

**Spain Mathematical Olympiad 1969**
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## – Day 1

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- 1** Find the locus of the centers of the inversions that transform two points  $A, B$  of a given circle  $\gamma$ , at diametrically opposite points of the inverse circles of  $\gamma$ .
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- 2** Find the locus of the affix  $M$ , of the complex number  $z$ , so that it is aligned with the affixes of  $i$  and  $iz$ .
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- 3** A bag contains plastic cubes of the same size, whose faces have been painted in colors: white, red, yellow, green, blue and violet (without repeating a color on two faces of the same cube). How many of these cubes can there be distinguishable to each other?
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- 4** A circle of radius  $R$  is divided into 8 equal parts. The points of division are denoted successively by  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G$  and  $H$ . Find the area of the square formed by drawing the chords  $AF$ ,  $BE, CH$  and  $DG$ .
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## – Day 2

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- 5** Show that a convex polygon with more than four sides cannot be decomposed into two others, both similar to the first (directly or inversely), by means of a single rectilinear cut. Reasonably specify which are the quadrilaterals and triangles that admit a decomposition of this type.
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- 6** Given a polynomial of real coefficients  $P(x)$ , can it be affirmed that for any real value of  $x$  is true of one of the following inequalities:

$$P(x) \leq P(x)^2; \quad P(x) < 1 + P(x)^2; \quad P(x) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}P(x)^2.$$

Find a simple general procedure (among the many existing ones) that allows, provided we are given two polynomials  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$ , find another  $M(x)$  such that for every value of  $x$ , at the same time  $-M(x) < P(x) < M(x)$  and  $-M(x) < Q(x) < M(x)$ .

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- 7** A convex polygon  $A_1A_2\dots A_n$  of  $n$  sides and inscribed in a circle, has its sides that satisfy the inequalities

$$A_nA_1 > A_1A_2 > A_2A_3 > \dots > A_{n-1}A_n$$

Show that its interior angles satisfy the inequalities

$$\angle A_1 < \angle A_2 < \angle A_3 < \dots < \angle A_{n-1}, \angle A_{n-1} > \angle A_n > \angle A_1.$$

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- 8** The house SEAT recommends to the users, for the correct conservation of the wheels, periodic replacements of the same in the form  $R \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow R$ , according to the numbering of the figure. Calling  $G$  to this change of wheels,  $G^2 = GG$  to making this change twice, and so on for the other powers of  $G$ ,
- a) Show that the set of these powers forms a group, and study it.
- b) Each puncture of one of the wheels is also equivalent to a substitution in which said wheel is replaced by the spare one ( $R$ ) and, once repaired, it comes to occupy the place of this obtained  $G$  as a product of prick transformations. Do they form a group?
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