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- 1 Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n}$  be positive real numbers such that  $a_j a_{n+j} = 1$  for the values  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- a. Prove that either the average of the numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  is at least 1 or the average of the numbers  $a_{n+1}, a_{n+2}, \dots, a_{2n}$  is at least 1.
- b. Assuming that  $n \geq 2$ , prove that there exist two distinct numbers  $j, k$  in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  such that

$$|a_j - a_k| < \frac{1}{n-1}.$$

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- 2 In triangle  $ABC$ , the bisector of angle  $B$  meets the opposite side  $AC$  at  $B'$ . Similarly, the bisector of angle  $C$  meets the opposite side  $AB$  at  $C'$ . Prove that  $A = 60^\circ$  if, and only if,  $BC' + CB' = BC$ .

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- 3 There are  $n$  people standing on a circular track. We want to perform a number of *moves* so that we end up with a situation where the distance between every two neighbours is the same. The *move* that is allowed consists in selecting two people and asking one of them to walk a distance  $d$  on the circular track clockwise, and asking the other to walk the same distance on the track anticlockwise. The two people selected and the quantity  $d$  can vary from move to move.

Prove that it is possible to reach the desired situation (where the distance between every two neighbours is the same) after at most  $n - 1$  moves.

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- 4 Let  $m, n$  be integers. It is known that there are integers  $a, b$  such that  $am + bn = 1$  if, and only if, the greatest common divisor of  $m, n$  is 1. *You are not required to prove this.*

Now suppose that  $p, q$  are different odd primes. In each case determine if there are integers  $a, b$  such that  $ap + bq = 1$  so that the given condition is satisfied:

- a.  $p$  divides  $b$  and  $q$  divides  $a$ ;  
b.  $p$  divides  $a$  and  $q$  divides  $b$ ;  
c.  $p$  does not divide  $a$  and  $q$  does not divide  $b$ .
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