

3-rd International Mathematical Olympiad
Budapest – Veszprem, Hungary, July 6–16, 1961

First Day

1. Solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= a, \\x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= b^2, \\xy &= z^2,\end{aligned}$$

where a and b are given real numbers. What conditions must hold on a and b for the solutions to be positive and distinct? (Hungary)

2. Let a , b , and c be the lengths of a triangle whose area is S . Prove that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 4S\sqrt{3}.$$

In what case does equality hold? (Poland)

3. Solve the equation $\cos^n x - \sin^n x = 1$, where n is a given positive integer. (Bulgaria)

Second Day

4. In the interior of $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$ a point P is given. Let Q_1 , Q_2 , and Q_3 respectively be the intersections of PP_1 , PP_2 , and PP_3 with the opposite edges of $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$. Prove that among the ratios PP_1/PQ_1 , PP_2/PQ_2 , and PP_3/PQ_3 there exists at least one not larger than 2 and at least one not smaller than 2. (DR Germany)

5. Construct a triangle ABC if the following elements are given: $AC = b$, $AB = c$, and $\angle AMB = \omega$ ($\omega < 90^\circ$), where M is the midpoint of BC . Prove that the construction has a solution if and only if

$$b \tan \frac{\omega}{2} \leq c < b.$$

In what case does equality hold? (Czechoslovakia)

6. A plane ε is given and on one side of the plane three noncollinear points A , B , and C such that the plane determined by them is not parallel to ε . Three arbitrary points A' , B' , and C' in ε are selected. Let L , M , and N be the midpoints of AA' , BB' , and CC' , and G the centroid of $\triangle LMN$. Find the locus of all points obtained for G as A' , B' , and C' are varied (independently of each other) across ε . (Romania)