

**Brazilian Undergraduate Math Olympiad 2021**

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**Problem 1** Consider the matrices like

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

such that  $\det(M) = 1$ .

Show that

- a) There are infinitely many matrices like above with  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$
- b) There are finitely many matrices like above with  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Problem 2** Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  from  $C^2$  (id est,  $f$  is twice differentiable and  $f''$  is continuous.) such that for every real number  $t$  we have  $f(t)^2 = f(t\sqrt{2})$ .

**Problem 3** Find all positive integers  $k$  for which there is an irrational  $\alpha > 1$  and a positive integer  $N$  such that  $\lfloor \alpha^n \rfloor$  is of the form  $m^2 - k$  com  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  for every integer  $n > N$ .

**Problem 4** For every positive integer  $n > 1$ , let  $k(n)$  the largest positive integer  $k$  such that there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $n = m^k$ .

Find

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{j=2}^{j=n+1} k(j)}{n}$$

**Problem 5** Find all triplets  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that there exists a matrix  $A_{3 \times 3}$  with all entries being non-negative reals whose eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ .

**Problem 6** We recursively define a set of *goody pairs* of words on the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$  as follows:

- $(a, b)$  is a goody pair;
- $(\alpha, \beta) \neq (a, b)$  is a goody pair if and only if there is a goody pair  $(u, v)$  such that  $(\alpha, \beta) = (uv, v)$  or  $(\alpha, \beta) = (u, uv)$

Show that if  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a good pair then there exists a palindrome  $\gamma$  (possibly empty) such that  $\alpha\beta = a\gamma b$