

Northern Mathematical Olympiad 2006

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– Day 1

1 AB is the diameter of circle O , CD is a non-diameter chord that is perpendicular to AB . Let E be the midpoint of OC , connect AE and extend it to meet the circle at point P . Let DP and BC meet at F . Prove that F is the midpoint of BC .

2 p is a prime number that is greater than 2. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence such that $na_{n+1} = (n+1)a_n - \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^4$.

Show that if $a_1 = 5$, the $16 \mid a_{81}$.

3 AD is the altitude on side BC of triangle ABC . If $BC + AD - AB - AC = 0$, find the range of $\angle BAC$.

Alternative formulation. Let AD be the altitude of triangle ABC to the side BC . If $BC + AD = AB + AC$, then find the range of $\angle A$.

4 Given a function $f(x) = x^2 + ax + b$ with $a, b \in R$, if there exists a real number m such that $|f(m)| \leq \frac{1}{4}$ and $|f(m+1)| \leq \frac{1}{4}$, then find the maximum and minimum of the value of $\Delta = a^2 - 4b$.

– Day 2

5 a, b, c are positive numbers such that $a + b + c = 3$, show that:

$$\frac{a^2 + 9}{2a^2 + (b+c)^2} + \frac{b^2 + 9}{2b^2 + (a+c)^2} + \frac{c^2 + 9}{2c^2 + (a+b)^2} \leq 5$$

6 canceled

7 Can we put positive integers $1, 2, 3, \dots, 64$ into 8×8 grids such that the sum of the numbers in any 4 grids that have the form like T (3 on top and 1 under the middle one on the top, this can be rotate to any direction) can be divided by 5?

8 Given a sequence $\{a_n\}$ such that $a_{n+1} = a_n + \frac{1}{2006}a_n^2$, $n \in N$, $a_0 = \frac{1}{2}$.

Prove that $1 - \frac{1}{2008} < a_{2006} < 1$.

