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First assume that \mathcal{B} is countable; this means that there is a correspondence $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, i.e. we can arrange elements of \mathcal{B} in list as b_1, b_2, \dots . Remember that elements of \mathcal{B} are infinite sequences over $\{0, 1\}$.

Now we arrive at contradiction, by constructing an element of \mathcal{B} which can not be on this list, using a diagonalization method. So, construct sequence b as follows: let the n -th digit in sequence b be the one which is not n -th digit in sequence b_n .

Now we prove that b is not on the list. Assume the contrary, i.e. $b = b_k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Diagonalize! Look at the k -th digit of b . By assumption, it should be different from k -th digit of b_k , i.e. different from itself! This contradiction proves that b is not on the list, i.e. there is no list of elements in \mathcal{B} , which means that it is uncountable.

Resultado

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Classical diagonalization trick, look at **Theorem 4.17**.[< Exercício 6](#)

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