

# Counting review

$$n \quad (k-1)$$

$$- \frac{(n+(k-1))!}{n!(k-1)!} \quad n$$

$$\bigcup_k \left| A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \dots \right|$$

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$$\frac{7!}{5!2!}$$

5  
o o o o o

3  
a o b

$\bigcup$   $\begin{bmatrix} o \\ o \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} o \end{bmatrix}$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \left( \sum_{S \subseteq [n], |S|=k} | \cap_{i \in S} A_i | \right)$$

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$$

$(a+b)(a+b) \dots (a+b)$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \binom{n}{k} = 1$$

$a \in A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$   
 $\{1, 4, 7\}$

# Countability

To infinity and beyond

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# Intro question

- As many even integers as odd integers?  $\mathbb{E}$   $\mathbb{O}$

$$f: \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{O}$$

$$n \rightarrow n+1$$

$$4 + 1 = 5$$

$$7 + 1 = 6$$

- As many even integers as integers?

$$f: \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n \rightarrow \frac{n}{2}$$

$$9 \cdot 2 = 18$$

$$14 \rightarrow 7$$

# Countably infinite sets

**Definition.** *The set  $S$  is said to be countable (countably infinite) if there exists a bijective map  $f: S \leftrightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .*  $\mathbb{Z}^+$   $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

- In this sense, we can say that  $S$  and  $\mathbb{N}$  have the same cardinality.

$$|S| = \infty$$

What sets are countable?

$\mathbb{Z}^+$        $\text{id}$

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad f(n) = n + 1$$

$$\{-1\} \cup (\{0\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+) \leftrightarrow \{-1\} \cup \mathbb{Z}^+$$

# The smallest infinity

**Theorem.** Every infinite subset of a countable set is countable.

$$S \subset A \xleftrightarrow{f} \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow S'$$

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$$S' \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$a_1 \in S'$$

$$f(1) = a_1$$

base case

$$\{S' - a_1\}$$

$$f(n+1) = a_{n+1}$$

$$S' = f(S), A' = f(A) = \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$S := \{S - a_1 - a_2 - \dots - a_n\}$$

$$a_{n+1} \in S_{n+1}$$

ind. step

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

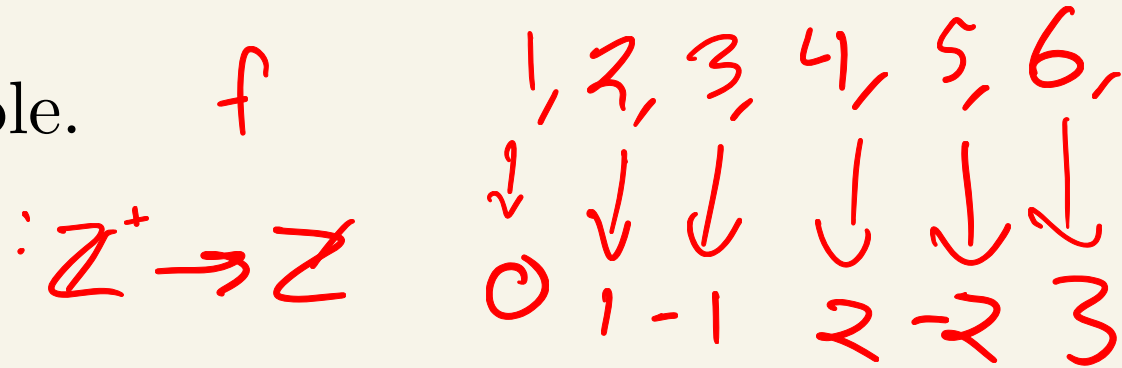
$$f(2) = 2$$

$$n,$$

$f(n) = a_n$ , "n<sup>th</sup> lowest number"

# Building upwards

- $\mathbb{Z}$  is countable.



