

# Serbia and Montenegro Team Selection Test 2003

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*Time allowed 3 hours.*

*Each problem is worth 25 points.*

1. If  $p(x)$  is a polynomial, denote by  $p^n(x)$  a polynomial

$$\underbrace{p(p(\cdots p(x)\cdots))}_n.$$

Prove that the polynomial  $p^{2003}(x) - 2p^{2002}(x) + p^{2001}(x)$  is divisible by  $p(x) - x$ .

2. Each edge and each diagonal of the convex  $n$ -gon (where  $n \geq 3$ ) is colored in red or blue. Prove that the vertices of the  $n$ -gon can be labeled as  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  in such a way that one of the following two conditions is satisfied:

1° all segments  $A_1A_2, A_2A_3, \dots, A_{n-1}A_n, A_nA_1$  are of the same color;

2° there exists a number  $k$ ,  $1 < k < n$  such that the segments  $A_1A_2, A_2A_3, \dots, A_{k-1}A_k$  are blue, and the segments  $A_kA_{k+1}, \dots, A_{n-1}A_n, A_nA_1$  are red.

3. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the distinct points in the plane of the triangle  $ABC$  such that  $AM : BM : CM = AN : BN : CN$ . Prove that the line  $MN$  contains the circumcenter of  $\triangle ABC$ .