

Curriculum for a two year cycle

We assign categories NT (number theory), A (algebra), C (combinatorics) and G (geometry) to the topics. This the most prominent topics used to classify and diversify problems in most of the mathematical contest including USAMO and IMO

Year 1: Fall.

- (1) (NT+A) Reminder: Arithmetics modulo n ,
 - (a) Fermat's little theorem, Euler's theorem
 - (b) Euler's totient function
 - (c) Euclidean algorithm
 - (d) RSA encryption algorithm*
- (2) (C) Graphs
 - (a) Trees & forests. Basic applications of Euler's formula $V - E = \#\{\text{components}\}$
 - (b) Breadth-first and depth-first search*
- (3) (G) Rigid motions of the plane and how to use them in geometric problems
 - (a) Symmetries
 - (b) Parallel transport
 - (c) Rotations (central symmetries). Napoleon's theorem & Toricelli point

Year 1: Spring.

- (1) (NT+A) Fermat's Christmas theorem
 - (a) Gaussian integers
 - (b) Fundamental theorem of arithmetics in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$
 - (c) Number of representations of n as $a^2 + b^2$. Formula for $\pi/4$.
 - (d) Zagier's proof 'from the book'
 - (e) Quaternions & Hurwitz numbers. Lagrange's 4-squares theorem*
- (2) (C) Catalan numbers
 - (a) Various definitions & direct bijections.
 - (b) Recurrence & generating function.
 - (c) Explicit formula. Combinatorial and algebraic proofs.
- (3) (C) Hall's marriage lemma
 - (a) Proof and coloring of bipartite graphs
 - (b) Hall's lemma in hypercube
- (4) (G) Projective geometry
 - (a) Projective line. Double relation
 - (b) Projective plane. Double relation of lines & angles.
 - (c) Desargues's theorem and Pappus's theorems. Projective duality.
 - (d) (C) Finite projective planes*. Mathematics of 'Spot It!'

Year 2: Fall.

- (1) (A) Polynomials
 - (a) Review quadratic polynomials in and out.
 - (b) Bezout theorem
 - (c) Continuity & asymptotics at $\pm\infty$.
 - (d) Vieta theorem
 - (e) (NT) Vieta jumping and infinite descend*. Fermat's last theorem for $n = 4$.
- (2) (C) Graphs
 - (a) Ramsey theory
 - (b) Planar graphs and Euler's formula
 - (c) 5-colors theorem
- (3) (A) Functional equations
 - (a) Substitution. Importance of the range and domain
 - (b) Cauchy equation over \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{R}
- (4) (G+C) Extremal principle in geometry
 - (a) Largest/smallest angle/side/distance/area
 - (b) Convex hull & support lines

Year 2. Spring.

- (1) (G) Homothety and rotational homothety
 - (a) Homothetic circles
 - (b) Composition of homotheties
 - (c) Rotational homothety and its center
- (2) (G+A) Pick's formula
 - (a) Lattice polygons. Determinant
 - (b) Functions on polygons and $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ -invariance
 - (c) Generalizations of Pick's formula & Ehrhart polynomial
- (3) (C) Chromatic polynomial of a graph
 - (a) Proof of polynomiality
 - (b) Contraction-deletion relation
 - (c) Circuits on graphs
- (4) (C) Probabilistic methods
 - (a) Notion of probability
 - (b) Random variables and expectation
 - (c) Linearity of expectation
 - (d) Applications to combinatorial problems. Non-constructive proofs