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## PROBLEMS PROPOSED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

- CSI Let S be a set of n<sup>2</sup> + 1 closed intervals (n positive integer). Prove that at least one of the following assertions holds:
  - (1) There exists a subset S of n+1 intervals from S such that the intersection of the intervals in S is non-void.
  - (2) There exists a subset S" of n+1 intervals from S such that any two of the intervals in S" are disjoint.
- Let  $n \stackrel{>}{=} 2$  be an integer. Find the maximal cardinality of a set M of pairs (j, k) of integers,  $1 \stackrel{\leq}{=} j < k \stackrel{\leq}{=} n$ , with the following property:

if  $(j,k) \in M$ , then  $(k,m) \notin M$  for any m

Let Q be a square with side of length 6. Find the smallest integer n such that in Q there exists a set S of n points with the property that any square with side 1 completely contained in Q contains in its interior at least one point from S.