

IberoAmerican Olympiad For University Students 2008

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- 1 Let n be a positive integer that is not divisible by either 2 or 5. In the decimal expansion of $\frac{1}{n} = 0.a_1a_2a_3 \cdots$ a finite number of digits after the decimal point are chosen arbitrarily to be deleted. Clearly the decimal number obtained by this procedure is also rational, so it's equal to $\frac{a}{b}$ for some integers a, b . Prove that b is divisible by n .

- 2 Prove that for each natural number n there is a polynomial f with real coefficients and degree n such that $p(x) = f(x^2 - 1)$ is divisible by $f(x)$ over the ring $\mathbb{R}[x]$.

- 3 Prove that $x + \frac{1}{x^x} < 2$ for $0 < x < 1$.

- 4 Two vertices A, B of a triangle ABC are located on a parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ with $a > 0$ in such a way that the sides AC, BC are tangent to the parabola. Let m_c be the length of the median CC_1 of triangle ABC and S be the area of triangle ABC . Find

$$\frac{S^2}{m_c^3}$$

- 5 Find all positive integers n such that there are positive integers $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ that satisfy

$$(a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2)(b_1^2 + \dots + b_n^2) - (a_1b_1 + \dots + a_nb_n)^2 = n$$

- 6 a) Determine if there are matrices $A, B, C \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ such that $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$.

- b) Determine if there are matrices $A, B, C \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ such that $A^4 + B^4 = C^4$.

Note: The notation $A \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ means that A is a 2×2 matrix with integer entries and $\det A = 1$.

- 7 Let A be an abelian additive group such that all nonzero elements have infinite order and for each prime number p we have the inequality $|A/pA| \leq p$, where $pA = \{pa | a \in A\}$, $pa = a + a + \dots + a$ (where the sum has p summands) and $|A/pA|$ is the order of the quotient group A/pA (the index of the subgroup pA).

Prove that each subgroup of A of finite index is isomorphic to A .