



XX Mediterranean mathematical olympiad,

23 april 2017

Problem 1

Determine the smallest integer n , for which there exist integers x_1, \dots, x_n and positive integers a_1, \dots, a_n , so that

$$x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0, \quad a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n > 0, \quad a_1^2 x_1 + \dots + a_n^2 x_n < 0.$$

Problem 2

Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a + b + c = 1$. Prove that

$$\left(x^2 + y^2 + z^2\right) \left(\frac{a^3}{x^2 + 2y^2} + \frac{b^3}{y^2 + 2z^2} + \frac{c^3}{z^2 + 2x^2}\right) \geq \frac{1}{9},$$

holds for all positive real numbers x, y, z .

Problem 3

Let ABC be an equilateral triangle, and let P be some point in its circumcircle. Determine, with reasons, all the numbers $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ such that the sum

$$S_n(P) = |PA|^n + |PB|^n + |PC|^n,$$

is independent of the choice of the point P .

Problem 4

A set S of integers is Balearic, if there are two (not necessarily distinct) elements $s, s' \in S$ whose sum $s + s'$ is a power of two; otherwise it is called a non-Balearic set.

Find an integer n such that $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ contains a 99-element non-Balearic set, whereas all the 100-element subsets are Balearic.

times: 04:30 hours

Each problem is worth 7 points
