

31-st Vietnamese Mathematical Olympiad 1993

First Day

1. Find the maximum and minimum values of the function

$$f(x) = x \left(1993 + \sqrt{1995 - x^2} \right)$$

on its range.

2. Let $ABCD$ be a given quadrilateral whose no two sides are parallel. A parallelogram $MNPQ$ varies so that M, N, P, Q are interior points of sides AB, BC, CD, DA respectively. Find the locus of the centroid of the parallelogram.
3. Construct a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$f(f(n)) = 1993n^{1945} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Second Day

4. Find all tetrahedra $ABCD$ inscribed in a given sphere for which

$$AB^2 + AC^2 + AD^2 - BC^2 - CD^2 - BD^2$$

attains its minimum.

5. Each vertex of a convex polygon $A_1A_2 \dots A_{1993}$ is assigned by $+$ or $-$. In each step we reassign all the vertices simultaneously, putting at A_i $+$ if the signs at A_i and A_{i+1} are the same (where $A_{1994} = A_1$), and $-$ otherwise. Prove that after several steps the position after the first step will repeat.
6. Two sequences $(a_n), (b_n)$ are defined by $a_0 = 2, b_0 = 1$ and

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{2a_n b_n}{a_n + b_n}, \quad b_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_{n+1} b_n} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove that these two sequences have the same limit and evaluate this limit.