

Solutions to Practice Exercises

① $\sim((x>0 \text{ and } x<1) \text{ or } x=-1) = \sim(x>0 \text{ and } x<1) \text{ and } x \neq -1$
 $= (x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq 1) \text{ and } x \neq -1$

② $\sim(x>0 \text{ and } (x<1 \text{ or } x=-1)) = x \leq 0 \text{ or } \sim(x<1 \text{ or } x=-1)$
 $= x \leq 0 \text{ or } (x \geq 1 \text{ and } x \neq -1)$
 $= x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq 1$

③ $\sim(\forall \Delta ABC, \angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ) = \exists \Delta ABC \text{ such that } \angle A + \angle B + \angle C \neq 180^\circ$
 $(\text{There is a triangle } ABC \text{ such that } \angle A + \angle B + \angle C \neq 180^\circ.)$

④ $\sim(\exists \text{ man such that man does not have wife}) = \forall \text{ man, man has a wife}$
 $(\text{Every man has a wife.})$

⑤ $\sim(\forall x \exists y \text{ such that } x+y=0) = \exists x \forall y, x+y \neq 0$
 $(\text{There is an } x \text{ such that for every } y, x+y \neq 0.)$

⑥ $\sim(\exists \alpha \forall \beta \exists r \text{ such that } |\alpha-\beta| < r) = \forall \alpha \exists \beta \forall r, |\alpha-\beta| \geq r.$

⑦ $\sim(\text{If } (x>0) \text{ and } (y>0), \text{ then } x+y>0) = (x>0) \text{ and } (y>0) \text{ and } (x+y \leq 0)$

⑧ (a) If $\angle B \neq \angle C$ in $\triangle ABC$, then $AB \neq AC$ in $\triangle ABC$.

(b) If a function is not continuous, then it is not differentiable.

(c) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (f(x) + g(x)) \neq a+b$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \neq a$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) \neq b$.

(d) If $x \neq \frac{-b+\sqrt{b^2-4c}}{2}$ and $x \neq \frac{-b-\sqrt{b^2-4c}}{2}$, then $x^2+bx+c \neq 0$.

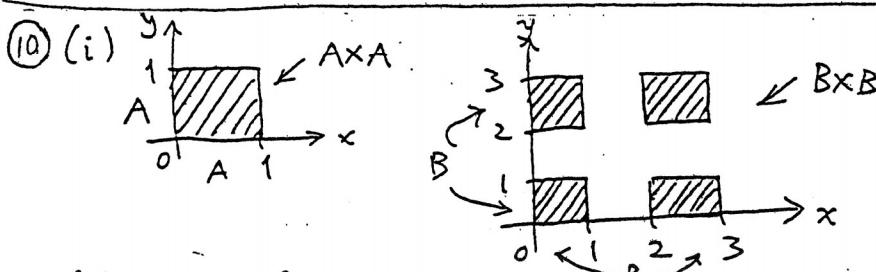
⑨ (a) $(\{x, y, z\} \cup \{w, z\}) \setminus \{u, v, w\} = \{w, x, y, z\} \setminus \{u, v, w\} = \{x, y, z\}$.

(b) $\{1, 2\} \times \{3, 4\} \times \{5\} = \{(1, 3, 5), (1, 4, 5), (2, 3, 5), (2, 4, 5)\}$.

(c) $\mathbb{Z} \cap [0, 10] \cap \{n^2 : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 10\} \cap \{2, 5, 10, \dots\} = \{2, 5, 10\}$.

(d) $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : 5 < n < 9\} \setminus \{2m : m \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{6, 7, 8\} \setminus \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\} = \{7\}$.

(e) $([0, 2] \setminus [1, 3]) \cup ([1, 3] \setminus [0, 2]) = [0, 1) \cup (2, 3]$.



(ii) $A = B$ (Reason: For every $a \in A$; $b \in B$, we have $(a, b) \in A \times B = B \times A$. By the definition of Cartesian product, this means $a \in B$, $b \in A$. So $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.)

(11) (a) If $x \in A \cup B$, then $x \in A$ or $x \in B$, which implies $x \in A$ or $x \in C$ (because $B \subseteq C$ and $x \in B$ will yield $x \in C$). So $x \in A \cup C$.
So every element of $A \cup B$ is also an element of $A \cup C$. Therefore,
 $A \cup B \subseteq A \cup C$.

