

Nordic Mathematical Contest 1997

1. For any set A of positive integers, let n_A denote the number of triples (x, y, z) of elements of A such that $x < y$ and $x + y = z$. Find the maximum value of n_A given that A contains seven distinct elements.
2. Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral. Assume that there exists an internal point P of $ABCD$ such that the areas of the triangles ABP , BCP , CDP and DAP are all equal. Prove that at least one of the diagonals of the quadrilateral bisects the other.
3. Assume A, B, C, D are four distinct points in the plane. Three of the segments AB, AC, AD, BC, BD, CD have length a . The other three have length $b > a$. Find all possible values of the ratio b/a .
4. Let f be a function defined on $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ such that
$$f(2x) = 2f(x)$$
$$f(4x + 1) = 4f(x) + 3$$
$$f(4x - 1) = 2f(2x - 1) - 1$$
Prove that f is injective (if $f(x) = f(y)$, then $x = y$).