

**Baltic Way 2016**

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- 1 Find all pairs of primes  $(p, q)$  such that

$$p^3 - q^5 = (p + q)^2.$$

- 2 Prove or disprove the following hypotheses.

- a) For all  $k \geq 2$ , each sequence of  $k$  consecutive positive integers contains a number that is not divisible by any prime number less than  $k$ .  
 b) For all  $k \geq 2$ , each sequence of  $k$  consecutive positive integers contains a number that is relatively prime to all other members of the sequence.

- 3 For which integers  $n = 1, \dots, 6$  does the equation

$$a^n + b^n = c^n + n$$

have a solution in integers?

- 4 Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $a, b, c, d$  be integers such that  $n|a + b + c + d$  and  $n|a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$ .

Show that

$$n|a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 + 4abcd.$$

- 5 Let  $p > 3$  be a prime such that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Given a positive integer  $a_0$  define the sequence  $a_0, a_1, \dots$  of integers by  $a_n = a_{n-1}^{2^n}$  for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Prove that it is possible to choose  $a_0$  such that the subsequence  $a_N, a_{N+1}, a_{N+2}, \dots$  is not constant modulo  $p$  for any positive integer  $N$ .

- 6 The set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$  is partitioned to three subsets  $A, B$  and  $C$ . For each subset the sum of its elements, the product of its elements and the sum of the digits of all its elements are calculated.

Is it possible that  $A$  alone has the largest sum of elements,  $B$  alone has the largest product of elements, and  $C$  alone has the largest sum of digits?

- 7 Find all positive integers  $n$  for which

$$3x^n + n(x + 2) - 3 \geq nx^2$$

holds for all real numbers  $x$ .

- 8** Find all real numbers  $a$  for which there exists a non-constant function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following two equations for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  :
- i)  $f(ax) = a^2 f(x)$  and  
 ii)  $f(f(x)) = af(x)$ .

- 9** Find all quadruples  $(a, b, c, d)$  of real numbers that simultaneously satisfy the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} a^3 + c^3 = 2 \\ a^2 b + c^2 d = 0 \\ b^3 + d^3 = 1 \\ ab^2 + cd^2 = -6. \end{cases}$$

- 10** Let  $a_{0,1}, a_{0,2}, \dots, a_{0,2016}$  be positive real numbers. For  $n \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq k < 2016$  set

$$a_{n+1,k} = a_{n,k} + \frac{1}{2a_{n,k+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{n+1,2016} = a_{n,2016} + \frac{1}{2a_{n,1}}.$$

Show that  $\max_{1 \leq k \leq 2016} a_{2016,k} > 44$ .

- 11** Set  $A$  consists of 2016 positive integers. All prime divisors of these numbers are smaller than 30. Prove that there are four distinct numbers  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  in  $A$  such that  $abcd$  is a perfect square.

- 12** Does there exist a hexagon (not necessarily convex) with side lengths 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (not necessarily in this order) that can be tiled with a) 31 b) 32 equilateral triangles with side length 1?

- 13** Let  $n$  numbers all equal to 1 be written on a blackboard. A move consists of replacing two numbers on the board with two copies of their sum. It happens that after  $h$  moves all  $n$  numbers on the blackboard are equal to  $m$ . Prove that  $h \leq \frac{1}{2}n \log_2 m$ .

- 14** A cube consists of  $4^3$  unit cubes each containing an integer. At each move, you choose a unit cube and increase by 1 all the integers in the neighbouring cubes having a face in common with the chosen cube. Is it possible to reach a position where all the  $4^3$  integers are divisible by 3, no matter what the starting position is?

- 15** The Baltic Sea has 2016 harbours. There are two-way ferry connections between some of them. It is impossible to make a sequence of direct voyages  $C_1 - C_2 - \dots - C_{1062}$  where all the harbours  $C_1, \dots, C_{1062}$  are distinct. Prove that there exist two disjoint sets  $A$  and  $B$  of 477 harbours each, such that there is no harbour in  $A$  with a direct ferry connection to a harbour in  $B$ .

- 16** In triangle  $ABC$ , the points  $D$  and  $E$  are the intersections of the angular bisectors from  $C$  and  $B$  with the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively. Points  $F$  and  $G$  on the extensions of  $AB$  and  $AC$  beyond  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively, satisfy  $BF = CG = BC$ . Prove that  $FG \parallel DE$ .
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- 17** Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral with  $AB = AD$ . Let  $T$  be a point on the diagonal  $AC$  such that  $\angle ABT + \angle ADT = \angle BCD$ . Prove that  $AT + AC \geq AB + AD$ .
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- 18** Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram such that  $\angle BAD = 60^\circ$ . Let  $K$  and  $L$  be the midpoints of  $BC$  and  $CD$ , respectively. Assuming that  $ABKL$  is a cyclic quadrilateral, find  $\angle ABD$ .
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- 19** Consider triangles in the plane where each vertex has integer coordinates. Such a triangle can be *legally transformed* by moving one vertex parallel to the opposite side to a different point with integer coordinates. Show that if two triangles have the same area, then there exists a series of legal transformations that transforms one to the other.
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- 20** Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral with  $AB$  and  $CD$  not parallel. Let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $CD$ . Let  $P$  be a point inside  $ABCD$  such that  $PA = PB = CM$ . Prove that  $AB$ ,  $CD$  and the perpendicular bisector of  $MP$  are concurrent.
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