

Problemen

| Problem Section

Problem A (Problem Exchange)

Evaluate

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\log(x+1)}{x^2+1} dx.$$

Problem B (Proposed by Peter Montgomery)

1. Find an integer n (as small as possible) and rational numbers a_1, \dots, a_n such that

$$\sqrt{10 + 3\sqrt{11}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{a_i}.$$

2. Find an integer n (as small as possible) and rational numbers b_1, \dots, b_n such that

$$\sqrt[3]{\sqrt[3]{2} - 1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[3]{b_i}.$$

Problem C (Proposed by Paul Penning)

Consider a triangle ABC inscribed in an ellipse. For given A the other vertices can be adjusted to maximize the circumference. Prove or disprove that this maximum circumference is independent to the position of A on the ellipse.

Problem * (Proposed by Christiaan van de Woestijne)

Let $f(X) \in \mathbf{Q}[X]$ be a polynomial of degree n with rational coefficients. Suppose that $\text{degree}(\gcd(f(X), f^{(k)}(X))) > 0$ for $k = 1 \dots n-1$. Prove or disprove $f(X) = a(X-b)^n$, for some rational numbers a, b . (See also arXiv:math.AC/0605090, 3 May 2006.)