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Finishing up cardinality:

Def: If A is a set, $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{B : B \subseteq A\}$

Ex: $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$

Thm (Cantor): If A is a set, then $|A| < |\mathcal{P}(A)|$.

Rmk: $\therefore |N| < |\mathcal{P}(N)| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(N))| \dots$

Pf: Let A be a set. Define $f: A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$ by $f(x) = \{x\}$.

Then if $f(x) = f(y) \rightarrow \{x\} = \{y\} \rightarrow x = y \therefore f$ is 1-1.

$\therefore |A| \leq |\mathcal{P}(A)|$

Now, we show that $|A| \neq |\mathcal{P}(A)|$. We do this by contradiction.

Assume $|A| = |\mathcal{P}(A)|$. Then \exists bijection $g: A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$.

Define a set B , $B \subseteq A$, $B = \{x \in A : x \notin g(x)\}$.

Since $B \subseteq A$, then $B \in \mathcal{P}(A)$. Since g is surjective, $\exists b \in A$ s.t.

$g(b) = B$. *

Case 1: $b \in g(b)$

If $b \in g(b) = B \rightarrow b \in B \rightarrow b \notin g(b)$. Contradiction

Case 2: $b \notin g(b)$

If $b \notin g(b) \rightarrow b \in B \rightarrow b \in g(b)$ * by this. Contradiction.

Thus, we have shown that $b \in g(b) \leftrightarrow b \notin g(b)$. Contradiction.

Thus, $|A| \neq |\mathcal{P}(A)|$.

The Real Numbers

Goal: describe \mathbb{R} .

Thm (without proof): there exists a unique ordered field containing \mathbb{Q} with the least upper bound property, which we denote by \mathbb{R} .

Ordered sets / fields

Def: an ordered set is a set S with a relation $<$ s.t.

1) $\forall x, y \in S$, either $x = y$, $x < y$, or $y < x$. ↑ "an order"

2) If $x < y$, and $y < z$, then $x < z$.

Ex) \mathbb{Z} [$m < n$ if $n - m \in \mathbb{N}$]

\mathbb{Q} [$q < r$ if $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{N} : r - q = \frac{m}{n}$]

Non Ex) $S = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$. We define a relation $A \leq B$ if $A \subset B$.

Then, \leq satisfies (2) \because if $A \subset B$ and $B \subset C$, then $A \subset C$ i.e. $A \leq C$.

But \leq does not satisfy (1). $\because \{0\} \neq \{1\}$ but neither $\{0\} < \{1\}$ or $\{1\} < \{0\}$ hold.

Ex) Dictionary ordering of $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$

We say $(a, b) < (q, r)$ if either $a < q$ or $a = q$ and $b < r$.

Then $<$ is an order on $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$.

Def: Let S be an ordered set. Let $E \subset S$.

1) If $\exists b \in S$ s.t. $\forall x \in E$, $x \leq b$, then E is bounded above and b is an upper bound for E .

2) If $b \in S$ s.t. $\forall x \in E, b \leq x$, then E is bounded below and b is a lower bound for E .

3) We call $b_0 \in S$ the least upper bound for E if

a) b_0 is an upper bound for E

b) if b is any upper bound for E , then $b_0 \leq b$.

We also call b_0 the supremum of E , $b_0 = \sup E$.

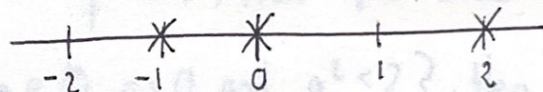
4) We call $b_0 \in S$ the greatest lower bound for E if,

a) b_0 is a lower bound for E .

b) if b is any lower bound for E , then $b \leq b_0$.

b_0 is the infimum of E , $b_0 = \inf E$

Ex) $S = \mathbb{Z}$, $E = \{-1, 0, 2\}$



• UB's: 2, 3, 4, 5 ... $\sup E = 2$

• LB's: -1, -2, -3, ... $\inf E = -1$

Ex) $S = \mathbb{Q}$, $E = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq q \leq 1\}$

• $\sup E = 1$ • $\inf E = 0$

Ex) $S = \mathbb{Q}$, $E = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 < q < 1\}$

• $\sup E = 1$, but $1 \notin E$. • $\inf E = 0$, but $0 \notin E$.

Contradiction.
 $\therefore \mathbb{Q} \not\geq \mathbb{R}$

Defn: An ordered set S has the least upper bound property if every $E \subset S$ which is nonempty and bounded above has a supremum in S .

Ex) $S = \{0\}$

$S = \{0, 1\} \rightarrow$

$E = \{0\} \rightarrow \sup E = 0 \in S$

$E = \{1\} \rightarrow \sup E = 1 \in S$

$E = \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \sup E = 1 \in S$

recall: we don't consider $\{1, 0\}$: it is an ordered set.

Ex) $S = \{-1, -2, -3, -4, \dots\}$

If $E \subset S$, E nonempty, then $-E = \{-x : x \in E\} \subset \mathbb{N}$.

By the well-order prop. of \mathbb{N} , $\exists m \in -E$ s.t. $m \leq -x \quad \forall x \in E$.

$\rightarrow -m \in E$ and $\forall x \in E, x \leq -m \rightarrow -m = \sup E$

Claim: \mathbb{Q} does not have the least upper bound property.

Basically, if $E = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0, \text{ and } q^2 < 2\}$, then $\sup E \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

Thm: If $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $x = \sup \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0 \text{ and } q^2 < 2\}$, then

$x \geq 1$ and $x^2 = 2$.

Pf: Let $E = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0 \text{ and } q^2 < 2\}$ and suppose we have $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $x = \sup E$.

Since $1 \in E$, ~~and $1^2 < 2$~~ and $x = \sup E \rightarrow 1 \leq x$.

We now prove $x^2 \geq 2$ by contradiction. Assume $x^2 < 2$.

Define $h = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2-x^2}{2(2x+1)} \right\} < 1$. Then $h > 0$. We now prove $x+h \in E$.

We compute $(x+h)^2 = x^2 + 2xh + h^2$

$< x^2 + 2xh + h$ $\because h < 1$

$= x^2 + (2x+1)h$

$\leq x^2 + (2x+1) \left(\frac{2-x^2}{2(2x+1)} \right) \leq x^2 + 2 - x^2 = 2$

$\Rightarrow (x+h)^2 < 2 \rightarrow x+h \in E$. But $x+h \in E$ and $x+h > x \rightarrow x \neq \sup E$

Contradiction.

$\therefore x^2 \geq 2$.

We now show $\alpha^2 = 2$. Since $\alpha^2 \geq 2$, this means $\alpha^2 = 2$ or $\alpha^2 > 2$.

We show $\alpha^2 > 2$ cannot hold, by contradiction.

Assume $\alpha^2 > 2$ (we'll show it next lecture).