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**Day 1**

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- 1** At the vertices  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H$  of a cube, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2007 and 2006 stones respectively are placed. It is allowed to move a stone from a vertex to each of its three neighbours, or to move a stone to a vertex from each of its three neighbours. Which of the following arrangements of stones at  $A, B, \dots, H$  can be obtained? (a) 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008; (b) 2002, 2003, 2004, 2001, 2006, 2005, 2008, 2007; (c) 2004, 2002, 2003, 2001, 2005, 2008, 2007, 2006.
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- 2** Let  $\mathcal{P}_0 = A_0A_1 \dots A_{n-1}$  be a convex polygon such that  $A_iA_{i+1} = 2^{\lfloor i/2 \rfloor}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  (where  $A_n = A_0$ ). Define the sequence of polygons  $\mathcal{P}_k = A_0^k A_1^k \dots A_{n-1}^k$  as follows:  $A_i^1$  is symmetric to  $A_i$  with respect to  $A_0$ ,  $A_i^2$  is symmetric to  $A_i^1$  with respect to  $A_1^1$ ,  $A_i^3$  is symmetric to  $A_i^2$  with respect to  $A_2^2$  and so on. Find the values of  $n$  for which infinitely many polygons  $\mathcal{P}_k$  coincide with  $\mathcal{P}_0$ .
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- 3** Find all functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(2^m + 1)f(n)f(2^m n) = 2^m f(n)^2 + f(2^m n)^2 + (2^m - 1)^2 n.$$


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**Day 2**

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- 1** Two circles  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  intersect at  $A$  and  $B$ . A line  $r$  through  $B$  meets  $\gamma_1$  at  $C$  and  $\gamma_2$  at  $D$  so that  $B$  is between  $C$  and  $D$ . Let  $s$  be the line parallel to  $AD$  which is tangent to  $\gamma_1$  at  $E$ , at the smaller distance from  $AD$ . Line  $EA$  meets  $\gamma_2$  in  $F$ . Let  $t$  be the tangent to  $\gamma_2$  at  $F$ . (a) Prove that  $t$  is parallel to  $AC$ . (b) Prove that the lines  $r, s, t$  are concurrent.
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- 2** A positive integer  $n$  is said to be a *perfect power* if  $n = a^b$  for some integers  $a, b$  with  $b > 1$ . (a) Find 2004 perfect powers in arithmetic progression. (b) Prove that perfect powers cannot form an infinite arithmetic progression.
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- 3** Given real numbers  $x_i, y_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ , let  $A$  be the  $n \times n$  matrix given by  $a_{ij} = 1$  if  $x_i \geq y_j$  and  $a_{ij} = 0$  otherwise. Suppose  $B$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix whose entries are 0 and 1 such that the sum of entries in any row or column of  $B$  equals the sum of entries in the corresponding row or column of  $A$ . Prove that  $B = A$ .
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