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Problem 1.

Prove that $\sqrt{4n+1} < \sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1} < \sqrt{4n+2}$, where n is a positive integer.

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Problem 2.

Two players take turns choosing one number at a time (without replacement) from the set $\{-4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. The first player to obtain three numbers (out of three, four, or five) which sum to 0 wins. Does either player have a forced win?

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Problem 3.

Let n be a positive integer and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} and x_n be integers such that

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n = n.$$

Prove that n is a multiple of 4.

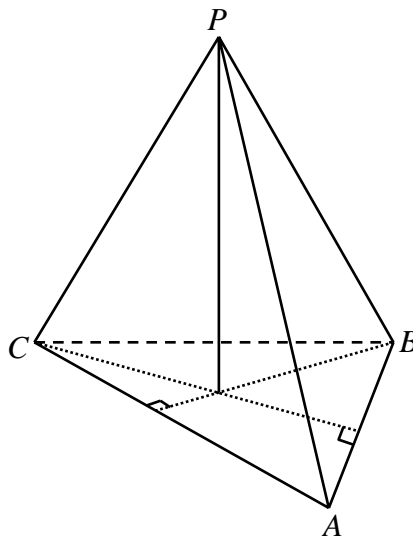
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Problem 4.

In the tetrahedron $PABC$ the altitude from P passes through the orthocenter of triangle $\triangle ABC$. Find the ratio of the areas of triangles $\triangle PAB$ and $\triangle PAC$ if $PC = 6 - \sqrt{2}$, $PB = 6 + \sqrt{2}$, $BC = 2\sqrt{19}$.



ANSWER : $\frac{S_{\triangle PAB}}{S_{\triangle PAC}} =$

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Problem 5.

Your calculator is not working properly—it cannot perform multiplications. But it can add (and subtract) and it can compute the reciprocal $\frac{1}{x}$ of any number x . Can you nevertheless use this defective calculator to multiply numbers?

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Problem 6.

Given an arbitrary convex quadrilateral $ABCD$ and the centers P, Q, R, S of the external squares on the sides AB, BC, CD, DA , respectively. Show that the area of quadrilateral $PQRS$ is $\frac{1}{2} \times QS \times QS$

