Next Selection Test: Exam 2

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Problem 4 Let n > 1 be a positive integer and let X be a set of size n containing subsets $A_1, A_2, \ldots A_{101}$ such that the union of any 50 of them has more that 50n/51 elements. Prove that among these given subsets there are three such that each pair of the three have non-empty intersection.

Problem 5 Find the set of positive integers of the form

$$\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{ab - 1}$$

where a and b are non-negative integers and $ab \neq 1$.

Problem 6 Let n be a positive integer. Suppose that n distinct coplanar unit vectors are positioned so that their tails are located at O. Suppose further that for some non-negative integer m < n/2, each closed half-plane with boundary containing O has the property that it contains at least m of the unit vectors under discussion. Show that the length of the sum of the vectors is at most n-2m.

Time allowed: 4 hours 30 minutes