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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  $n \ge 1$  be an arbitrary integer. Show that the identity

$$x \bigwedge \left(\bigvee_{i=0}^{n} y_i\right) = \bigvee_{j=0}^{n} \left(x \bigwedge \left(\bigvee_{0 \le i \le n, \ i \ne j} y_i\right)\right)$$

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.

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**4** Let *G* be finite group and *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.

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**5** 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  $B = (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A) \cup \{0\}$  (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  $x, y \in I$ :

$$1 - \cos(xy) \le \int_0^x f(t) \sin(tf(t)) dt + \int_0^y f^{-1}(t) \sin(tf^{-1}(t)) dt.$$

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  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  continuous at all points of  $\mathbb{R} \setminus W$  and nondecreasing on every open interval contained in W is nondecreasing on the whole  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(2)  $\mathbb{R} \setminus W$  is countable.

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**9** Let  $n \ge 2$  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

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convolution square equals P.

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