



**IMC 2022**

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– Day 1 (August 3)

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- 1** Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be an integrable function such that  $f(x)f(1-x) = 1$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Prove that  $\int_0^1 f(x)dx \geq 1$ .
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- 2** For a positive integer  $n$  determine all  $n \times n$  real matrices  $A$  which have only real eigenvalues and such that there exists an integer  $k \geq n$  with  $A + A^k = A^T$ .
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- 3** Let  $p$  be a prime number. A flea is staying at point 0 of the real line. At each minute, the flea has three possibilities: to stay at its position, or to move by 1 to the left or to the right. After  $p - 1$  minutes, it wants to be at 0 again. Denote by  $f(p)$  the number of its strategies to do this (for example,  $f(3) = 3$ : it may either stay at 0 for the entire time, or go to the left and then to the right, or go to the right and then to the left). Find  $f(p)$  modulo  $p$ .
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- 4** Let  $n > 3$  be an integer. Let  $\Omega$  be the set of all triples of distinct elements of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $m$  denote the minimal number of colours which suffice to colour  $\Omega$  so that whenever  $1 \leq a < b < c < d \leq n$ , the triples  $\{a, b, c\}$  and  $\{b, c, d\}$  have different colours. Prove that  $\frac{1}{100} \log \log n \leq m \leq 100 \log \log n$ .
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– Day 2 (August 4)

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- 5** We colour all the sides and diagonals of a regular polygon  $P$  with 43 vertices either red or blue in such a way that every vertex is an endpoint of 20 red segments and 22 blue segments. A triangle formed by vertices of  $P$  is called monochromatic if all of its sides have the same colour. Suppose that there are 2022 blue monochromatic triangles. How many red monochromatic triangles are there?
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- 6** Let  $p \geq 3$  be a prime number. Prove that there is a permutation  $(x_1, \dots, x_{p-1})$  of  $(1, 2, \dots, p-1)$  such that  $x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + \dots + x_{p-2}x_{p-1} \equiv 2 \pmod{p}$ .
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- 7** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  be  $n \times n$  idempotent complex matrices such that  $A_iA_j = -A_iA_j$  for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$ . Prove that at least one of the matrices has rank not exceeding  $\frac{n}{k}$ .
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- 8 Let  $n, k \geq 3$  be integers, and let  $S$  be a circle. Let  $n$  blue points and  $k$  red points be chosen uniformly and independently at random on the circle  $S$ . Denote by  $F$  the intersection of the convex hull of the red points and the convex hull of the blue points. Let  $m$  be the number of vertices of the convex polygon  $F$  (in particular,  $m = 0$  when  $F$  is empty). Find the expected value of  $m$ .
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