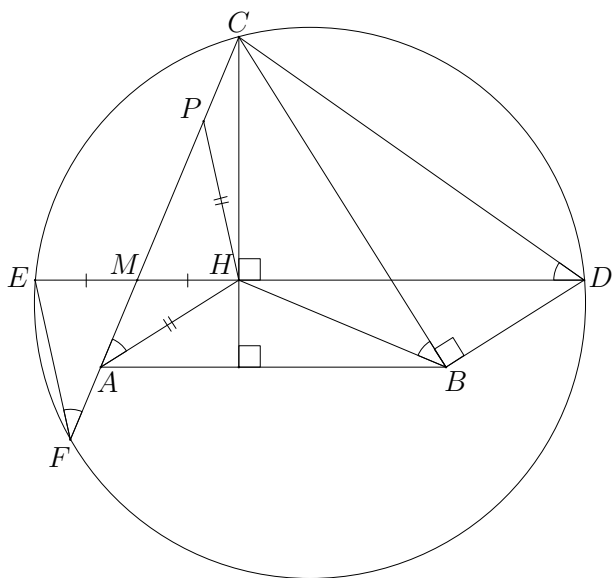


**Solution to problem 1** Since  $HD \parallel AB$  and  $BD \parallel AH$ , we have  $BD \perp BC$  and  $CH \perp DH$ . Hence the quadrilateral  $BDCH$  is cyclic. Since  $H$  is the orthocenter of the triangle  $ABC$ , we have  $\angle HAC = 90^\circ - \angle ACB = \angle CBH$ . Using that  $BDCH$  and  $CDFE$  are cyclic quadrilaterals we get

$$\angle CFE = \angle CDH = \angle CBH = \angle HAC.$$

Let  $M$  be the intersection of  $AC$  and  $DH$  and hence the midpoint of  $EH$  by construction. Let  $P \neq A$  be the point on the line  $AC$  such that  $AH = HP$ . Then  $\angle MFE = \angle HAC = \angle MPH$ . Since  $\angle MFE = \angle MPH$ ,  $\angle FME = \angle HMP$ , and  $EM = MH$ , the triangles  $EMF$  and  $HMP$  are congruent, and thus  $EF = HP = AH$ .



**Comment** Instead of introducing the point  $P$ , one can complete the solution by using the law of sines in the triangles  $EFM$  and  $AMH$ , yielding:

$$\frac{EF}{EM} = \frac{\sin \angle EMF}{\sin \angle MFE} = \frac{\sin \angle AMH}{\sin \angle HAM} = \frac{AH}{MH} = \frac{AH}{EM}.$$

**Solution to problem 2** From the constraint of the problem we see that

$$\frac{k}{a_{k+1}} \leq \frac{a_k^2 + k - 1}{a_k} = a_k + \frac{k - 1}{a_k},$$

and so

$$a_k \geq \frac{k}{a_{k+1}} - \frac{k - 1}{a_k}.$$

Summing up the above inequality for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we obtain

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_m \geq \left(\frac{1}{a_2} - \frac{0}{a_1}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{a_3} - \frac{1}{a_2}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{m}{a_{m+1}} - \frac{m-1}{a_m}\right) = \frac{m}{a_{m+1}}.$$

Now we prove the problem statement by induction on  $n$ . The case  $n = 2$  can be done applying the constraint for  $k = 1$ :

$$a_1 + a_2 \geq a_1 + \frac{1}{a_1} \geq 2.$$

For the induction step, assume that the statement is true for some  $n \geq 2$ . If  $a_{n+1} \geq 1$ , then the induction hypothesis yields

$$(a_1 + \dots + a_n) + a_{n+1} \geq n + 1.$$

Otherwise, if  $a_{n+1} < 1$  then

$$(a_1 + \dots + a_n) + a_{n+1} \geq \frac{n}{a_{n+1}} + a_{n+1} = \frac{n-1}{a_{n+1}} + \left(\frac{1}{a_{n+1}} + a_{n+1}\right) > (n-1) + 2 = n + 1.$$

That completes the solution.

### Solution to problem 3

**Answer:** The game ends in a draw when  $n = 1, 2, 4, 6$ , otherwise  $B$  wins.

Firstly, we show that  $b$  wins whenever  $n \neq 1, 2, 4, 6$ . For this purpose, we provide a strategy which guarantees that  $B$  can always make a move after  $A$ 's move, and also guarantees that the game does not end in a draw.

We begin by proving that  $B$  can always move: By symmetry we can assume that  $A$  starts by choosing a number not exceeding  $\frac{n+1}{2}$ . Then  $B$  chooses  $n$ . After  $A$  has made the  $k^{\text{th}}$  move where  $k \geq 2$ , we now prove that  $B$  can also make a move. Let  $S$  be the set of all the  $k$  numbers chosen by  $A$  so far. Then the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus S$  consists of  $k$  or  $k + 1$  "contiguous components". Since  $B$  has only chosen  $k - 1$  numbers, there is at least one component of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus S$  consisting of numbers not yet picked by  $B$ . Hence  $B$  can choose a number from this component.

Case 1: Assume that  $n \geq 3$  is odd. The only way the game can end in a draw, is if  $A$  picks all the odd numbers. But this situation cannot happen since  $B$  picks  $n$  as the first number.

Case 2: Assume that  $n \geq 8$  is even: Since  $B$  picks  $n$ , the only way the game can end in a draw is if  $A$  picks all the odd numbers. After the second move of  $A$ , there is at least one odd number less than  $n - 1$  left, and hence  $B$  can prevent a draw by picking an odd number in the second move.

Case  $n = 1, 2, 4$ . If  $n = 1, 2$  the game obviously ends in a draw. If  $n = 4$ , the only way  $A$  can prevent losing, is by picking 1 or 4. Assume wlog that  $A$  picks 1. Then  $B$  has to pick 4 not to lose, and hence  $A$  can pick 3 and  $B$  is left with 2.

Case  $n = 6$ . The above shows that  $B$  gets at least a draw. On the other hand,  $A$  may also get at least a draw in the following way: First  $A$  picks 1. After that  $B$  picks a number  $b$ . If  $b = 6$ , then  $A$  reserves 5 for the last move, and picks 3. If  $b = 4, 5$ , then  $A$  reserves  $b + 1$  for the last move, and picks 3. If  $b = 2, 3$ , then  $A$  reserves  $b + 1$  for the last move, and picks 6.