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1 In a circle C_1 with centre O, let AB be a chord that is not a diameter. Let M be the midpoint of this chord AB. Take a point T on the circle C_2 with OM as diameter. Let the tangent to C_2 at T meet C_1 at P. Show that $PA^2 + PB^2 = 4 \cdot PT^2$.

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2 Let a and b be two positive rational numbers such that $\sqrt[3]{a}+\sqrt[3]{b}$ is also a rational number. Prove that $\sqrt[3]{a}$ and $\sqrt[3]{b}$ themselves are rational numbers.

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3 Let p, q, r, s be four integers such that s is not divisible by 5. If there is an integer a such that $pa^3 + qa^2 + ra + s$ is divisible be 5, prove that there is an integer b such that $sb^3 + rb^2 + qb + p$ is also divisible by 5.

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4 Suppose $ABCD$ is a cyclic quadrilateral inscribed in a circle of radius one unit. If $AB \cdot BC \cdot CD \cdot DA \geq 4$, prove that $ABCD$ is a square.

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5 Suppose a, b, c are three rela numbers such that the quadratic equation

$$x^2 - (a + b + c)x + (ab + bc + ca) = 0$$

has roots of the form $\alpha + i\beta$ where $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta \neq 0$ are real numbers. Show that
(i) The numbers a, b, c are all positive.
(ii) The numbers $\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}, \sqrt{c}$ form the sides of a triangle.

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6 It is desired to choose n integers from the collection of $2n$ integers, namely, $0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, \ldots, n-1, n-1$ such that the average of these n chosen integers is itself an integer and as minimum as possible. Show that this can be done for each positive integer n and find this minimum value for each n.
