

AoPS Community

2017 Vietnam Team Selection Test

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Day 1 1 There are 44 distinct holes in a line and 2017 ants. Each ant comes out of a hole and crawls along the line with a constant speed into another hole, then comes in. Let T be the set of moments for which the ant comes in or out of the holes. Given that $|T| \le 45$ and the speeds of the ants are distinct. Prove that there exists two ants that don't collide. For each positive integer n, set $x_n = \binom{2n}{n}$. 2 a. Prove that if $\frac{2017^k}{2} < n < 2017^k$ for some positive integer k then 2017 divides x_n . b. Find all positive integer h > 1 such that there exists positive integers N, T such that $(x_n)_{n>N}$ is periodic mod h with period T. Triangle ABC with incircle (I) touches the sides AB, BC, AC at F, D, E, res. I_b, I_c are B- and 3 C- excenters of ABC. P, Q are midpoints of $I_b E, I_c F. (PAC) \cap AB = \{A, R\}, (QAB) \cap AC =$ $\{A, S\}.$ a. Prove that *PR*, *QS*, *AI* are concurrent. **b**. DE, DF cut I_bI_c at K, J, res. $EJ \cap FK = \{M\}$. PE, QF cut (PAC), (QAB) at X, Y res. Prove that *BY*, *CX*, *AM* are concurrent. Day 2 Triangle ABC is inscribed in circle (O). A varies on (O) such that AB > BC. M is the midpoint 1 of AC. The circle with diameter BM intersects (O) at R. RM intersects (O) at Q and intersects BC at P. The circle with diameter BP intersects AB, BO at K, S in this order. a. Prove that *SR* passes through the midpoint of *KP*. b. Let N be the midpoint of BC. The radical axis of circles with diameters AN, BM intersects *SR* at *E*. Prove that *ME* always passes through a fixed point. 2 Given 2017 positive real numbers $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{2017}$. For each n > 2017, set $a_n = \max\{a_{i_1}a_{i_2}a_{i_3} | i_1 + i_2 + i_3 = n, 1 \le i_1 \le i_2 \le i_3 \le n - 1\}.$ Prove that there exists a positive integer $m \leq 2017$ and a positive integer N > 4m such that $a_n a_{n-4m} = a_{n-2m}^2$ for every n > N.

3 For each integer n > 0, a permutation a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{2n} of $1, 2, \ldots 2n$ is called *beautiful* if for every $1 \le i < j \le 2n$, $a_i + a_{n+i} = 2n + 1$ and $a_i - a_{i+1} \ne a_j - a_{j+1} \pmod{2n+1}$ (suppose that $a_{2n+1} = a_1$).

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- a. For n = 6, point out a *beautiful* permutation.
- b. Prove that there exists a beautiful permutation for every n.

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