

8-th Austrian–Polish Mathematical Competition 1985

Hollabrunn, Austria

Individual Competition – June 25–26

First Day

1. Prove that if a, b, c are distinct nonzero numbers with $a + b + c = 0$, then

$$\left(\frac{b-c}{a} + \frac{c-a}{b} + \frac{a-b}{c}\right) \left(\frac{a}{b-c} + \frac{b}{c-a} + \frac{c}{a-b}\right) = 9.$$

2. There are n persons P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n at a party. Assume that P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{n-6} know 4, 5, $\dots, n-3$ persons, respectively, that $P_{n-5}, P_{n-4}, P_{n-3}$ know $n-2$ persons each, and that P_{n-2}, P_{n-1}, P_n know $n-1$ persons each. ("Knowing" is a symmetric relation, and no one is assumed to know himself/herself.) Find all $n \geq 8$ for which this is possible.
3. Prove that in a convex quadrilateral of area 1 the sum of the lengths of all sides and diagonals is not less than $4 + \sqrt{8}$.

Second Day

4. Find all real solutions (x, y) of the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} x^4 + y^2 - xy^3 - \frac{9}{8}x = 0, \\ y^4 + x^2 - yx^3 - \frac{9}{8}y = 0. \end{cases}$$

5. We are given a set of weights consisting of several identical groups of four weights of different (positive) integer masses. Using these weights we are able to weigh every integer mass not exceeding 1985. In how many ways can one compose such a set with the smallest possible total mass?
6. For a point P inside a tetrahedron $ABCD$, points S_A, S_B, S_C, S_D denote the centroids of the tetrahedra $PBCD, PCDA, PDAB, PABC$, respectively. Show that the volume of the tetrahedron $S_A S_B S_C S_D$ equals $\frac{1}{64}$ the volume of $ABCD$.

Team competition – June 27

7. If x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 are real numbers, not all zero, find an upper bound for

$$\frac{x_1 x_2 + 2x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_4}{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2}.$$

The smaller bound, the better the solution.

8. A convex n -gon $A_0A_1 \dots A_{n-1}$ has been partitioned into $n - 2$ triangles by nonintersecting diagonals. Show that these triangles can be labelled $\triangle_1, \triangle_2, \dots, \triangle_{n-2}$ in such a way that A_i is a vertex of \triangle_i for all i , and find the number of such labellings.
9. Given a convex polygon, prove that there exists a point Q inside the polygon and three vertices A_1, A_2, A_3 such that each ray A_iQ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) makes acute angles with the two sides emanating from A_i .