

South East Mathematical Olympiad 2020

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– Grade 10

– Day 1

1 Let $f(x) = a(3a + 2c)x^2 - 2b(2a + c)x + b^2 + (c + a)^2$ ($a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a(3a + 2c) \neq 0$). If

$$f(x) \leq 1$$

for any real x , find the maximum of $|ab|$.

2 In a scalene triangle $\triangle ABC$, $AB < AC$, PB and PC are tangents of the circumcircle (O) of $\triangle ABC$. A point R lies on the arc \widehat{AC} (not containing B), PR intersects (O) again at Q . Suppose I is the incenter of $\triangle ABC$, $ID \perp BC$ at D , QD intersects (O) again at G . A line passing through I and perpendicular to AI intersects AB, AC at M, N , respectively. Prove that, if $AR \parallel BC$, then A, G, M, N are concyclic.

3 Given a polynomial $f(x) = x^{2020} + \sum_{i=0}^{2019} c_i x^i$, where $c_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$. Denote N the number of positive integer roots of $f(x) = 0$ (counting multiplicity). If $f(x) = 0$ has no negative integer roots, find the maximum of N .

4 Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{17} be a permutation of $1, 2, \dots, 17$ such that $(a_1 - a_2)(a_2 - a_3) \dots (a_{17} - a_1) = n^{17}$. Find the maximum possible value of n .

– Day 2

5 Consider the set $I = \{1, 2, \dots, 2020\}$. Let $W = \{w(a, b) = (a + b) + ab \mid a, b \in I\} \cap I$, $Y = \{y(a, b) = (a + b) \cdot ab \mid a, b \in I\} \cap I$ be its two subsets. Further, let $X = W \cap Y$.

(1) Find the sum of maximal and minimal elements in X .

(2) An element $n = y(a, b)$ ($a \leq b$) in Y is called *excellent*, if its representation is not unique (for instance, $20 = y(1, 5) = y(2, 3)$). Find the number of *excellent* elements in Y .

(2) is only for Grade 11.

6 In a quadrilateral $ABCD$, $\angle ABC = \angle ADC < 90^\circ$. The circle with diameter AC intersects BC and CD again at E, F , respectively. M is the midpoint of BD , and $AN \perp BD$ at N . Prove that M, N, E, F is concyclic.

7 Given any prime $p \geq 3$. Show that for all sufficient large positive integer x , at least one of $x + 1, x + 2, \dots, x + \frac{p+3}{2}$ has a prime divisor greater than p .

8 Using a nozzle to paint each square in a $1 \times n$ stripe, when the nozzle is aiming at the i -th square, the square is painted black, and simultaneously, its left and right neighboring square (if exists) each has an independent probability of $\frac{1}{2}$ to be painted black.

In the optimal strategy (i.e. achieving least possible number of painting), the expectation of number of painting to paint all the squares black, is $T(n)$. Find the explicit formula of $T(n)$.

– Grade 11

– Day 1

1 Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{17} be a permutation of $1, 2, \dots, 17$ such that $(a_1 - a_2)(a_2 - a_3) \dots (a_{17} - a_1) = 2^n$. Find the maximum possible value of positive integer n .

2 In a scalene triangle $\triangle ABC$, $AB < AC$, PB and PC are tangents of the circumcircle (O) of $\triangle ABC$. A point R lies on the arc \widehat{AC} (not containing B), PR intersects (O) again at Q . Suppose I is the incenter of $\triangle ABC$, $ID \perp BC$ at D , QD intersects (O) again at G . A line passing through I and perpendicular to AI intersects AG, AC at M, N , respectively. S is the midpoint of arc \widehat{AR} , and SN intersects (O) again at T . Prove that, if $AR \parallel BC$, then M, B, T are collinear.

3 Same as Grade 10 P3

4 Let $0 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_{n-1} \leq a_n$ such that $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = 1$. Prove for any non-negative numbers $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ the inequality

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i - \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_i} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i - \prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{a_i} \right) \leq a_n^2 \left(n \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{i=1}^n y_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{x_i} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{y_i} \right)^2.$$

– Day 2

5 Same as Grade 10 P5 (with part 2.)

6 Same as Grade 10 P6

7 Arrange all square-free positive integers in ascending order $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$. Prove that there are infinitely many positive integers n , such that $a_{n+1} - a_n = 2020$.

8 Same as Grade 10 P8.