

**Reading:** Section 2.3 and 2.5 of the reference book *Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications (7th Edition)*.

Extra video: the video link of a proof of Cantor-Schröder-Berstein Theorem

Next lecture we will talk about logic.

**Notation 1.** Recall that we adopt the following convention on notations.

1. The notation  $\mathbb{N}$  = the set of all natural numbers.
2. The notation  $\mathbb{Z}$  = the set of all whole numbers.
3. The notation  $\mathbb{Q}$  = the set of all rational numbers.
4. The notation  $\mathbb{R}$  = the set of all real numbers.

## 1 Cardinality

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**1:  $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Z}|$  (10 pts)**

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Define a bijection  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . Explain why the function you define is a bijection.

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**2: Diagonal Argument (10 pts \*\*\*)**

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This question prepares you to answer the next question. Suppose there exist an onto function between the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and the powerset of  $A$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . For example, the following table represent a function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$

$n \backslash f(n)$	1	2	3	4	$f(n)$
1	1	0	1	1	$\{1, 3, 4\}$
2	0	1	1	0	$\{2, 3\}$
3	1	1	0	1	$\{1, 2, 4\}$
4	0	0	0	0	$\emptyset$

Note that in the above table, we use 0 to present an element NOT in a set and 1 for in. So we can see  $1 \mapsto \{1, 3, 4\}$  and the representation for the image is 1011; and  $4 \mapsto \emptyset$  and the representation is 0000.

Your task: Show the above function  $f$  is not an onto function by Diagonal Argument. (Surely you will say this is too obvious since we are talking about a finite set, but don't forget this problem is for demonstration purpose.) You will need to construct a set  $T$  that is in  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  but not the the range of  $f$ . Let  $d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4$  be the 4-bit representation of  $T$ , the diagonal argument will tell us to do

$$d_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \in f(n). \\ 1, & \text{if } n \notin f(n) \end{cases}$$

Simply put it, you will just do the opposite on the diagonal. A conciser way to write it

$$T = \{n \mid n \notin f(n)\}.$$

Or you will only include an element  $n$  in  $T$  if it is not in  $f(n)$ .

**Question: What is the resulting  $T$  out of the above table/function  $f$ ?**

### 3: Larger Cardinality Always Exists(10 pts \*\*\*\*)

Show that  $|A| < |\mathcal{P}(A)|$ , for any set  $A$ , where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  denotes the powerset of  $A$ .

[Hint: Suppose an onto (or bijection) function  $f$  existed between  $A$  and  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ . Let

$$T = \{a \in A \mid a \notin f(a)\}$$

and show that no element  $a$  can exist for which  $f(a) = T$ . If that happens, will  $T$  contains  $a$ ? ]

Fun fact: The argument goes somewhat like the The Paradox of the Barber(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nI-MMJiFpqo>).

### 4: One to One Correspondence

Determine whether each of these functions is a one-to-one correspondence (a.k.a. “bijection”) from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1.  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ .
2.  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ .
3.  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ .
4.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{x^2+2}$ .
5.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-1}$ .

### 5: Reading and Writing: Schröder-Berstein Theorem

1. Define a notion of  $|A| \leq |B|$  through functions.
2. Define a notion of  $|A| \geq |B|$  through functions.
3. State Schröder-Berstein Theorem and give an application example. Why is Schröder-Berstein Theorem useful?

### 6: Extra: Application of Schröder-Berstein Theorem (10 pts \*\*\*)

Use the theorem to show that  $(1, 2)$  and  $[1, 2]$  has the same cardinality.