

Problem Set 4

1. Let \mathbb{I} be the irrational numbers.

a) Show that for $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, $a \cdot b$ and $a + b \in \mathbb{Q}$.

b) Show that for $a \in \mathbb{Q}$, $t \in \mathbb{I}$, then if $a \neq 0$,
 $a + t \in \mathbb{I}$ and $a \cdot t \in \mathbb{I}$.

c) Part (a) shows that \mathbb{Q} is closed under addition and multiplication. Is \mathbb{I} under addition and multiplication?

For $s, t \in \mathbb{I}$, what can we say about $s + t$ and $s \cdot t$?

2. We say that for two sets A and B , $A \sim B$ means that A and B have the same cardinality.

a) Show that $A \sim B$ is equivalent to $B \sim A$.

b) Show that if $A \sim B$ and $B \sim C$, then $A \sim C$.

This means that " \sim " is an equivalence relation.

3. a) Show that the set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{N} is countable.

b) Explain why the set of all subsets of \mathbb{N} is uncountable.

4. a) Is the set of all functions from $\{0, 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ countable or uncountable?

b) Is the set of all functions from $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ countable or uncountable?

c) Given a set B , $A \subseteq \mathcal{P}(B)$ is called an antichain if no element of A is a subset of any other element of A . Does $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ contain an uncountable antichain?