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– Grade 9

P1 Let $f : \mathbb{N}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^*$ be a function such that $\frac{x^3+3x^2f(y)}{x+f(y)} + \frac{y^3+3y^2f(x)}{y+f(x)} = \frac{(x+y)^3}{f(x+y)}$, $(\forall)x, y \in \mathbb{N}^*$. a) Prove that $f(1) = 1$. b) Find function f .

P2 a) Prove that $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 1 \geq 0$, $(\forall)x \geq 0$. b) Let $x, y, z \geq 0$ such that $\frac{2}{1+x^3} + \frac{2}{1+y^3} + \frac{2}{1+z^3} = 3$. Prove that $\frac{1-x}{1-x+x^2} + \frac{1-y}{1-y+y^2} + \frac{1-z}{1-z+z^2} \geq 0$.

P3 a) Solve over the positive integers $3^x = x + 2$. b) Find pairs $(x, y) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ such that $(x + 3^y)$ and $(y + 3^x)$ are consecutive.

P4 We call a set of 6 points in the plane *splittable* if we can denote its elements by A, B, C, D, E and F in such a way that $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ have the same centroid.

-Construct a splittable set.

-Show that any set of 7 points has a subset of 6 points which is *not* splittable.

– Grade 10

P1 Determine all $x \in (0, 3/4)$ which satisfy

$$\log_x(1-x) + \log_2 \frac{1-x}{x} = \frac{1}{(\log_2 x)^2}.$$

P2 Let z_1, z_2 and z_3 be complex numbers of modulus 1, such that $|z_i - z_j| \geq \sqrt{2}$ for all $i \neq j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. Prove that

$$|z_1 + z_2| + |z_2 + z_3| + |z_3 + z_1| \leq 3.$$

Mathematical Gazette

P3 A positive integer $n \geq 4$ is called *interesting* if there exists a complex number z such that $|z| = 1$ and

$$1 + z + z^2 + z^{n-1} + z^n = 0.$$

Find how many interesting numbers are smaller than 2022.

P4 Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfy the following relationship for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$f(f(y-x) - xf(y)) + f(x) = y \cdot (1 - f(x)).$$

– Grade 11

P1 Let $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be functions which satisfy

$$\inf_{x>a} f(x) = g(a) \text{ and } \sup_{x<a} g(x) = f(a),$$

for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Given that f has Darboux's Property (intermediate value property), show that functions f and g are continuous and equal to each other.

Mathematical Gazette

P2 Let $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_3(\mathbb{R})$ be matrices such that $A^2 + B^2 = O_3$. Prove that $\det(aA + bB) = 0$ for any real numbers a and b .

P3 Let $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be the sequence defined recursively as such:

$$x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = \frac{x_1}{n+1} + \frac{x_2}{n+2} + \cdots + \frac{x_n}{2n} \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Consider the sequence $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$ such that $y_n = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)/n$ for all $n \geq 1$. Prove that

- $x_{n+1}^2 < y_n/2$ and $y_{n+1} < (2n+1)/(2n+2) \cdot y_n$ for all $n \geq 1$;
 - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$.

P4 Let $A \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ where $n \geq 2$. Prove that if $m = |\{\text{rank}(A^k) - \text{rank}(A^{k+1}) : k \in \mathbb{N}^*\}|$ then $n+1 \geq m(m+1)/2$.

– Grade 12

P1 Let e be the identity of monoid (M, \cdot) and $a \in M$ an invertible element. Prove that

-The set $M_a := \{x \in M : ax^2a = e\}$ is nonempty;
 -If $b \in M_a$ is invertible, then $b^{-1} \in M_a$ if and only if $a^4 = e$;
 -If (M_a, \cdot) is a monoid, then $x^2 = e$ for all $x \in M_a$.

Mathematical Gazette

P2 Let (G, \cdot) be a group and $H \neq G$ be a subgroup so that $x^2 = y^2$ for all $x, y \in G \setminus H$. Show that (H, \cdot) is an Abelian group.

P3 Find all values of $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ for which

$$I_n := \int_0^\pi \cos(x) \cdot \cos(2x) \cdot \dots \cdot \cos(nx) \, dx = 0.$$

P4 Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open interval and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a strictly monotonous function. Prove that for all $c \in I$ there exist $a, b \in I$ such that $c \in (a, b)$ and

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = f(c) \cdot (b - a).$$
