

44-th Vietnamese Mathematical Olympiad 2006

First Day

1. Find all real solutions of the system:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 6} \cdot \log_3(6 - y) &= x, \\ \sqrt{y^2 - 2y + 6} \cdot \log_3(6 - z) &= y, \\ \sqrt{z^2 - 2z + 6} \cdot \log_3(6 - x) &= z.\end{aligned}$$

2. Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral and M be an arbitrary point on line AB . The circumcircles of triangles MAD and MBC meet again at N .

- (a) Prove that N lies on a fixed circle.
(b) Show that line MN passes through a fixed point.

3. We are putting marbles onto the squares of an $m \times n$ board ($m, n > 3$) according to the following rule. In each step, a marble is put onto each of

some four squares that form a figure congruent to the one shown on the



image. Is it possible that after finitely many steps each square contains the same number of marbles, if

- (a) $(m, n) = (2004, 2006)$?
(b) $(m, n) = (2005, 2006)$?

Second Day

4. Consider the function $f(x) = -x + \sqrt{(x+a)(x+b)}$, where a, b are given distinct positive numbers. Show that for each s with $0 < s < 1$ there is exactly one $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$f(\alpha) = \sqrt[s]{\frac{a^s + b^s}{2}}.$$

5. Find all real polynomials $P(x)$ that satisfy the equality

$$P(x^2) + x(3P(x) + P(-x)) = P(x)^2 + 2x^2 \quad \text{for all } x.$$

6. A set T is called *naughty* if for any two (not necessarily distinct) elements u, v of T , $u + v \notin T$. Prove that

- (a) a naughty subset of $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 2006\}$ has at most 1003 elements;
(b) every set S of 2006 positive numbers contains a naughty subset having 669 elements.