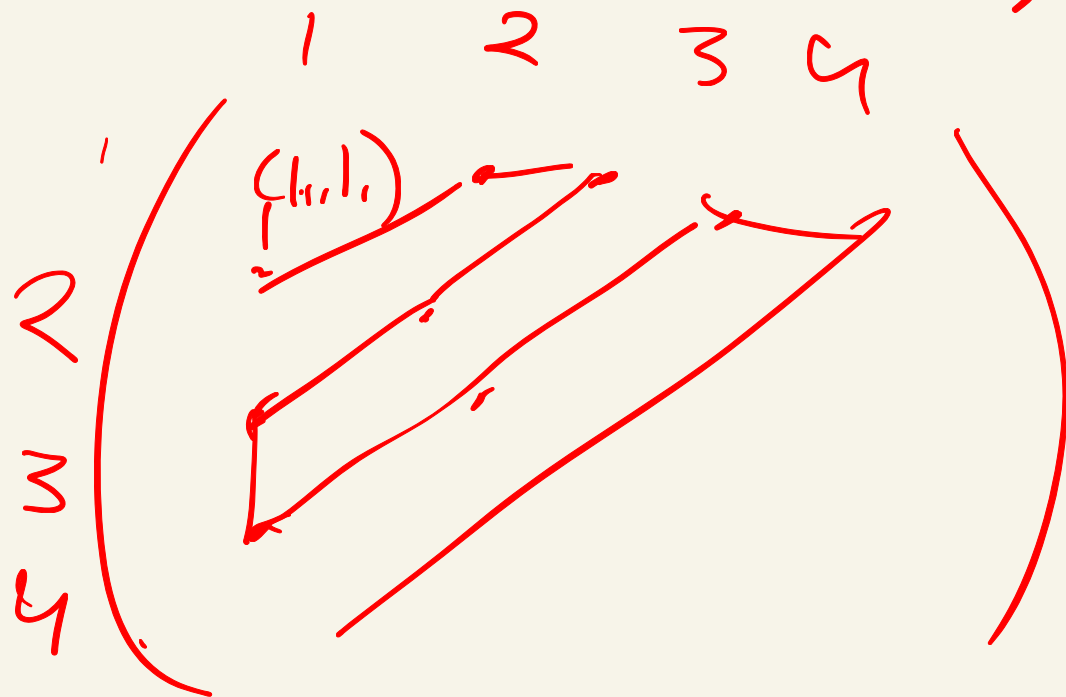
$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & n \text{ is even} \\ -\frac{(n-1)}{2} & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

# Building upwards

- $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  is countable.

$$\mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$(a, b)$



$$\begin{aligned} &(1,1) \\ &(2,1) \swarrow (1,2) \swarrow \\ &(3,1) \swarrow (2,2) \swarrow (1,3) \swarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$$



# Building upwards

• **Corollary.** *The following sets are countable:*

1. *The rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

$$\begin{pmatrix} (2,4) \\ (4,8) \end{pmatrix}$$

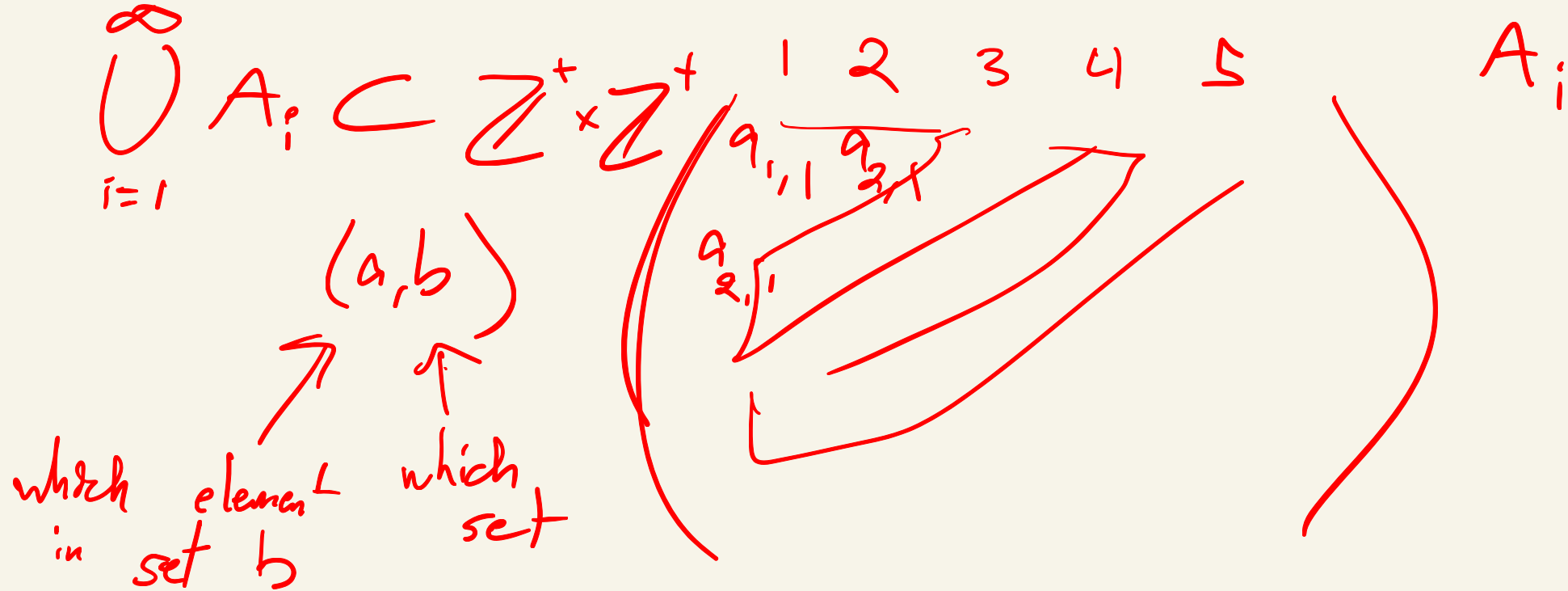
$$\frac{p}{q} \leftrightarrow S \subseteq (p, q) \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$$

