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Day 1 March 1st

1 Consider the equation $x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 + ax + b = 0$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Determine the largest value $a + b$ can take, so that the given equation has two distinct positive roots x_1, x_2 so that $x_1 + x_2 = 2x_1x_2$.

2 Find the exact value of $E = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{1003} x dx \cdot \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{1004} x dx$.

3 In the usual coordinate system xOy a line d intersect the circles $C_1 : (x+1)^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $C_2 : (x-2)^2 + y^2 = 4$ in the points A, B, C and D (in this order). It is known that $A\left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ and $\angle BOC = 60^\circ$. All the Oy coordinates of these 4 points are positive. Find the slope of d .

4 Define the sequence $(a_p)_{p \geq 0}$ as follows: $a_p = \frac{\binom{p}{0}}{2 \cdot 4} - \frac{\binom{p}{1}}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{\binom{p}{2}}{4 \cdot 6} - \dots + (-1)^p \cdot \frac{\binom{p}{p}}{(p+2)(p+4)}$. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n)$.

Day 2 March 2nd

5 Find the least positive integer n so that the polynomial $P(X) = \sqrt{3} \cdot X^{n+1} - X^n - 1$ has at least one root of modulus 1.

6 Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ where $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is defined by $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+8n-1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+16n-1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+24n-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{9n^2-1}}$.

7 Triangle ABC has fixed vertices B and C , so that $BC = 2$ and A is variable. Denote by H and G the orthocenter and the centroid, respectively, of triangle ABC . Let $F \in (HG)$ so that $\frac{HF}{FG} = 3$. Find the locus of the point A so that $F \in BC$.

8 Evaluate $I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\sin^6 2x + \cos^6 2x) \cdot \ln(1 + \tan x) dx$.