y^{n+m}) + (n+m-1)(x^n y^m + x^m y^n) \geq nm(x^{n+m-1} y + x y^{n+m-1}).$$