

**Spain Mathematical Olympiad 1990**

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– Day 1

1 Prove that  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{xy}$  is equal to  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y + xy + 2y\sqrt{x}}$

and compare the numbers  $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{3}}$  and  $\sqrt{5 + \sqrt{22}} + \sqrt{8 - \sqrt{22} + 2\sqrt{15 - 3\sqrt{22}}}$ .

2 Every point of the plane is painted with one of three colors. Can we always find two points a distance 1 cm apart which are of the same color?

3 Prove that  $\lfloor (4 + \sqrt{11})^n \rfloor$  is odd for every natural number  $n$ .

– Day 2

4 Prove that the sum  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{a+1}{2} + \frac{a+3}{6}\sqrt{\frac{4a+3}{3}}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{a+1}{2} - \frac{a+3}{6}\sqrt{\frac{4a+3}{3}}}$  is independent of  $a$  for  $a \geq -\frac{3}{4}$  and evaluate it.

5 On the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$  of a triangle  $ABC$  of area  $S$  are taken points  $A', B', C'$  respectively such that  $AC'/AB = BA'/BC = CB'/CA = p$ , where  $0 < p < 1$  is variable.

(a) Find the area of triangle  $A'B'C'$  in terms of  $p$ .

(b) Find the value of  $p$  which minimizes this area.

(c) Find the locus of the intersection point  $P$  of the lines through  $A'$  and  $C'$  parallel to  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively.

6 There are  $n$  points in the plane so that no two pairs are equidistant. Each point is connected to the nearest point by a segment. Show that no point is connected to more than five points.