

1. The polynomial $f(x) = x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}x + a_n = 0$ with integer non-zero coefficients has n distinct integer roots. Prove that if the roots are pairwise coprime, then a_{n-1} and a_n are coprime.
2. Let $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ be polynomials with real coefficients such that $P(x) = Q(x)$ for all real values of x . Prove that $P(x) = Q(x)$ for all complex values of x .
3. (a) Determine all polynomials $P(x)$ with real coefficients such that $P(x^2) = P^2(x)$.
 (b) Determine all polynomials $P(x)$ with real coefficients such that $P(x^2) = P(x)P(x+1)$
 (c) Suppose $P(x)$ is a polynomial such that $P(x-1) + P(x+1) = 2P(x)$ for all real x . Prove that $P(x)$ has degree at most 1.
4. (USAMO 1975) A polynomial $P(x)$ of degree n satisfies $P(k) = k/(k+1)$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. Find $P(n+1)$.
5. (Brazil 2007) Let $P(x) = x^2 + 2007x + 1$. Prove that for every positive integer n , the equation $P(P(\dots(P(x)))) = 0$ has at least one real solution, where the composition is performed n times.
6. (Russia 2002) Among the polynomials $P(x), Q(x), R(x)$ with real coefficients at least one has degree two and one has degree three. If $P^2(x) + Q^2(x) = R^2(x)$ prove that one of the polynomials of degree three has three real roots.
7. Eisenstein's Criterion: Let $P(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be a polynomial and p be a prime dividing a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} , such that p does not divide a_n and p^2 does not divide a_0 . Then $P(x)$ is irreducible
8. (IMO 1986, #1) Let d be any positive integer not equal to 2, 5, or 13. Show that one can find distinct a, b in the set $\{2, 5, 13, d\}$ such that $ab - 1$ is not a perfect square.
9. Call a positive integer "good" if it can be written in the form $a^2 + 3b^2$. Show that the product of two good numbers is good. (Then reverse this construction to show that if $7n$ is good, then n is good.)
10. Let a, b, c, d be positive integers with $ab = cd$. Prove that $a + b + c + d$ is composite.
11. Show that $4^n + n^4$ is composite for all integers $n \geq 2$.
12. Show that 19^{19} cannot be written as $m^4 + n^3$ for any integers m and n .
13. Recall that e is given by the infinite sum $e = 1 + 1/1! + 1/2! + 1/3! + \dots$. Show that e is irrational.
14. (a) (USAMO 1974) Let a, b, c be three distinct integers, and let P be a polynomial with integer coefficients. Show that in this case the conditions $P(a) = b, P(b) = c, P(c) = a$ cannot be satisfied simultaneously.
 (b) Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial with integer coefficients, and let n be an odd positive integer. Suppose that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a sequence of integers such that $x_2 = P(x_1), x_3 = P(x_2), \dots, x_n =$

$P(x_{n-1})$, and $x_1 = P(x_n)$. Prove that all the x_i 's are equal.

(c) (Putnam 2000) Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial with integer coefficients. Define a sequence a_0, a_1, \dots of integers such that $a_0 = 0$ and $a_{n+1} = f(a_n)$ for all $n \geq 0$. Prove that if there exists a positive integer m for which $a_m = 0$ then either $a_1 = 0$ or $a_2 = 0$.

(d) (IMO 2006) Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial of degree $n > 1$ with integer coefficients and let k be a positive integer. Consider the polynomial $Q(x) = P(P(\dots(P(x)\dots)))$ (k times P) Prove that there are at most n integers t such that $Q(t) = t$.

15. Let a, b, c be nonzero integers such that both $a/b + b/c + c/a$ and $a/c + c/b + b/a$ are integers. Prove that $|a| = |b| = |c|$.
16. (China 1995) Alice and Bob play a game with a polynomial of degree at least 4: $x^{2n} + @x^{2n-1} + @x^{2n-2} + \dots + @x + 1$. They fill in real numbers to empty boxes(@) in turn. If the resulting polynomial has no real root, Alice wins; otherwise, Bob wins. If Alice goes first, who has a winning strategy?
17. (USAMO 2002) Prove that any monic polynomial of degree n with real coefficients is the average of two monic polynomials of degree n with n real roots.
18. Let $n \geq 3$ be a positive integer. n lily pads are placed in a circle, with one lily pad marked start. There are n frogs, labeled $1, \dots, n$, such that frog k in one leap jumps k lily pads in the clockwise direction. For each $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, if frog k is at start, how many (positive number of) leaps does the frog make to return to start for the first time?
19. Let a, n, d be positive integers such that $\gcd(a, n) = 1$. Let $m = \text{ord}_n(a)$. Express $\text{ord}_n(a^d)$ in terms of m and d .
20. Let $p \geq 5$ be a prime and $1 \leq n < p - 1$ a positive integer. Prove that $1^n + 2^n + \dots + (p - 1)^n$ is divisible by p .
21. Let p be an odd prime and g a primitive root modulo p . Prove that $g^{((p-1)/2)} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.
22. Prove that there are no positive integer solutions to $4ab - a - b = c^2$.
23. (Putnam, May 1977) Determine all solutions of the system $x+y+z=w$ and $1/x+1/y+1/z=1/w$.
24. (USSR Olympiad) Prove that the fraction $(n^3 + 2n)/(n^4 + 3n^2 + 1)$ is in lowest terms for every positive integer n .
25. (Po, 2004) Prove that $x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 1$ is irreducible.
26. (Canadian Olympiad, 1970) Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial with integral coefficients. Suppose there exist four distinct integers a, b, c, d with $P(a) = P(b) = P(c) = P(d) = 5$. Prove that there is no integer k with $P(k) = 8$.
27. (Elgin, MOP 1997) For which n is the polynomial $1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots + x^{(2n-2)}$ divisible by the polynomial $1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{(n-1)}$?
28. (Hungarian Olympiad, 1981) Show that there is only one natural number n such that $2^8 + 2^{11} + 2^n$ is a perfect square.

29. Find all positive integers x such that $2^m + 3n = m! + n^2 + 4$.
30. Find all positive integers k such that $k + 4 \mid k^3 + k^2 + 2k + 1$.
31. Find all integers k such that $k^2 + k + 1 \mid 3k^2 + k + 4$.
32. Find all positive integers a, b, c such that $a \mid b + c$, $b \mid a + c$, $c \mid a + b$.
33. Find all positive integers a, b such that $a^2 = b^2 + 3b$.
34. Find all positive integers x, y such that $x^3 = y^3 + 2y^2 + 8$.
35. Find all positive integers n such that $n^2 + 1 \mid 5n + 1$.
36. Find all positive integers a, b such that $a^4 + b^2 + 2 = 2ab$.
37. Find all integers x, y such that $5/x + 3/y = 1$.
38. Find all primes p, q such that $p^2 - 2q^2 = 1$.
39. Find all integers a, b such that $a^2 + 4b$ and $b^2 + 4a$ are both perfect squares.
40. Find all integers a, b, c, d such that $a^2 + b^2 = 7(c^2 + d^2)$.
41. Find all primes p, q, r such that $p(q - r) = q + r$.
42. Find all positive integers m, n such that $1 + 5 \cdot 2^m = n^2$.
43. Find all positive integers x, y such that $x(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3) = y^2$.
44. Find all integers x, y such that $x^3 = y^3 + 2y^2 + 1$.
45. Find all positive integers m, n such that $m! = n^3 + 3$.