(b) If $x \in (X \setminus Y) \setminus Z$, then $x \in X \setminus Y$ and $x \notin Z$. So $x \in X$ and $x \notin Y$ and $x \notin Z$.
Then $x \in X$ and $x \notin Z$ and $x \notin Y$. Hence, $x \in X \setminus Z$ and $x \notin Y$. Therefore,
 $x \in (X \setminus Z) \setminus Y$. We get $(X \setminus Y) \setminus Z \subseteq (X \setminus Z) \setminus Y$.

Interchanging Y, Z everywhere in the last paragraph, we also get $(X \setminus Z) \setminus Y \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \setminus Z$
Therefore, $(X \setminus Y) \setminus Z = (X \setminus Z) \setminus Y$.

(12) (i) False. For example, $A = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, $B = \mathbb{Q} = C$, then $(A \cup B) \cap C = \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}$
 $A \cup (B \cap C) = (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \cup \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{R}$

(ii) False. For example, $A = \mathbb{R} = B$, $C = \mathbb{Q}$, then $A \cup B = \mathbb{R} = A \cup C$, but $B \neq C$.

(iii) True. (Reason: For every $x \in A \setminus (B \cup C)$, we have $x \in A$ and $x \notin B \cup C$. Now

$x \notin B \cup C = \sim(x \in B \cup C) = \sim(x \in B \text{ or } x \in C) = x \notin B \text{ and } x \notin C$. So $x \in A \setminus B$
and $x \in A \setminus C$. We get $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$. $\therefore A \setminus (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$.

Next we reverse steps. For every $x \in (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C)$, we have $x \in A \setminus B$ and $x \in A \setminus C$.

So $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$ and $x \notin C$. By the box above, we get $x \in A$ and $x \notin B \cup C$.

So $x \in A \setminus (B \cup C)$. $\therefore (A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C) \subseteq A \setminus (B \cup C)$.

(13) (i) For every $x \in A \cup C$, we have $x \in A$ or $x \in C$. If $x \in A$, then $A \subseteq B$ implies $x \in B$.

If $x \in C$, then $C \subseteq D$ implies $x \in D$. So $x \in B$ or $x \in D$, which implies $x \in B \cup D$.

(ii) False. For example, let $A = \{0\}$, $C = \{1\}$, $B = \{0, 1\} = D$, then $A \cup C = \{0, 1\} = B \cup D$.

(iii) Yes. (Reason: Since $(\frac{1}{n}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \subseteq [\frac{1}{n}, 2]$ for each n , so as in part (i),

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} = (1, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup (\frac{1}{2}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup (\frac{1}{3}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup \dots \subseteq [1, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup [\frac{1}{3}, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup \dots = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [\frac{1}{n}, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

For the reverse inclusion, since $[\frac{1}{n}, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} \subseteq (\frac{1}{n+1}, 2)$ for each n , we have

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [\frac{1}{n}, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} = [1, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup [\frac{1}{3}, 2]_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup \dots \subseteq (\frac{1}{2}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup (\frac{1}{3}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup (\frac{1}{4}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup \dots = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

Actually, $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} = (0, 2) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{n}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}}$ but this is less rigorous, because $(\frac{1}{2}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} = (1, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}} \cup (\frac{1}{2}, 2)_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

(14) f is not injective because $f(1) = 0 = f(2)$. f is not surjective because $f(\mathbb{R}) = \{0, 1\} \neq \mathbb{R}$.

g is injective because $g(x) = g(y) \Leftrightarrow 1-2x = 1-2y$ implies $x = y$.

g is surjective because for every $y \in \mathbb{R}$, $y = g(\frac{1-y}{2})$ and so $g(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$.

$f \circ g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(1-2x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 1-2x > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } 1-2x \leq 0 \end{cases}$

$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} > x \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \end{cases}$. $g \circ f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = \begin{cases} 1 = g(0) & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -1 = g(1) & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$.

(15) (i) To show f is injective, let $f(x) = f(y)$. Then $x = (g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(f(y)) = (g \circ f)(y) = y$. Next we will show f is surjective. For every $b \in B$, since $b = (f \circ g)(b) = f(g(b))$, we see that $b \in f(A)$. $\therefore f(A) = B$.

