CSE 20
DISCRETE MATH

Fall 2020
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Today's learning goals

• Compare sizes of sets using one-to-one, onto, and invertible functions.
• Classify sets by cardinality into: **Finite sets, countable sets, uncountable sets.**
• Explain the central idea in Cantor's diagonalization argument.

|A| ≤ |B| means there is a one-to-one function from A to B.

\[ \exists f : A \rightarrow B \ \forall a_1 \in A \ \forall a_2 \in A ( \ a_1 \neq a_2 \rightarrow f(a_1) \neq f(a_2) ) \]

|A| ≥ |B| means there is an onto function from A to B.

\[ \exists f : A \rightarrow B \ \forall b \in B \ \exists a \in A ( f(a) = b ) \]

|A| = |B| means there is a bijection from A to B.

\[ \exists f : A \rightarrow B \ \forall b \in B \ \exists a \in A ( f(a) = b \ \land \ \forall a' \in A ( a \neq a' \rightarrow f(a') \neq b ) ) \]

**Cantor-Schroder-Bernstein Theorem:**

|A| = |B| iff |A| ≤ |B| and |B| ≤ |A| iff |A| ≥ |B| and |B| ≥ |A|
Useful Lemmas  … how would you prove each one?

- If A and B are countable sets, then $A \cup B$ is countable.
  \textit{Theorem 1, p. 174}

- If A and B are countable sets, then $A \times B$ is countable.
  \textit{Generalize pairing idea}

- If A is a subset of B, to show that $|A| = |B|$, it's enough to give a 1-1 function from B to A or an onto function from A to B.
  \textit{Exercise 22, p. 176}

- If A is a subset of a countable set, then it's countable.
  \textit{Exercise 16, p. 176}

- If A is a superset of an uncountable set, then it's uncountable.
  \textit{Exercise 15, p. 176}
Cardinality

Finite sets

|A| = |\{1,...,n\}| for some nonnegative int n

e.g. \{1,2,3\}, \{A, U, G, C\}, \emptyset

Countably infinite sets

|A| = |\mathbb{Z}^+| or |A| = |\mathbb{N}| (e.g. can be listed out)

e.g. \mathbb{Z}^+, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}^-, \mathbb{Z}^+, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}^+, \mathbb{Q}, L, S

Uncountable sets

e.g. \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+), \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})

Last lecture - diagonalization argument
Q vs. R

Q: The set of rational numbers \( \{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \neq 0 \} \)

R: The set of real numbers

Which property is true of one of these sets and not the other?

A. \( \forall x \exists y (x < y) \)

B. \( \forall x \exists y (y < x) \)

C. \( \forall x \forall y (x < y \rightarrow \exists z (x < z < y)) \)

D. All of the above

E. None of the above
“Every real number has a unique **decimal** expansion (when the possibility that the expansion that has a tail end that consists entirely of the digit 9 is excluded)”. Rosen p174

“Real numbers can be thought of as points on an infinitely long line called the number line or real line, where the points corresponding to integers are equally spaced.” Wikipedia
Math approach: the set of real numbers

* is a superset of $\mathbb{Z}$
* is totally ordered (order axioms on worksheet)
* is complete / has the nested closed interval property (axioms on worksheet)
CS approach: approximate real numbers; a real number between 0 and 1 is specified as a function to get better and better approximations.

**PI** The double value that is closer than any other to $\pi$, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.
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\[ x_r : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \text{ where } x_r(n) = n^{th} \text{ bit in binary expansion of } r \]

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<td>Use linear approximations (tangent lines from calculus) to get algorithm for bounding error of successive operations. Define ( x_{\sqrt{2} - 1}(n) ) to be ( n^{th} ) bit in approximation that has error less than ( 2^{-(n+1)} ).</td>
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Claim: \( \{ r \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq r \wedge r \leq 1 \} \) is uncountable.

Do you believe this?

A. No, this is a finite set so it’s countable.
B. No, 0 and 1 are integers so this is a subset of integers so it’s countable.
C. No, the absolute value of each of the numbers in the set is bounded by 1.
D. Yes, there are infinitely many numbers between 0 and 1 so the set must be uncountable.
E. Yes, the statement is called a claim so it must be true.

Note: because this is a subset of \( \mathbb{R} \), it being uncountable would guarantee that \( \mathbb{R} \) is also uncountable.
Approach 1: mimic power set proof from last lecture

Theorem: The set \( \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 < x < 1\} \) is uncountable

Proof: Consider an arbitrary function \( f : \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq r \land r \leq 1\} \)

List its images

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\begin{align*}
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We're going to find a real number \( d \) between 0 and 1 (i.e. in the codomain of \( f \)) that is not in this list

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d_f = 0. b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4 \ldots
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Connection: associate each set of positive integers with a real number whose binary expansion has 1 as coefficient of \( 2^k \) iff \( k \) is in the set.
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There is a real number, \( d_f \), that is in the intersection of all these nested intervals.

**Claim:** \( f \) is not onto because it misses \( d_f \).
Consequences

Arbitrary rational numbers have finite representations
Arbitrary reals always need to be approximated

Rational numbers & real numbers share many properties
The set of rational numbers is countably infinite
The set of real numbers is uncountable

The set of irrationals is \( \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q} = \{ x \in \mathbb{R} | x \notin \mathbb{Q} \} \) and is ...

A. Finite
B. Countably infinite
C. Uncountable