

Finals 1990

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Day 1

- 1 Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy

$$(x - y)f(x + y) - (x + y)f(x - y) = 4xy(x^2 - y^2)$$

- 2 Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be positive numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2}{x_i^2 + x_{i+1}x_{i+2}} \leq n - 1$$

Where $x_{n+1} = x_1$ and $x_{n+2} = x_2$.

- 3 In a tournament, every two of the n players played exactly one match with each other (no draws). Prove that it is possible either
 (i) to partition the league in two groups A and B such that everybody in A defeated everybody in B ; or
 (ii) to arrange all the players in a chain $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1$ in such a way that each player defeated his successor.

Day 2

- 1 A triangle whose all sides have length not smaller than 1 is inscribed in a square of side length 1. Prove that the center of the square lies inside the triangle or on its boundary.

- 2 Suppose that (a_n) is a sequence of positive integers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{a_n} = 0$. Prove that there exists k such that there are at least 1990 perfect squares between $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k$ and $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{k+1}$.

- 3 Prove that for all integers $n > 2$,

$$3 \mid \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n/3 \rfloor} (-1)^i C_n^{3i}$$