

# CS 250 Final Review

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# 1 Exam 1 Review

**Note:** we won't have questions from this material, but we may need to use it for questions from later sections, so I'm circling back to it once finished with more relevant sections.

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## 2 Section 2.4: Countability

### 2.1 Cardinality Notation

Given a set "A", A's cardinality is denoted as  $|A|$

The expression  $|A| = |B|$  indicates that there is bijection between A and B.

The expression  $|A| \leq |B|$  indicates that there is injection from A to B

### 2.2 General Concepts

Sets "A" and "B" have the same cardinality IFF there is a one-to-one correspondence (i.e. a Bijection) from A to B.

IF a set is finite or has the same cardinality as  $\mathbf{N}$ , then it is called **countable**, otherwise it is **uncountable**

In mathematics, the **cardinality** of a set is a measure of the number of elements of the set. The cardinality of the natural numbers  $\mathbf{N}$  is denoted aleph-null

If the cardinality of some set "S" is equal to that of the set of natural numbers. then the set S is called **countably infinite**.

### 2.3 Cardinality Proof Example

**Prove:** that the set of positive rational numbers is countable.

$$E = \{n \mid n \bmod 2 = 0\}$$

**Let us define:**  $f: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow E$  as  $f(n) = 2n$ .

- f maps  $\mathbf{N}$  to E
- the defined function f is a one-to-one correspondence

**Therefore:** f is countable.

## 2.4 Cantor Diagonalization Proof Method

**Prove:** that the set of positive rational numbers is countable.

$$\mathbf{Q} = \{ m/n \mid m, n \in \mathbf{N} \}$$

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## 2.5 Cardinality of Integers Proof

The set of  $\mathbf{Z}$  is countable, so it has the same cardinality as  $\mathbf{N}$ .

**Prove:** there is a one-to-one correspondence from  $\mathbf{N}$  to the Integers.

$$f(n) = n/2 \text{ if } \mathbf{N} \text{ is even and } -(n-1)/2 \text{ if odd.}$$

- $f$  maps  $\mathbf{N}$  to  $\mathbf{Z}$
- the defined function  $f$  is a one-to-one correspondence

**Therefore:** the function  $f$  is countable, as  $f$  maps the set of integers.

## 2.6 Some Countability Results

1. Subsets and images of countable sets are also countable.
2. Set " $S$ " is countable IFF  $|S| \leq |\mathbf{N}|$
3.  $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$  is countable. This can be proved by using Cantor's Bijection to associate  $(x,y)$  with  $((x+y)^2 + 3x + y)/2$

## 2.7 Countability Fun Facts (wow so fun)

- The set  $\mathbf{R}$  of real numbers is not countable.
- **Cantor's Result:**  $|A| < |\text{power}(A)|$  for any set  $A$ .
  - $\text{Power}(\mathbf{N})$  is uncountable because  $|\mathbf{N}| < |\text{power}(\mathbf{N})|$ .
  - The power set of  $\mathbf{N}$  has the same cardinality as  $\mathbf{R}$ .
- Most of the other sets that we have used thus far are countable:
  - $\mathbf{N}$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{R}$ , but  $\mathbf{R}$  is not a subset of  $\mathbf{N}$
  - $\mathbf{Q}$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{R}$ , but  $\mathbf{R}$  is not a subset of  $\mathbf{Q}$
  - $\mathbf{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{Z}$ , and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are all the same, which is to say aleph-null
  - Every finite set " $A$ " of elements from  $\mathbf{N}$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{N}$ , so  $|A| < |\mathbf{N}|$
- The cardinality of the set of real numbers ( $\mathbf{R}$ ) is not the same as that of  $\mathbf{N}$