

## **COMPETITION PROBLEMS**

**Problem 1.** Let  $f: [0,1] \to (0,1)$  be a Riemann integrable function. Show that

$$\frac{2\int_0^1 xf^2(x)\,\mathrm{d}x}{\int_0^1 (f^2(x)+1)\,\mathrm{d}x} < \frac{\int_0^1 f^2(x)\,\mathrm{d}x}{\int_0^1 f(x)\,\mathrm{d}x}.$$

**Problem 2.** Let  $m, n, p, q \ge 1$  and let the matrices  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m,n}(\mathbb{R}), B \in \mathcal{M}_{n,p}(\mathbb{R}), C \in \mathcal{M}_{p,q}(\mathbb{R}), D \in \mathcal{M}_{q,m}(\mathbb{R})$  be such that

$$A^t = BCD, \quad B^t = CDA, \quad C^t = DAB, \quad D^t = ABC.$$

Prove that  $(ABCD)^2 = ABCD$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}_{2018}(\mathbb{R})$  such that AB = BA and  $A^{2018} = B^{2018} = I$ , where I is the identity matrix. Prove that if Tr(AB) = 2018, then Tr A = Tr B.

**Problem 4.** (a) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a polynomial function. Prove that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x = f(0) + f'(0) + f''(0) + \cdots$$

(b) Let f be a function which has a Taylor series expansion at 0 with radius of convergence  $R = \infty$ . Prove that if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f^{(n)}(0)$  converges absolutely then  $\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-x} f(x) dx$  converges and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f^{(n)}(0) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x.$$