

Vietnamese IMO Team Selection Test 2004

First Day

1. For a set $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2004}\}$ with $a_1 < \dots < a_{2004}$, let $f(a_i)$ denote the number of elements of S that are coprime with a_i . Suppose that $f(a_1) = \dots = f(a_{2004}) < 2003$. Find the smallest positive integer k such that for every set S with the described properties, every k -element subset of S contains two elements that are not coprime.

2. Find all real numbers α for which there is a unique function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$f(x^2 + y + f(y)) = f(x)^2 + \alpha y \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

3. Two circles Γ_1 and Γ_2 in the plane intersect each other at A and B . The tangents to Γ_1 at A and B meet at K . Let $M \neq A, B$ be an arbitrary point on Γ_1 . The line MK meets Γ_1 again at C , and the lines MA and CA meet Γ_2 again at P and Q , respectively.

- (a) Prove that the midpoint of PQ lies on the line MC .
(b) Show that all lines PQ pass through a single point as M varies.

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4. The sequence (x_n) is defined by $x_1 = 603$, $x_2 = 102$ and

$$x_{n+2} = x_n + x_{n+1} + 2\sqrt{x_n x_{n+1} - 2} \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (a) Prove that x_n is a positive integer for all n .
(b) Prove that there are infinitely many terms x_n whose decimal representations end with 2003.
(c) Prove that there is no x_n whose decimal representation ends with 2004.
5. Let $A_1, B_1, C_1, D_1, E_1, F_1$ be the midpoints of the sides AB, BC, CD, DE, EF, FA respectively of a hexagon $ABCDEF$. Let p be the perimeter of hexagon $ABCDEF$ and p_1 be that of $A_1B_1C_1D_1E_1F_1$. Suppose that the hexagon $A_1B_1C_1D_1E_1F_1$ has equal angles. Prove that $p \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}p_1$. When does equality hold?
6. A finite set S of positive integers is such that its greatest and smallest element are coprime. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let S_n denote the set of natural numbers which can be represented as a sum of at most n elements of S (not necessarily different). Prove that if a is the greatest element of S , then there is an integer b such that $|S_n| = an + b$ for all sufficiently large n .