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The harmonic mean of positive real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  is always no larger than their geometric mean

$$\left(\frac{2xy}{x+y} \leq \sqrt{xy}\right).$$

To prove it, we know that  $\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x+y}{2}$  ( $x, y > 0$ ), so we can know that  $\frac{2\sqrt{xy}}{x+y} \leq 1$  ( $x, y > 0$ ) and then

$$\frac{2xy}{x+y} \leq \sqrt{xy} \text{ (} x, y > 0 \text{) holds.}$$

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From there is an even number of squares, we can know that either there is an even number of squares in each row or there is an even number of squares in each column.

In the former case, we can tile each row by placing the dominoes horizontally and then tile the whole board. In the latter case, we can tile each column by placing the dominoes vertically and then tile the whole board.

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The one in part (a).

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No.

Assume that  $A=\{a\}$ ,  $B=\{b, c\}$ ,  $C=\{d\}$  and let  $g(a)=b$ ,  $f(b)=f(c)=d$ . Then  $f$  from  $B$  to  $C$  and  $f \circ g$  from  $A$  to  $C$  are both onto, but  $g$  from  $A$  to  $B$  is not onto.

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a) We can know that  $S$  has  $m$  distinct elements.

Let  $S=\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\}$ , and we can assign  $s_i$  to  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ), which is a qualified one-to-one correspondence.

b) From (a), we can let  $S=\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\}$  and  $T=\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$ . We can assign  $s_i$  to  $t_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ), which is a qualified one-to-one correspondence.

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- a)  $a_n = \begin{cases} 1, & k^2 - k + 1 \leq n \leq k^2 (k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \\ 0, & k^2 < n \leq k^2 + k (k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \end{cases} \quad 1,1,1$
- b)  $a_n = \begin{cases} 2k - 1, & n = 3k - 2 (k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \\ 2k, & n = 3k - 1, 3k (k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \end{cases} \quad 9,10,10$
- c)  $a_n = \begin{cases} 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, & n = 2k - 1 (k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \\ 0, & n = 2k (k \in \mathbb{Z}_+) \end{cases} \quad 32,0,64$
- d)  $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} \quad 384,768,1536$
- e)  $a_n = 22 - 7n \quad -34,-41,-48$
- f)  $a_n = 2 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad 57,68,80$
- g)  $a_n = 2n^3 \quad 1024,1458,2000$
- h)  $a_n = n! + 1 \quad 362881,3628801,39916801$

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- a)  $(1+1)+(1+2)+(1+3)+(2+1)+(2+2)+(2+3)=21$
- b)  $(0+0)+(0+3)+(0+6)+(0+9)+(2+0)+(2+3)+(2+6)+(2+9)+(4+0)+(4+3)+(4+6)+(4+9)=78$
- c)  $1+2+3+1+2+3+1+2+3=18$
- d)  $0+0+0+1+2+3+2+4+6=18$

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Let  $k = \text{floor}(\sqrt{m}) - 1$ , and the formula will be

$$\frac{k(k+1)(2k+1)}{3} + \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1)[m+1 - (k+1)^2]$$

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Assume that there are  $n$  sets. Let  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$  and each countable set  $A_i = \{a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots\}$ . So the elements in  $A$  can be listed as  $a_{ij}$ , which satisfies  $i+j=k (k \geq 1, k \in \mathbb{Z})$ .

So the union of a countable number of countable sets is countable.