

**German National Olympiad 1998, Final Round**

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– Day 1

**1** Find all possible numbers of lines in a plane which intersect in exactly 37 points.

**2** Two pupils  $A$  and  $B$  play the following game. They begin with a pile of 1998 matches and  $A$  plays first. A player who is on turn must take a nonzero square number of matches from the pile. The winner is the one who makes the last move. Decide who has the winning strategy and give one such strategy.

**3** For each nonnegative integer  $k$  find all nonnegative integers  $x, y, z$  such that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 8^k$

– Day 2

**4** Let  $a$  be a positive real number. Then prove that the polynomial

$$p(x) = a^3x^3 + a^2x^2 + ax + a$$

has integer roots if and only if  $a = 1$  and determine those roots.

**5** A sequence  $(a_n)$  is given by  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1$  and  $a_{k+2} = a_{k+1} + a_k$  for all integers  $k \geq 0$ . Prove that the inequality  $\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_k}{2^k} < 2$  holds for all positive integers  $n$ .

**6a** Find all real pairs  $(x, y)$  that solve the system of equations

$$x^5 = 21x^3 + y^3 \tag{1}$$

$$y^5 = x^3 + 21y^3. \tag{2}$$

**6b** Prove that the following statement holds for all odd integers  $n \geq 3$ :  
If a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  can be partitioned by lines into  $n$  cyclic quadrilaterals, then  $ABCD$  is itself cyclic.