

# Junior Problems

**J589.** Let  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$  such that  $a + b + c = 2$ . Prove that

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 2abc \leq 2.$$

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**J590.** Let  $p$  be a positive integer. Evaluate

$$S_p = \sum_{m=1}^p \sum_{n=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{2k^2 - 2nk + n^2}.$$

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**J591.** Let  $D_A, D_B, D_C$  be disks in the plane with centers  $O_A, O_B, O_C$ , respectively. Consider points  $A \in D_A, B \in D_B, C \in D_C$  such that the area of triangle  $ABC$  is maximal. Prove that lines  $AO_A, BO_B, CO_C$  are concurrent.

*Proposed by Josef Tkadlec, Czech Republic*

**J592.** Let  $M$  be a point inside triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $D, E, F$  be the orthogonal projections of  $M$  onto sides  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively. Prove that

$$MA \sin \frac{A}{2} + MB \sin \frac{B}{2} + MC \sin \frac{C}{2} \geq MD + ME + MF.$$

When does equality hold?

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**J593.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{(1+2a)^3} + \frac{1}{(1+2b)^3} + \frac{1}{(1+2c)^3} \geq \frac{1}{3(1+2abc)}.$$

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**J594.** Let  $a$  be a positive real number other than 1 and let  $c, d$  be real numbers such that

$$a^c + a^d = (a+1)a^{\frac{c+d-1}{2}}.$$

Prove that for all positive real numbers  $b \neq 1$ ,

$$b^c + b^d = (b+1)b^{\frac{c+d-1}{2}}.$$

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# Senior Problems

**S589.** Let  $a, b, c$  be real numbers such that

$$\cos(a - b) + 2 \cos(b - c) \geq 3 \cos(c - a).$$

Prove that

$$|3 \cos a - 2 \cos b + 6 \cos c| \leq 7.$$

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

**S590.** Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle and let  $E$  be the center of its nine-point circle. Prove that

$$BE + CE \leq \sqrt{a^2 + R^2}.$$

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**S591.** Prove that there are infinitely many even positive integers  $n$  such that

$$n \mid 2^n - 2 \text{ and } n \nmid 3^n - 3.$$

*Proposed by Navid Safaei, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran*

**S592.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $E, F$  be the foot of the altitude from  $B, C$ , respectively. Denote by  $X$  the center of nine-point circle of  $\triangle ABC$  and assume that the symmedian from  $A$  intersects  $EF$  in  $X$ . Find  $\angle BAC$ .

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**S593.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $N$  be its Nagel point. Let  $D, E, F$  be the orthogonal projections of  $N$  onto  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively. Prove that

$$ND + NE + NF \leq r \left( \frac{m_a}{r_a} + \frac{m_b}{r_b} + \frac{m_c}{r_c} \right)$$

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**S594.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{(4a + b + c)^2}{2a^2 + (b + c)^2} + \frac{(4b + c + a)^2}{2b^2 + (c + a)^2} + \frac{(4c + a + b)^2}{2c^2 + (a + b)^2} \leq \frac{52}{3} + \frac{2(ab + bc + ca)}{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}.$$

*Proposed by Marius Stănean, Zalău, Romania*

# Undergraduate Problems

**U589.** Let  $a > 4$  be a positive integer. Prove that there are composite and relatively prime positive integers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  such that the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  defined by  $x_{n+1} = ax_n + x_{n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , consists of composite numbers only.

*Proposed by Navid Safaei, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran*

**U590.** Prove that for all positive real numbers  $x, y$ ,

$$x^x + y^y \geq 2 \left( \frac{x+y}{2} \right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}}$$

*Proposed by Toyesh Prakash Sharma, Agra College, India*

**U591.** Prove that

$$\int_0^{\sqrt{\sqrt{7}-1}} (x^3 + x)e^{-x^2} dx \leq \ln 2$$

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

**U592.** Evaluate

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n H_{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+2)},$$

where  $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$  denotes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  harmonic number.

*Proposed by Ovidiu Furdui and Alina Sîntămărian, Cluj-Napoca, Romania*

**U593.** Let  $ABC$  be an acute scalene triangle with circumcenter  $O$  and centroid  $G$ . Let  $W$  be point on line  $BC$  such that  $GW \perp BC$ . Given that  $b^2 + c^2 = 3a^2$  show that the line  $OW$  is tangent to Jerabek hyperbola of triangle  $ABC$ .

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**U594.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Evaluate

$$\int_1^n \lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor dx,$$

where  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  denotes the integer part of  $a$ .

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# Olympiad Problems

**O589.** Let  $x, y, z$  be positive real numbers. Find the minimum of

$$\frac{xy^2}{z(x^2 + xz + z^2)} + \frac{yz^2}{x(y^2 + yx + x^2)} + \frac{zx^2}{y(z^2 + zy + y^2)} + 2\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right).$$

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**O590.** Let  $ABC$  be a scalene triangle with centroid  $G$  and symmedian point  $K$ . Prove that if  $\angle BAG = \angle ABK$  then  $GK$  is parallel to  $BC$ .

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**O591.** Real numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  satisfy

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 = n - 1.$$

Prove that

$$n - 1 \leq a_1^3 + a_2^3 + \dots + a_n^3 < n + 1.$$

*Proposed by Josef Tkadlec, Czech Republic*

**O592.** Let  $M$  be an interior point of a triangle  $ABC$ . Let  $D, E, F$  be the intersections of lines  $AM, BM, CM$  with  $BC, CA, AB$ , respectively and  $P, Q, R$  be the intersections of lines  $AM, BM, CM$  with  $EF, DF, DE$ , respectively. Prove that

$$\frac{MA}{MD} + \frac{MB}{ME} + \frac{MC}{MF} \geq \frac{MD}{MP} + \frac{ME}{MQ} + \frac{MF}{MR}.$$

*Proposed by Marius Stănean, Zalău, Romania*

**O593.** Let  $a, b, c, d$  be non-zero complex numbers such that

$$2|a - b| \leq |b|, \quad 2|b - c| \leq |c|, \quad 2|c - d| \leq |d|, \quad 2|d - a| \leq |a|.$$

Prove that

$$\max\left\{\left|\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}\right|, \left|\frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{d}{c} + \frac{a}{d}\right|\right\} > 2\sqrt{3}.$$

*Proposed by Navid Safaei, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran*

**O594.** Find all positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$2 - 3^{a+1} + 3^{3a} = pq^b,$$

for some prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$ .

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