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- 1 Show that $3x^5 + 5x^3 - 8x$ is divisible by 120 for any integer x

- 2 A tetrahedron has the property that the three segments connecting the pairs of midpoints of opposite edges are equal and mutually orthogonal. Prove that this tetrahedron is regular.

- 3 Show how to construct (by a ruler and a compass) a right-angled triangle, given its inradius and circumradius.

- 4 Given $I_0 = \{-1, 1\}$, define I_n recurrently as the set of solutions x of the equations $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - 4^n = 0$, where y ranges over all elements of I_{n-1} . Determine the union of the sets I_n over all nonnegative integers n .

- 5 Let a_1, a_2, \dots and b_1, b_2, \dots be two arbitrary infinite sequences of natural numbers. Prove that there exist different indices r and s such that $a_r \geq a_s$ and $b_r \geq b_s$.

- 6 There are three balls of distinct colors in a bag. We repeatedly draw out the balls one by one, the balls are put back into the bag after each drawing. What is the probability that, after n drawings,
 - (a) exactly one color occurred?
 - (b) exactly two colors occurred?
 - (c) all three colors occurred?

- 7 A square paper of side n is divided into n^2 unit square cells. A maze is drawn on the paper with unit walls between some cells in such a way that one can reach every cell from every other cell not crossing any wall. Find, in terms of n , the largest possible total length of the walls.