

# Problemen

| Problem Section

This Problem Section is open to everyone; everybody is encouraged to send in solutions and propose problems. Group contributions are welcome. We will select the most elegant solutions for publication. For this, solutions should be received before **15 April 2023**. The solutions of the problems in this issue will appear in one of the subsequent issues.

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## Problem A

Does there exist a partitioning  $X$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  into infinite sets such that for every *choice map*  $c: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , i.e. a map  $c$  such that  $c(S) \in S$  for all  $S \in X$ , the image of  $c$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

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## Problem B

Show that for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  there exists an  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  for which there are at least two subsets  $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  such that  $\sum_{s \in S} s^k = x$ .

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## Problem C (proposed by Daan van Gent)

For a group  $G$  and  $g \in G$  write  $c(g) = \{hgh^{-1} \mid h \in G\}$  and  $G^\circ = \{g \in G \mid \#c(g) < \infty\}$ .

- Show that  $G^\circ$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and that  $G^{\circ\circ} = G^\circ$ .
- Now define  $G_\circ = G/G^\circ$ . Show that there exists a group  $G$  for which the sequence  $G, G_\circ, G_{\circ\circ}, \dots$  does not stabilize, i.e. for none of the groups  $H$  in the sequence we have  $H^\circ = 1$ .