

1. For the following sets, determine whether they are finite, countable, or uncountable.

Prove your answer.

- (a) The set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{R} .
- (b) The set of all co-finite subsets of \mathbb{R} , that is, $\{ A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid \mathbb{R} \setminus A \text{ is finite} \}$.
- (c) The set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{Q} .
- (d) The set of all co-finite subsets of \mathbb{Q} , that is, $\{ A \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \mid \mathbb{Q} \setminus A \text{ is finite} \}$.
- (e) The set of all open intervals with endpoints in \mathbb{R} : $\{ (a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \}$.
- (f) The set of all open intervals with endpoints in \mathbb{Q} : $\{ (a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q} \}$.
- (g) The set of all finite unions of open intervals with endpoints in \mathbb{Q} : The set of all sets of the form $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i)$.
- (h) The set of all countable unions of open intervals with endpoints in \mathbb{Q} : The set of all sets of the form $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i)$.
- (i) The set of all finite intersections of open intervals with endpoints in \mathbb{Q} : The set of all sets of the form $\bigcap_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i)$.
- (j) The set of all countable intersections of open intervals with endpoints in \mathbb{Q} : The set of all sets of the form $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i)$.

- (k) The set of all non-increasing functions from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} .
2. The elements of $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ may be arranged in the form of a simple sequence as follows:

$$(1, 1), (2, 1), (1, 2), (3, 1), (2, 2), (1, 3), (4, 1), (3, 2), (2, 3), (1, 4), \dots$$

Show that (p, q) is the $(\frac{1}{2}(p+q-1)(p+q-2) + q)$ -th element of the sequence. Note that this is an explicit formula of a bijection between \mathbb{N} and $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$.

Hint: If you arrange $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ as a grid in \mathbb{R}^2 (e.g. see the figure at the beginning of the proof of Theorem 2.19 from Week 1 Lecture Notes) then the sequence corresponds to counting the elements along diagonals of increasing length.