

Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two points in the interior of the hexagon such that  $\angle AGB = \angle DHE = 120^\circ$ . Prove that

$$AG + GB + GH + DH + HE \geq CF.$$

6. Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. Find the number of subsets  $A$  of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2p\}$  such that

- (i)  $A$  has exactly  $p$  elements, and
- (ii) the sum of all the elements of  $A$  is divisible by  $p$ .

Time Allowed—  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

The solutions to these problems are on pp.69-76.

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## Research Announcement

### OPTIMAL APPROXIMABILITY OF SOLUTIONS OF SINGULARLY PERTURBED DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Using the theory of  $n$ -widths, the approximability of solutions of singularly perturbed reaction-diffusion and convection-diffusion problems in one dimension is quantified. Full details appear in [1].

#### Reference

- [1] R. B. Kellogg and M. Stynes, *Optimal approximability of solutions of singularly perturbed differential equations* (1995) (Preprint 1995-3, Mathematics Department, University College Cork).

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