

**China Second Round Olympiad 2000**

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- 1 In acute-angled triangle  $ABC$ ,  $E, F$  are on the side  $BC$ , such that  $\angle BAE = \angle CAF$ , and let  $M, N$  be the projections of  $F$  onto  $AB, AC$ , respectively. The line  $AE$  intersects  $\odot(ABC)$  at  $D$  (different from point  $A$ ).  
Prove that  $S_{AMDN} = S_{\triangle ABC}$ .
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- 2 Define the sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots$  as  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 4, a_2 = 49$  and for  $n \geq 0$

$$\begin{cases} a_{n+1} = 7a_n + 6b_n - 3, \\ b_{n+1} = 8a_n + 7b_n - 4. \end{cases}$$

Prove that for any non-negative integer  $n$ ,  $a_n$  is a perfect square.

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- 3 There are  $n$  people, and given that any 2 of them have contacted with each other at most once. In any group of  $n - 2$  of them, any one person of the group has contacted with other people in this group for  $3^k$  times, where  $k$  is a non-negative integer. Determine all the possible value of  $n$ .
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