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- 1 Players  $A$  and  $B$  play the following game:  $A$  tosses a coin  $n$  times, and  $B$  does  $n + 1$  times. The player who obtains more heads wins; or in the case of equal balances,  $A$  is assigned victory. Find the values of  $n$  for which this game is fair (i.e. both players have equal chances for victory).

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- 2 In a basketball tournament any two of the  $n$  teams  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  play one match (no draws). Denote by  $v_i$  and  $p_i$  the number of victories and defeats of team  $S_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), respectively. Prove that  $v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2 = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + \dots + p_n^2$ .

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- 3 A regular pentagon of side length 1 is given. Determine the smallest  $r$  for which the pentagon can be covered by five discs of radius  $r$  and justify your answer.

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- 4 Show that all terms of the sequence 1, 11, 111, 1111, ... in base 9 are triangular numbers, i.e. of the form  $\frac{m(m+1)}{2}$  for an integer  $m$ .

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- 5 Given four non-coplanar points, is it always possible to find a plane such that the orthogonal projections of the points onto the plane are the vertices of a parallelogram? How many such planes are there in general?

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- 6 The edge lengths of the base of a tetrahedron are  $a, b, c$ , and the lateral edge lengths are  $x, y, z$ . If  $d$  is the distance from the top vertex to the centroid of the base, prove that  $x + y + z \leq a + b + c + 3d$ .

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- 7 Given  $n \geq 3$  positive integers not exceeding 100, let  $d$  be their greatest common divisor. Show that there exist three of these numbers whose greatest common divisor is also equal to  $d$ .