

**National Mathematical Olympiad 1997**

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– 2nd Round

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**1**  $\triangle ABC$  is an equilateral triangle.  $L, M$  and  $N$  are points on  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  respectively. Prove that  $MA \cdot AN + NB \cdot BL + LC \cdot CM < BC^2$ .

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**2** Observe that the number 4 is such that  $\binom{4}{k} = \frac{4!}{k!(4-k)!}$  divisible by  $k+1$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . Find all the natural numbers  $n$  between 50 and 90 such that  $\binom{n}{k}$  is divisible by  $k+1$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Justify your answers.

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**3** Find all the natural numbers  $N$  which satisfy the following properties:  
 (i)  $N$  has exactly 6 distinct factors  $1, d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, N$  and  
 (ii)  $1 + N = 5(d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + d_4)$ .  
 Justify your answers.

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**4** Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer. Suppose that  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  are  $2n$  numbers such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i = 1$  and  $a_i \geq 0, 0 \leq b_i \leq \frac{n-1}{n}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Show that

$$b_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n + a_1 b_2 a_3 \dots a_n + \dots + a_1 a_2 \dots a_{k-1} b_k a_{k+1} \dots a_n + \dots + a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} b_n \leq \frac{1}{n(n-1)^{n-2}}$$


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