

34th International Mathematical Olympiad
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Day I

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1. Let $f(x) = x^n + 5x^{n-1} + 3$, where $n > 1$ is an integer. Prove that $f(x)$ cannot be expressed as the product of two nonconstant polynomials with integer coefficients.
2. Let D be a point inside acute triangle ABC such that $\angle ADB = \angle ACB + \pi/2$ and $AC \cdot BD = AD \cdot BC$.
 - (a) Calculate the ratio $(AB \cdot CD)/(AC \cdot BD)$.
 - (b) Prove that the tangents at C to the circumcircles of $\triangle ACD$ and $\triangle BCD$ are perpendicular.
3. On an infinite chessboard, a game is played as follows. At the start, n^2 pieces are arranged on the chessboard in an n by n block of adjoining squares, one piece in each square. A move in the game is a jump in a horizontal or vertical direction over an adjacent occupied square to an unoccupied square immediately beyond. The piece which has been jumped over is removed.
Find those values of n for which the game can end with only one piece remaining on the board.

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4. For three points P, Q, R in the plane, we define $m(PQR)$ as the minimum length of the three altitudes of $\triangle PQR$. (If the points are collinear, we set $m(PQR) = 0$.)

Prove that for points A, B, C, X in the plane,

$$m(ABC) \leq m(ABX) + m(AXC) + m(XBC).$$

5. Does there exist a function $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ such that $f(1) = 2$, $f(f(n)) = f(n) + n$ for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$, and $f(n) < f(n + 1)$ for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$?
6. There are n lamps L_0, \dots, L_{n-1} in a circle ($n > 1$), where we denote $L_{n+k} = L_k$. (A lamp at all times is either on or off.) Perform steps s_0, s_1, \dots as follows: at step s_i , if L_{i-1} is lit, switch L_i from on to off or vice versa, otherwise do nothing. Initially all lamps are on. Show that:
- (a) There is a positive integer $M(n)$ such that after $M(n)$ steps all the lamps are on again;
 - (b) If $n = 2^k$, we can take $M(n) = n^2 - 1$;
 - (c) If $n = 2^k + 1$, we can take $M(n) = n^2 - n + 1$.