

Spain Mathematical Olympiad 1988

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– Day 1

1 A sequence of integers $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ satisfies $x_1 = 1$ and $x_n < x_{n+1} \leq 2n$ for all n . Show that for every positive integer k there exist indices r, s such that $x_r - x_s = k$.

2 We choose $n > 3$ points on a circle and number them 1 to n in some order. We say that two non-adjacent points A and B are related if, in one of the arcs AB , all the points are marked with numbers less than those at A, B . Show that the number of pairs of related points is exactly $n - 3$.

3 Prove that if one of the numbers $25x + 31y, 3x + 7y$ (where $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$) is a multiple of 41, then so is the other.

– Day 2

4 The Fibonacci sequence is given by $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2$ and $a_{n+1} = a_n + a_{n-1}$ for $n > 1$. Express a_{2n} in terms of only a_{n-1}, a_n, a_{n+1} .

5 A well-known puzzle asks for a partition of a cross into four parts which are to be reassembled into a square. One solution is exhibited on the picture.

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Show that there are infinitely many solutions. (Some solutions split the cross into four equal parts!)

6 For all integral values of parameter t , find all integral solutions (x, y) of the equation

$$y^2 = x^4 - 22x^3 + 43x^2 + 858x + t^2 + 10452(t + 39)$$