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– 2nd round

**Day 1**

- 1 Does there exist a natural number  $N$  which is a power of 2, such that one can permute its decimal digits to obtain a different power of 2?

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- 2 Call two circles in three-dimensional space pairwise tangent at a point  $P$  if they both pass through  $P$  and lines tangent to each circle at  $P$  coincide. Three circles not all lying in a plane are pairwise tangent at three distinct points. Prove that there exists a sphere which passes through the three circles.

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- 3 In a deck of  $n > 1$  cards, some digits from 1 to 8 are written on each card. A digit may occur more than once, but at most once on a certain card. On each card at least one digit is written, and no two cards are denoted by the same set of digits. Suppose that for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots, 7$  digits, the number of cards that contain at least one of them is even. Find  $n$ .

**Day 2**

- 1 A sequence of natural numbers  $c_1, c_2, \dots$  is called *perfect* if every natural number  $m$  with  $1 \leq m \leq c_1 + \dots + c_n$  can be represented as  $m = \frac{c_1}{a_1} + \frac{c_2}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{c_n}{a_n}$ . Given  $n$ , find the maximum possible value of  $c_n$  in a perfect sequence  $(c_i)$ .

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- 2 Circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  with centers at  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  respectively meet at points  $A$  and  $B$ . The radii  $O_1B$  and  $O_2B$  meet  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  at  $F$  and  $E$ . The line through  $B$  parallel to  $EF$  intersects  $C_1$  again at  $M$  and  $C_2$  again at  $N$ . Prove that  $MN = AE + AF$ .

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- 3 Two triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  are positioned in the space such that the length of every side of  $\triangle ABC$  is not less than  $a$ , and the length of every side of  $\triangle A'B'C'$  is not less than  $a'$ . Prove that one can select a vertex of  $\triangle ABC$  and a vertex of  $\triangle A'B'C'$  so that the distance between the two selected vertices is not less than  $\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + a'^2}{3}}$ .

– 3rd round

**Day 1**

1 Two circles intersect at two points  $A$  and  $B$ . A line  $\ell$  which passes through the point  $A$  meets the two circles again at the points  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be the midpoints of the arcs  $BC$  and  $BD$  (which do not contain the point  $A$ ) on the respective circles. Let  $K$  be the midpoint of the segment  $CD$ . Prove that  $\angle MKN = 90^\circ$ .

2 Let  $A$  and  $B$  be arbitrary finite sets and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  be functions such that  $g$  is not onto. Prove that there is a subset  $S$  of  $A$  such that  $\frac{A}{S} = g\left(\frac{B}{f(S)}\right)$ .

3 Suppose  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is a function that satisfies  $f(1) = 1$  and  $f(n+1) = \begin{cases} f(n) + 2 & \text{if } n = f(f(n) - n + 1), \\ f(n) + 1 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$   
 (a) Prove that  $f(f(n) - n + 1)$  is either  $n$  or  $n + 1$ . (b) Determine  $f$ .

**Day 2**

1 Let us denote  $\mathbb{I} = \{(x, y) | y > 0\}$ . We call a *semicircle* in  $\mathbb{I}$  with center on the  $x$  - axis a *semi-line*. Two intersecting *semi-lines* determine four *semi-angles*. A bisector of a *semi-angle* is a *semi-line* that bisects the *semi-angle*. Prove that in every *semi-triangle* (determined by three *semi-lines*) the bisectors are concurrent.

2 Find all  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that:  
 a)  $f(m) = 1 \iff m = 1$   
 b)  $d = \gcd(m, n) f(m \cdot n) = \frac{f(m) \cdot f(n)}{f(d)}$   
 c)  $f^{2000}(m) = f(m)$

3 Let  $n$  points be given on a circle, and let  $nk + 1$  chords between these points be drawn, where  $2k + 1 < n$ . Show that it is possible to select  $k + 1$  of the chords so that no two of them intersect.

- 4th round

**Day 1**

1 In a tennis tournament where  $n$  players  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  take part, any two players play at most one match, and  $k \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  matches are played. The winner of a match gets 1 point while the loser gets 0. Prove that a sequence  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  of nonnegative integers can be the sequence of scores of the players ( $d_i$  being the score of  $A_i$ ) if and only if (i)  $d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_n = k$ , and (ii) for any  $X \subset \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ , the number of matches between the players in  $X$  is at most  $\sum_{A_j \in X} d_j$

2 Isosceles triangles  $A_3A_1O_2$  and  $A_1A_2O_3$  are constructed on the sides of a triangle  $A_1A_2A_3$  as the bases, outside the triangle. Let  $O_1$  be a point

outside  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$  such that  $\angle O_1A_3A_2 = \frac{1}{2}\angle A_1O_3A_2$  and  $\angle O_1A_2A_3 = \frac{1}{2}\angle A_1O_2A_3$ .  
 Prove that  $A_1O_1 \perp O_2O_3$ , and if  $T$  is the projection of  $O_1$  onto  $A_2A_3$ ,  
 then  $\frac{A_1O_1}{O_2O_3} = 2\frac{O_1T}{A_2A_3}$ .

- 3** A circle  $\Gamma$  with radius  $R$  and center  $\omega$ , and a line  $d$  are drawn on a plane, such that the distance of  $\omega$  from  $d$  is greater than  $R$ . Two points  $M$  and  $N$  vary on  $d$  so that the circle with diameter  $MN$  is tangent to  $\Gamma$ . Prove that there is a point  $P$  in the plane from which all the segments  $MN$  are visible at a constant angle.

### Day 2

- 1** Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Suppose  $S$  is a set of ordered  $n$ -tuples of nonnegative integers such that, whenever  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in S$  and  $b_i$  are nonnegative integers with  $b_i \leq a_i$ , the  $n$ -tuple  $(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  is also in  $S$ . If  $h_m$  is the number of elements of  $S$  with the sum of components equal to  $m$ , prove that  $h_m$  is a polynomial in  $m$  for all sufficiently large  $m$ .
- 2** Suppose that  $a, b, c$  are real numbers such that for all positive numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  we have  $(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^a (\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)^b (\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3)^c \geq 1$ .  
 Prove that vector  $(a, b, c)$  is a nonnegative linear combination of vectors  $(-2, 1, 0)$  and  $(-1, 2, -1)$ .
- 3** Prove that for every natural number  $n$  there exists a polynomial  $p(x)$  with integer coefficients such that  $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(n)$  are distinct powers of 2.