

**Finnish National High School Mathematics Competition 2012**

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- 1 A secant line splits a circle into two segments. Inside those segments, one draws two squares such that both squares has two corners on a secant line and two on the circumference. The ratio of the square's side lengths is 5 : 9. Compute the ratio of the secant line versus circle radius.

- 2 Let  $x \neq 1, y \neq 1$  and  $x \neq y$ . Show that if

$$\frac{yz - x^2}{1 - x} = \frac{zx - y^2}{1 - y},$$

then

$$\frac{yz - x^2}{1 - x} = \frac{zx - y^2}{1 - y} = x + y + z.$$

- 3 Prove that for all integers  $k \geq 2$ , the number  $k^{k-1} - 1$  is divisible by  $(k - 1)^2$ .

- 4 Let  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < k < n$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \binom{n}{j} = \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \dots + \binom{n}{k} \leq n^k.$$

- 5 The [i]Collatz's function[i] is a mapping  $f : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$  satisfying

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x + 1, & \text{as } x \text{ is odd} \\ x/2, & \text{as } x \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

In addition, let us define the notation  $f^1 = f$  and inductively  $f^{k+1} = f \circ f^k$ , or to say in another words,  $f^k(x) = \underbrace{f(\dots(f(x)\dots))}_{k \text{ times}}$ .

Prove that there is an  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  satisfying

$$f^{40}(x) > 2012x.$$