

2nd University of Rochester Mathematical Olympiad

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Show all work (each step/computation) to receive full credit. You may use back pages if necessary. No calculators. The test contains 4 problems. Make sure it is complete.

No.	VALUE	SCORE
1	10	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
TOTAL	40	

REGISTRATION NO. : _____

1. Let A be a point on the curve $y = x^3$, different from the origin. The tangent line to the curve at point A intersects the curve at another point B ($\neq A$). Prove that the ratio of the slopes for the tangent lines to the curve at points A and B is constant (i.e. doesn't depend on point A).

2. Let a, b, c be three integers with $a > 0$, such that the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has two distinct roots in the open interval $(0, 2)$. Prove that $a \geq 2$, $b \leq -3$, and $c \geq 1$.

3. Prove that the equation

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{2008}$$

has finitely many solutions in the set of positive integers.

4. Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral satisfying $AB = BC = CD = 1$. Find the maximum area of such a quadrilateral and describe the shape for which this area is attained.