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1 We are given an infinite sequence of 1 's and 2's with the following properties:
(1) The first element of the sequence is 1 .
(2) There are no two consecutive 2's or three consecutive 1's.
(3) If we replace consecutive 1's by a single 2 , leave the single 1 's alone, and delete the original 2 's, then we recover the original sequence.

How many 2's are there among the first $n$ elements of the sequence?
P. P. Palfy

2 Consider the lattice $L$ of the contradictions of a simple graph $G$ (as sets of vertex pairs) with respect to inclusion. Let $n \geq 1$ be an arbitrary integer. Show that the identity

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x \bigwedge\left(\bigvee_{i=0}^{n} y_{i}\right)=\bigvee_{j=0}^{n}\left(x \bigwedge\left(\bigvee_{0 \leq i \leq n, i \neq j} y_{i}\right)\right)
$$

holds if and only if $G$ has no cycle of size at least $n+2$.

## A. Huhn

3 Construct an uncountable Hausdorff space in which the complement of the closure of any nonempty, open set is countable.

## A. Hajnal, I. Juhasz

$4 \quad$ Let $G$ be finite group and $\mathcal{K}$ a conjugacy class of $G$ that generates $G$. Prove that the following two statements are equivalent:
(1) There exists a positive integer $m$ such that every element of $G$ can be written as a product of $m$ (not necessarily distinct) elements of $\mathcal{K}$.
(2) $G$ is equal to its own commutator subgroup.

## J. Denes

$5 \quad$ Let $K$ be a convex cone in the $n$-dimensional real vector space $\mathbb{R}^{n}$, and consider the sets $A=K \cup(-K)$ and $B=\left(\mathbb{R}^{n} \backslash A\right) \cup\{0\}$ ( 0 is the origin). Show that one can find two subspaces in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ such that together they span $\mathbb{R}^{n}$, and one of them lies in $A$ and the other lies in $B$.

## J. Szucs

6 Let $f$ be a strictly increasing, continuous function mapping $I=[0,1]$ onto itself. Prove that the following inequality holds for all pairs $x, y \in I$ :

$$
1-\cos (x y) \leq \int_{0}^{x} f(t) \sin (t f(t)) d t+\int_{0}^{y} f^{-1}(t) \sin \left(t f^{-1}(t)\right) d t
$$

## Zs. Pales

7 Let $U$ be a real normed space such that, for an finite-dimensional, real normed space $X, U$ contains a subspace isometrically isomorphic to $X$. Prove that every (not necessarily closed) subspace $V$ of $U$ of finite codimension has the same property. (We call $V$ of finite codimension if there exists a finite-dimensional subspace $N$ of $U$ such that $V+N=U$.)

## A. Bosznay

8 Let $W$ be a dense, open subset of the real line $\mathbb{R}$. Show that the following two statements are equivalent:
(1) Every function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous at all points of $\mathbb{R} \backslash W$ and nondecreasing on every open interval contained in $W$ is nondecreasing on the whole $\mathbb{R}$.
(2) $\mathbb{R} \backslash W$ is countable.
E. Gesztelyi

9 Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer, and let $X$ be a connected Hausdorff space such that every point of $X$ has a neighborhood homeomorphic to the Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^{n}$. Suppose that any discrete (not necessarily closed ) subspace $D$ of $X$ can be covered by a family of pairwise disjoint, open sets of $X$ so that each of these open sets contains precisely one element of $D$. Prove that $X$ is a union of at most $\aleph_{1}$ compact subspaces.

## Z. Balogh

10 Let $P$ be a probability distribution defined on the Borel sets of the real line. Suppose that $P$ is symmetric with respect to the origin, absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure, and its density function $p$ is zero outside the interval $[-1,1]$ and inside this interval it is between the positive numbers $c$ and $d(c<d)$. Prove that there is no distribution whose
convolution square equals $P$.
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