

21st Indian National Mathematical Olympiad – 2006

Time: 4 hours

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1. In a non-equilateral triangle ABC , the sides a, b, c form an arithmetic progression. Let I and O denote the incentre and circumcentre of the triangle respectively.
 - (i) Prove that IO is perpendicular to BI .
 - (ii) Suppose BI extended meets AC in K , and D, E are the midpoints of BC, BA respectively. Prove that I is the circumcentre of triangle DKE .

2. Prove that for every positive integer n there exists a **unique** ordered pair (a, b) of positive integers such that

$$n = \frac{1}{2}(a + b - 1)(a + b - 2) + a.$$

3. Let X denote the set of all triples (a, b, c) of integers. Define the function $f : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$f(a, b, c) = (a + b + c, ab + bc + ca, abc).$$

Find all triples (a, b, c) in X such that $f(f(a, b, c)) = (a, b, c)$.

4. Some 46 squares are randomly chosen from an 9×9 chess board and are coloured red. Show that there exists a 2×2 block of 4 squares of which at least three are coloured red.
5. In a cyclic quadrilateral $ABCD$, $AB = a$, $BC = b$, $CD = c$, $\angle BC = 120^\circ$, and $\angle ABD = 30^\circ$. Prove that

- (i) $c \geq a + b$;
- (ii) $|\sqrt{c+a} - \sqrt{c+b}| = \sqrt{c-a-b}$.

6. (a) Prove that if n is a positive integer such that $n \geq 4011^2$, then there exists an integer ℓ such that

$$n < \ell^2 < \left(1 + \frac{1}{2005}\right)n.$$

- (b) Find the smallest positive integer M for which whenever an integer n is such that $n \geq M$, there exists an integer ℓ such that

$$n < \ell^2 < \left(1 + \frac{1}{2005}\right)n.$$