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– Day 1

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**1** Prove that there are no perfect squares  $a, b, c$  such that  $ab - bc = a$ .
 

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**2** For a positive integer  $k$ , let us denote by  $u(k)$  the greatest odd divisor of  $k$ .  
 Prove that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \frac{u(k)}{k} > \frac{2}{3}$ .
 

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**3** In a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  we are given that  $\angle CBD = 10^\circ$ ,  $\angle CAD = 20^\circ$ ,  $\angle ABD = 40^\circ$ ,  $\angle BAC = 50^\circ$ . Determine the angles  $\angle BCD$  and  $\angle ADC$ .
 

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– Day 2

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**4** Find all real solutions  $(x, y, z)$  of the system of equations
 

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$$\begin{cases} x^3 = 2y - 1 \\ y^3 = 2z - 1 \\ z^3 = 2x - 1 \end{cases}$$


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**5** We are given  $n$  discs in a plane, possibly overlapping, whose union has the area 1. Prove that we can choose some of them which are mutually disjoint and have the total area greater than  $1/9$ .
 

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**6a** Let us define  $f$  and  $g$  by  $f(x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 5x^3 + 5x^2 + 1$ ,  $g(x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 1$ . Determine all prime numbers  $p$  such that, for at least one integer  $x$ ,  $0 \leq x < p - 1$ , both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are divisible by  $p$ . For each such  $p$ , find all  $x$  with this property.
 

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**6b** An approximate construction of a regular pentagon goes as follows. Inscribe an arbitrary convex pentagon  $P_1P_2P_3P_4P_5$  in a circle. Now choose an error bound  $\epsilon > 0$  and apply the following procedure.
 

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 (a) Denote  $P_0 = P_5$  and  $P_6 = P_1$  and construct the midpoint  $Q_i$  of the circular arc  $P_{i-1}P_{i+1}$  containing  $P_i$ .

 (b) Rename the vertices  $Q_1, \dots, Q_5$  as  $P_1, \dots, P_5$ .

 (c) Repeat this procedure until the difference between the lengths of the longest and the shortest among the arcs  $P_iP_{i+1}$  is less than  $\epsilon$ .

 Prove this procedure must end in a finite time for any choice of  $\epsilon$  and the points  $P_i$ .
 

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