

16-th Austrian Mathematical Olympiad 1985

Final Round

First Day

- Determine all quadruples (a, b, c, d) of nonnegative integers satisfying

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = a^2 b^2 c^2.$$

- For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $f(n) = 1^n + 2^{n-1} + 3^{n-2} + \cdots + n^1$. Determine the minimum value of $\frac{f(n+1)}{f(n)}$.
- A line meets the lines containing sides BC, CA, AB of a triangle ABC at A_1, B_1, C_1 , respectively. The points A_2, B_2, C_2 are symmetric to A_1, B_1, C_1 with respect to the midpoints of BC, CA, AB , respectively. Prove that A_2, B_2 , and C_2 are collinear.

Second Day

- Find all natural numbers n such that the equation

$$a_{n+1}x^2 - 2x\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \cdots + a_{n+1}^2} + a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n = 0$$

has real solutions for all real numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1} .

- A sequence (a_n) of positive integers satisfies $a_n = \sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}^2 + a_{n+1}^2}{2}}$ for all $n \geq 1$.
Prove that this sequence is constant.

- Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$x^2 f(x) + f(1-x) = 2x - x^4 \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$