

## Quiz Review (1.3-2.1)

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### 1.3

A set  $S$  is said to have  $n$  elements if there exists a bijection from  $\mathbb{N}_n^+$  onto  $S$

$$\mathbb{N}_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

- $S$  is finite if it has  $n$  elements (or is empty)  
Otherwise, it is infinite.

So,  $S$  has  $n$  elements iff. there is a bijection from  $S$  onto  $\mathbb{N}_n$

### Theorems

- If  $C$  is an infinite set and  $B$  is a finite set, then  $C \setminus B$  is infinite (1.3.4(c))
- Suppose  $S$  and  $T$  are sets where  $T \subseteq S$  (1.3.5)
  - If  $S$  is finite, then  $T$  is finite
  - If  $T$  is an infinite set, then  $S$  is infinite

} contrapositive  
of each other

Proof First, we rule out the case where  $T = \emptyset$ , since  $T$  would be finite by definition.

We use proof by induction on the number of elements  $n$  in  $S$ .

(Base case) Suppose  $S$  has 1 element. Then the only nonempty subset  $T$  of  $S$  would be  $S$  itself, so  $T$  is finite.

We assume the hypothesis holds for  $n=k$ . Let  $S$  be a set with  $k+1$  elements. So, there exists a bijection  $f$  of  $\mathbb{N}_{k+1}$  onto  $S$ . If  $f(k+1) \notin T$ , then  $T$  is a subset of  $S_1 = S \setminus \{f(k+1)\}$ , which has  $k$  elements. So, by the inductive hypothesis,  $T$  is finite.

If  $f(k+1) \in T$ , then  $T_1 = T \setminus \{f(k+1)\}$  is a subset of  $S_1$ . Since  $S_1$  has  $k$  elements,  $T_1$  is finite, which implies that  $T = T_1 \cup \{f(k+1)\}$  is also finite.

Thus, by mathematical induction, if  $S$  is a finite set, then any nonempty subset of  $S$  is also finite.  $\square$

A set  $S$  is denumerable (countably infinite) if there exists a bijection of  $\mathbb{N}$  onto  $S$ .

- $S$  is countable if it is either finite or denumerable.  
Otherwise, it is uncountable

### Notable examples

- $\mathbb{N}$  - denumerable
- $\mathbb{Q}$  - denumerable
- $\mathbb{R}$  - uncountable

### More Theorems

- Suppose  $S$  and  $T$  are sets and  $T \subseteq S$ . (1.3.9)
  - If  $S$  is countable, then  $T$  is countable.
  - If  $T$  is uncountable, then  $S$  is uncountable
- If  $S$  is countable, then (1.3.10)
  - There exists a surjection of  $\mathbb{N}$  onto  $S$
  - There exists an injection of  $S$  into  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Proof If  $S$  is finite, there exists a bijection  $h$  of  $\mathbb{N}_n$  onto  $S$ .

We define  $H$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  by

$$H(k) := \begin{cases} h(k) & k=1,2,\dots,n \\ h(n) & k>n \end{cases}$$

Then  $H$  is a surjection of  $\mathbb{N}$  onto  $S$ .

I don't feel like writing the whole proof. It's in the book

Another theorem - If  $A_m$  is a countable set for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the union  $A := \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m$  is countable

The proof uses a surjection

## Cantor's Theorem

If  $A$  is any set, then there is no surjection of  $A$  onto the power set  $P(A)$  (Set of all subsets of  $A$ )

This proof uses Kang's favorite technique, proof by contradiction.

## 2.1

The Algebraic Properties of  $\mathbb{R}$  <sup>called</sup> (also field axioms)

(A1)  $a+b = b+a$  (commutative property of addition)

(A2)  $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$  (associative property of addition)

(A3) There exists an element  $0$  such that  $0+a = a$  (existence of a zero element)

(A4) For each  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists an element  $-a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a+(-a) = 0$  (existence of negative elements)

(M1)  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$  (commutative property of multiplication)

(M2)  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$  (associative property of multiplication)

(M3) There exists an element  $1$  distinct from  $0$  such that  $1 \cdot a = a$  (existence of a unit element)

(M4) For each  $a \neq 0$ ,  $\exists \frac{1}{a} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a \cdot (\frac{1}{a}) = 1$  (existence of reciprocals)

$$(D) \quad a \cdot (b+c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c) \quad (\text{distributive property})$$

### Order Properties of $\mathbb{R}$

There is a subset  $P$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  called the positive real numbers that satisfies:

i) If  $a, b \in P$ , then  $a+b \in P$

ii) If  $a, b \in P$ , then  $ab \in P$

iii) If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , exactly one of the following holds:

$$a \in P \quad a=0 \quad -a \in P$$

ⓘ Trichotomy Property  
since it divides  $\mathbb{R}$  into 3 groups

### Theorem 2.1.7

(a) If  $a > b$  and  $b > c$ , then  $a > c$ .

(b) If  $a > b$ , then  $a+c > b+c$

(c) If  $a > b$  and  $c > 0$ , then  $ac > bc$   
 $c < 0$ , then  $ac < bc$

### Theorem 2.1.8

(a) If  $a \neq 0$ , then  $a^2 > 0$

(b)  $1 > 0$

### Theorem 2.1.10

If  $ab > 0$ , then either

- $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$
- $a < 0$  and  $b < 0$

Proof  $ab > 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ .

By the Trichotomy Property, either  $a > 0$  or  $a < 0$ .

If  $a > 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{a} > 0$ , and therefore  $b = (\frac{1}{a})(ab) > 0$ . Similarly, if  $a < 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{a} < 0$ , so that  $b = (\frac{1}{a})(ab) < 0$ .  $\square$

### Examples

• If  $a < b$ , then  $a < \frac{1}{2}(a+b) < b$

$$2a = a + a < b + a$$

$$a < b \text{ and } \uparrow \Rightarrow 2a < b + a$$

$$2b = b + b \text{ and we know } a + b < b + b$$

$$\text{So } a + b < 2b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a < a + b < 2b$$

$$\text{Divide by 2} \Rightarrow a < \frac{1}{2}(a+b) < b \quad \square.$$