

**5.1.** (a) Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two nilpotent elements in a commutative ring (with or without unity). Prove that  $u + v$  is also nilpotent. (An element  $u$  is called nilpotent if there exists a positive integer  $n$  for which  $u^n = 0$ .)

(b) Show an example of a (non-commutative) ring  $R$  and nilpotent elements  $u, v \in R$  such that  $u + v$  is not nilpotent.

**5.2.** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a finite group of order  $n$ . Show that each element of  $G$  is a square if and only if  $n$  is odd.

**5.3.** Given real numbers  $0 = x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{2n} < x_{2n+1} = 1$  such that  $x_{i+1} - x_i \leq h$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$ , show that

$$\frac{1-h}{2} < \sum_{i=1}^n x_{2i}(x_{2i+1} - x_{2i-1}) < \frac{1+h}{2}.$$

**5.4.** Suppose that  $(a_n)$  is a sequence of real numbers such that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n}$$

is convergent. Show that the sequence

$$b_n = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n a_j}{n}$$

is convergent and find its limit.

**5.5.** Two players play the following game: Let  $n$  be a fixed integer greater than 1. Starting from number  $k = 2$ , each player has two possible moves: either replace the number  $k$  by  $k + 1$  or by  $2k$ . The player who is forced to write a number greater than  $n$  loses the game. Which player has a winning strategy for which  $n$ ?

**5.6.** Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a matrix with nonnegative entries such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = n.$$

(a) Prove that  $|\det A| \leq 1$ .

(b) If  $|\det A| = 1$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an arbitrary eigenvalue of  $A$ , show that  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

(We call  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  an eigenvalue of  $A$  if there exists a non-zero vector  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x$ .)

**5.7.** For a function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the secant of  $f$  at points  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ ,  $a < b$ , is the line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  passing through  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$ . A function is said to intersect its secant at  $a, b$  if there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $(c, f(c))$  lies on the secant of  $f$  at  $a, b$ .

1. Find the set  $\mathcal{F}$  of all continuous functions  $f$  such that for any  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ ,  $a < b$ , the function  $f$  intersects its secant at  $a, b$ .

2. Does there exist a continuous function  $f \notin \mathcal{F}$  such that for any rational  $a, b \in [0, 1]$ ,  $a < b$ , the function  $f$  intersects its secant at  $a, b$ ?

**5.8.** Bizonyítsuk be, hogy minden  $c < e$  számhoz léteznek olyan  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  nemnegatív számok, hogy bármely  $1 = n_0 < n_1 < n_2 < \dots$  indexekre

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} n_{i+1} a_{n_i} > c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n.$$

**5.9.** (Írásban, angolul beadható.) Let  $f: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a strictly convex continuous function such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = +\infty.$$

Prove that the improper integral  $\int_0^{+\infty} \sin(f(x)) dx$  is convergent but not absolutely convergent.