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1 The incircle of a non-isosceles triangle $A B C$ with the center $I$ touches the sides $B C, C A, A B$ at $A_{1}, B_{1}, C_{1}$ respectively. The line $A I$ meets the circumcircle of $A B C$ at $A_{2}$. The line $B_{1} C_{1}$ meets the line $B C$ at $A_{3}$ and the line $A_{2} A_{3}$ meets the circumcircle of $A B C$ at $A_{4}\left(\neq A_{2}\right)$. Define $B_{4}, C_{4}$ similarly. Prove that the lines $A A_{4}, B B_{4}, C C_{4}$ are concurrent.

2 Let $a_{1}, a_{2}, \cdots, a_{k}$ be numbers such that $a_{i} \in\{0,1,2,3\}(i=1,2, \cdots, k)$. Let $z=\left(x_{k}, x_{k-1}, \cdots, x_{1}\right)_{4}$ be a base 4 expansion of $z \in\left\{0,1,2, \cdots, 4^{k}-1\right\}$. Define $A$ as follows:

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A=\left\{z \mid p(z)=z, z=0,1, \cdots, 4^{k}-1\right\}
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where

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p(z)=\sum_{i=1}^{k} a_{i} x_{i} 4^{i-1}
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Prove that the number of elements in $X$ is a power of 2.
3 Find all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, c \geq 0$ such that $a^{n}+2^{n} \mid b^{n}+c$ for all positive integers $n$ where $2 a b$ is nonsquare.

4 Positive integers 1 to 9 are written in each square of a $3 \times 3$ table. Let us define an operation as follows: Take an arbitrary row or column and replace these numbers $a, b, c$ with either nonnegative numbers $a-x, b-x, c+x$ or $a+x, b-x, c-x$, where $x$ is a positive number and can vary in each operation.
(1) Does there exist a series of operations such that all 9 numbers turn out to be equal from the following initial arrangement $a$ )? $b$ )?
a) $\left.\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 2 & 8 & 5 \\ & \begin{array}{ll} \\ 9 & 3\end{array} & 4 \\ 6 & 7 & 1\end{array}\right)$
(2) Determine the maximum value which all 9 numbers turn out to be equal to after some steps.

5 The incircle $\omega$ of a quadrilateral $A B C D$ touches $A B, B C, C D, D A$ at $E, F, G, H$, respectively. Choose an arbitrary point $X$ on the segment $A C$ inside $\omega$. The segments $X B, X D$ meet $\omega$ at $I, J$ respectively. Prove that $F J, I G, A C$ are concurrent.

6 Show that $x^{3}+x+a^{2}=y^{2}$ has at least one pair of positive integer solution $(x, y)$ for each positive integer $a$.

