VIII Nordic Mathematical Contest

Thursday 17th March 1994

Time permitted: 4 hours

Each problem is worth 5 points.

Problem 1

Let O be a point in the interior of an equilateral triangle ABC with sides of length a. The lines AO, BO, and CO intersect the edges in the points A_1 , B_1 og C_1 . Prove that

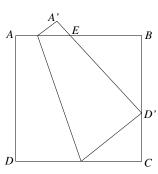
$$|OA_1| + |OB_1| + |OB_2| < a.$$

Problem 2

A finite set S of points in the plane with integer coordinates is a two-neighbor-set if for each point (p,q) in S, exactly two of the points (p+1,q), (p-1,q), (p,q+1) and (p,q-1) are in S. For which n does there exist a two-neighbor-set containing exactly n points?

Problem 3

A square sheet ABCD is folded by placing the corner D at a point D' on BC (see figure). Then, AD is moved to A'D' which intersects AB in E. Prove that the circumference of EBD' is half as long as the circumference of the square.



Problem 4

Find all positive integers n < 200 such that $n^2 + (n+1)^2$ is a perfect square.