

**Exercise 1 (Dilworth's theorem) :**

Recall Dilworth's theorem : Let  $k$  be the maximal cardinality of an antichain in  $E$ . Then  $E$  is a disjoint union of  $k$  chains (a set of comparable elements).

1. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a family of  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  closed intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $m$  and  $n$  be two natural numbers such that  $N - 1 = nm$ . Show that there are either  $m + 1$  disjoint intervals in  $\mathcal{I}$  or there are  $n + 1$  intervals with a non empty intersection.

**Exercise 2 (Théorème de Cantor-Bernstein) :**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  two sets and  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$  two injective functions. Let  $H : \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  the map :

$$X \mapsto A \setminus g[B \setminus f[X]]$$

1. Using the Knaster-Tarski theorem, show that  $H$  has a fixed point
2. Deduce that  $A$  and  $B$  are equipotent.

**Exercise 3 :**

Show that any function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , is Scott continuous iff it is left continuous and monotonically increasing.

**1 Mid-term 2019****Exercise 4 :**

For all  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k \leq n$ , we denote by  $\binom{n}{k}$  the number of subsets of  $[n]$  with cardinality  $k$ . By using the following formula

$$(k+1)\binom{n+1}{k+1} = (n+1)\binom{n}{k}$$

for all  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k \leq n$ , show that

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

for all  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k \leq n$ .

**Exercise 5 :**

A finite complete ternary tree is a finite tree such that any node has either zero or three children. More formally, a ternary tree is composed either of only a leaf, denoted  $[]$ , or of a root having three children  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ , which is denoted by  $[T_1, T_2, T_3]$ . A childless node is a leaf, the others are internal nodes.

1. Conjecture a formula linking the number of leaves  $\ell(T)$  and the number of internal nodes  $i(T)$  in a finite ternary tree  $T$ .
2. Define recursively (on the structure of the tree) the functions  $\ell$  and  $i$ .
3. Prove the formula conjectured previously by structural induction.

**Exercise 6 :**

Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ . A function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is convex (or concave) if for every  $x, y, z \in D$  such that  $x < y < z$ , we have  $\frac{f(y)-f(x)}{y-x} \leq \frac{f(z)-f(y)}{z-y}$  (resp.  $\frac{f(y)-f(x)}{y-x} \geq \frac{f(z)-f(y)}{z-y}$ ). A function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is affine if it is convex and concave.

1. What is the cardinality of the set of affine functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , countable or uncountable?
2. Are the following two assertions equivalent? (If not, does one imply the other?)
  - (a)  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is convex.
  - (b) For all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we have  $f(n+1) - f(n) \leq f(n+2) - f(n+1)$ .
3. What is the cardinality of the set of convex functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , countable or uncountable?
4. Let  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that there exists an infinite subset  $D \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f|_D : D \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  (i.e.  $f|_D(n) := f(n)$  for all  $n \in D$ ) has the following two properties :
  - $f|_D$  is increasing or decreasing, and
  - $f|_D$  is convex or concave.

**Exercise 7 :**

1.

Let  $(E, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the set of well-founded chains of  $(E, \leq)$ . We define a binary relation  $R$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  as follows : for all  $C_1, C_2 \in \mathcal{C}$  we put  $C_1 R C_2$  if  $C_1 \subseteq C_2$  and for all  $x \in C_1$  and  $y \in C_2 \setminus C_1$  we have  $x \leq y$ .

- (a) Which type of relation is  $R$ ?
  - (b) Show that all the chains  $\{C_i\}_{i \in I}$  in  $(\mathcal{C}, R)$  have a least upper bound in  $(\mathcal{C}, R)$ .
  - (c) Deduce that there is a chain of  $(E, \leq)$  which is a maximal element of  $(\mathcal{C}, R)$ .
2. Let  $(E, \leq)$  a lattice for which any well-founded chain has an upper bound.
    - (a) Show that  $(E, \leq)$  has a least element  $\perp$ .
    - (b) Let  $A$  be a subset of  $E$ . Let  $B$  be the set of all elements smaller than all elements in  $A$ . Show that if  $B$  has a maximum element  $b$ , then  $b$  is the greatest element of  $B$ .
    - (c) Show that  $B$  has a maximal element  $b$ . (you may use question 7.1.c)
    - (d) Show that  $(E, \leq)$  is a complete lattice.