(ii) To show $h \circ f$ is injective, let $(h \circ f)(x) = (h \circ f)(y)$. Then $h(f(x)) = h(f(y))$. Since h is injective, we get $f(x) = f(y)$. Since f is injective, we get $x = y$. Next we will show $h \circ f$ is surjective. For every $c \in C$, since h is surjective, $C = h(B)$, which implies $c = h(b)$ for some $b \in B$. Since f is surjective, $B = f(A)$, which implies $b = f(a)$ for some $a \in A$. Then $c = h(b) = h(f(a)) = (h \circ f)(a) \in (h \circ f)(A)$. $\therefore (h \circ f)(A) = C$.

(16) For the 'at most once' case, to show f is injective, let $f(x_0) = f(y_0)$. Using the choice $b = f(x_0)$, we see that the line $y = b$ intersects the graph of f at the point $(x_0, f(x_0))$ and at the point $(y_0, f(y_0))$. Since the intersection is at most one point, we have $(x_0, f(x_0)) = (y_0, f(y_0))$, which implies $x_0 = y_0$.

For the 'at least once' case, we can conclude f is surjective. (Reason:

For every $b \in B$, the line $y = b$ intersects the graph of f at least once.

This implies there is a point (a, b) on the graph of f . Then $b = f(a) \in f(A)$.
 $\therefore f(A) = B$.)

(Comments: Combining the two cases, we see that if for every $b \in B$, the horizontal line $y = b$ intersects the graph of f exactly once, then f is a bijection. This "horizontal line test" is useful to check bijections by inspecting the graphs.)

(17) The function $f: (0, 1) \rightarrow (a, b)$ defined by $f(x) = (b-a)x + a$ is a bijection. (This is clear from the graph. As x varies from a to b , $f(x)$ takes each of the values between a and b exactly once.) Since $(0, 1)$ is uncountable, by the bijection theorem we see that (a, b) is uncountable. Since $(a, b) \subseteq [a, b]$, by the countable subset theorem, $[a, b]$ is uncountable.

(18) Let $S = \{(0, y) : y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}\}$. The function $f: \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow S$ defined by $f(y) = (0, y)$ is a bijection. Since $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ is uncountable, by the remarks, S is uncountable. Since $S \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \times (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q})$, by the countable subset theorem, $\mathbb{Q} \times (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q})$ is uncountable.

(19) For $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{3^m} \in \mathbb{Q}$. So $A \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$. Since \mathbb{Q} is countable, by the countable subset theorem, A is countable.

(20) For $x \in \mathbb{N}$, let $B_x = \{x + \sqrt{2}y : y \in \mathbb{N}\}$. The function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow B_x$ defined by $f(y) = x + \sqrt{2}y$ is a bijection. So B_x is countable. Now $B = \bigcup_{x \in \mathbb{N}} B_x$, \mathbb{N} is countable, each B_x is countable for $x \in \mathbb{N}$, so by the countable union theorem, B is countable.

(21) Let $S = \{L_m : L_m \text{ is the line with equation } y = mx, m \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S$ defined by $f(m) = L_m$ is a bijection. Since \mathbb{R} is uncountable, by the remarks, S is uncountable. Since $S \subseteq C$, by the countable subset theorem, C is uncountable. C contains vertical line, not in S .

(22) For $r \in \mathbb{Q}$, $D_r = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^5 + x + 2 = r\}$ has at most 5 elements, so D_r is countable. Now $D = \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} D_r$, \mathbb{Q} is countable and each D_r is countable for $r \in \mathbb{Q}$, so by the countable union theorem, D is countable.

(23) Let \mathbb{Q}^+ be the positive rational numbers. Since $\mathbb{Q}^+ \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ and \mathbb{Q} is countable, by the countable subset theorem, \mathbb{Q}^+ is countable. Now the function $f: \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}^+ \rightarrow E$ defined by letting $f(x, y, r)$ be the circle centered at (x, y) and radius r is a bijection. Since \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Q}^+ are countable, by the product theorem, $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}^+$ is countable. By the bijection theorem, E is countable.

