Problem Section

Problemen

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Problem A (folklore)

Show that a group *G* is torsion-free if and only if for all integers $n \ge 2$ and finite subsets $S,T \subseteq G$ with #S = #T = n we have $\#\{st : s \in S, t \in T\} > n$.

Problem B (proposed by Hendrik Lenstra)

Show that for all groups *G* the commutator subgroup $[G,G] = \langle xyx^{-1}y^{-1} : x,y \in G \rangle$ of *G* has order at most 2 if and only if every conjugacy class in *G* has at most 2 elements.

Problem C (proposed by Carlo Pagano and Mima Stanojkovski)

A subgroup *H* of a group *G* is said to be *solitary* if no other subgroup of *G* is isomorphic to *H*. A group *G* is said to be *totally solitary* if all of its subgroups are solitary. Show that a group *G* is totally solitary if and only if it is isomorphic to a subgroup of \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} .

