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**1** Let  $n$  be a positive integer. A number  $A$  consists of  $2n$  digits, each of which is 4; and a number  $B$  consists of  $n$  digits, each of which is 8. Prove that  $A + 2B + 4$  is a perfect square.

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**2** Suppose there are  $n$  points in a plane no three of which are collinear with the property that if we label these points as  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  in any way whatsoever, the broken line  $A_1A_2 \dots A_n$  does not intersect itself. Find the maximum value of  $n$ .

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**3** Let  $D, E, F$  be the midpoints of the arcs  $BC, CA, AB$  on the circumcircle of a triangle  $ABC$  not containing the points  $A, B, C$ , respectively. Let the line  $DE$  meet  $BC$  and  $CA$  at  $G$  and  $H$ , and let  $M$  be the midpoint of the segment  $GH$ . Let the line  $FD$  meet  $BC$  and  $AB$  at  $K$  and  $J$ , and let  $N$  be the midpoint of the segment  $KJ$ .

a) Find the angles of triangle  $DMN$ ;

b) Prove that if  $P$  is the point of intersection of the lines  $AD$  and  $EF$ , then the circumcenter of triangle  $DMN$  lies on the circumcircle of triangle  $PMN$ .

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**4** Let  $x, y, z > -1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{1+x^2}{1+y+z^2} + \frac{1+y^2}{1+z+x^2} + \frac{1+z^2}{1+x+y^2} \geq 2.$$

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