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PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

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PROBLEMS

10767. *Proposed by Bruce Dearden and Jerry Metzger, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.* For integers $n \geq 2$ and $m > 1$, how many invertible m -by- m matrices are there modulo n ?

10768. *Proposed by Sung Soo Kim, Hanyang University, Ansan, Kyunggi, Korea.*

(a) Show that there is a continuous function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f + g$ is not increasing for any differentiable function g .

(b) Show that there is a differentiable function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f + g$ is not increasing for any continuously differentiable function g .

(c) Show that, for any continuously differentiable function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, there is a real analytic function g such that $f + g$ is increasing.

10769. *Proposed by Christian Blatter, Zürich, Switzerland.* Determine the minimum number of colors necessary to color the points of a sphere in such a way that points at spherical distance $\pi/2$ (i.e., points that subtend a right angle from the center of the sphere) get different colors.

10770. *Proposed by Călin Popescu, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.* Suppose that m and n are integers with $1 < m < \phi(m) + n$, where $\phi(m)$ is the number of elements in $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ that are relatively prime to m . Show that $\sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} i^m$ is divisible by m .

10771. *Proposed by Mowaffaq Hajja and Peter Walker, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, U. A. E.* Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1 + u^2 + v^2 + w^2)^{-2} du dv dw$.

10772. *Proposed by William C. Waterhouse, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.* For any ordered field K , one can define the derivative of a function $f: K \rightarrow K$ as usual by $f'(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} (f(y) - f(x)) / (y - x)$. Suppose that every $f: K \rightarrow K$ with derivative identically zero is constant. Prove that K is isomorphic to the field of real numbers.