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Category I

Problem 1 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuously differentiable function. Prove that

$$\left| f(1) - \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \max_{x \in [0,1]} |f'(x)|.$$

[10 points]

Problem 2 Let n be a positive integer and let A, B be two complex nonsingular $n \times n$ matrices such that

$$A^2B - 2ABA + BA^2 = 0.$$

Prove that the matrix $AB^{-1}A^{-1}B - I_n$ is nilpotent. (Here I_n denotes the $n \times n$ identity matrix. A matrix X is called nilpotent if there exists a positive integer k such that $X^k = 0$.) [10 points]

Problem 3 Let n be a positive integer and let G be a simple undirected graph on n vertices. Let d_i be the degree of its i -th vertex, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Denote $\Delta = \max d_i$. Prove that if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2 > n\Delta(n - \Delta)$$

then G contains a triangle. (A graph is called simple if there are no loops and no multiple edges between any pair of vertices.) [10 points]

Problem 4 Let $p > 2$ be a prime and let

$$\mathcal{A} = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : 2p \mid n \text{ and } p^2 \nmid n \text{ and } n \mid 3^n - 1\}.$$

Prove that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\mathcal{A} \cap [1, k]|}{k} \leq \frac{2 \log 3}{p \log p}.$$

[10 points]