

The 31st Annual Vojtěch Jarník
International Mathematical Competition
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Category II

Problem 1 Suppose that $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and that

$$\left(\int_{-1}^1 e^x f(x) dx \right)^2 \geq \left(\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx \right) \left(\int_{-1}^1 e^{2x} f(x) dx \right).$$

Prove that there exists a point $c \in (-1, 1)$ such that $f(c) = 0$.

[10 points]

Problem 2 A real 2024×2024 matrix A is called nice if $(Av, v) = 1$ for every vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^{2024}$ with unit norm.

a) Prove that the only nice matrix such that all of its eigenvalues are real is the identity matrix.

b) Find an example of a nice non-identity matrix.

[10 points]

Problem 3 Let $a_1 > 0$ and for $n \geq 1$ define

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + \frac{1}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}.$$

Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n^2}{\ln n} = 2$.

[10 points]

Problem 4 Let $(b_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be a sequence of positive integers satisfying $b_n = d\left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k\right)$ for all $n \geq 1$. (By $d(m)$ we denote the number of positive divisors of m .)

a) Prove that $(b_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is unbounded.

b) Prove that there are infinitely many n such that $b_n > b_{n+1}$.

[10 points]