Putnam Σ.5

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1 Problems

Putnam 2011/B4. In a tournament, 2011 players meet 2011 times to play a multiplayer game. Every game is played by all 2011 players together and ends with each of the players either winning or losing. The standings are kept in two 2011×2011 matrices, $T = (T_{hk})$ and $W = (W_{hk})$. Initially, $T = W = 0$. After every game, for every (h, k) (including for $h = k$), if players h and k tied (that is, both won or both lost), the entry T_{hk} is increased by 1, while if player h won and player k lost, the entry W_{hk} is increased by 1 and W_{kh} is decreased by 1.

Prove that at the end of the tournament, $\det(T + iW)$ is a non-negative integer divisible by 2^{2010}.

Putnam 2011/B5. Let $a_1, a_2, \ldots$ be real numbers. Suppose that there is a constant A such that for all n,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{1 + (x - a_i)^2} \right)^2 dx \leq An.$$

Prove there is a constant $B > 0$ such that for all n,

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{n} (1 + (a_i - a_j)^2) \geq Bn^3.$$

Putnam 2011/B6. Let p be an odd prime. Show that for at least $(p+1)/2$ values of n in $\{0, 1, 2, \ldots, p-1\}$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} k! n^k \qquad \text{is not divisible by } p.$$