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– 2nd Round

1 Consider a regular cube with side length 2. Let A and B be 2 vertices that are furthest apart. Construct a sequence of points on the surface of the cube A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k so that $A_1 = A$, $A_k = B$ and for any $i = 1, \dots, k - 1$, the distance from A_i to A_{i+1} is 3. Find the minimum value of k .

2 Let O be a point inside triangle ABC such that $\angle BOC$ is 90° and $\angle BAO = \angle BCO$. Prove that $\angle OMN$ is 90 degrees, where M and N are the midpoints of \overline{AC} and \overline{BC} , respectively.

3 Let n be a positive integer. Show that there exists an integer m such that

$$2018m^2 + 20182017m + 2017$$

is divisible by 2^n .

4 each of the squares in a 2×2018 grid of squares is to be coloured black or white such that in any 2×2 block, at least one of the 4 squares is white. let P be the number of ways of colouring the grid. find the largest k so that 3^k divides P .

5 Consider a polynomial $P(x, y, z)$ in three variables with integer coefficients such that for any real numbers a, b, c ,

$$P(a, b, c) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b = c.$$

Find the largest integer r such that for all such polynomials $P(x, y, z)$ and integers m, n ,

$$m^r \mid P(n, n + m, n + 2m).$$

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