

# 18-th Austrian–Polish Mathematical Competition 1995

Hollabrunn, Austria

Individual Competition – June 28–29

First Day

1. Determine all real solutions  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  of the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} a_3 = a_2 + a_1 \\ a_4 = a_3 + a_2 \\ \dots \\ a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \\ a_1 = a_n + a_{n-1} \\ a_2 = a_1 + a_n. \end{cases}$$

2. Let  $X = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$  be a set of four distinct points in the plane. Show that there exists a subset  $Y$  of  $X$  with the property that there is no (closed) disk  $K$  such that  $K \cap X = Y$ .
3. Let  $P(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ . Show that there exist two non-constant polynomials  $Q(y)$  and  $R(y)$  with integer coefficients such that for all

$$Q(y) \cdot R(y) = P(5y^2) \quad \text{for all } y.$$

Second Day

4. Determine all polynomials  $P(x)$  with real coefficients such that

$$P(x)^2 + P\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = P(x^2)P\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \quad \text{for all } x.$$

5. In an equilateral triangle  $ABC$ ,  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  are the midpoints of the sides  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively. Three parallel lines  $p, q$  and  $r$  pass through  $A_1, B_1$  and  $C_1$  and intersect the lines  $B_1C_1, C_1A_1$  and  $A_1B_1$  at points  $A_2, B_2, C_2$ , respectively. Prove that the lines  $AA_2, BB_2, CC_2$  have a common point  $D$  which lies on the circumcircle of the triangle  $ABC$ .
6. The Alpine Club organizes four mountain trips for its  $n$  members. Let  $E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4$  be the teams participating in these trips. In how many ways can these teams be formed so as to satisfy

$$E_1 \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset, \quad E_2 \cap E_3 \neq \emptyset, \quad E_3 \cap E_4 \neq \emptyset?$$

Team competition – June 30

7. Consider the equation  $3y^4 + 4cy^3 + 2xy + 48 = 0$ , where  $c$  is an integer parameter. Determine all values of  $c$  for which the number of integral solutions  $(x, y)$  satisfying the conditions (i) and (ii) is maximal:
- (i)  $|x|$  is a square of an integer;
  - (ii)  $y$  is a squarefree number.
8. Consider the cube with the vertices at the points  $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)$ . Let  $V_1, \dots, V_{95}$  be arbitrary points within this cube. Denote  $v_i = \overrightarrow{OV_i}$ , where  $O = (0, 0, 0)$  is the origin. Consider the  $2^{95}$  vectors of the form  $s_1 v_1 + s_2 v_2 + \dots + s_{95} v_{95}$ , where  $s_i = \pm 1$ .
- (a) If  $d = 48$ , prove that among these vectors there is a vector  $w = (a, b, c)$  such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 48$ .
  - (b) Find a smaller  $d$  (the smaller, the better) with the same property.
9. Prove that for all positive integers  $n, m$  and all real numbers  $x, y > 0$  the following inequality holds:

$$(n-1)(m-1)(x^{n+m} + y^{n+m}) + (n+m-1)(x^n y^m + x^m y^n) \geq nm(x^{n+m-1} y + x y^{n+m-1}).$$