

Problem 1.6.6

Let $A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and let $X = \{0, 1\}$. Consider the map

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathcal{P}(A) &\longrightarrow X^n \\ B &\mapsto (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

Where $m \in B$ implies $x_m = 1$ and otherwise $x_m = 0$. This map is clearly injective because each set $B \subset A$ has less than or equal to n elements, and therefore will get mapped onto the n -vector corresponding to its elements. Furthermore, B_1 and B_2 have the same image under f means that if $f(B_1) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $f(B_2) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ then $x_k = y_k$ for all k . Hence, B_1 and B_2 have the same elements and are therefore equal. For surjectivity take $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and let so $f^{-1}(x) = \{i : x_i = 1\}$. Hence, each x has an inverse image and f is surjective. Thus, f is bijective.

Problem 1.7.5

(a) The set $A = \{f \mid f : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ is countable. Each function in A is uniquely determined by the where it sends 0 and 1. There are only a countable number of possibilities for each one, and so we may think of f as lying in $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ as a 2-tuple $(f(0), f(1))$. This means that $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ and because $\mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ is a finite product of countable sets this gives that A is a subset of a countable set and hence, countable.

(b) The set $B = \{f \mid f : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+\}$ is also countable. The reasoning is the same as in (a) except that now we may think of f as lying in \mathbb{Z}_+^n represented by $(f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n))$, which is also a finite product of countable sets and thus, countable. So B is also a subset of a countable set and therefore countable.

(c) Let $C = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} B_n$. If B_n is an at most countable set for each n then C is countable because it is the countable union of countable sets. If any of the B_n is uncountable then so is C because there is a natural injection $B_n \hookrightarrow C$ given by the identity on B and so $|C| \geq |B_n|$.

(d) Let $D = \{f \mid f : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+\}$. I claim that D is uncountable. We can think of each f as an element of \mathbb{Z}^ω represented by $(f(1), f(2), \dots)$. Note that if we set $X = \{0, 1\}$ then $X^\omega \subset \mathbb{Z}^\omega \cong D$. Recall that X^ω is uncountable and because the identity on X^ω defines an injection into \mathbb{Z}^ω we have that $|D| = |\mathbb{Z}^\omega| \geq |X^\omega|$ and so D is uncountable. (Note: we could also have just done the diagonalization directly on D)

(e) If we take $E = \{f \mid f : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\}$ and $X = \{0, 1\}$ then we can think of each $f \in E$ as the vector $(f(1), f(2), \dots) \in X^\omega$. As we saw in the book, X^ω is uncountable and hence so is E .

(f) Let F be the set of eventually zero functions $\mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. More precisely, take $F = \{f \mid \exists N > 0, \forall n > N, f(n) = 0\}$. Then F breaks up naturally into pieces $F_n = \{g \mid \forall m > n, g(m) = 0\}$ so that $F = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty F_n$. Now we observe that $F_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_+^n$. To see this observe that we can view F_n as an n -tuple $(f(1), f(2), \dots, f(n))$. This defines an injection $F_n \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ because if f, g map to the same n -tuple, then $f(k) = g(k)$ for each $k \leq n$, and because $f, g \in F_n$ $f(m) = g(m)$ for every $m > n$. So $f(x) = g(x)$ for each x and thus $f = g$. Furthermore, the mapping is surjective because for each (y_1, \dots, y_n) we can

construct the function given by $f(k) = y_k$. This bijection verifies that $F_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_+^n$. Hence,

$$F = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n \cong \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_+^n$$

F is a countable union of countable sets and thus, countable.

(g) In the same spirit as the previous part we set $G = \{f \mid \exists N > 0, \forall n > N, f(n) = 1\}$. In the same way as before we can decompose G into pieces G_n such that $G_n = \{g \mid \forall m > n, g(m) = 1\}$. The identification with the n -tuple $(g(1), g(2), \dots, g(n))$ is a bijection (for the same reasons as in (f)) and so we have that $G_n \cong \mathbb{Z}_+^n$. So we see that

$$G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n \cong \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_+^n$$

(h) It is clear from the preceding to parts that the set of functions which are eventually k is countable. So if we take

$$H = \{f : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+ \mid \exists N, k \text{ such that } \forall n > N, f(n) = k\}$$

We now will decompose H into a union as we did before. We define

$$H_{n,k} = \{g \mid \forall m > n, g(m) = k\}$$

then it is clear that

$$H = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} H_{n,k}$$

For each fixed n, k , $H_{n,k}$ is countable as seen through identification with an n -tuple and so for a fixed n , $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} H_{n,k}$ is a countable union of countable sets and therefore countable. Then we have that H is a countable union of countable sets, and it too, is countable.

(i) The set I of two element subsets of \mathbb{Z}_+ is also countable. We can identify with each set $\{a, b\}$ with $a \leq b$ the 2-tuple $(a, b) \in T \subset \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ where $T = \{(x, y) \mid x < y\}$. To see that this map is a bijection we note that the map is an injection because if $f(\{a, b\}) = f(\{c, d\}) = (x, y)$ then we must have that $\{a, b\} = \{c, d\}$. This is because if we order the sets in increasing order then $a = c = x$ and $b = d = y$, which means that the two sets must have been the same (up to a possible re-ordering of their elements). To see that it is surjective take any 2-tuple (x, y) and observe that the set $\{x, y\}$ maps onto it. So this map is a bijection onto $T \subset \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ and so I is (equivalent to) a subset of a countable set and therefore countable.

