

19. (a) Prove that if  $n$  is even, then  $n^2$  is divisible by 4.  
(b) Prove that if  $n$  is odd, then  $n^2 - 1$  is divisible by 8.
20. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non-empty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $A \subset B$ . Prove that:
- (a) if  $\sup A$  and  $\sup B$  exist, then  $\sup A \leq \sup B$ ,  
(b) if  $\inf A$  and  $\inf B$  exist, then  $\inf A \geq \inf B$ .  
(c) Let  $C$  and  $D$  be non-empty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $x \leq y$ , for all  $x \in C$  and  $y \in D$ . Then  $\sup C \leq \inf D$ .
21. Prove by induction the following equality: for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}.$$

22. Let

$$A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n^2 - n - 3} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Compute, if they exist, the following quantities:

$$\inf A, \quad \sup A, \quad \max A, \quad \min A.$$

23. Suppose that  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
Let  $B$  be the set of  $k$ -element subsets of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .  
Let  $U$  be the set of  $(k+1)$ -element subsets of  $\{1, \dots, n+1\}$  containing the element  $n+1$ .
- (a) Determine the sets  $B$  and  $U$  and construct a bijection  $B \rightarrow U$  under the assumption that  $n = 4$  and  $k = 2$ .  
(b) Construct a bijection  $B \rightarrow U$  for all  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
(c) Express the cardinality  $|U|$  in terms of  $n$  and  $k$ .
24. Prove the following identity for all  $r, m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $r \leq m + n$ :

$$\binom{m+n}{r} = \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{r-k}.$$

**Hint.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets such that  $|A| = m$ ,  $|B| = n$  and  $|A \cup B| = m + n$ . For all  $r$ -element subsets  $U \subset A \cup B$  we have that  $A \cap U$  is an  $k$ -element subset of  $A$  and  $B \cap U$  is an  $(r - k)$ -element subset of  $B$  where  $k = |A \cap U|$ .