

The problems for the midterm will include the problems from the exercises you should have solved before the first two quizzes and the following problems that appeared on past exams/midterms:

1. Prove the following theorems:

- Ceva's theorem
- Menelaus's theorem
- optical property of ellipse/hyperbola
- separation theorem for compact convex sets (one can separate a point outside a compact convex set from the set by a hyperplane)
- Radon's theorem
- Helly's theorem
- Dehn-Somerville relations

2. Problems on Ceva's and Menelaus' theorems:

- term test 2008, problem 1;
- Show that the internal bisectors of the three angles of a triangle pass through one point.

3. Problems with center of mass:

- term test 2010, problem 2
- term test 2008, problem 3
- Take a 4-gon. Consider three segments: two of them join the midpoints of opposite sides and the third one joins the midpoints of the diagonals. Show that the three segments intersect at one point and that this point is the midpoint of each one of them.
- Consider 6 points  $A_1, \dots, A_6$  in three-dimensional space  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Let  $B_1, \dots, B_6$  be the midpoints of the segments  $A_1A_2, \dots, A_5A_6, A_6A_1$  respectively. Show that the point of intersection of the medians in triangle  $B_1B_3B_5$  coincides with the point of intersection of the medians in the triangle  $B_2B_4B_6$ .

4. Extremal problems.

- Sum of distances to some segments with some coefficients: exam 2004, problem 2; term test 2010, problem 1; term test 2009, problem 1;

- Consider an angle  $AOB = \frac{2\pi}{n}$  as a billiard with two infinite sides. Take a billiard trajectory such that its first piece is a segment starting inside the angle and going in a way parallel to  $AO$  towards the side  $OB$  and intersecting it at a point  $C \in OB$ . Find the shortest distance from the trajectory to the point  $O$  assuming that the length of the segment  $OC$  is  $c$ .

5. Problems on Dehn-Somerville relations:

- Term test 2010, problem 4
- Exam 2006, problem 1;
- Find the  $F$ -polynomial and  $H$ -polynomial of a prism having a convex 2012-gon as a base. How many of the vertices of the prism have index one with respect to a linear function that is not constant on any of its edges?

6. Inversion

- Term test 2008, problem 5;
- Is there an inversion that takes the points  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(-2, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(0, -1)$  into vertices of a square?
- For three given lines in the plane find a point  $O$  such that after an inversion centered at  $O$  the three lines become circles of equal radii.
- Describe the image under inversion of the family of lines passing through the point  $(0, 1)$  after inversion in the unit circle centered at the origin.
- Consider a circle inscribed in a square. Describe the image of the square after inversion in this circle.