

**Austria Beginners' Competition 2017**

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- 1 The nonnegative real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  satisfy  $a + b = 1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{a^3 + b^3}{a^2 + b^2} \leq 1$$

When do we have equality in the right inequality and when in the left inequality?

*Proposed by Walther Janous*

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- 2 . In the isosceles triangle  $ABC$  with  $AC = BC$  we denote by  $D$  the foot of the altitude through  $C$ . The midpoint of  $CD$  is denoted by  $M$ . The line  $BM$  intersects  $AC$  in  $E$ . Prove that the length of  $AC$  is three times that of  $CE$ .
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- 3 . Anthony denotes in sequence all positive integers which are divisible by 2. Bertha denotes in sequence all positive integers which are divisible by 3. Claire denotes in sequence all positive integers which are divisible by 4. Orderly Dora denotes all numbers written by the other three. Thereby she puts them in order by size and does not repeat a number. What is the 2017th number in her list?

*Proposed by Richard Henner*

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- 4 How many solutions does the equation:

$$\left[ \frac{x}{20} \right] = \left[ \frac{x}{17} \right]$$

have over the set of positive integers?  $[a]$  denotes the largest integer that is less than or equal to  $a$ .

*Proposed by Karl Czakler*

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