

Problem Set 4

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①

a) $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

As $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ let $a = \frac{p_a}{q_a}$, $b = \frac{p_b}{q_b}$ with $p_a, p_b, q_a, q_b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a \cdot b = \frac{p_a}{q_a} \cdot \frac{p_b}{q_b} = \frac{p_a p_b}{q_a q_b}$$

and $p_a p_b \in \mathbb{Z}$, as \mathbb{Z} is closed under multiplication
 $q_a q_b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a \cdot b = \frac{p_a p_b}{q_a q_b} \text{ with } p_a p_b, q_a q_b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore, $ab \in \mathbb{Q}$ by the definition of rational numbers

$$a + b = \frac{p_a}{q_a} + \frac{p_b}{q_b} = \frac{p_a q_b + p_b q_a}{q_a q_b}$$

$p_a q_b, p_b q_a, q_a q_b \in \mathbb{Z}$, as \mathbb{Z} is closed under multiplication

$p_a q_b + p_b q_a \in \mathbb{Z}$, as \mathbb{Z} is closed under addition

$$a + b = \frac{p_a q_b + p_b q_a}{q_a q_b} = \frac{m}{k}, \text{ where } m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Therefore, $a + b \in \mathbb{Q}$ by the definition of rational numbers

b) $a \in \mathbb{Q}$, $t \in \mathbb{I}$, $a \neq 0$

$$(a+t) + (-a) = t, \quad t \in \mathbb{I}$$

As \mathbb{Q} is closed under addition

$x = 1$ and $(a+t) + (-a) \in \mathbb{I}$, with $-a \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$a+t \in \mathbb{I}$$

$$at \cdot \frac{1}{a} = t, \quad t \in \mathbb{I}$$

As \mathbb{Q} is closed under multiplication and $at \cdot \frac{1}{a} \in \mathbb{I}$

with $\frac{1}{a} \in \mathbb{Q}$, $at \in \mathbb{I}$

c) $s, t \in \mathbb{I}$

Let $s = a + \sqrt{2}$, $t = a - \sqrt{2}$ with $a \in \mathbb{Q}$

$s, t \in \mathbb{I}$ by (b)

$s + t = a + \sqrt{2} + a - \sqrt{2} = 2a$

$2a \in \mathbb{Q}$ as \mathbb{Q} is closed under multiplication

$s + t = 2a$ with $2a \notin \mathbb{I}$

Therefore, \mathbb{I} is not closed under addition.

$s \cdot t = (a + \sqrt{2})(a - \sqrt{2}) = a^2 - 2$

$a^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$, as \mathbb{Q} is closed under multiplication

$a^2 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$, as \mathbb{Q} is closed under addition

$s \cdot t = a^2 - 2$ with $a^2 - 2 \notin \mathbb{I}$

Therefore, \mathbb{I} is not closed under multiplication

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a) $A \sim B \Rightarrow \exists f: A \rightarrow B$

f is one-to-one and onto.

then if $g = f^{-1}$

$g: B \rightarrow A$

by the definition of preimage

$f: A \rightarrow B$ is one-to-one if $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$

$f^{-1}(f(x)) = g(f(x)) = x$

$f^{-1}(f(y)) = g(f(y)) = y$ by the defn of pre.

So $g: B \rightarrow A$ is one-to-one.

$f: A \rightarrow B$ is onto if $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A$ s.t. $f(a) = b$

Thus $\forall a \in A \exists b \in B$ s.t. $f^{-1}(b) = a$

so $g: B \rightarrow A$ is onto

$g: B \rightarrow A$ is one-to-one and onto

Therefore $B \sim A$ by the defn of cardinality

b) $A \sim B \Rightarrow f_1: A \rightarrow B$ is one-to-one and onto
 $B \sim C \Rightarrow f_2: B \rightarrow C$ is one-to-one and onto
 Let $g = f_2 \circ f_1$

Range of f_1 equals to domain of f_2
 So ~~range~~ ^{domain} of $f_2 \circ f_1 = \text{range of } f_1$
 and range of $f_2 \circ f_1 = \text{range of } f_2$

Therefore $g: A \rightarrow C$

f_1 and f_2 are one-to-one functions

if $f_1(x) = f_1(y)$, $x = y$ as f_1 is one-to-one

if $f_2(f_1(x)) = f_2(f_1(y))$, $f_1(x) = f_1(y)$ as f_2 is

Thus $g: A \rightarrow C$ is one-to-one.

$\forall c \in C \exists b \in B$ such that $f_2(b) = c$ as f_2 is

$\forall b \in B \exists a \in A$ such that $f_1(a) = b$ as f_1 is

Thus $\forall c \in C \exists a \in A$ such that $f_2(f_1(a)) = c$

Therefore $g: A \rightarrow C$ is onto

$g: A \rightarrow C$ is one-to-one and onto

Thus, $A \sim C$ by the detn of cardinality

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a) Let A_n be a set containing all subsets of N with size n .

$A_0 = \{\emptyset\}$, $A_1 = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$

A_n is always countable.

Thus, set of all finite subsets of N is equal to $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$

for A_n we can take B_k be a set of all elements (sets) of A_n which sum of element equals to k .

Therefore $A_n \sim N$

$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ is countable, as A_n is countable for all n (by Theorem 1.4.13)

β) There does not exist a function $f: N \rightarrow P(N)$ that is onto by the Cantor's theorem. Thus $N \not\sim P(N)$ by the detn of cardinality. Therefore $P(N)$ is uncountable

④

a) $f: \{0,1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
 $f_1(0) = a_i, a_i \in \mathbb{N}$
 $f_1(1) = b_i, b_i \in \mathbb{N}$

We can represent set of functions f_i as a set of pairs (a_i, b_i)

Let $A_n = \{(a,b) \mid a+b=n, a,b \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$A_2 = \{(1,1)\}$

$A_3 = \{(1,2), (2,1)\}$

\vdots

We can correspond all sets A_n to \mathbb{N} and A_n will include all possible pairs (a,b) .

Therefore, the set is countable, as it has the same cardinality as \mathbb{N} .

b) $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

\mathbb{N} is domain, which is mapped by function f . \mathbb{N} is infinite, so all outputs of the function f is infinite sequence of 1 and 0.

$f_1 = \{0, 0, 0, 0, \dots\}$

$f_2 = \{1, 0, 1, 0, \dots\}$

$f_3 = \{0, 0, 1, 0, \dots\}$

\vdots
 $f_{new} = \{1, 1, 0, \dots\}$

Similarly to the Cantor's proof that \mathbb{R} is uncountable.

~~We can't take~~ we always can take a function, with n th output be different from n th output of f_n , and therefore this function will be new and unique.

Thus, set of all functions $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ is uncountable.