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1 Find, as a function of n , the sum of the digits of

$$9 \times 99 \times 9999 \times \cdots \times (10^{2^n} - 1),$$

where each factor has twice as many digits as the previous one.

2 Prove

$$\frac{1}{\cos 0^\circ \cos 1^\circ} + \frac{1}{\cos 1^\circ \cos 2^\circ} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\cos 88^\circ \cos 89^\circ} = \frac{\cos 1^\circ}{\sin^2 1^\circ}.$$

3 For a nonempty set S of integers, let $\sigma(S)$ be the sum of the elements of S . Suppose that $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{11}\}$ is a set of positive integers with $a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_{11}$ and that, for each positive integer $n \leq 1500$, there is a subset S of A for which $\sigma(S) = n$. What is the smallest possible value of a_{10} ?

4 Chords AA' , BB' , CC' of a sphere meet at an interior point P but are not contained in a plane. The sphere through A, B, C, P is tangent to the sphere through A', B', C', P . Prove that $AA' = BB' = CC'$.

5 Let $P(z)$ be a polynomial with complex coefficients which is of degree 1992 and has distinct zeros. Prove that there exist complex numbers $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{1992}$ such that $P(z)$ divides the polynomial

$$\left(\cdots \left((z - a_1)^2 - a_2 \right)^2 \cdots - a_{1991} \right)^2 - a_{1992}.$$

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