

12-th Austrian–Polish Mathematical Competition 1989

Eisenstadt, Austria

Individual Competition – June 28–29

First Day

1. Let $a_k, b_k, c_k, k = 1, \dots, n$ be positive numbers. Prove the inequality

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k c_k \right)^3 \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k^3 \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n c_k^3 \right).$$

2. Each point of the plane is colored by one of the two colors. Show that there exists an equilateral triangle with monochromatic vertices.
3. Find all natural numbers N (in decimal system) with the following properties:
- (i) $N = \overline{aabb}$, where \overline{aab} and \overline{abb} are primes;
 - (ii) $N = P_1 P_2 P_3$, where P_k ($k = 1, 2, 3$) is a prime consisting of k (decimal) digits.

Second Day

4. Let \mathcal{P} be a convex polygon in the plane. Show that there exists a circle containing the entire polygon \mathcal{P} and having at least three adjacent vertices of \mathcal{P} on its boundary.
5. Let A be a vertex of a cube ω circumscribed about a sphere κ of radius 1. We consider lines g through A containing at least one point of κ . Let P be the intersection point of g and κ closer to A , and Q be the second intersection point of g and ω . Determine the maximum value of $AP \cdot AQ$ and characterize the lines g yielding the maximum.
6. A sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of squares of nonzero integers is such that for each n the difference $a_{n+1} - a_n$ is a prime or the square of a prime. Show that all such sequences are finite and determine the longest sequence.

Team competition – June 30

7. Functions f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots are recursively defined by $f_0(x) = x$ and

$$f_{2k+1}(x) = 3^{f_{2k}(x)} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{2k+2} = 2^{f_{2k+1}(x)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Find the greater one of the numbers $f_{10}(1)$ and $f_9(2)$.

8. An acute triangle ABC is given. For each point P of the interior or boundary of $\triangle ABC$, P_a, P_b, P_c denote the orthogonal projections of P to BC, CA, AB respectively. Consider

$$f(P) = \frac{AP_c + BP_a + CP_b}{PP_a + PP_b + PP_c}.$$

Show that $f(P)$ is constant if and only if ABC is an equilateral triangle.

9. Find the smallest odd natural number N such that N^2 is the sum of an odd number (greater than 1) of squares of adjacent positive integers.