

Solution 1 We have $\overrightarrow{A_1A_2} + \overrightarrow{B_1B_2} + \overrightarrow{C_1C_2} = \frac{\|\overrightarrow{A_1A_2}\|}{\|\overrightarrow{BC}\|} (\overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CA} + \overrightarrow{AB}) = \vec{0}$, hence

$$\overrightarrow{A_2B_1} + \overrightarrow{B_2C_1} + \overrightarrow{C_2A_1} = \vec{0}.$$

So, if A' - or B' , or C' - is the common point of the lines A_2B_1 and C_2A_1 - or B_2C_1 and A_2B_1 , or C_2A_1 and B_2C_1 -, the triangle $A'B'C'$ is equilateral.

The triangles AC_1B_2 and BA_1C_2 are congruent, because each of them is congruent with $C'C_1C_2$; the isometry mapping AC_1B_2 to BA_1C_2 is clearly the rotation with center O and angle $\frac{2\pi}{3}$, where O is the center of the triangle ABC . Same way, the rotation $(O, -\frac{2\pi}{3})$ maps the triangle AC_1B_2 to CB_1A_2 .

Hence the triangle $A_1B_1C_1$ is equilateral with center O and the lines A_1B_2 , B_1C_2 et C_1A_2 are the perpendicular bisectors of the sides of $A_1B_1C_1$; it follows that these three lines concur at O .

Solution 2 If $a_m = a_n$ with $m < n$, we have $a_m \equiv a_n [n+1]$ which is impossible. Hence, the a_n , for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, are distinct.

If $\alpha_n = \min(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and $\beta_n = \max(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$, as $\alpha_n \equiv \beta_n [\beta_n - \alpha_n]$, we have $\beta_n - \alpha_n < n$ and, a_1, \dots, a_n being distinct, $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is a set of n consecutive integers.

As $\{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ has infinitely many positive and negative elements, it follows that $\{a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \mathbb{Z}$.

Solution 3 We have

$$[(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)x^3 - (x^5 + y^2 + z^2)] \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{(y^2 + z^2)(x^3 - 1)^2}{x} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{x^5 - x^2}{x^5 + y^2 + z^2} \geq \frac{x^2 - \frac{1}{x}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \geq \frac{x^2 - yz}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}.$$

As $(x^2 - yz) + (y^2 - zx) + (z^2 - xy) \geq 0$, the result follows.

Solution 4 If p is prime > 3 , we have

$$6.a_{p-2} = 3(2^{p-1} - 1) + 2(3^{p-1} - 1) + (6^{p-1} - 1) \text{ and, by Fermat's theorem, } p \text{ divides } a_{p-2}.$$

As 2 and 3 divide $a_2 = 48$, it follows that every prime p divides one of the a_n ; hence 1 is the only positive integer relatively prime to all the a_n .

Solution 5 The common point Ω of the perpendicular bisectors of $[AC]$ and $[BD]$ is the center of the rotation mapping C to A , B to D and E to F . Thus Ω is the second intersection (apart D) of the circles DAP and DFQ . So, if $\angle d, d'$ is the directed angle of the lines d and d' , we have (modulo π)

$\angle RP, RQ = \angle AP, FQ = \angle AP, AD + \angle FD, FQ = \angle \Omega P, \Omega D + \angle \Omega D, \Omega Q = \angle \Omega P, \Omega Q$ and the circle PQR goes through Ω (this is also a consequence of Miquel's theorem)

Solution 6 Let $f(i, j)$ if $i \neq j$, be the number of contestants who have solved the problems i and j ; let n be the number of contestants.

$$\text{As } f(i, j) \geq \frac{2n+1}{5}, \text{ we have } S = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 6} f(i, j) \geq 15 \left(\frac{2n+1}{5} \right) = 6n + 3.$$

If each contestant has solved at most 4 problems, we have $\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 6} f(i, j) \leq nC_4^2 = 6n$, which is impossible.

Suppose now that only one contestant has solved 5 problems; say, the problems 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

If p is the number of contestants who have solved exactly 4 problems, we have $6n + 3 \leq S \leq C_5^2 + pC_4^2 + (n-p-1)C_3^2$, hence $p \geq n - \frac{4}{3}$ and $p = n - 1$.

So $S = 10 + 6(n-1) = 6n + 4$. Moreover, $k = \frac{2n+1}{5} \in N$ because, elsewhere, $S \geq 15 \left(\frac{2n+2}{5} \right) = 6n + 6$.

From $\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 6} [f(i,j) - k] = 1$, it follows that each $f(i,j)$, for $i < j$, is k except for one of them, $f(i_0, j_0)$ whose value is $k + 1$.

If $\varphi(t) = \sum_{i \neq t} f(i,t)$, then $\varphi(6)$ is 3 times the number of contestants who have solved the problem 6 and, for $1 \leq t < 6$, $\varphi(t) - 1$ is 3 times the number of contestants who have solved the problem t .

Hence, for $1 \leq t < 6$, we have $\varphi(t) \neq \varphi(6)$.

But, if $t \notin \{i_0, j_0, 6\}$, we have $\varphi(t) = \varphi(6) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5k \text{ si } j_0 < 6 \\ 5k + 1 \text{ si } j_0 = 6 \end{array} \right\}$ and the contradiction.