

1. Let  $r < n/2$ . What is the largest intersecting family contained in  $X^{(\leq r)}$ ?
2. A set system  $A \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  is an *up-set* if whenever  $x \in A$  and  $x \subset y$  then also  $y \in A$ . Explain why every maximal intersecting family is an up-set of size  $2^{n-1}$ . Conversely, if  $A$  is an up-set with  $|A| = 2^{n-1}$ , must  $A$  be intersecting?
3. Let  $A \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  with  $|A| = 2^{n-1} + 1$ , so that some pair  $x, y \in A$  must be disjoint. What is the smallest number of such disjoint pairs that  $A$  can have? And what if  $|A| = 2^{n-1} + 2$ ?
4. How large can a  $t$ -intersecting set system  $A \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  be, when  $n + t$  is odd?
5. Give a direct proof of the Erdős-Ko-Rado theorem (without Kruskal-Katona or cyclic orders) for the case when  $r$  divides  $n$ .
6. A set system  $A \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  is an *antichain* if no member of  $A$  is contained in another member of  $A$ . Use Katona's method (averaging) to prove *Sperner's lemma*, that no antichain has size greater than  $\binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ . (Hint: take as auxiliary objects the permutations of  $X$ .)
7. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_d \subset \mathcal{P}(X)$  be intersecting families. Prove that  $|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_d| \leq 2^n - 2^{n-d}$ .
8. Let  $A \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  be an intersecting family of finite sets. Must there exist a finite set  $F \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that the family  $\{x \cap F : x \in A\}$  is intersecting? And what if  $A \subset \mathbb{N}^{(r)}$  for some fixed  $r$ ?