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Day 1 May 2nd

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- 1 Prove that the average of the numbers $n \sin n^\circ$ ($n = 2, 4, 6, \dots, 180$) is $\cot 1^\circ$.
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- 2 For any nonempty set S of real numbers, let $\sigma(S)$ denote the sum of the elements of S . Given a set A of n positive integers, consider the collection of all distinct sums $\sigma(S)$ as S ranges over the nonempty subsets of A . Prove that this collection of sums can be partitioned into n classes so that in each class, the ratio of the largest sum to the smallest sum does not exceed 2.
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- 3 Let ABC be a triangle. Prove that there is a line ℓ (in the plane of triangle ABC) such that the intersection of the interior of triangle ABC and the interior of its reflection $A'B'C'$ in ℓ has area more than $\frac{2}{3}$ the area of triangle ABC .
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Day 2 May 2nd

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- 4 An n -term sequence (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) in which each term is either 0 or 1 is called a *binary sequence of length n* . Let a_n be the number of binary sequences of length n containing no three consecutive terms equal to 0, 1, 0 in that order. Let b_n be the number of binary sequences of length n that contain no four consecutive terms equal to 0, 0, 1, 1 or 1, 1, 0, 0 in that order. Prove that $b_{n+1} = 2a_n$ for all positive integers n .
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- 5 Let ABC be a triangle, and M an interior point such that $\angle MAB = 10^\circ$, $\angle MBA = 20^\circ$, $\angle MAC = 40^\circ$ and $\angle MCA = 30^\circ$. Prove that the triangle is isosceles.
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- 6 Determine (with proof) whether there is a subset X of the integers with the following property: for any integer n there is exactly one solution of $a + 2b = n$ with $a, b \in X$.
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