

# Discrete Mathematics: Homework 4

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1. Show that a set  $S$  is infinite if and only if there is a proper subset  $A \subset S$  such that  $|A|=|S|$

**Solution:**

*Prove **ONLY IF**:*

*If  $S$  is infinite and countable, there exists an infinite subset  $\{S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots\} \subset S$*

*Let  $A = \{S_{i+1}\}$  and  $A \subset S$*

$$|A| = \infty - 1 = |S| = \infty$$

*Prove **IF**:*

*Suppose  $S$  is finite,  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}^*, A = a_i, S = s_i, a_i = s_i, |S| = |A|$ .*

*Because  $A \subset S, \exists b \in (S - A) \neq \emptyset$ , but  $b$  doesn't exist.*

*So  $S$  is not finite.  $S$  is infinite.*

2. Prove or disprove  $|\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}| = |\mathbb{R}|$ .

**Solution:**

$f: (x, y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (x, y) \mapsto \frac{y}{x}$  is a bijection.

3. Prove or disprove  $|\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}| = |\mathbb{R}|$ .

**Solution:**

$f: (x, y) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (x, y) \mapsto \tan(\frac{1}{2}\pi xy)$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (x, y) : (a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}) \mapsto (\frac{2 \arctan(a)}{\pi}, \frac{2 \arctan(b)}{\pi})$

4. Prove or disprove  $|\{X \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+ : X \text{ is a finite set}\}| = |\mathbb{Z}^+|$

**Solution:**

$$A = \{X \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+ : X \text{ is a finite set}\} / \sim$$

(a)  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+ : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \mapsto N_i = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_n^{a_n}$  is an injection.

(b)  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  is an infinite countable set. so there exists  $A = \{z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots\} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

5. Prove or disprove  $|\{(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) : a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}| = |\mathbb{Z}^+|$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } A = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) : a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$$

$$A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+ : a_i \mapsto i$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow A : i \mapsto a_i$$

So,  $A \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  is a bijection.

6. Find a countably infinite number of subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ , say  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , such that the following requirements are simultaneously satisfied:

(a)  $A_i$  is countably infinite for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ;

(b)  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$ ;

(c)  $\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } P = \{x | x \text{ is prime number}\}$$

$$A_i = \{y | y = \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} p_j^{e_j}, \sum e_j = i\}$$

$$\text{e.g. } A_1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}, A_2 = \{1 \times 2, 1 \times 3, \dots, 2 \times 2, 2 \times 3, \dots\}$$

(1) It's obvious that  $A_i$  is countably infinite for  $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$

(2) By Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, Every integer  $n > 1$  can be uniquely written as  $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_r^{e_r}$ , where  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_r$  are primes and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r \geq 1$ . Uniqueness gets (b) and existence gets (c).