2. *The sets  $\mathbb{Z}^{\times k} := \mathbb{Z} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}$  ( $k$  copies).*

$$\begin{array}{c} (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}) \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}) \quad (\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}) \quad \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

# Building upwards

**Theorem.** *Any countable union of countable sets is countable.*



# Another question

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- Denote  $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}}$  as the set of (countably) infinite sequences of integers. Does there exist a bijection between the following:

$(2, 1, 0, 4, -1, -1, \dots)$

$$\mathbb{Z}^{\mathbb{N}} \leftrightarrow \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}^{\times k}?$$

$k$  copies  
 $\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z} + \dots + \mathbb{Z}$

$(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots)$

$\nexists \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}^{\times k}$

$(4, 2, 1, 6)$

# The ceiling of countability

- The set  $\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is not countable (uncountable).

$(0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$

$$\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\begin{array}{c} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

"i"th  
dig

$$S \in \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

# Uncountable sets

• **Corollary.** *The following sets are uncountable:*

1. *The real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

2. *The set of subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  (denoted  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ ).*

# Uncountable(?) sets

*The set of finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$*

# Uncountable sets

*Any nonempty closed interval  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$  is uncountable.*

*Question: “how to measure size of uncountable sets”?*

# Measure zero and countability

*Measure theory*: measuring the size of (almost) arbitrary sets.



# The Cantor set

*The Cantor set  $\cap_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k$  is both measure zero and uncountable.*

$s = 101\dots$      $\times a_1$   
 $\times a_2$   
 $\times a_3$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\times a_k$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\times a_n$

0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{0, 1\}^k$   
 "i<sup>th</sup> digit" of  $s =$   
 $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ of } a_i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(blackboard from lecture)

$R(0,1)$  uncountable  
 $0.1100101 \leftrightarrow \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$   
 $\mathbb{R}$  uncountable     $x \mapsto \frac{x-a}{b-a}$

	1	2	3	4
	1	1	0	1

$\bigcup_k P(\mathbb{N})$



(set of all  
finite subsets)

$$P(N) = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} P^k(N)$$

$\uparrow$   $\{1, 4, 7\}$

$(0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0)$

$\searrow$

(power set)

$$P(N) \leftrightarrow \{0, 1\}^N$$

$\{1, 4, 7, 10\}$

$$P(N) = \text{"all subsets of } N"$$

(blackboard from Q's after)

$$A \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$A = \{2, 7, 9, 11, 13\}$$

$$f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow A \quad \begin{matrix} \text{bijection} \\ f(1) = a_1 \\ f(2) = a_2 \\ f(3) = a_3 \\ \vdots \\ f(n) = a_n \end{matrix} \quad a_i \in A$$

$$A_{n+1} = A - \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} \quad a_{n+1} \in A_{n+1}$$

$$f(n+1) = a_{n+1}$$

well-ordering

(every infinite  
subset of countable  
is countable proof)

$a \in A$