



Problem 1. In any triangle ABC , let M and N be the midpoints of the sides AB and AC , respectively. Let P be the midpoint of the segment MN . Denote by G the centroid of $\triangle ABC$. Prove that the points A , P , and G are collinear.

Note: The centroid of a triangle is defined as the intersection point of its medians.

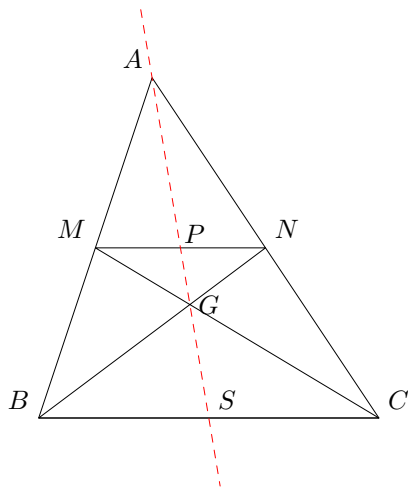
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Solution: Let S be the midpoint of segment BC . We then know that AS is a median in $\triangle ABC$, and by definition, point G lies on it. Therefore, A , G , and S are collinear. Hence, we can remove G from our thesis and instead prove that P also lies on the median AS .

Note that $\frac{AM}{AB} = \frac{AN}{AC} = \frac{1}{2}$, and moreover the rays AB and AC share the common point A . Therefore, by the converse of Thales' theorem we obtain that segments MN and BC are parallel. Furthermore, $\frac{MN}{BC} = \frac{1}{2}$. Now, by the definition of points P and S , we have

$$\frac{MP}{BS} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}MN}{\frac{1}{2}BC} = \frac{MN}{BC} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{AM}{AB}.$$

Moreover, MP and BS are parallel, since they are segments lying on the parallel lines MN and BC . Therefore, again by the converse of Thales' theorem, we obtain that the points A , P , and S are indeed collinear. As we already know, this completes the proof.





Zadanie 2. Find all prime numbers p such that the number $p^4 + 4^p$ is also prime.

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Solution: We will consider our number from the point of view of remainders modulo 5.

First, let us check what happens when p is even. The only even prime number is 2, hence $p = 2$. However, in this case the number from the thesis equals 32, which is obviously not prime. Therefore, p must be odd.

Now consider the case when 5 divides p . Since p is prime, this means $p = 5$. Substituting this into the expression from the thesis, we obtain the value 1649. But $1649 = 17 \cdot 97$, so it is not prime. Hence 5 does not divide p .

If p leaves remainder 1 upon division by 5, then $p = 5k + 1$ and

$$p^4 = 625k^4 + 500k^3 + 150k^2 + 20k + 1,$$

so p^4 leaves remainder 1 modulo 5. Similarly, expanding for p that leaves remainders 2, 3, 4 modulo 5, in every case we find that p^4 always leaves remainder 1. Now consider powers of 4. They alternate between remainders 4 and 1. Indeed, 4 leaves remainder 4, $4^2 = 16$ leaves remainder 1, $4^3 = 64$ again leaves remainder 4, and so on. In particular, remainder 4 occurs for odd exponents. Since we already know that p is odd, it follows that 4^p leaves remainder 4 modulo 5.

Combining these results, we conclude that the number $p^4 + 4^p$ leaves remainder $1 + 4 = 5$, i.e. 0 modulo 5, so it is divisible by 5. On the other hand, we know that

$$p^4 + 4^p \geq 3^4 + 4^3 = 145 > 5,$$

so it cannot be prime, because it has a prime divisor smaller than itself.

Thus we have considered all possible cases, and in none of them did we find a suitable number p . Therefore, such a number cannot exist.