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- 1 There are n^2 students in a class. Each week all the students participate in a table quiz. Their teacher arranges them into n teams of n players each. For as many weeks as possible, this arrangement is done in such a way that any pair of students who were members of the same team one week are not in the same team in subsequent weeks. Prove that after at most n + 2 weeks, it is necessary for some pair of students to have been members of the same team in at least two different weeks.
- **2** Determine all integers *a* for which the equation $x^2 + axy + y^2 = 1$ has infinitely many distinct integer solutions *x*, *y*.
- **3** Points A, X, D lie on a line in this order, point B is on the plane such that $\angle ABX > 120^{\circ}$, and point C is on the segment BX. Prove the inequality: $2AD \ge \sqrt{3}(AB + BC + CD).$
- **4** Consider the following one-person game played on the real line. During the game disks are piled at some of the integer points on the line. To perform a move in the game, the player chooses a point *j* at which at least two disks are piled and then takes two disks from the point *j* and places one of them at j 1 and one at j + 1. Initially, 2n + 1 disks are placed at point 0. The player proceeds to perform moves as long as possible. Prove that after $\frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$ moves no further moves will be possible and that at this stage, one disks remains at each of the positions -n, -n + 1, ..., 0, ...n.
- **5** Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ such that for all real numbers x, y: xf(x) - yf(y) = (x - y)f(x + y).
- Paper 2
- 1 Prove that for every positive integer n, $n^n \le (n!)^2 \le \left(\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{6}\right)^n$.
- **2** Let a, b, c be complex numbers. Prove that if all the roots of the equation $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are of module 1, then so are the roots of the equation $x^3 + |a|x^2 + |b|x + |c| = 0$.
- **3** Let *S* be the square consisting of all pints (x, y) in the plane with $0 \le x, y \le 1$. For each real number *t* with 0 < t < 1, let C_t denote the set of all points $(x, y) \in S$ such that (x, y) is on or

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above the line joining (t, 0) to (0, 1 - t). Prove that the points common to all C_t are those points in S that are on or above the curve $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 1$. **4** Points P, Q, R are given in the plane. It is known that there is a triangle ABC such that P is the midpoint of BC, Q the point on side CA with $\frac{CQ}{QA} = 2$, and R the point on side AB with

- $\frac{AR}{RB} = 2$. Determine with proof how the triangle ABC may be reconstructed from P, Q, R.
- 5 For each integer *n* of the form $n = p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4$, where p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 are distinct primes, let $1 = d_1 < d_2 < ... < d_{15} < d_{16} = n$ be the divisors of *n*. Prove that if n < 1995, then $d_9 d_8 \neq 22$.

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