

## Algebra and Number Theory

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2. A natural number  $k > 2$  and real numbers  $a, b$  are such that polynomial  $x^k + ax + 1$  is divisible by  $x^2 + bx + 1$ . Prove that  $a(a - b) = 0$ .
3. Sequence  $\{x_n\}$  is defined by  $x_0 = 1, x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = 2x_n + x_{n-1}$ . If  $x_n$  is a prime number, prove that  $n$  is either prime or a power of 2.
4. Determine the smallest positive constant  $C$  such that the inequality

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{yz}} \cdot \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{zx}} \cdot \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{xy}} \cdot \frac{1}{z+1} \leq C$$

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