

**Finals 1977**

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**Day 1**

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1 Let  $ABCD$  be a tetrahedron with  $\angle BAD = 60^\circ$ ,  $\angle BAC = 40^\circ$ ,  $\angle ABD = 80^\circ$ ,  $\angle ABC = 70^\circ$ . Prove that the lines  $AB$  and  $CD$  are perpendicular.

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2 Let  $s \geq 3$  be a given integer. A sequence  $K_n$  of circles and a sequence  $W_n$  of convex  $s$ -gons satisfy:

$$K_n \supset W_n \supset K_{n+1}$$

for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Prove that the sequence of the radii of the circles  $K_n$  converges to zero.

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3 Consider the set  $A = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2^{2n} - 1\}$ . The function  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is given by:  $f(x_0 + 2x_1 + 2^2x_2 + \dots + 2^{2n-1}x_{2n-1}) = (1 - x_0) + 2x_1 + 2^2(1 - x_2) + 2^3x_3 + \dots + 2^{2n-1}x_{2n-1}$  for every 0-1 sequence  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1})$ . Show that if  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_9$  are consecutive terms of an arithmetic progression, then the sequence  $f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_9)$  is not increasing.

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**Day 2**

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1 A function  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and satisfies  $h(ax) = bh(x)$  for all  $x$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are given positive numbers and  $0 \neq |a| \neq 1$ . Suppose that  $h'(0) \neq 0$  and the function  $h'$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ . Prove that  $a = b$  and that there is a real number  $c$  such that  $h(x) = cx$  for all  $x$ .

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2 Show that for every convex polygon there is a circle passing through three consecutive vertices of the polygon and containing the entire polygon

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3 Consider the polynomial  $W(x) = (x - a)^k Q(x)$ , where  $a \neq 0$ ,  $Q$  is a nonzero polynomial, and  $k$  a natural number. Prove that  $W$  has at least  $k + 1$  nonzero coefficients.

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