

## Junior problems

J343. Prove that the number  $102400\dots002401$ , having a total of 2014 zeros, is composite.

*Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA*

J344. Find the maximum possible value of  $k$  for which

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} - \left(\frac{a + b + c}{3}\right)^2 \geq k \cdot \max((a - b)^2, (b - c)^2, (c - a)^2)$$

for all  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{R}$ .

*Proposed by Dominik Teiml, University of Oxford, United Kingdom*

J345. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive real numbers such that

$$a^6 - 3b^5 + 5b^3 - 3a = b^6 + 3a^5 - 5a^3 + 3b.$$

Find  $a - b$ .

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J346. We are given a sequence of  $12n$  numbers that are consecutive terms of an arithmetic progression. We randomly choose four numbers. What is the probability that among the chosen numbers there will be three in arithmetic progression?

*Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA*

J347. Let  $x, y, z$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{x}{2x + y + z} + \frac{y}{x + 2y + z} + \frac{z}{x + y + 2z} \geq \frac{6xyz}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)}.$$

*Proposed by Titu Zvonaru and Neculai Stanciu, Romania*

J348. Let  $ABCDEFGH$  be a regular heptagon. Prove that

$$\frac{AD^3}{AC^3} = \frac{AC + 2AD}{AB + AD}.$$

*Proposed by Dragoljub Milosevic, Gornji Milanovac, Serbia*

### Senior problems

S343. Let  $a, b, c, d$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a+b+c+d}{\sqrt[4]{abcd}} + \frac{16abcd}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+d)(d+a)} \geq 5.$$

*Proposed by Titu Andreescu, USA and Alok Kumar, India*

S344. Find all non-zero polynomials  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  such that  $a^2 + b^2 - c^2 | P(a) + P(b) - P(c)$ .

*Proposed by Vlad Matei, University of Wisconsin, USA*

S345. Solve in positive integers the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} (x-3)(yz+3) = 6x+5y+6z \\ (y-3)(zx+3) = 2x+6y \\ (z-3)(xy+3) = 4x+y+6z. \end{cases}$$

*Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA*

S346. Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{15}{(a+b+c)^2} \geq \frac{6}{ab+bc+ca}.$$

*Proposed by Marius Stănean, Zalău, Romania*

S347. Prove that a convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cyclic if and only if the common tangent to the incircles of triangles  $ABD$  and  $ACD$ , different from  $AD$ , is parallel to  $BC$ .

*Proposed by Nairi Sedrakyan, Armenia*

S348. Find all functions  $f : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that for all  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{R}$

$$f(a^2, f(b, c) + 1) = a^2(bc + 1).$$

*Proposed by Mehtaab Sawhney, USA*

## Undergraduate problems

U343. Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n + \pi(k) \log n},$$

where  $\pi(k)$  denotes the number of primes not exceeding  $k$ .

*Proposed by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland*

U344. Evaluate the following sum

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n(2^{3^n-1} + 1)}{4^{3^n} + 2^{3^n} + 1}.$$

*Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA*

U345. Let  $R$  be a ring. We say that the pair  $(a, b) \in R \times R$  satisfies property  $(P)$  if the unique solution of the equation  $axa = bxb$  is  $x = 0$ . Prove that if  $(a, b)$  has property  $(P)$  and  $a - b$  is invertible, then the equation  $axa - bxb = a + b$  has a unique solution in  $R$ .

*Proposed by Dorin Andrica, "Babes-Bolyai" University, Cluj Napoca, Romania*

U346. Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable function for which  $[f'(x)]^2 + f(x)f''(x) \geq 1$ . Prove that

$$\int_0^1 f^2(x) dx \geq f^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{12}.$$

*Proposed by Marcel Chiriță, Bucharest, Romania*

U347. Find all differentiable functions  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'$  is increasing and for all  $x \geq 0$

$$x^2 f'(x) = f^2(f(x)).$$

*Proposed by Stanescu Florin, Gaesti, Romania*

U348. Evaluate the linear integral

$$\oint_c \frac{(1 + x^2 - y^2) dx + 2xy dy}{(1 + x^2 - y^2)^2 + 4x^2 y^2}$$

where  $c$  is the square with vertices  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(2, 2)$ ,  $(-2, 2)$ , and  $(-2, 0)$  traversed counterclockwise.

*Proposed by Ángel Plaza, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain*

## Olympiad problems

O343. Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be positive real numbers such that

$$\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_2} + \dots + \sqrt{a_n} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n.$$

Prove that

$$\sqrt{a_1^2 + 1} + \sqrt{a_2^2 + 1} + \dots + \sqrt{a_n^2 + 1} \leq n\sqrt{2}.$$

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O344. Consider the sequence  $a_n = [(\sqrt[3]{65} - 4)^{-n}]$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Prove that  $a_n \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{15}$ .

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O345. Let  $A_1, B_1, C_1$  be points on the sides  $BC, CA, AB$  of a triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $r_A, r_B, r_C, r_1$  be the inradii of triangles  $AB_1C_1, BC_1A_1, CA_1B_1$  and  $A_1B_1C_1$  respectively. Prove that

$$R_1 r_1 \geq 2 \min(r_A r_B, r_B r_C, r_C r_A),$$

where  $R_1$  is the circumcircle of triangle  $A_1B_1C_1$ .

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O346. Define the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  by  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, a_3 = 6$  and

$$a_{n+4} = 2a_{n+3} + a_{n+2} - 2a_{n+1} - a_n, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Prove that  $n^2$  divides  $a_n$  for infinitely many positive integers.

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O347. Let  $a, b, c, d \geq 0$  be real numbers such that  $a + b + c + d = 1$ . Prove that

$$\sqrt{a + \frac{2(b-c)^2}{9} + \frac{2(c-d)^2}{9} + \frac{2(d-b)^2}{9}} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d} \leq 2.$$

*Proposed by Marius Stanean, Zalau, Romania*

O348. Let  $ABCDE$  be a convex pentagon with area  $S$ , and let  $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5$  be the circumradii of triangles  $ABC, BCD, CDE, DEA, EAB$ , respectively. Prove that

$$R_1^4 + R_2^4 + R_3^4 + R_4^4 + R_5^4 \geq \frac{4}{5 \sin^2 108^\circ} S^2.$$

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