(j) The set J of all finite subsets of all finite subsets of \mathbb{Z}_+ is also countable. By reasoning analogous to part I we have that the set J_n of all subsets of size n is countable (this time we order the sets in increasing order and map to an n -tuple). Let J_n be this set. Then we can write

$$J = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} J_n$$

This gives that J is a countable union of countable sets and therefore countable.

Problem 1.7.7

Let F be the set of functions $f : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$ and G be the set of functions $g : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. We want to show that $|F| = |G|$. First note that there is a natural injection $p : G \hookrightarrow F$ where

$$(p \circ g)(x) = g(x) + 1$$

then the image of each $g \in G$ is $p \circ g$ which maps into $\{1, 2\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$. Now we will construct an injection in the reverse direction from $F \hookrightarrow G$. The first step is to represent for each n , the quantity $f(n)$ as a vector in \mathbb{Z}_2^ω . To do this we note that each integer has a unique binary expansion

$$f(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k 2^{k-1}$$

where $\alpha_k \in \{0, 1\}$ for all k , and only finitely many α_k are non-zero. So we associate to each f a matrix

	1	2	3	...
$f(1)$	$\alpha_{1,1}$	$\alpha_{1,2}$	$\alpha_{1,3}$...
$f(2)$	$\alpha_{2,1}$	$\alpha_{2,2}$	$\alpha_{2,3}$...
$f(3)$	$\alpha_{3,1}$	$\alpha_{3,2}$	$\alpha_{3,3}$...
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots

Where $\alpha_{n,k}$ is the k^{th} digit in the binary expansion of $f(n)$. We then associate to f the vector $\alpha = (\alpha_{1,1}, \alpha_{2,1}, \alpha_{3,1}, \dots)$, which is obtained via the usual diagonal traversal, and define a new function $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ such that $g(n)$ is the n^{th} component of α . I claim that the map $F : f \mapsto g$ is injective. Suppose it were not, then we would have two functions f_1, f_2 such that $F(f_1) = F(f_2) = g$. If we look at the definition of g this means that if $f_1(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{n,k} 2^{k-1}$ and $f_2(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_{n,k} 2^{k-1}$ then $\alpha_{n,k} = \beta_{n,k}$ for every n, k . But the binary representation of a number is unique, and so $f_1(n) = f_2(n)$ for each n . This means that $f_1 = f_2$ and so the map F is injective.

Problem 1.9.2

(a) We appeal to the well ordering principle of \mathbb{Z}_+ . To each element of $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ we assign its minimal element, which exists because \mathbb{Z} is well ordered.

(b) Similarly to (a) we define to each set in \mathbb{Z} its minimal element, which exists and is well-defined because of well-ordering.

(c) This one is slightly more complicated. The set \mathbb{Q} is countable, and therefore we can give an enumeration of them r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots . Then to each set of rationals $\{r_i, r_j, \dots\}$ we let $m = \min\{i, j, \dots\}$, which is unambiguous because the integers are well ordered. Then we define the choice function to be $c : \{r_i, r_j, \dots\} \mapsto r_m$.

(d) In this case it is not possible to define a choice function without the axiom of choice. To see this note that $X^\omega = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} X$. This an infinite product of

sets, and so any choice function would have to make countable infinite choices of elements in X . It is seen in the book that this is equivalent to the axiom of choice.

Problem 1.9.3

Let $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a family of injective functions

$$f_n : \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \longrightarrow A$$

We will see that A must be an infinite set. Suppose to the contrary that A is finite. Then $|A| = N$ for some $N > 0$. But then for f_m , $m > N$ the pigeonhole principle says that there must be two elements in $\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ that are mapped onto the same element of A . So f_m cannot be injective. This contradiction shows that A must be an infinite set.

To determine a choice function without the axiom of choice we appeal to the principle of recursive definition. We set

$$m = \min\{x \mid x \notin \{f(1), f(2), \dots, f(i-1)\}\}$$

and take $f(n) = f_n(m)$. this map is well-defined because the f_n are injective by hypothesis.

Problem 1.9.6

(a) Suppose that \mathcal{A} were a set that contained all other sets. Then we would have that $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}) \in \mathcal{A}$ because $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ is a set. Hence we can construct a surjection $S : \mathcal{A} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$, but this implies that $|\mathcal{A}| \leq |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})|$, which is impossible (proved in the book).

(b) The point of the paradox is that there is no valid choice for where to include \mathcal{B} . If $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{B}$, then \mathcal{B} is not an element of itself, which is a contradiction. But if $\mathcal{B} \notin \mathcal{B}$ then $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{B}$, which is also impossible.

Problem 1.9.8

As before we will appeal to the uniqueness of binary expansions for real numbers. First we will construct a bijection from subsets of \mathbb{Z}_+ , i.e elements of $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$, to $X = \{0, 1\}^\omega$. To each set $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ we associate the vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in X$ such that

$$x_k = \begin{cases} 1 & k \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Call this function $g : S \mapsto x$. Recall (from previous problems) that this function is a bijection. Now we use the fact that each real number has a unique binary decimal representation that does not end in an infinite string of 1's. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow X$ be the injection that sends each real number to its binary expansion. Then using the fact that f is injective and g bijective (and hence injective as well) we have that $g^{-1} \circ f$ is an injection from $\mathbb{R} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$. Now we construct an injection $h : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Suppose that $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$, then S must be countable. Let s_1, s_2, \dots be an enumeration of the elements of S . We then define $b : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+) \hookrightarrow X$ via $S \mapsto (0, s_1, 0, s_2, \dots, 0, s_n, \dots)$. Then take $h = f \circ b$, which

is an injection. We then apply the Schroeder-Bernstein Lemma to see that $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_+)| = |\mathbb{R}|$.