

MAT220 - Assignment 5 - Loic Dallaire

1. a) let $c : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
s.t. $x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \rightarrow (x, y, r)$ is a clear bijection $\therefore [\mathbb{C}] = [\mathbb{R}^3]$
- let $f : [0, 1) \rightarrow [0, 1) \times [0, 1) \times [0, 1)$
s.t. $0.a_1b_1c_1a_2b_2c_2 \dots \rightarrow (0.a_1a_2 \dots, 0.b_1b_2 \dots, 0.c_1c_2 \dots)$ is also a bijection.

We showed $[[0, 1)] = [[0, 1)^3]$
 $\therefore [\mathbb{C}] = [\mathbb{R}^3] = [\mathbb{R}]$
 $\therefore [\mathbb{C}] = c$

- b) We know that \mathbb{Q} is countable. Suppose that \mathbb{I} is also countable:
then $\mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{I}$ is countable,
but $\mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{I} = \mathbb{R}$ which is not countable so we have a contradiction
therefore \mathbb{I} is uncountable so $[\mathbb{N}] < [\mathbb{I}]$

We can define $i : \mathbb{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $x \rightarrow x$. This is obviously an injection so
we have that $[\mathbb{N}] < [\mathbb{I}] \leq [\mathbb{R}]$. By the continuum hypothesis we have
that $[\mathbb{I}] = [\mathbb{R}] = c$

- c) With induction lets show that \mathbb{Z}^n is countable
Base case is \mathbb{Z} which we know to be countable.
Assuming \mathbb{Z}^k is countable for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, show that \mathbb{Z}^{k+1} is also
countable:
 $\mathbb{Z}^{k+1} = \mathbb{Z}^k \times \mathbb{Z}$ and the cartesian product of two countable sets is
countable therefore \mathbb{Z}^{k+1} is countable. We have shown \mathbb{Z}^n is count-
able so $[\mathbb{Z}^n] = \aleph_0$
- d) First lets look at $\mathbb{Z}_n[x]$ which is the set of polynomials with integer
coefficients of degree n .

define $f : \mathbb{Z}_n[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$
s.t. $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \rightarrow (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$
this is a bijection so $\mathbb{Z}_n[x]$ is countable.
now consider $\bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_i[x]$.
this is a countable union of countable sets, and this union is also
equivalent to $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ meaning that $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is countable and therefore
 $[\mathbb{Z}[x]] = \aleph_0$

2. a) A polynomial of degree d has a countable number of roots d , since $d \in \mathbb{N}$
Define $r : \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ s.t. $p(n) \rightarrow \{\text{roots of } p(n)\}$
consider the image of r .
 $\forall x \in \text{IM}(r)$, x is a countable set. We also previously showed that $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is countable so $\text{IM}(r)$ is countable. Consider $\cup_{i=1}^{\infty} r(x)_i$ to be the union of all sets in $\text{IM}(r)$. This is a countable union of countable sets, this is also \mathcal{A} therefore the set of algebraic numbers is countable.
- b) Suppose \mathcal{A}' is countable, take $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{A}'$ which is the set of all numbers. The union of two countable sets is countable but the set of all numbers is not countable so we have a contradiction. therefore the set of transcendent numbers is not countable.
- c) Let $\mathcal{A}_n = \{\mathcal{D} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) : \mathcal{D} \text{ is finite and } |\mathcal{D}| = n\}$
Let \mathbb{N}_o^n be the subset of \mathbb{N}^n s.t. the elements in the tuple are ordered.
For example $(1, 2, 3) \in \mathbb{N}_o^n$ for $n = 3$ but $(1, 3, 2)$ is not.
 $\mathbb{N}_o^n \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n \therefore [\mathbb{N}_o^n] = \aleph_0$
We can define a simple bijection:
 $f : \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_o^n$ s.t. $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \rightarrow (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ showing that \mathcal{A}_n is countable
let $\mathcal{A} = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_i$. This is a countable union of countable sets which is countable, it is also the set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{N} therefore the set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{N} is countable.
- d) The set of all subsets of \mathbb{N} is simply $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ and we know $[\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})] = c$ which is not countable.