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Let the point P lie inside the triangle ABC and let the point Q lie outside the triangle. Let w_1, w_2, w_3 denote the lengths of the angle bisectors of $\angle BPC, \angle CPA, \angle APB$, respectively. Does the inequality

$$PA \cdot QA + PB \cdot QB + PC \cdot QC \geq 4(w_1 w_2 + w_2 w_3 + w_3 w_1)$$

hold? [At <http://www.emis.de/journals/JIPAM/article1162.html?sid=1162> the proposer's inequality is proved when Q lies inside the triangle.]

3570. Proposed by Arkady Alt, San Jose, CA, USA.

Let r, r_a, r_b, r_c , and R be, respectively, the inradius, the exradii, and the circumradius of triangle ABC with side lengths a, b, c . Prove that

$$\frac{r_a^2}{a^2 + r_a^2} + \frac{r_b^2}{b^2 + r_b^2} + \frac{r_c^2}{c^2 + r_c^2} \geq \frac{4R + r}{4R - r}.$$

3571. Proposed by Arkady Alt, San Jose, CA, USA.

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. Among all increasing arithmetic progressions x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n such that $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 1$, find the progression with the greatest common difference d .

3572. Proposed by José Luis Díaz-Barrero, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain.

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

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{ab}{c + ab} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \prod_{\text{cyclic}} \left(\frac{a + \sqrt{ab}}{a + b} \right) \geq 1.$$

3573. Proposed by A.A. Dzhumadil'daeva, Almaty Republic Physics and Mathematics School, Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Let $(2n+1)!! = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n+1)$ be the double factorial, so (for example) $7!! = 105$. Make the convention that $0!! = (-1)!! = 1$. Prove that for any nonnegative integer n ,

$$\sum_{\substack{i+j+k=n \\ i,j,k \geq 0}} \binom{n}{i, j, k} (2i-1)!! (2j-1)!! (2k-1)!! = (2n+1)!!.$$