First Round

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- 1. Solve in integers the equation $x^{2000} + 2000^{1999} = x^{1999} + 2000^{2000}$.
- 2. Points *D* and *E* lie on the sides *BC* and *AC* respectively of a triangle *ABC*. The lines *AD* and *BE* meet at *P*. Points *K* and *L* are taken on *BC* and *AC* respectively so that *CLPK* is a parallelogram. Prove that $\frac{AE}{EL} = \frac{BD}{DK}$.
- 3. Find all integers $n \ge 2$ such that the inequality

$$x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1}x_n \le \frac{n-1}{n}(x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2)$$

is satisfied for all positive numbers x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n .

- 4. Prove or disprove: One can place 65 balls of diameter 1 within a cube box of edge 4.
- 5. Prove that for all integers $n \ge 2$ and all prime numbers p the number $n^{p^p} + p^p$ is composite.
- 6. The integers a, b, x, y satisfy the equality

$$a + b\sqrt{2001} = \left(x + y\sqrt{2001}\right)^{2000}.$$

Prove that $a \ge 44b$.

- 7. Points *D* and *E* lie on the hypotenuse *BC* of an isosceles right triangle *ABC* such that $\angle DAE = 45^{\circ}$. The circumcircle of triangle *ADE* meets the sides *AB* and *AC* again at *P* and *Q*, respectively. Prove that BP + CQ = PQ.
- 8. For which positive integers m, n can an $m \times n$ rectangle be cut into pieces congruent to n?
- 9. Prove that among any 12 consecutive integers there is one that cannot be written as a sum of 10 fourth powers.
- 10. Prove that each triangle *ABC* contains an interior point *P* with the following property: each line passing through *P* divides the perimeter and the area of $\triangle ABC$ in the same ratio.
- 11. An *n*-tuple $(c_1, c_2, ..., c_n)$ of positive integers is called *admissible* if each positive integer *k* not exceeding $2(c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n)$ can be represented in the form

$$k = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i c_i$$
, with $a_i \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$

For each *n* find the maximum possible value of $c_1 + \cdots + c_n$ if (c_1, \ldots, c_n) is admissible.



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12. Consider all sequences $x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{2000}$ of integers satisfying

$$x_0 = 0$$
 and $|x_n| = |x_{n-1} + 1|$ for $n = 1, 2, ..., 2000$.

Find the minimum value of the expression $|x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_{2000}|$.



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