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- 1 Let  $a, b, c, x, y$  be five real numbers such that  $a^3 + ax + y = 0$ ,  $b^3 + bx + y = 0$  and  $c^3 + cx + y = 0$ . If  $a, b, c$  are all distinct numbers prove that their sum is zero.

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- 2 For each nonnegative integer  $n$  we define  $A_n = 2^{3n} + 3^{6n+2} + 5^{6n+2}$ . Find the greatest common divisor of the numbers  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{1999}$ .

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- 3 Let  $S$  be a square with the side length 20 and let  $M$  be the set of points formed with the vertices of  $S$  and another 1999 points lying inside  $S$ . Prove that there exists a triangle with vertices in  $M$  and with area at most equal with  $\frac{1}{10}$ .

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- 4 Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $AB = AC$ . Also, let  $D \in [BC]$  be a point such that  $BC > BD > DC > 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$  be the circumcircles of the triangles  $ABD$  and  $ADC$  respectively. Let  $BB'$  and  $CC'$  be diameters in the two circles, and let  $M$  be the midpoint of  $B'C'$ . Prove that the area of the triangle  $MBC$  is constant (i.e. it does not depend on the choice of the point  $D$ ).

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