Germany Team Selection Test 2017

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– VAIMO 1

1 The leader of an IMO team chooses positive integers n and k with $n > k$, and announces them to the deputy leader and a contestant. The leader then secretly tells the deputy leader an n-digit binary string, and the deputy leader writes down all n-digit binary strings which differ from the leaders in exactly k positions. (For example, if $n = 3$ and $k = 1$, and if the leader chooses 101, the deputy leader would write down $001, 111$ and 100.) The contestant is allowed to look at the strings written by the deputy leader and guess the leaders string. What is the minimum number of guesses (in terms of n and k) needed to guarantee the correct answer?

2 In a convex quadrilateral $ABCD$, BD is the angle bisector of $\angle ABC$. The circumcircle of ABC intersects CD, AD in P, Q respectively and the line through D parallel to AC cuts AB, AC in R, S respectively. Prove that point P, Q, R, S lie on a circle.

3 Denote by $\mathbb{N}$ the set of all positive integers. Find all functions $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ such that for all positive integers m and n, the integer $f(m) + f(n) - mn$ is nonzero and divides $mf(m) + nf(n)$.

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– VAIMO 2

1 Find the smallest constant $C > 0$ for which the following statement holds: among any five positive real numbers a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 (not necessarily distinct), one can always choose distinct subscripts i, j, k, l such that

$$\left| \frac{a_i}{a_j} - \frac{a_k}{a_l} \right| \le C.$$

2 Let n be a positive integer relatively prime to 6. We paint the vertices of a regular n-gon with three colours so that there is an odd number of vertices of each colour. Show that there exists an isosceles triangle whose three vertices are of different colours.

3 Let ABC be a triangle with $AB = AC \neq BC$ and let I be its incentre. The line BI meets AC at D, and the line through D perpendicular to AC meets AI at E. Prove that the reflection of I in AC lies on the circumcircle of triangle BDE.