

Dutch Mathematical Olympiad 1995

Second Round

September 15

1. A kangaroo jumps from lattice point to lattice point in the coordinate plane. It can make only two kinds of jumps: (A) 1 to the right and 3 up, and (B) 2 to the left and 4 down.
 - (a) The start position of the kangaroo is $(0,0)$. Show that it can jump to the point $(19,95)$ and determine the number of jumps needed.
 - (b) Show that if the start position is $(1,0)$, then it cannot reach $(19,95)$.
 - (c) If the start position is $(0,0)$, find all points (m,n) with $m,n \geq 0$ which the kangaroo can reach.
2. For any point P on a segment AB , isosceles and right-angled triangles AQP and PRB are constructed on the same side of AB , with AP and PB as the bases. Determine the locus of the midpoint M of QR when P describes the segment AB .
3. Let 101 marbles be numbered from 1 to 101. The marbles are divided over two baskets A and B . The marble numbered 40 is in basket A . When this marble is removed from basket A and put in B , the averages of the numbers in A and B both increase by $1/4$. How many marbles were there originally in basket A ?
4. A number of spheres with radius 1 are being placed in the form of a square pyramid. First, there is a layer in the form of a square with n^2 spheres. On top of that layer comes the next layer with $(n-1)^2$ spheres, and so on. The top layer consists of only one sphere. Compute the height of the pyramid.
5. An array $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{13})$ of 13 integers is called *tame* if for each $1 \leq i \leq 13$ the following condition holds: If a_i is left out, the remaining twelve integers can be divided into two groups with the same sum of elements. A tame array is called *turbo tame* if the remaining twelve numbers can always be divided in two groups of six numbers having the same sum.
 - (a) Give an example of a tame array of 13 integers (not all equal).
 - (b) Prove that in a tame array all numbers are of the same parity.
 - (c) Prove that in a turbo tame array all numbers are equal.