

52-nd Mathematical Olympiad in Poland
Second Round, February 23–24, 2001

First Day

1. Let $k, n > 1$ be positive integers such that the number $p = 2k - 1$ is a prime. Prove that, if the number

$$\binom{n}{2} - \binom{k}{2}$$

is divisible by p , then it is divisible by p^2 .

2. Three points A, B, C lie in this order on a line and satisfy the inequality $AB < BC$. The points D, E are the vertices of the square $ABDE$. The circle with diameter AC intersects the line DE in the points P, Q with P belonging to the segment DE . The lines AQ and BD intersect in the point R . Prove that $DP = DR$.

3. Let $n \geq 3$ be a positive integer. Prove that any polynomial of the form

$$x^n + a_{n-3}x^{n-3} + a_{n-4}x^{n-4} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

where at least one of the real coefficients a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-3} is not equal to zero, possesses less than n real roots (the roots are counted with their multiplicities).

Second Day

4. Find all positive integers $n \geq 3$ for which the following statement is true: any arithmetic progression a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n of the length n for which the number $1a_1 + 2a_2 + \dots + na_n$ is rational contains at least one rational value.

5. The point I is the incenter of the triangle ABC . The line AI intersects the side BC in the point D . Prove that $AI + CD = AC$ if and only if $\sphericalangle B = 60^\circ + \frac{1}{3}\sphericalangle C$.

6. Let n be a positive integer and denote by S_n the set $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$. Moreover let us define two families of subsets of the set X :

$$A_n = \{A \subset S_n : |A| = n \text{ and the sum of the elements of the set } A \text{ is even}\},$$

$$B_n = \{B \subset S_n : |B| = n \text{ and the sum of the elements of the set } B \text{ is odd}\}.$$

For all n find $|A_n| - |B_n|$.

($|X|$ denotes the number of the elements of the set X).