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- 1** Find the smallest n for which we can find 15 distinct elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{15} of $\{16, 17, \dots, n\}$ such that a_k is a multiple of k .
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- 2** The sequence a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots is defined by $a_{n+1} = a_n^2 + (a_n - 1)^2$ for $n \geq 0$. Find all rational numbers a_0 for which there exist four distinct indices k, m, p, q such that $a_q - a_p = a_m - a_k$.
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- 3** Given is a triangle ABC , the inscribed circle G of which has radius r . Let r_a be the radius of the circle touching AB, AC and G . [This circle lies inside triangle ABC .] Define r_b and r_c similarly. Prove that $r_a + r_b + r_c \geq r$ and find all cases in which equality occurs.

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- 4** Let $n \geq 3$ cells be arranged into a circle. Each cell can be occupied by 0 or 1. The following operation is admissible: Choose any cell C occupied by a 1, change it into a 0 and simultaneously reverse the entries in the two cells adjacent to C (so that x, y become $1 - x, 1 - y$). Initially, there is a 1 in one cell and zeros elsewhere. For which values of n is it possible to obtain zeros in all cells in a finite number of admissible steps?
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- 5** Let $P(x) = x^4 + a_1x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_3x + a_4$ be a polynomial with rational coefficients. Show that if $P(x)$ has exactly one real root ξ , then ξ is a rational number.
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- 6** The sequences $(x_n), (y_n), (z_n)$ are given by $x_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{x_n}, y_{n+1} = z_n + \frac{1}{y_n}, z_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{z_n}$ for $n \geq 0$ where x_0, y_0, z_0 are given positive numbers. Prove that these sequences are unbounded.

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- 7** Let $a > 3$ be an odd integer. Show that for every positive integer n the number $a^{2^n} - 1$ has at least $n + 1$ distinct prime divisors.
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- 8** The plane has been partitioned into N regions by three bunches of parallel lines. What is the least number of lines needed in order that $N > 1981$?
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- 9** For a function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ we define $f^1 = f$ and $f^{n+1}(x) = f(f^n(x))$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Given that there is a n such that $|f^n(x) - f^n(y)| < |x - y|$ for all distinct $x, y \in [0, 1]$,

prove that there is a unique $x_0 \in [0, 1]$ such that $f(x_0) = x_0$.
