

DS Tutorial-2 : Set Theory Problems

Problem 1 (Finite Set)

Let $A = \{f : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \mid f \text{ is injective}\}$.

- (a) Express $|A|$ in terms of n .
- (b) Prove that A is finite for any fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (c) What happens to $|A|$ as n increases beyond 2?

Problem 2 (Finite Set)

Consider the set $B = \{S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \mid S \text{ is finite and } \sum_{s \in S} s \leq 100\}$.

- (a) Prove that B is finite.
- (b) Determine whether the set $C = \{S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \mid S \text{ is finite and } |S| \leq 5\}$ is finite or infinite.
- (c) Compare the cardinalities of B and C .

Problem 3 (Infinite Set)

Let $D = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \mid a^2 + b^2 = 2\}$.

- (a) Prove that D is infinite.
- (b) Is D countably infinite or uncountably infinite? Justify your answer.
- (c) Construct an explicit bijection between D and a proper subset of itself.

Problem 4 (Infinite Set)

Let $E = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}\} \cup \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \equiv 2 \pmod{5}\}$.

- (a) Write out the first 10 elements of E .
- (b) Prove that E is infinite.
- (c) Is E countably infinite? Justify your answer.

Problem 5 (Cantor's Diagonalization)

Consider the set $T = \{f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\}$ of all functions from natural numbers to $\{0, 1\}$.

- (a) Assume T is countably infinite and list the functions as f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots .
- (b) Define a new function $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ by $g(n) = 1 - f_n(n)$.
- (c) Show that g cannot be in the list $\{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots\}$.
- (d) What does this contradiction tell us about the cardinality of T ?