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1974/1.

Three players A, B and C play the following game: On each of three cards an integer is written. These three numbers p, q, r satisfy $0 < p < q < r$. The three cards are shuffled and one is dealt to each player. Each then receives the number of counters indicated by the card he holds. Then the cards are shuffled again; the counters remain with the players.

This process (shuffling, dealing, giving out counters) takes place for at least two rounds. After the last round, A has 20 counters in all, B has 10 and C has 9. At the last round B received r counters. Who received q counters on the first round?

1974/2.

In the triangle ABC , prove that there is a point D on side AB such that CD is the geometric mean of AD and DB if and only if

$$\sin A \sin B \leq \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}.$$

1974/3.

Prove that the number $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2n+1}{2k+1} 2^{3k}$ is not divisible by 5 for any integer $n \geq 0$.

1974/4.

Consider decompositions of an 8×8 chessboard into p non-overlapping rectangles subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Each rectangle has as many white squares as black squares.
- (ii) If a_i is the number of white squares in the i -th rectangle, then $a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_p$. Find the maximum value of p for which such a decomposition is possible. For this value of p , determine all possible sequences a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p .

1974/5.

Determine all possible values of

$$S = \frac{a}{a+b+d} + \frac{b}{a+b+c} + \frac{c}{b+c+d} + \frac{d}{a+c+d}$$

where a, b, c, d are arbitrary positive numbers.

1974/6.

Let P be a non-constant polynomial with integer coefficients. If $n(P)$ is the number of distinct integers k such that $(P(k))^2 = 1$, prove that $n(P) - \deg(P) \leq 2$, where $\deg(P)$ denotes the degree of the polynomial P .