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Day 1

1 Solve the system of equations: $(1 + 4^{2x-y}) \cdot 5^{1-2x+y} = 1 + 2^{2x-y+1} y^3 + 4x + \ln(y^2 + 2x) + 1 = 0$

2 Let a triangle ABC and A', B', C' be the midpoints of the arcs BC, CA, AB respectively of its circum-circle. $A'B', A'C'$ meets BC at A_1, A_2 respectively. Pairs of point $(B_1, B_2), (C_1, C_2)$ are similarly defined. Prove that $A_1A_2 = B_1B_2 = C_1C_2$ if and only if triangle ABC is equilateral.

3 Let $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ and $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ be two sequences defined recursively as follows

$$x_0 = 1, x_1 = 4, x_{n+2} = 3x_{n+1} - x_n,$$

$$y_0 = 1, y_1 = 2, y_{n+2} = 3y_{n+1} - y_n.$$

- Prove that $x_n^2 - 5y_n^2 + 4 = 0$ for all non-negative integers. - Suppose that a, b are two positive integers such that $a^2 - 5b^2 + 4 = 0$. Prove that there exists a non-negative integer k such that $a = x_k$ and $b = y_k$.

Day 2

1 Given are three positive real numbers a, b, c satisfying $abc + a + c = b$. Find the max value of the expression:

$$P = \frac{2}{a^2 + 1} - \frac{2}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{3}{c^2 + 1}.$$

2 OA, OB, OC, OD are 4 rays in space such that the angle between any two is the same. Show that for a variable ray OX , the sum of the cosines of the angles XOA, XOB, XOC, XOD is constant and the sum of the squares of the cosines is also constant.

3 Let $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 1999\}$ and $T = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. Find all functions $f : T \mapsto S$ such that

(i) $f(s) = s \quad \forall s \in S.$

(ii) $f(m + n) = f(f(m) + f(n)) \quad \forall m, n \in T.$