

13-th Korean Mathematical Olympiad 2000

First Round – November 1999

1. Find all natural numbers x, y that satisfy $xy = 2^x - 1$.
2. Find all pairs of natural numbers (a, b) such that

$$\sqrt[3]{a + \sqrt{b}} + \sqrt[3]{a - \sqrt{b}} = 1.$$

3. In an acute triangle ABC with $\angle B \neq \angle C$, D is the foot of the altitude from A . The line AD meets the circumcircle of $\triangle ABC$ again at E . The foot of the perpendicular from E to BC is F . Prove that $S_{ADF} + S_{CEF} = S_{ABC}$, where S_{XYZ} denotes the area of $\triangle XYZ$.
4. An $l \times m \times n$ rectangular parallelepiped is made from unit cubes. How many of the cubes does the diagonal of the parallelepiped pass through?
5. A prime number p divides $a^2 + 2$ for a natural number a . Prove that p or $2p$ is of the form $x^2 + 2y^2$ for some natural numbers x, y .
6. Let $ABCD$ be a tetrahedron and K, L, M, N, P, Q be the midpoints of the edges AB, CD, AC, BD, AD, BC , respectively. Given that $AB = CD, AC = BD$, and $AD = BC$, prove that

$$\left(\frac{AB}{KL}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{AC}{MN}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{AD}{PQ}\right)^2 \geq 6.$$

7. The square $ACDE$ is drawn outside an equilateral triangle ABC . Let X be a point on the incircle of $ACDE$ and O be its center. Let Y be the circumcenter of $\triangle BCX$. Suppose the trace of point Y as X moves on the incircle is a segment PQ . Prove that $OP = OQ$.
8. Let be given two odd numbers a, b satisfying $b^2/4 < a < b^2/3$. Prove that there exist four integers x, y, z, w such that

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 &= a, \\x + y + z + w &= a.\end{aligned}$$

To solve this problem, you can use the fact that every positive integer n , not of the form $4^s(8t + 7)$, can be represented as the sum of three squares.