

## Solution of Math 2033 Homework 1

① (a) To show  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ , let  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $(x \in B \text{ or } x \in C)$ . If  $x \in B$ , then  $x \in A \cap B$ . If  $x \in C$ , then  $x \in A \cap C$ . Hence  $x \in A \cap B$  or  $x \in A \cap C$ . So we get  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . This means  $A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

Next, to show  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$ , let  $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ . Then  $x \in A \cap B$  or  $x \in A \cap C$ . In both cases,  $x \in A$ . In both cases,  $x \in B$  or  $x \in C$ , which gives  $x \in B \cup C$ . So we get  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ . This means  $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C)$ .

Combining the conclusions of the two paragraphs,  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

(b) To show  $X \setminus (Y \cup Z) \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z)$ , let  $x \in X \setminus (Y \cup Z)$ . Then  $x \in X$  and  $x \notin (Y \cup Z)$ . So  $x \in X$ . Also,

$$x \notin (Y \cup Z) \Leftrightarrow \sim(x \in Y \cup Z) \Leftrightarrow \sim(x \in Y \text{ or } x \in Z) \Leftrightarrow x \notin Y \text{ and } x \notin Z.$$

Then  $x \in X$  and  $x \notin Y$  and  $x \notin Z$ . Hence,  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $x \in X \setminus Z$ .

So we get  $x \in (X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z)$ . This means  $X \setminus (Y \cup Z) \subseteq (X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z)$ .

Next to show  $(X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z) \subseteq X \setminus (Y \cup Z)$ , let  $x \in (X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z)$ . Then  $x \in X \setminus Y$  and  $x \in X \setminus Z$ . In both cases,  $x \in X$ . Also  $x \notin Y$  and  $x \notin Z$ . By the box above,  $x \notin (Y \cup Z)$ . So we get  $x \in X \setminus (Y \cup Z)$ .

This means  $(X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z) \subseteq X \setminus (Y \cup Z)$ .

Combining, we get  $X \setminus (Y \cup Z) = (X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z)$ .

② (a) We will prove the statement for every  $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,

$P(n) \rightarrow$  S contains an element  $a_n$  such that  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m < n$ , we have  $a_n \neq a_m$ .

Case  $n=1$ . S infinite  $\Rightarrow S \neq \emptyset$  (empty set has 0 elements,  $0 < \infty$ )

Then there exists an element  $a_1$  in S. There is no  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m < 1$ .

Suppose Case  $n$  is true. Then  $A_n = \{a_m : m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } m \leq n\}$  has  $n$  elements.

Since  $n < \infty$ ,  $A_n$  is a finite subset of S. Then  $A_n \subset S$ . We get

$S \setminus A_n \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists an element  $a_{n+1}$  in  $S \setminus A_n$ . For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m < n+1$ ,  $a_m \in A_n$  and  $a_{n+1} \in S \setminus A_n$ . So  $a_{n+1} \neq a_m$ .

The function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{a_m : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  defined by  $f(n) = a_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is surjective ( $a_n = f(n)$ ) and injective ( $m \neq n \Rightarrow f(m) = a_m \neq a_n = f(n)$ ).

$\therefore$  S contains the countably infinite set  $\{a_m : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

② (b) Let  $X = \{0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$ . Then  $[0, 1] \setminus X = (0, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\} = (0, 1] \setminus X$ .

Define  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, 1]$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\} \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{n+1} & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Now  $f^{-1}: (0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  given by  $f^{-1}(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) \setminus \{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\} \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{n-1} & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n}, n = 2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$

is the inverse of  $f$ .  $\therefore f$  is a bijection.

(c) By part (a),  $S$  contains a countably infinite subset  $\{a_m : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  
Let  $S' = S \setminus \{a_1\}$ .

Define  $g: S \rightarrow S'$  by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in S \setminus \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} \\ a_{n+1} & \text{if } x = a_n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Now  $g^{-1}: S' \rightarrow S$  given by  $g^{-1}(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in S \setminus \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} \\ a_{n-1} & \text{if } x = a_n, n = 2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$

is the inverse of  $g$ .  $\therefore g$  is a bijection.

③ For every  $(m, r) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $y = mx$   
 $x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 + (mx)^2 = r^2 \\ y = mx \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = \frac{r^2}{1+m^2} \\ y = mx \end{cases}$   
 has at most 2 solutions. Since  $x^2 = \frac{r^2}{1+m^2}$  has at most 2 solutions and at most 1  $y$  for each solution of  $x$ .  
 Let  $S_{(m,r)}$  be the solutions of the system  $\begin{cases} y = mx \\ x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \end{cases}$  for  $(m, r) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}$ .  
 Then  $S = \bigcup_{(m,r) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Q}} S_{(m,r)}$  is countable by countable union theorem.  
 (finite, hence countable)

④ For every  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$ , let  $S_{(x,y,z)} = \{2^x + 3^y + 5^z\}$ ,  
 then  $S = \{2^x + 3^y + 5^z : (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}\} = \bigcup_{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}} S_{(x,y,z)}$   
 is countable by countable union theorem. (finite, hence countable)

By example 6 (on transparencies page 21),  $(0, +\infty) \setminus S$  is uncountable.

Hence  $(0, +\infty) \setminus S$  is not a finite set (finite sets are countable).  
 So  $(0, +\infty) \setminus S$  is infinite.  $\therefore$  there are infinitely many  $r \in (0, \infty)$  and  $r$  is not in  $S$ .

⑤ Note  $(0, 1) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} [\frac{1}{k+1}, \frac{1}{k})$  (see solution of practice exercise #13 (iii) as a reference)

So every element of  $T \subseteq (0, 1)$  is in at least one of the interval  $[\frac{1}{k+1}, \frac{1}{k})$ .

If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are in  $T$  and  $[\frac{1}{k+1}, \frac{1}{k})$ , then  $1 > x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \geq \underbrace{\frac{1}{(k+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}}_{n \text{ times}}$ .

From this we get  $1 > \frac{n}{(k+1)^2}$ . So  $n < (k+1)^2$ .

Let  $T_k = T \cap [\frac{1}{k+1}, \frac{1}{k})$ , then  $T_k$  has less than  $(k+1)^2$  elements.

So  $T_k$  is a finite set.  $\therefore T = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} T_k$  is countable by the Countable union theorem.   
  $\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{finite, hence countable}}$