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1 Consider the endomorphism ring of an Abelian torsion-free (resp. torsion) group *G*. Prove that this ring is Neumann-regular if and only if *G* is a discrete direct sum of groups isomorphic to the additive group of the rationals (resp. ,a discrete direct sum of cyclic groups of prime order). (A ring *R* is called Neumann-regular if for every  $\alpha \in R$  there exists a  $\beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta\alpha = \alpha$ .)

E. Freid

**2** Let  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n$  be nonnegative real numbers. Prove that

$$(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i)(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^{n-1}) \le n \prod_{i=1}^{n} a_i + (n-1)(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^n).$$

J. Suranyi

**3** Let *K* be a compact topological group, and let *F* be a set of continuous functions defined on *K* that has cardinality greater that continuum. Prove that there exist  $x_0 \in K$  and  $f \neq g \in F$  such that

$$f(x_0) = g(x_0) = \max_{x \in K} f(x) = \max_{x \in K} g(x).$$

I. Juhasz

4 Let f be a complex-valued, completely multiplicative, arithmetical function. Assume that there exists an infinite increasing sequence  $N_k$  of natural numbers such that

$$f(n) = A_k \neq 0$$
 provided  $N_k \le n \le N_k + 4\sqrt{N_k}$ .

Prove that f is identically 1.

I. Katai

**5** Let *k* be a positive integer, *z* a complex number, and  $\varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$  a positive number. Prove that the following inequality holds for infinitely many positive integers *n*:

$$\sum_{0 \leq l \leq \frac{n}{k+1}} \binom{n-kl}{l} z^l \mid \geq (\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon)^n.$$

P. Turan

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6 Let  $\Psi = \langle A; ... \rangle$  be an arbitrary, countable algebraic structure (that is,  $\Psi$  can have an arbitrary number of finitary operations and relations). Prove that  $\Psi$  has as many as continuum automorphisms if and only if for any finite subset A' of A there is an automorphism  $\pi_{A'}$  of  $\Psi$  different from the identity automorphism and such that

$$(x)\pi_{A'} = x$$

for every  $x \in A'$ .

M. Makkai

**7** For every natural number r, the set of r-tuples of natural numbers is partitioned into finitely many classes. Show that if f(r) is a function such that  $f(r) \ge 1$  and  $\lim_{r\to\infty} f(r) = +\infty$ , then there exists an infinite set of natural numbers that, for all r, contains r-triples from at most f(r) classes. Show that if  $f(r) \ne +\infty$ , then there is a family of partitions such that no such infinite set exists.

P. Erdos, A. Hajnal

8 Let *n* and *k* be given natural numbers, and let *A* be a set such that

$$|A| \le \frac{n(n+1)}{k+1}.$$

For i = 1, 2, ..., n + 1, let  $A_i$  be sets of size n such that

$$|A_i \cap A_j| \le k \ (i \ne j) ,$$
$$A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i.$$

Determine the cardinality of A.

K. Corradi

9 Let f(x) be a real function such that

$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{f(x)}{e^x} = 1$$

and  $|f''(x)| \le c|f'(x)|$  for all sufficiently large *x*. Prove that

$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{f'(x)}{e^x} = 1.$$

P. Erdos

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**10** Let *h* be a triangle of perimeter 1, and let *H* be a triangle of perimeter  $\lambda$  homothetic to *h*. Let  $h_1, h_2, ...$  be translates of *h* such that , for all *i*,  $h_i$  is different from  $h_{i+2}$  and touches *H* and  $h_{i+1}$  (that is, intersects without overlapping). For which values of  $\lambda$  can these triangles be chosen so that the sequence  $h_1, h_2, ...$  is periodic? If  $\lambda \ge 1$  is such a value, then determine the number of different triangles in a periodic

chain  $h_1, h_2, ...$  and also the number of times such a chain goes around the triangle H.

L. Fejes-Toth

**11** Let  $A_1, ..., A_n$  be arbitrary events in a probability field. Denote by  $C_k$  the event that at least k of  $A_1, ..., A_n$  occur. Prove that

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n} P(C_k) \le \prod_{k=1}^{n} P(A_k).$$

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