

## Day 1

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Time allowed: 4 hours

No calculators are to be used.

Each question is worth seven points.

1. Determine all triples  $(k, m, n)$  of positive integers satisfying

$$k! + m! = k! \times n!.$$

(If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \times n$ .)

2. Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. Point  $P$  is on line  $CB$  such that  $CP = CA$  and  $B$  lies between  $C$  and  $P$ . Point  $Q$  is on line  $CD$  such that  $CQ = CA$  and  $D$  lies between  $C$  and  $Q$ .

Prove that the incentre of triangle  $ABD$  lies on line  $PQ$ .

(The *incentre* of a triangle is the point where its angle bisectors intersect.)

3. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be positive real numbers, where  $n \geq 2$ . For each permutation  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  of  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ , define its *score* to be

$$\frac{b_1^2}{b_2} + \frac{b_2^2}{b_3} + \dots + \frac{b_{n-1}^2}{b_n}.$$

Show that there exist two permutations of  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  whose scores differ by at least  $3|a_1 - a_n|$ .

4. Consider a  $2024 \times 2024$  grid of unit squares. Two distinct unit squares are *adjacent* if they share a common side. Each unit square is to be coloured either black or white. Such a colouring is called *evenish* if every unit square in the grid is adjacent to an even number of black unit squares.

Determine the number of evenish colourings.

## Day 2

Wednesday 7 February 2024

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5. The sequence of positive integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2025}$  is defined as follows:

- $a_1 = 2^{2024} + 1$
- for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 2024$ , define  $a_{n+1}$  to be the largest prime divisor of  $a_n^2 - 1$ .

Determine the value of  $a_{2024} + a_{2025}$ .

6. In a school, there are 1000 students in each year level, from Year 1 to Year 12. The school has 12 000 lockers, numbered from 1 to 12 000. The school principal requests that each student is assigned their own locker, so that the following condition is satisfied:

For every pair of students in the same year level, the difference between their locker numbers must be divisible by their year-level number.

Can the principal's request be satisfied?

7. Let  $ABCD$  be a square and let  $P$  be a point on side  $AB$ . The point  $Q$  lies outside the square such that  $\angle ABQ = \angle ADP$  and  $\angle AQB = 90^\circ$ . The point  $R$  lies on the side  $BC$  such that  $\angle BAR = \angle ADQ$ .

Prove that the lines  $AR$ ,  $CQ$  and  $DP$  pass through a common point.

8. Let  $r = 0.d_0d_1d_2\dots$  be a real number (written in decimal form) where  $d_0, d_1, d_2, \dots$  is an infinite sequence of digits.

For each integer  $n \geq 0$ , let

$$e_n = 10^n d_n + 10^{n-1} d_{n-1} + \dots + 10d_1 + d_0$$

be the number formed by writing the digits  $d_n, d_{n-1}, \dots, d_1, d_0$  in order from left to right. (Leading zeros are permitted.)

Suppose that  $d_0 = 6$  and, for each integer  $n \geq 0$ , the number  $e_n$  is equal to the number formed by the rightmost  $n + 1$  digits of  $e_n^2$ .

Prove that  $r$  is irrational.