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1 Given is a triangle $A B C$, its circumcircle $\omega$, and a circle $k$ that touches $\omega$ from the outside, and also touches rays $A B$ and $A C$ in $P$ and $Q$, respectively. Prove that the $A$-excenter of $\triangle A B C$ is the midpoint of $\overline{P Q}$.

2 Find the smallest positive integer $n \neq 2004$ for which there exists a polynomial $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ such that the equation $f(x)=2004$ has at least one, and the equation $f(x)=n$ has at least 2004 different integer solutions.

3 We have placed some red and blue points along a circle. The following operations are permitted:
(a) we may add a red point somewhere and switch the color of its neighbors,
(b) we may take off a red point from somewhere and switch the color of its neighbors (if there are at least 3 points on the circle and there is a red one too).

Initially, there are two blue points on the circle. Using a number of these operations, can we reach a state with exactly two red point?

