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Problem 1

In a room there are 10 people, none of whom is younger than 1 year of age nor older than 60 years of age.

Prove: It must be possible to find two groups of people in the room (not overlapping, perhaps not including all 10 people), such that the sum of the ages in both groups is the same.

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Problem 2

Several arcs of a circle are colored blue. The sum of the lengths of those arcs is less than $1/4$ of the circumference of the circle.

Prove: It is possible to draw a rectangle whose corners all lie on the circle so that none of the corners of the rectangle are colored blue.

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Problem 3

In a square ABCD with sides of length 1, someone has drawn a number of circles. The sum of the radii of the circles is 0.6. The circles might intersect or even coincide, but they do not extend outside the square.

Prove: There is a line parallel to AB having common points with at least two of the circles.

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Problem 4

In a rectangle with sides 20 and 25 someone has drawn 120 unit squares.

Prove: It is possible to place in this rectangle a circle with diameter 1 so that the circle does not intersect with any of the squares.

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Problem 5

In a square with side 1 there are 101 marked points such that no three of them lie on the same line.

Prove: There exists a triangle with three marked points as vertices whose area is less than $1/100$.
