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International Zhautykov Olympiad 2005, day 1, problem 3:

Let A be a set of $2n$ points on the plane such that no three points are collinear. Prove that for any distinct two points a, b of A there exists a line that partitions A into two subsets each containing n points and such that a and b lie on different sides of the line.

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USAMO 2005, problem 5

Let n be an integer greater than 1. Suppose $2n$ points are given in the plane, no three of which are collinear. Suppose n of the given $2n$ points are colored blue and the other n colored red. A line in the plane is called a balancing line if it passes through one blue and one red point and, for each side of the line, the number of blue points on that side is equal to the number of red points on the same side.

Prove that there exist at least (a) two
(b) three balancing lines.

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USAMO 2000, problem 4

Find the smallest positive integer n such that if n squares of a 1000×1000 chessboard are colored, then there will exist three colored squares whose centers form a right triangle with sides parallel to the edges of the board.

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BMO (British Mathematical Olympiad) 2002, 2nd Round, problem 4

Suppose that B_1, \dots, B_N are N spheres of unit radius arranged in space so that each sphere touches exactly two others externally. Let P be a point outside all these spheres, and let the N points of contact be C_1, \dots, C_N . The length of the tangent from P to the sphere B_i ($1 \leq i \leq N$) is denoted by t_i . Prove the product of the quantities t_i is not more than the product of the distances PC_i .