

## IMC Selection Test 3

**Problem 1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be positive integers such that  $(1 + \sqrt{7})^{2023} = A + B\sqrt{7}$ . Find  $\gcd(A, B)$ .

**Problem 2.** An  $n \times n$ -matrix  $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$  is *skew-symmetric* if for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  we have  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  (in particular, all diagonal entries are 0). Prove that if  $n$  is even, then the determinant of an  $n \times n$  skew-symmetric matrix  $A$  does not change if we add the same number to all of its entries.

**Problem 3.** Let  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a strictly increasing continuous function with  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$ . Define  $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = \int_x^{2x} \frac{f(t)}{t} dt$ . Determine the image of  $g$ .

**Problem 4.** For an infinite family of compact, convex regions in the plane, the following are known:

1. every region contains at least two points;
2. every region has area  $P_1 \geq 0$ ;
3. if two regions intersect, their intersection has area  $P_2 \geq 0$ ;
4. there do not exist 2,023 pairwise disjoint regions in the family;
5. there does not exist a point of the plane contained in 2,023 distinct regions of the family.

Describe exactly how the regions are shaped.