



IMC 2021

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– Day 1 (August 3)

- 1** Let A be a real $n \times n$ matrix such that $A^3 = 0$
 a) prove that there is unique real $n \times n$ matrix X that satisfied the equation $X + AX + XA^2 = A$
 b) Express X in terms of A

- 2** Let n and k be fixed positive integers, and a be arbitrary nonnegative integer.
 Choose a random k -element subset X of $\{1, 2, \dots, k+a\}$ uniformly (i.e., all k -element subsets are chosen with the same probability) and, independently of X , choose random n -elements subset Y of $\{1, 2, \dots, k+a+n\}$ uniformly.
 Prove that the probability $P(\min(Y) > \max(X))$ does not depend on a .

- 3** We say that a positive real number d is *good* if there exists an infinite sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \in (0, d)$ such that for each n , the points a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n partition the interval $[0, d]$ into segments of length at most $\frac{1}{n}$ each. Find $\sup\{d \mid d \text{ is good}\}$.

- 4** Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Suppose that for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that for every pair (x, y) of real numbers, if $|x - y| < \min\{g(x), g(y)\}$, then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$
 Prove that f is pointwise limit of a sequence of continuous $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ functions i.e., there is a sequence h_1, h_2, \dots , of continuous $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n(x) = f(x)$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$

– Day 2 (August 4)

- 5** Let A be a real $n \times n$ matrix and suppose that for every positive integer m there exists a real symmetric matrix B such that

$$2021B = A^m + B^2.$$

Prove that $|\det A| \leq 1$.

- 6** For a prime number p , let $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ be the group of invertible 2×2 matrices of residues modulo p , and let S_p be the symmetric group (the group of all permutations) on p elements. Show that there is no injective group homomorphism $\phi : GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow S_p$.

- 7 Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be an open set containing the closed unit disk $\{z : |z| \leq 1\}$. Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function, and let $p(z)$ be a monic polynomial. Prove that

$$|f(0)| \leq \max_{|z|=1} |f(z)p(z)|$$

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- 8 Let n be a positive integer. At most how many distinct unit vectors can be selected in \mathbb{R}^n such that from any three of them, at least two are orthogonal?
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