## Prework 4.2a: Uncountability and non-recognizable languages

Write your preliminary solutions to each problem and submit a PDF on Canvas. The names in brackets indicate the subset responsible for presenting the problem.

- 1. Let  $\mathscr{B}$  be the set of all infinite binary sequences. In class, we used a diagonalization argument to prove that  $\mathscr{B}$  is uncountable. Let  $\mathscr{B}_{F1}$  be the set of all infinite binary sequences with a finite number of 1's.
  - a. [Levi, David, Grace] Explain where the diagonalization argument fails when applied to  $\mathcal{B}_{F1}$ .
  - b. [Todd, Micah, Joshua] Prove that  $\mathcal{B}_{F1}$  is, in fact, countable.
- 2. [Ben, Allie, Connor] Let  $A_{\text{TM}} = \{\langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM that accepts } w\}$ . Prove that  $A_{\text{TM}}$  is recognizable by giving a description of a TM that recognizes it. Is your TM a decider? Explain why or why not.
- 3. [Ky, Meghan, Andrew, Curtis] Find a countably infinite collection of countably infinite disjoint subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . That is, give a description of an infinite sequence of subsets  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \ldots$  of natural numbers such that  $X_i \cap X_j = \emptyset$  whenever  $i \neq j$  and such that each  $X_i$  is countably infinite.

BEGIN YOUR SOLUTIONS BELOW THIS LINE