



Kurschak Competition 2022

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- 1 A square has been divided into 2022 rectangles with no two of them having a common interior point. What is the maximal number of distinct lines that can be determined by the sides of these rectangles?

- 2 Let p and q be prime numbers of the form $4k + 3$. Suppose that there exist integers x and y such that $x^2 - pqy^2 = 1$. Prove that there exist positive integers a and b such that $|pa^2 - qb^2| = 1$.

- 3 Let $a_{i,j}$ ($\forall 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n$) be n^2 real numbers such that $a_{i,j} + a_{j,i} = 0 \quad \forall i, j$ (in particular, $a_{i,i} = 0 \quad \forall i$). Prove that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j} \right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{i,j}^2.$$