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**Day 1** February 26, 2016

**1** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $D$  be a point on the segment  $BC$ ,  $D \neq B$  and  $D \neq C$ . The circle  $ABD$  meets the segment  $AC$  again at an interior point  $E$ . The circle  $ACD$  meets the segment  $AB$  again at an interior point  $F$ . Let  $A'$  be the reflection of  $A$  in the line  $BC$ . The lines  $A'C$  and  $DE$  meet at  $P$ , and the lines  $A'B$  and  $DF$  meet at  $Q$ . Prove that the lines  $AD$ ,  $BP$  and  $CQ$  are concurrent (or all parallel).

**2** Given positive integers  $m$  and  $n \geq m$ , determine the largest number of dominoes ( $1 \times 2$  or  $2 \times 1$  rectangles) that can be placed on a rectangular board with  $m$  rows and  $2n$  columns consisting of cells ( $1 \times 1$  squares) so that:

- (i) each domino covers exactly two adjacent cells of the board;
- (ii) no two dominoes overlap;
- (iii) no two form a  $2 \times 2$  square; and
- (iv) the bottom row of the board is completely covered by  $n$  dominoes.

**3** A *cubic sequence* is a sequence of integers given by  $a_n = n^3 + bn^2 + cn + d$ , where  $b, c$  and  $d$  are integer constants and  $n$  ranges over all integers, including negative integers. **(a)** Show that there exists a cubic sequence such that the only terms of the sequence which are squares of integers are  $a_{2015}$  and  $a_{2016}$ . **(b)** Determine the possible values of  $a_{2015} \cdot a_{2016}$  for a cubic sequence satisfying the condition in part **(a)**.

**Day 2** February 27, 2016

**4** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be positive real numbers such that:  $x + y^{2016} \geq 1$ . Prove that  $x^{2016} + y > 1 - \frac{1}{100}$

**5** A convex hexagon  $A_1B_1A_2B_2A_3B_3$  it is inscribed in a circumference  $\Omega$  with radius  $R$ . The diagonals  $A_1B_2, A_2B_3, A_3B_1$  are concurrent in  $X$ . For each  $i = 1, 2, 3$  let  $\omega_i$  tangent to the segments  $XA_i$  and  $XB_i$  and tangent to the arc  $A_iB_i$  of  $\Omega$  that does not contain the other vertices of the hexagon; let  $r_i$  the radius of  $\omega_i$ .

(a) Prove that  $R \geq r_1 + r_2 + r_3$  (b) If  $R = r_1 + r_2 + r_3$ , prove that the six points of tangency of the circumferences  $\omega_i$  with the diagonals  $A_1B_2, A_2B_3, A_3B_1$  are concyclic

**6** A set of  $n$  points in Euclidean 3-dimensional space, no four of which are coplanar, is partitioned

into two subsets  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ . An  $\mathcal{AB}$ -tree is a configuration of  $n - 1$  segments, each of which has an endpoint in  $\mathcal{A}$  and an endpoint in  $\mathcal{B}$ , and such that no segments form a closed polyline. An  $\mathcal{AB}$ -tree is transformed into another as follows: choose three distinct segments  $A_1B_1$ ,  $B_1A_2$ , and  $A_2B_2$  in the  $\mathcal{AB}$ -tree such that  $A_1$  is in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $|A_1B_1| + |A_2B_2| > |A_1B_2| + |A_2B_1|$ , and remove the segment  $A_1B_1$  to replace it by the segment  $A_1B_2$ . Given any  $\mathcal{AB}$ -tree, prove that every sequence of successive transformations comes to an end (no further transformation is possible) after finitely many steps.

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