

13-th International Mathematical Olympiad

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First Day – July 13

1. Prove that the following statement is true for $n = 3$ and for $n = 5$, and false for all other $n > 2$:

For any real numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n ,

$$(a_1 - a_2)(a_1 - a_3) \cdots (a_1 - a_n) + (a_2 - a_1)(a_2 - a_3) \cdots (a_2 - a_n) + \dots \\ + (a_n - a_1)(a_n - a_2) \cdots (a_n - a_{n-1}) \geq 0. \quad (\text{Hungary})$$

2. Given a convex polyhedron P_1 with 9 vertices A_1, \dots, A_9 , let us denote by P_2, P_3, \dots, P_9 the images of P_1 under the translations mapping the vertex A_1 to A_2, A_3, \dots, A_9 , respectively. Prove that among the polyhedra P_1, \dots, P_9 at least two have a common interior point. *(Soviet Union)*
3. Prove that the sequence $2^n - 3$ ($n > 1$) contains a subsequence of numbers relatively prime in pairs. *(Poland)*

Second Day – July 14

4. Given a tetrahedron $ABCD$ all of whose faces are acute-angled triangles, set $\sigma = \angle DAB + \angle BCD - \angle ABC - \angle CDA$.

Consider all closed broken lines $XYZTX$ whose vertices X, Y, Z, T lie in the interior of segments AB, BC, CD, DA respectively. Prove that:

- (a) if $\sigma \neq 0$, then there is no broken line $XYZT$ of minimal length;
(b) if $\sigma = 0$, then there are infinitely many such broken lines of minimal length. That length equals $2AC \sin(\alpha/2)$, where

$$\alpha = \angle BAC + \angle CAD + \angle DAB. \quad (\text{Netherlands})$$

5. Prove that for every natural number $m \geq 1$ there exists a finite set S_m of points in the plane satisfying the following condition: If A is any point in S_m , then there are exactly m points in S_m whose distance to A equals 1. *(Bulgaria)*

6. Consider the $n \times n$ array of nonnegative integers

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix},$$

with the following property: If an element a_{ij} is zero, then the sum of the elements of the i th row and the j th column is greater than or equal to n . Prove that the sum of all the elements is greater than or equal to $\geq \frac{1}{2}n^2$. *(Sweden)*