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**1** Given *n* points in a line so that any distance occurs at most twice, show that the number of distance occurring exactly once is at least  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ .

V. T. Sos, L. Szekely

**2** Let *I* be an ideal of the ring *R* and *f* a nonidentity permutation of the set  $\{1, 2, ..., k\}$  for some *k*. Suppose that for every  $0 \neq a \in R$ ,  $aI \neq 0$  and  $Ia \neq 0$  hold; furthermore, for any elements  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_k \in I$ ,

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_k = x_{1f} x_{2f} \dots x_{kf}$$

holds. Prove that R is commutative.

R. Wiegandt

**3** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable,  $2\pi$ -periodic even function. Prove that if

$$f''(x) + f(x) = \frac{1}{f(x + 3\pi/2)}$$

holds for every *x*, then *f* is  $\pi/2$ -periodic.

### Z. Szabo, J. Terjeki

**4** For which cardinalities  $\kappa$  do antimetric spaces of cardinality  $\kappa$  exist?  $(X, \varrho)$  is called an *antimetric space* if X is a nonempty set,  $\varrho : X^2 \to [0, \infty)$  is a symmetric map,  $\varrho(x, y) = 0$  holds iff x = y, and for any three-element subset  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$  of X

$$\varrho(a_{1f}, a_{2f}) + \varrho(a_{2f}, a_{3f}) < \varrho(a_{1f}, a_{3f})$$

holds for some permutation f of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .

V. Totik

**5** Let  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that x + g(x) is strictly monotone (increasing or decreasing), and let  $u : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded and continuous function such that

$$u(t) + \int_{t-1}^{t} g(u(s))ds$$

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is constant on  $[1,\infty)$ . Prove that the limit  $\lim_{t\to\infty} u(t)$  exists.

### T. Krisztin

**6** Let *T* be a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space *H*, and assume that  $||T^n|| \le 1$  for some natural number *n*. Prove the existence of an invertible linear operator *A* on *H* such that  $||ATA^{-1}|| \le 1$ .

#### E. Druszt

**7** Prove that if the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to [0, 1]$  is continuous and its average on every circle of radius 1 equals the function value at the center of the circle, then f is constant.

#### V. Totik

8 Prove that any identity that holds for every finite *n*-distributive lattice also holds for the lattice of all convex subsets of the (n - 1)-dimensional Euclidean space. (For convex subsets, the lattice operations are the set-theoretic intersection and the convex hull of the set-theoretic union. We call a lattice *n*-distributive if

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

holds for all elements of the lattice.)

A. Huhn

**9** Prove that if  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a bounded set of positive Lebesgue measure, then for every u < 1/2, a point x = x(u) can be found so that

$$|(x-h,x+h)\cap E|\geq uh$$

and

 $|(x-h, x+h) \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus E)| \ge uh$ 

for all sufficiently small positive values of h.

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**10** Let *R* be a bounded domain of area *t* in the plane, and let *C* be its center of gravity. Denoting by  $T_{AB}$  the circle drawn with the diameter *AB*, let *K* be a circle that contains each of the circles  $T_{AB}$  ( $A, B \in R$ ). Is it true in general that *K* contains the circle of area 2*t* centered at *C*?

J. Szucs

11 Let  $M^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  be a complete, connected hypersurface embedded into the Euclidean space. Show that  $M^n$  as a Riemannian manifold decomposes to a nontrivial global metric direct product if and only if it is a real cylinder, that is,  $M^n$  can be decomposed to a direct product of the form  $M^n = M^k \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$  (k < n) as well, where  $M^k$  is a hypersurface in some (k+1)-dimensional subspace  $E^{k+1} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{n-k}$  is the orthogonal complement of  $E^{k+1}$ .

### Z. Szabo

**12** Let  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  be independent, identically distributed, nonnegative random variables with a common continuous distribution function F. Suppose in addition that the inverse of F, the quantile function Q, is also continuous and Q(0) = 0. Let  $0 = X_{0:n} \le X_{1:n} \le ... \le X_{n:n}$  be the ordered sample from the above random variables. Prove that if  $EX_1$  is finite, then the random variable

$$\Delta = \sup_{0 \le y \le 1} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor ny \rfloor + 1} (n+1-i) (X_{i:n} - X_{i-1:n}) - \int_0^y (1-u) dQ(u) \right|$$

tends to zero with probability one as  $n \to \infty$ .

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