(24) Suppose $x^4 + ax - 5 = 0$ has a rational root r . (If $r = 0$, then $r^4 + ar - 5 \neq 0$.) We get $r \neq 0$ and $r^4 + ar - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{5 - r^4}{r} \in \mathbb{Q}$. So $F \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$. Therefore, F is countable.

(25) Since X is nonempty, let $a_0 \in X$. Consider the subset $G' = \{a_0^3 + b^3 : b \in Y\}$ of G . The function $f: Y \rightarrow G'$ defined by $f(b) = a_0^3 + b^3$ is a bijection. (From $w = a_0^3 + b^3 \Leftrightarrow b = \sqrt[3]{w - a_0^3}$, we see $g: G' \rightarrow Y$ defined by $g(w) = \sqrt[3]{w - a_0^3}$ is the inverse of f .) Since Y is uncountable, so G' is uncountable. Since $G' \subseteq G$, so G is also uncountable.

(26) We will show $Y \setminus X$ is uncountable first. Suppose $Y \setminus X$ is countable.

Since X is countable and $X \cap Y \subseteq X$, we get $X \cap Y$ countable by the countable subset theorem. Then $Y = (Y \setminus X) \cup (X \cap Y)$ is countable by the countable union theorem, a contradiction. $\therefore Y \setminus X$ is uncountable. Since $Y \setminus X \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \cup (Y \setminus X)$, $H = (X \setminus Y) \cup (Y \setminus X)$ is uncountable by the countable subset theorem.

Solutions to Presentation Exercises (Week 6)

Solution 1

② For $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$, let S_k be the set of all subsets of \mathbb{N} having exactly k elements.

Then $S_0 = \{\emptyset\}$ has one element and so S_0 is countable. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the function

$f_k: S_k \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \dots \times \mathbb{N}$ defined by $f_k(\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}) = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$ is

$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{N}^k$ increasing order

an injective function. Since $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \dots \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable by the product theorem,

we can use the bijection theorem to conclude that S_k is countable.

Then $F = S_0 \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} S_k$ is countable by the countable union theorem.

Solution 2 Define $g: F \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ by assigning to each finite subset S of \mathbb{N} the nonnegative integer n having base 2 representation $n = (\dots d_3 d_2 d_1)_2$, where

$d_j = 1$ if and only if $j \in S$. (For example, $S = \{1, 2, 4\} \rightarrow n = (1011)_2 = 8 + 2 + 1 = 11$.)

Note g has the inverse $g^{-1}: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow F$ by assigning $n = (\dots d_3 d_2 d_1)_2$ the subset $\{j : d_j = 1\}$. It follows g is a bijection. As $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ is countable, so F is countable.

Solution 3 Let $F_0 = \{\emptyset\}$. Let F_k be the set of all subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

By math induction, we can check that F_k has 2^k elements. (This was discussed in the power set examples.) Clearly, $F_k \subseteq F$ because

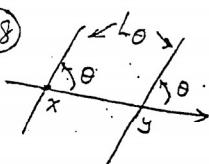
every element of F_k is a finite subset of \mathbb{N} . So $\bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} F_k \subseteq F$ by the

definitions of union and subset. For every $S \in F$, S is a finite subset of \mathbb{N} .

If $S \neq \emptyset$, then S has a maximum element k . Then $S \in F_k$. Hence $F \subseteq \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} F_k$.

$\therefore F = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} F_k$ is a countable union of finite sets, hence countable by the countable union theorem.

⑧



For $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, let L_θ be the pair of lines through x and y respectively making an angle θ with the axis from x to y .

Let $T = \{L_\theta : \theta \in (0, \pi)\}$. The function $f: (0, 1) \rightarrow T$ defined by $f(x) = L_{\pi x}$ has the inverse $g: T \rightarrow (0, 1)$ given by $g(L_\theta) = \frac{\theta}{\pi}$.

So f is a bijection. Since $(0, 1)$ is uncountable, T is uncountable.

Next observe that for every $z \in S$, there are at most two θ 's such that

z is on one of the lines of L_θ ; namely when \overleftrightarrow{xz} or \overleftrightarrow{yz} is one of the lines of L_θ . So $V = \{L_\theta : L_\theta \text{ contains some } z \in S\} = \bigcup_{z \in S} \{L_\theta : L_\theta \text{ contains } z\}$ is countable.

