

**Federal Competition For Advanced Students, Part 1, 2019**

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- 1** We consider the two sequences  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \geq 0}$  of integers, which are given by  $a_0 = b_0 = 2$  and  $a_1 = b_1 = 14$  and for  $n \geq 2$  they are defined as  $a_n = 14a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ ,  $b_n = 6b_{n-1} - b_{n-2}$ . Determine whether there are infinite numbers that occur in both sequences

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- 2** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $I$  its incenter. The circle passing through  $A, C$  and  $I$  intersect the line  $BC$  for second time at point  $X$ . The circle passing through  $B, C$  and  $I$  intersects the line  $AC$  for second time at point  $Y$ . Show that the segments  $AY$  and  $BX$  have equal length.

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- 3** Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer. Ariane and Brnice play a game on the number of the residue classes modulo  $n$ . At the beginning there is the residue class 1 on each piece of paper. It is the turn of the player whose turn it is to replace the current residue class  $x$  with either  $x + 1$  or by  $2x$ . The two players take turns, with Ariane starting. Ariane wins if the residue class 0 is reached during the game. Brnice wins if she can prevent that permanently. Depending on  $n$ , determine which of the two has a winning strategy.

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- 4** Find all pairs  $(a, b)$  of real numbers such that  $a \cdot \lfloor b \cdot n \rfloor = b \cdot \lfloor a \cdot n \rfloor$  applies to all positive integers  $n$ . (For a real number  $x$ ,  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the largest integer that is less than or equal to  $x$ .)

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