

Junior problems

J259. Among all triples of real numbers (x, y, z) which lie on a unit sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ find a triple which maximizes $\min(|x - y|, |y - z|, |z - x|)$.

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J260. Solve in integers the equation

$$x^4 - y^3 = 111.$$

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J261. Let $A_1 \dots A_n$ be a polygon inscribed in a circle with center O and radius R . Find the locus of points M on the circumference such that

$$A_1 M^2 + \dots + A_n M^2 = 2nR^2.$$

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J262. Find all positive integers m, n such that $\binom{m+1}{n} = \binom{n}{m+1}$.

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J263. The n -th pentagonal number is given by the formula $p_n = \frac{n(3n-1)}{2}$. Prove that there are infinitely many pentagonal numbers that can be written as a sum of two perfect squares of positive integers.

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J264. In triangle ABC , $2\angle A = 3\angle B$. Prove that

$$(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 + ac - b^2) = b^2 c^2.$$

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