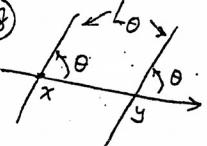
at most 2 elements
countable

Since T is uncountable and V is countable, so $T \setminus V$ is uncountable. In particular, taking two distinct L_θ 's in $T \setminus V$, the parallelogram determined by them is in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus S$ and has x, y as opposite vertices.

Solution 1

For $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$, let S_k be the set of all subsets of \mathbb{N} having exactly k elements. Then $S_0 = \{\emptyset\}$ has one element and so S_0 is countable. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the function $f_k: S_k \rightarrow \underbrace{\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \dots \times \mathbb{N}}_{k \text{ N's}}$ defined by $f(\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\}) = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$ in increasing order is an injective function. Since $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \dots \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable by the product theorem, we can use the bijection theorem to conclude that S_k is countable. Then $F = S_0 \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} S_k$ is countable by the countable union theorem.

Solution 2 Define $g: F \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ by assigning to each finite subset S of \mathbb{N} the nonnegative integer n having base 2 representation $n = (\dots d_3 d_2 d_1)_2$, where $d_j = 1$ if and only if $j \in S$. (For example, $S = \{1, 2, 4\} \rightarrow n = (1011)_2 = 8 + 2 + 1 = 11$.) Note g has the inverse $g^{-1}: \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow F$ by assigning $n = (\dots d_3 d_2 d_1)_2$ the subset $\{j : d_j = 1\}$. It follows g is a bijection. As $\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ is countable, so F is countable.

(28)  For $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, let L_θ be the pair of lines through x and y respectively making an angle θ with the axis from x to y . Let $T = \{L_\theta : \theta \in (0, \pi)\}$. The function $f: (0, 1) \rightarrow T$ defined by $f(x) = L_{\pi x}$ has the inverse $g: T \rightarrow (0, 1)$ given by $g(L_\theta) = \frac{\theta}{\pi}$. So f is a bijection. Since $(0, 1)$ is uncountable, T is uncountable. Next observe that for every $z \in S$, there are at most two θ 's such that z is on one of the lines of L_θ , namely when \overleftrightarrow{xz} or \overleftrightarrow{yz} is one of the lines of L_θ . So $V = \{L_\theta : L_\theta \text{ contains some } z \in S\} = \bigcup_{z \in S} \{L_\theta : L_\theta \text{ contains } z\}$ is countable. Since T is uncountable and V is countable, so $T \setminus V$ is uncountable. In particular, taking two distinct L_θ 's in $T \setminus V$, the parallelogram determined by them is in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus S$ and has x, y as opposite vertices.

(29) For $x \in [0, 1]$, let $x = (0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)_3$. Observe that $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}) = \{x : a_1 = 1\}$ where we take $\frac{1}{3} = (0, 022\dots)_3$. So $K_1 = [0, 1] \setminus (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}) = \{x : a_1 \neq 1\}$. Also, $(\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9}) = \{x : a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1\}$ where we take $\frac{1}{9} = (0, 0022\dots)_3$ and $(\frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9}) = \{x : a_1 = 2, a_2 = 1\}$ where we take $\frac{7}{9} = (0, 2022\dots)_3$. So $K_2 = K_1 \setminus ((\frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9}) \cup (\frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9})) = \{x : a_1 \neq 1, a_2 \neq 1\}$. Similarly, we will get $K_n = \{x : a_1 \neq 1, a_2 \neq 1, \dots, a_n \neq 1\}$. Therefore $K = \{x : \text{all } a_i \neq 1\} = \{x : \text{all } a_i = 0 \text{ or } 2\}$. Define $f: \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \times \dots \rightarrow K$ by $f((b_1, b_2, \dots)) = x$ where $a_i = 2b_i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. This function has the inverse $g: K \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \times \dots$ defined by $g(x) = (b_1, b_2, \dots)$, where $b_i = \frac{a_i}{2}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. So f is a bijection. Since $\{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \times \dots$ is uncountable, K is uncountable.

Remarks In the above solution, when we wrote K_1, K_2, K_n, K as sets of x with $a_i \neq 1$, we mean "x has at least one base 3 representation, where the a_i 's $\neq 1$ ".