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Day 1 July 10th

1 We are given a positive integer r and a rectangular board $ABCD$ with dimensions $AB = 20, BC = 12$. The rectangle is divided into a grid of 20×12 unit squares. The following moves are permitted on the board: one can move from one square to another only if the distance between the centers of the two squares is \sqrt{r} . The task is to find a sequence of moves leading from the square with A as a vertex to the square with B as a vertex.

(a) Show that the task cannot be done if r is divisible by 2 or 3.

(b) Prove that the task is possible when $r = 73$.

(c) Can the task be done when $r = 97$?

2 Let P be a point inside a triangle ABC such that

$$\angle APB - \angle ACB = \angle APC - \angle ABC.$$

Let D, E be the incenters of triangles APB, APC , respectively. Show that the lines AP, BD, CE meet at a point.

3 Let \mathbb{N}_0 denote the set of nonnegative integers. Find all functions f from \mathbb{N}_0 to itself such that

$$f(m + f(n)) = f(f(m)) + f(n) \quad \text{for all } m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Day 2 July 11th

4 The positive integers a and b are such that the numbers $15a + 16b$ and $16a - 15b$ are both squares of positive integers. What is the least possible value that can be taken on by the smaller of these two squares?

5 Let $ABCDEF$ be a convex hexagon such that AB is parallel to DE , BC is parallel to EF , and CD is parallel to FA . Let R_A, R_C, R_E denote the circumradii of triangles FAB, BCD, DEF , respectively, and let P denote the perimeter of the hexagon. Prove that

$$R_A + R_C + R_E \geq \frac{P}{2}.$$

6 Let p, q, n be three positive integers with $p + q < n$. Let (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) be an $(n + 1)$ -tuple of integers satisfying the following conditions :

(a) $x_0 = x_n = 0$, and

(b) For each i with $1 \leq i \leq n$, either $x_i - x_{i-1} = p$ or $x_i - x_{i-1} = -q$.

Show that there exist indices $i < j$ with $(i, j) \neq (0, n)$, such that $x_i = x_j$.
