## Εσωτερικός διαγωνισμός επιλογής για τον IMC 2024 Τμήμα Μαθηματικών Πατρών

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Διάρκεια εξέτασης: 3 ώρες.

**Problem 1.** Prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2(n+2)^2} < \frac{5}{32}.$$

**Problem 2.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) = a \cos x + b \cos 3x$ . If the inequality f(x) > 1 has no solutions, prove that  $|b| \le 1$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $a_n$  be a sequence of nonzero real numbers and let  $b_n = \frac{a_{n+1}^2}{a_n^2}$ . Assume that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

diverges, but the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$$

converges. Examine the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{b_n} - 1).$$

**Problem 4.** Suppose that P and Q are  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $P^2 = P$ ,  $Q^2 = Q$  and I - (P + Q) is invertible. Show that P and Q have the same rank.

Problem 5. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate the trace of the matrix  $A^n$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

**Problem 6.** The positive divisors of an integer n > 1 are  $1 = d_1 < d_2 < ... < d_k = n$ . Let  $s = d_1d_2 + d_2d_3 + ... + d_{k-1}d_k$ . Prove that  $s < n^2$  and find all n for which s divides  $n^2$ .

**Problem 7.** Find all primes p such that  $7p + 3^p - 4$  is a square.