

**German National Olympiad 1996, Final Round**[www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c1079922](http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c1079922)

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– Day 1

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- 1** Find all natural numbers  $n$  with the following property:  
Given the decimal writing of  $n$ , adding a few digits one can obtain the decimal writing of  $1996n$ .
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- 2** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive real numbers smaller than 1. Prove that the following two statements are equivalent:  
(i)  $a + b = 1$ ,  
(ii) Whenever  $x, y$  are positive real numbers such that  $x < 1, y < 1, ax + by < 1$ , the following inequality holds:  $\frac{1}{1-ax-by} \leq \frac{a}{1-x} + \frac{b}{1-y}$
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- 3** Let be given an arbitrary tetrahedron  $ABCD$  with volume  $V$ . Consider all lines which pass through the barycenter  $S$  of the tetrahedron and intersect the edges  $AD, BD, CD$  at points  $A', B', C$  respectively. It is known that among the obtained tetrahedra there exists one with the minimal volume. Express this minimal volume in terms of  $V$
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– Day 2

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- 4** Find all pairs of real numbers  $(x, y)$  which satisfy the system

$$\begin{cases} x - y = 7 \\ \sqrt[3]{x^2} + \sqrt[3]{xy} + \sqrt[3]{y^2} = 7 \end{cases}$$

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- 5** Given two non-intersecting chords  $AB$  and  $CD$  of a circle  $k$  and a length  $a < CD$ . Determine a point  $X$  on  $k$  with the following property: If lines  $XA$  and  $XB$  intersect  $CD$  at points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively, then  $PQ = a$ . Show how to construct all such points  $X$  and prove that the obtained points indeed have the desired property.
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- 6a** Prove the following statement:  
If a polynomial  $p(x) = x^3 + Ax^2 + Bx + C$  has three real roots at least two of which are distinct, then  $A^2 + B^2 + 18C > 0$ .
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- 6b** Each point of a plane is colored in one of three colors: red, black and blue. Prove that there exists a rectangle in this plane whose vertices all have the same color.
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