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1. Solve the system

$$\begin{aligned}x + \log\left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right) &= y \\y + \log\left(y + \sqrt{y^2 + 1}\right) &= z \\z + \log\left(z + \sqrt{z^2 + 1}\right) &= x.\end{aligned}$$

2. Let H be a semicircle with diameter PQ . A circle O is internally tangent to H and touches diameter PQ at point C . Points A on H and B on PQ are such that AB is orthogonal to PQ and tangent to circle O . Prove that AC bisects $\angle PAB$.

3. If k and n are positive integers, prove the inequality

$$\frac{1}{kn} + \frac{1}{kn+1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(k+1)n-1} \geq n \left(\sqrt[n]{\frac{k+1}{k}} - 1 \right).$$

4. Find all integers m and n satisfying $m^3 - n^3 - 9mn = 27$.

5. Let n be an odd positive integer and let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be n distinct real numbers that satisfy $|x_i - x_j| \leq 1$ for $1 \leq i < j \leq n$. Prove that

$$\sum_{i < j} |x_i - x_j| \leq \left[\frac{n}{2} \right] \left(\left[\frac{n}{2} \right] + 1 \right).$$

6. A 1995×1995 square board is given. A coloring of the cells of the board is called *good* if the cells can be rearranged so as to produce a colored square board that is symmetric with respect to the main diagonal. Find all values of k for which any k -coloring of the given board is good.

7. For certain n countries there is an airline connecting any two countries, but some of the airlines are closed. Show that if the number of the closed airlines does not exceed $n - 3$, then one can make a round trip using the remaining airlines, starting from one of the countries, visiting every country exactly once and returning to the starting country.

8. A real number α is given. Find all functions $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ satisfying

$$\alpha x^2 f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1} \quad \text{for all } x > 0.$$