

2015 USA Team Selection Test Selection Test Day 1  
Carnegie Mellon University  
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1:15 – 5:45pm

1. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be a sequence of real numbers, and let  $m$  be a fixed positive integer less than  $n$ . We say an index  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq n$  is *good* if there exists some  $\ell$  with  $1 \leq \ell \leq m$  such that

$$a_k + a_{k+1} + \dots + a_{k+\ell-1} \geq 0,$$

where the indices are taken modulo  $n$ . Let  $T$  be the set of all good indices. Prove that

$$\sum_{k \in T} a_k \geq 0.$$

2. Let  $ABC$  be a scalene triangle. Let  $K_a$ ,  $L_a$ , and  $M_a$  be the respective intersections with  $BC$  of the internal angle bisector, external angle bisector, and the median from  $A$ . The circumcircle of  $AK_aL_a$  intersects  $AM_a$  a second time at a point  $X_a$  different from  $A$ . Define  $X_b$  and  $X_c$  analogously. Prove that the circumcenter of  $X_aX_bX_c$  lies on the Euler line of  $ABC$ .

(The Euler line of  $ABC$  is the line passing through the circumcenter, centroid, and orthocenter of  $ABC$ .)

3. Let  $P$  be the set of all primes, and let  $M$  be a non-empty subset of  $P$ . Suppose that for any non-empty subset  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\}$  of  $M$ , all prime factors of  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k + 1$  are also in  $M$ . Prove that  $M = P$ .

**2015 USA Team Selection Test Selection Test Day 2**  
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4. Let  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  be real numbers (not necessarily positive) such that  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + xyz = 4$ . Show that

$$x \leq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{2-x} \geq \frac{y+z}{2}.$$

5. Let  $\varphi(n)$  denote the number of positive integers less than  $n$  that are relatively prime to  $n$ . Prove that there exists a positive integer  $m$  for which the equation  $\varphi(n) = m$  has at least 2015 solutions in  $n$ .
6. A *Nim-style game* is defined as follows. Two positive integers  $k$  and  $n$  are specified, along with a finite set  $S$  of  $k$ -tuples of integers (not necessarily positive). At the start of the game, the  $k$ -tuple  $(n, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  is written on the blackboard.

A legal move consists of erasing the tuple  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  which is written on the blackboard and replacing it with  $(a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_k + b_k)$ , where  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k)$  is an element of the set  $S$ . Two players take turns making legal moves, and the first to write a negative integer loses. In the event that neither player is ever forced to write a negative integer, the game is a draw.

Prove that there is a choice of  $k$  and  $S$  with the following property: the first player has a winning strategy if  $n$  is a power of 2, and otherwise the second player has a winning strategy.