

Danube Mathematical Competition 2009

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- 1 Let be $\triangle ABC$. Let A', B', C' be the foot of perpendiculars from A, B and C respectively. The points E and F are on the sides CB' and BC' respectively, such that $B'E \cdot C'F = BF \cdot CE$. Show that $AEA'F$ is cyclic.

- 2 Prove that all the positive integer numbers, except for the powers of 2, can be written as the sum of (at least two) consecutive natural numbers.

- 3 Let n be a natural number. Determine the minimal number of equilateral triangles of side 1 to cover the surface of an equilateral triangle of side $n + \frac{1}{2n}$.

- 4 Let be a, b, c positive integers. Prove that $|a - b\sqrt{c}| < \frac{1}{2b}$ is true if and only if $|a^2 - b^2c| < \sqrt{c}$.

- 5 Let σ, τ be two permutations of the quantity $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Prove that there is a function $f : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$ such that for any $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$, we have $\left| \sum_{k=i}^j f(\sigma(k)) \right| \leq 2$ and $\left| \sum_{k=i}^j f(\tau(k)) \right| \leq 2$.