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1 Let G be an infinite compact topological group with a Hausdorff topology. Prove that G contains an element $g \neq 1$ such that the set of all powers of g is either everywhere dense in G or nowhere dense in G.

J. Erdos

2 Prove that there exists an ordered set in which every uncountable subset contains an uncountable, well-ordered subset and that cannot be represented as a union of a countable family of well-ordered subsets.

A. Hajnal

3 Let $0 < a_k < 1$ for k = 1, 2, ... Give a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence, for every 0 < x < 1, of a permutation π_x of the positive integers such that

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{\pi_x}(k)}{2^k}$$

P. Erdos

4 Suppose that V is a locally compact topological space that admits no countable covering with compact sets. Let **C**

denote the set of all compact subsets of the space V and **U** the set of open subsets that are not contained in any compact set. Let f be a function from **U** to **C** such that $f(U) \subseteq U$ for all $U \in \mathbf{U}$. Prove that either

(i) there exists a nonempty compact set C such that f(U) is not a proper subset of C whenever $C \subseteq U \in \mathbf{U}$,

(ii) or for some compact set C, the set

$$f^{-1}(C) = \bigcup \{ U \in \mathbf{U} \ : \ f(U) \subseteq C \ \}$$

is an element of **U**, that is, $f^{-1}(C)$ is not contained in any compact set.

A. Mate

5 Let $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$ be a positive sequence and let *K* be a constant such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \lambda_k^2 < K \lambda_n^2 \ (n = 1, 2, \ldots).$$

Prove that there exists a constant K' such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \lambda_k < K' \lambda_n \ (n = 1, 2, \ldots).$$

L. Leindler

6 Let a(x) and r(x) be positive continuous functions defined on the interval $[0, \infty)$, and let

$$\liminf_{x \to \infty} (x - r(x)) > 0.$$

Assume that y(x) is a continuous function on the whole real line, that it is differentiable on $[0,\infty)$, and that it satisfies

$$y'(x) = a(x)y(x - r(x))$$

on $[0,\infty)$. Prove that the limit

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} y(x) \exp\left\{-\int_0^x a(u) du\right\}$$

exists and is finite.

I. Gyori

7 Let $n \ge 2$ be an integer, let S be a set of n elements, and let A_i , $1 \le i \le m$, be distinct subsets of S of size at least 2 such that

 $A_i \cap A_j \neq \emptyset, A_i \cap A_k \neq \emptyset, A_j \cap A_k \neq \emptyset$, imply $A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \neq \emptyset$.

Show that $m \leq 2^{n-1} - 1$.

P. Erdos

8 Show that the edges of a strongly connected bipolar graph can be oriented in such a way that for any edge *e* there is a simple directed path from pole *p* to pole *q* containing *e*. (A strongly connected bipolar graph is a finite connected graph with two special vertices *p* and *q* having the property that there are no points $x, y, x \neq y$, such that all paths from *x* to *p* as well as all paths from *x* to *q* contain *y*.)

A. Adam

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9 Given a positive, monotone function F(x) on $(0, \infty)$ such that F(x)/x is monotone nondecreasing and $F(x)/x^{1+d}$ is monotone nonincreasing for some positive d, let $\lambda_n > 0$ and $a_n \ge 0, n \ge 1$. Prove that if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n F\left(a_n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_n}\right) < \infty,$$

or

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n F\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_n}\right) < \infty,$$

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent.

L. Leindler

10 Let $\{\phi_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of functions belonging to $L^2(0,1)$ and having norm less that 1 such that for any

subsequence $\{\phi_{n_k}(x)\}$ the measure of the set

$$\{x\in (0,1): \ |\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\sum_{k=1}^N \phi_{n_k}(x)| \geq y \ \}$$

tends to 0 as y and N tend to infinity. Prove that ϕ_n tends to 0 weakly in the function space $L^2(0,1)$.

F. Moricz

11 Let *C* be a simple arc with monotone curvature such that *C* is congruent to its evolute. Show that under appropriate differentiability conditions, *C* is a part of a cycloid or a logarithmic spiral with polar equation $r = ae^{\vartheta}$.

J. Szenthe

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