

The 17th Balkan Mathematical Olympiad  
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1. Find all functions of real variables such that for any real  $x$  and  $y$  we have :

$$f(xf(x) + f(y)) = y + f^2(x)$$

2. Let  $ABC$  be an acute-angled triangle and  $D$  the midpoint of  $BC$ . Let  $E$  be a point on segment  $AD$  and  $M$  its projection on  $BC$ . If  $N$  and  $P$  are the projections of  $M$  on  $AB$  and  $AC$  then the angular bisectors of angles  $\angle NMP$  and  $\angle NEP$  are parallel.
3. One has a rectangle of dimensions  $50 \times 90$ . What is the maximum number of rectangles of dimensions  $1$  and  $\sqrt{2}$  that can fit in the large rectangle?
4. A positive integer  $n$  is called a power if there are  $a$  and  $b$  positive integer numbers greater than or equal to  $2$  so that  $n = a^b$ . Prove that for any  $n$  there is a set  $A$  of  $n$  powers so that for any subset  $B$  of  $A$ ,  $\frac{1}{|B|} \sum_{x \in B} x$  is also a power.