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**Day 1** April 27th

**1** Some checkers placed on an  $n \times n$  checkerboard satisfy the following conditions:

(a) every square that does not contain a checker shares a side with one that does;

(b) given any pair of squares that contain checkers, there is a sequence of squares containing checkers, starting and ending with the given squares, such that every two consecutive squares of the sequence share a side.

Prove that at least  $(n^2 - 2)/3$  checkers have been placed on the board.

**2** Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. Prove that

$$|AB - CD| + |AD - BC| \geq 2|AC - BD|.$$

**3** Let  $p > 2$  be a prime and let  $a, b, c, d$  be integers not divisible by  $p$ , such that

$$\left\{ \frac{ra}{p} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{rb}{p} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{rc}{p} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{rd}{p} \right\} = 2$$

for any integer  $r$  not divisible by  $p$ . Prove that at least two of the numbers  $a + b, a + c, a + d, b + c, b + d, c + d$  are divisible by  $p$ .

(Note:  $\{x\} = x - [x]$  denotes the fractional part of  $x$ .)

**Day 2** April 27th

**4** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  ( $n > 3$ ) be real numbers such that

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \geq n \quad \text{and} \quad a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 \geq n^2.$$

Prove that  $\max(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq 2$ .

**5** The Y2K Game is played on a  $1 \times 2000$  grid as follows. Two players in turn write either an S or an O in an empty square. The first player who produces three consecutive boxes that spell SOS wins. If all boxes are filled without producing SOS then the game is a draw. Prove that the second player has a winning strategy.

- 6 Let  $ABCD$  be an isosceles trapezoid with  $AB \parallel CD$ . The inscribed circle  $\omega$  of triangle  $BCD$  meets  $CD$  at  $E$ . Let  $F$  be a point on the (internal) angle bisector of  $\angle DAC$  such that  $EF \perp CD$ . Let the circumscribed circle of triangle  $ACF$  meet line  $CD$  at  $C$  and  $G$ . Prove that the triangle  $AFG$  is isosceles.

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