First Round September 11 – December 10, 2004

1. Solve in real numbers the system

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= yz+1\\ y^2 &= zx+2\\ z^2 &= xy+4. \end{aligned}$$

- 2. Find all integers n > 1 for which $2^2 + 3^2 + \cdots + n^2$ is a power of a prime.
- 3. In an acute-angled *ABC* point *D* is the projection of *C* onto *AB*, and *E* is the projection of *D* onto *BC*. Point *F* is taken on the segment *DE* so that EF : FD = AD : DB. Prove that the lines *CF* and *AE* are perpendicular.
- 4. A natural number *n* and positive real numbers *a* and *b* are given. Find the largest possible value of the expression

$$x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \cdots + x_ny_n,$$

where x_i, y_i are numbers from the interval [0,1] such that $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n \le a$ and $y_1 + y_2 + \cdots + y_n \le b$.

- 5. A quadrilateral *ABCD* is inscribed in a circle, and the incircles of the triangles *ABC* and *BCD* have equal radii. Prove that the incircles of the triangles *CDA* and *DAB* have equal radii as well.
- 6. Determine whether there exists an infinite sequence a_1, a_2, \ldots of positive integers satisfying $\frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{a_{n+1}} + \frac{1}{a_{n+2}}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- 7. Three spheres are pairwise externally tangent and touch a plane at points A, B, C. Given that BC = a, CA = b, AB = c, find the radii of the spheres.
- 8. On a circle are given *n* lamps, each of which can be either turned on or turned off. A sequence of operations is performed: in every operation one selects *k* successive lamps and changes the state of each of them. Initially all the lamps are turned off. For a given positive integer *n*, find all positive integers $k \le n$ for which one can have all the lamps turned on.
- 9. Determine all real numbers *a* such that the sequence (x_n) given by

$$x_0 = \sqrt{3}, \quad x_{n+1} = \frac{1 + ax_n}{a - x_n}$$
 for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

satisfies the condition $x_{n+8} = x_n$ for all $n \ge 0$.



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- 10. Three subsets A, B, C of a given *n*-element set *X* have been chosen at random. It is assumed that each of the 2^n subsets of *X* is equiprobable. Find the most probable number of elements of the set $A \cap B \cap C$.
- 11. A circle with center *I* is inscribed in a convex quadrilateral *ABCD*, where *I* does not lie on *AC*. The diagonals *AC* and *BD* intersect at *E*. The line through *E* perpendicular to *BD* meets the lines *AI* and *CI* at *P* and *Q*, respectively. Prove that PE = EQ.
- 12. Consider the functions $f(x) = 2^x$ and g(x) = f(f(f(f(f(f(x))))))) (the seventh iteration of f). Show that the number g(3) g(0) is divisible by g(2) g(0).



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