

Senior problems

S259. Let a, b, c, d, e be integers such that

$$a(b+c) + b(c+d) + c(d+e) + d(e+a) + e(a+b) = 0.$$

Prove that $a+b+c+d+e$ divides $a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + d^5 + e^5 - 5abcde$.

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S260. Let $m < n$ be positive integers and let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be positive real numbers. If A is a subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, define $s_A = \sum_{i \in A} x_i$ and $A^c = \{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} | i \notin A\}$. Prove that

$$\sum_{|A|=m} \frac{s_A}{s_{A^c}} \geq \frac{m}{n-m} \binom{n}{m},$$

where the sum is taken over all m -element subsets A of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

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S261. Let ABC be a triangle with circumcircle Γ and let \mathcal{K} be the circle simultaneously tangent to AB, AC and Γ , internally. Let X be a point on the circumcircle of ABC and let Y, Z be the intersections of Γ with the tangents from X with respect to \mathcal{K} . As X varies on Γ , what is the locus of the incenters of triangles XYZ ?

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S262. Let a, b, c be the sides of a triangle and let m_a, m_b, m_c be the lengths of its medians. Prove that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca \leq 4(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 - m_a m_b - m_b m_c - m_c m_a).$$

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S263. Prove that for all $n \geq 2$ and all $1 \leq i \leq n$ we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{n-j} \frac{\binom{n+j}{n} \binom{n}{n-j}}{i+j} = 1.$$

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S264. Let a, b, c, x, y, z be positive real numbers such that $ab + bc + ca = xy + yz + zx = 1$. Prove that

$$a(y+z) + b(z+x) + c(x+y) \geq 2.$$

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