

1<sup>st</sup> American Selection Test for the 43<sup>rd</sup> IMO

1. Prove that if  $A, B, C$  are a triangle's angles, then the following inequality holds:

$$\cos \frac{A-B}{2} + \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + \cos \frac{C-A}{2} \geq \sin \frac{3A}{2} + \sin \frac{3B}{2} + \sin \frac{3C}{2}.$$

2. Let  $p$  be a prime greater than 5. Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a function such that:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{(px+k)^2}.$$

Prove that if  $x, y$  are integers then  $f(x) - f(y)$  has the numerator divisible with  $p^3$ , when it's written in lowest terms.

3. Let  $n > 2$  be a positive integer and  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  distinct points in the plane. Let  $S = \bigcup_{i=1}^n P_i P_{i+1}$ . Determine if one can always find  $A, B \in S$  so that  $P_1 P_n \parallel AB$  ( $AB$  can be on  $P_1 P_n$ ) so that  $P_1 P_n = kAB$  when:
- (a)  $k = 2.5$
  - (b)  $k = 3$ .

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