Tenth International Olympiad, 1968

1968/1.

Prove that there is one and only one triangle whose side lengths are consecutive integers, and one of whose angles is twice as large as another.

1968/2.

Find all natural numbers x such that the product of their digits (in decimal notation) is equal to $x^2 - 10x - 22$.

1968/3.

Consider the system of equations

$$ax_{1}^{2} + bx_{1} + c = x_{2}$$

$$ax_{2}^{2} + bx_{2} + c = x_{3}$$

$$\cdots$$

$$ax_{n-1}^{2} + bx_{n-1} + c = x_{n}$$

$$ax_{n}^{2} + bx_{n} + c = x_{1},$$

with unknowns x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , where a, b, c are real and $a \neq 0$. Let $\Delta = (b-1)^2 - 4ac$. Prove that for this system

(a) if $\Delta < 0$, there is no solution,

(b) if $\Delta = 0$, there is exactly one solution,

(c) if $\Delta > 0$, there is more than one solution.

1968/4.

Prove that in every tetrahedron there is a vertex such that the three edges meeting there have lengths which are the sides of a triangle.

1968/5.

Let f be a real-valued function defined for all real numbers x such that, for some positive constant a, the equation

$$f(x+a) = \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{f(x) - [f(x)]^2}$$

holds for all x.

(a) Prove that the function f is periodic (i.e., there exists a positive number b such that f(x+b) = f(x) for all x).

(b) For a = 1, give an example of a non-constant function with the required properties.

1968/6.

For every natural number n, evaluate the sum

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{n+2^k}{2^{k+1}} \right] = \left[\frac{n+1}{2} \right] + \left[\frac{n+2}{4} \right] + \dots + \left[\frac{n+2^k}{2^{k+1}} \right] + \dots$$

(The symbol [x] denotes the greatest integer not exceeding x.)