Math 323 HW22

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1. Prove that the integers is countable.

Proof. To prove that the set of integers is countable, we need to find an injection (or one-to-one relationship) that maps \mathbb{Z} to \mathbb{N} : $i: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{N}$. Let

$$i(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 2x+1 & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ -2x & \text{if } x < 0. \end{array} \right.$$

We need to show that i(x) is an injection.

Assume $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $i(x_1) = i(x_2)$. We have 3 cases.

- 1. $2x_1 + 1 = 2x_2 + 1$ Assume that is the case. We have $2x_1 = 2x_2$ and $x_1 = x_2$.
- 2. $-2x_1 = -2x_2$ Assume that is the case. We have $x_1 = x_2$.
- 3. $2x_1+1=-2x_2$ Assume BWOC that is the case. Then $x_1\geq 0$ and $x_2<0$. From the equation, $x_1=\frac{-2x_2-1}{2}$. But we know $x_1,x_2\in\mathbb{Z}$ and $\frac{-2x_2-1}{2}\notin\mathbb{Z}$. So this case can't happen.

Thus, i(x) is an injection. And so the set of integers \mathbb{Z} is countable. \square

2. Let A and B be countable sets. Prove that $A \cup B$ is countable.

Proof. Let A and B be countable sets. This respectively means,

There is an injection $i_1: A \to \mathbb{N}$ There is an injection $i_2: B \to \mathbb{N}$

Want to show: There is an injection $i_3: A \cup B \to \mathbb{N}$. We define

$$i_3(x) = \begin{cases} i_1(x) \text{ if } x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B, \\ i_2(x) \text{ if } x \in B \text{ and } x \notin A, \\ x \text{ if } x \in A \text{ and } x \in B. \end{cases}$$

3. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be functions that are both continuous at 1. Prove that f+g is continuous at 1.

Proof. Let $f:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$ and $g:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$ be functions that are both continuous at 1. So

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta_1 > 0 \text{ s.t } |x - 1| < \delta_1 \text{ implies } |f(x) - f(1)| < \epsilon$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta_2 > 0 \text{ s.t } |x - 1| < \delta_2 \text{ implies } |g(x) - g(1)| < \epsilon$$

We want to show that $|f(x)+g(x)-f(1)-g(1)|<\epsilon$. Let $\epsilon>0$. So $\frac{\epsilon}{2}>0$. Assume there is $\delta_1>0$ so that $|x-1|<\delta_2$. Assume there is $\delta_2>0$ so that $|x-1|<\delta_2$. Consider

$$|f(x) - f(1)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ and } |g(x) - g(1)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$|f(x) - f(1)| + |g(x) - g(1)| < \epsilon$$

$$|f(x) - f(1) + g(x) - g(1)| \le |f(x) - f(1)| + |g(x) - g(1)| < \epsilon$$

$$|f(x) + g(x) - f(1) - g(1)| < \epsilon$$