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Day 1

1 Solve the following system of equations in real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 6} \cdot \log_3(6 - y) = x \\ \sqrt{y^2 - 2y + 6} \cdot \log_3(6 - z) = y \\ \sqrt{z^2 - 2z + 6} \cdot \log_3(6 - x) = z \end{cases} .$$

2 Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral. Take an arbitrary point M on the line AB , and let N be the point of intersection of the circumcircles of triangles MAC and MBC (different from M). Prove that:

- a) The point N lies on a fixed circle;
- b) The line MN passes through a fixed point.

3 Let m, n be two positive integers greater than 3. Consider the table of size $m \times n$ (m rows and n columns) formed with unit squares. We are putting marbles into unit squares of the table following the instructions:

- each time put 4 marbles into 4 unit squares (1 marble per square) such that the 4 unit squares forms one of the followings 4 pictures (click here (<http://www.mathlinks.ro/Forum/download.php?id=4425>) to view the pictures).

In each of the following cases, answer with justification to the following question: Is it possible that after a finite number of steps we can set the marbles into all of the unit squares such that the numbers of marbles in each unit square is the same?

- a) $m = 2004, n = 2006$;
- b) $m = 2005, n = 2006$.

Day 2

4 Given is the function $f(x) = -x + \sqrt{(x+a)(x+b)}$, where a, b are distinct given positive real numbers. Prove that for all real numbers $s \in (0, 1)$ there exist only one positive real number α

such that

$$f(\alpha) = \sqrt[s]{\frac{a^s + b^s}{2}}.$$

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- 5** Find all polynomials $P(x)$ with real coefficients which satisfy the following equality for all real numbers x :

$$P(x^2) + x(3P(x) + P(-x)) = (P(x))^2 + 2x^2.$$

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- 6** Let S be a set of 2006 numbers. We call a subset T of S *naughty* if for any two arbitrary numbers u, v (not necessary distinct) in T , $u + v$ is *not* in T . Prove that

- 1) If $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 2006\}$ every naughty subset of S has at most 1003 elements;
 - 2) If S is a set of 2006 arbitrary positive integers, there exists a naughty subset of S which has 669 elements.
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