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Problems for Lower Secondary School

Problem T1/321. [For 6th grade] Write the number 2003^{2004} as the sum of two positive integers. What is the remainder of the division by 3 of the sum of the cubes of these integers.

Problem T2/321. [For 7th grade] Simplify the expression

$$\frac{(a-2)(a-1002)}{a(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(b-2)(b-1002)}{b(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{(c-2)(c-1002)}{c(c-a)(c-b)}$$

Problem T3/321. Prove that

$$1) \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

$$2) \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{d^2} + \frac{d^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{a+b+c+d}{\sqrt[4]{abcd}}$$

where a, b, c, d are positive numbers.

Problem T4/321. Find a necessary and sufficient condition on the number m so that the following system of equations has a unique solution

$$\begin{cases} x^2 = (2+m)y^3 - 3y^2 + my \\ y^2 = (2+m)z^3 - 3z^2 + mz \\ z^2 = (2+m)x^3 - 3x^2 + mx \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Problem T5/321. Let $ABCD$ be a trapezoid inscribed in a circle with radius $R = 3\text{cm}$ such that $BC = 2\text{cm}$, $AD = 4\text{cm}$. Let M be the point on the side AB such that $MB = 3MA$. Let N be the midpoint of CD . The line MN cuts AC at P . Calculate the area of the quadrilateral $APND$.

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Problem T6/321. Let be given three positive integers m, n, p such that $n + 1$ is divisible by m . Find a formula to calculate the number of p -uples of positive integers (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p) satisfying the conditions: the sum $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_p$ is divisible by m and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p are not greater than n .

Problem T7/321. a, b are arbitrary positive numbers such that the equation $x^3 - ax^2 + bx - a = 0$ has three roots greater than 1. Determine a, b so that the expression $\frac{b^n - 3^n}{a^n}$ attains its least value and find this value.

Problem T8/321. The incircle of triangle ABC touches the sides BC, CA, AB respectively at D, E, F . Prove that

$$\frac{DE}{\sqrt{BC \cdot CA}} + \frac{EF}{\sqrt{CA \cdot AB}} + \frac{FD}{\sqrt{AB \cdot BC}} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

Contest on the 40th Anniversary of the Journal

For lower Secondary Schools

Problem T1/LSS. Write 2004 natural numbers from 1 to 2004 in an arbitrary order to get a sequence $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2004}$ and calculate the sum

$$P = \sqrt{a_1 + a_2} + \sqrt{a_3 + a_4} + \dots + \sqrt{a_{2003} + a_{2004}}$$

Find the greatest value of P for all these sequences.

Problem T2/LSS. Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral such that $AC = BD$ and AC is perpendicular to BD . Construct at the outside of the quadrilateral triangles ABX, BCY, CDZ, DAT . Prove that $XZ = YT$ and XZ is perpendicular to YT .

For upper Secondary Schools

Problem T1/USS. The sequence of numbers $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is defined by

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2^{1965}}, a_n = -\frac{1}{2^{1964+n}}$$

for $n = 2, 3, \dots, 40$. Prove that $\sum_{i,j=1}^{40} a_i a_j |b_i - b_j| \leq 0$ for arbitrary given real numbers b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{40} .

Problem T2/USS. Find all function $f: R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ satisfying the condition

$$f\left(\frac{f(x)}{y}\right) = yf(y)f(f(x)) \text{ for all positive numbers } x, y$$