

CPSC 421/501

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Topics for today or soon:

Section 4 of handout:

- Countable Sets, Uncountable Sets
- Cantor's Theorem

Sections 5 and 6

- Russell's Paradox and Set Theory Subtleties
- Related Paradoxes and Theorems

BREAKOUT ROOM PROBLEMS

① Show that $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable

② Show that $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is countable

③ Let $f: [4] \rightarrow \text{Power}([4])$

(where $[4] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$) be given by:

$f(1) = \emptyset$, $f(2) = \{1, 2\}$, $f(3) = \{2, 4\}$, $f(4) = [4]$,

Describe $T = \{s \in [4] \mid s \notin f(s)\}$.

Convince yourself that T is not in the image of f . [This is not a precise task.]

④ Is $\text{Power}(\{a,b\}^*) \cup \mathbb{N}$ countable?

⑤ Find an example of an injective and/or surjective and/or

bijjective map to help

you remember these terms.

[This is not a precise question.]

e.g. $\{\text{students}\} \xrightarrow{\text{inj}} \{\text{ID numbers}\}$

Admin Stuff:

① Individual Homework 1

write up individually

say whom you

worked with

Group Homework 1

submit as a group

same grade as your

group members

You can work in groups of up to 4

Gradescope sign up thru Canvas

LaTeX not necessary, but must be easily readable

[Group of 1 is OK.]

② Breakout rooms:

- Assign randomly today
- Perhaps you pick out groups soon on Zoom
- Breakout problem available before class on course webpage

③ Try to listen to tape lectures in a reasonable time frame;

4) Recording of lectures are available through the Zoom like on Canvas CPSC 421/501 page.

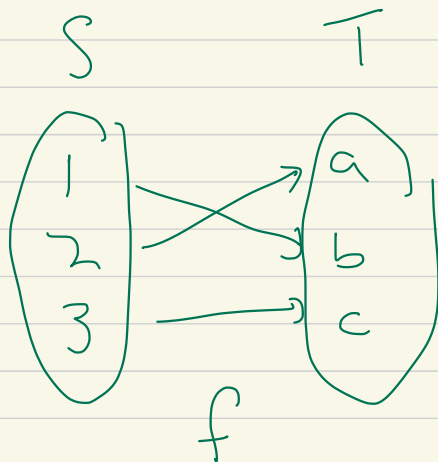
Return to:

A set, S , is countably infinite if there is S is the same size as $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

Recall: S and T have the same size if there is a bijection $S \rightarrow T$.

E.g.

"graphical representation"



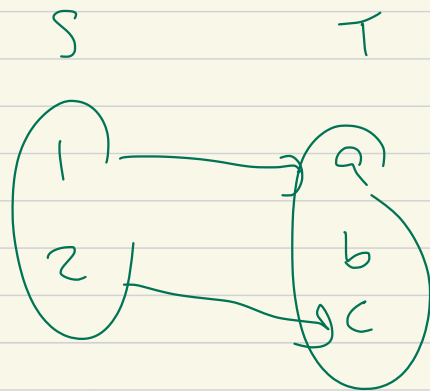
"bijection"
"one-to-one correspondence"
"perfect matching"

We can describe ~~write~~ f via

$$f(1) = b, \quad f(2) = a, \quad f(3) = c$$

Injection
Injective map
"one-to-one"
into

looks
like



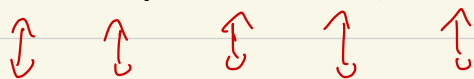
If there is an injection $S \rightarrow T$,

then $|S| \leq |T|$.

Example $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ is

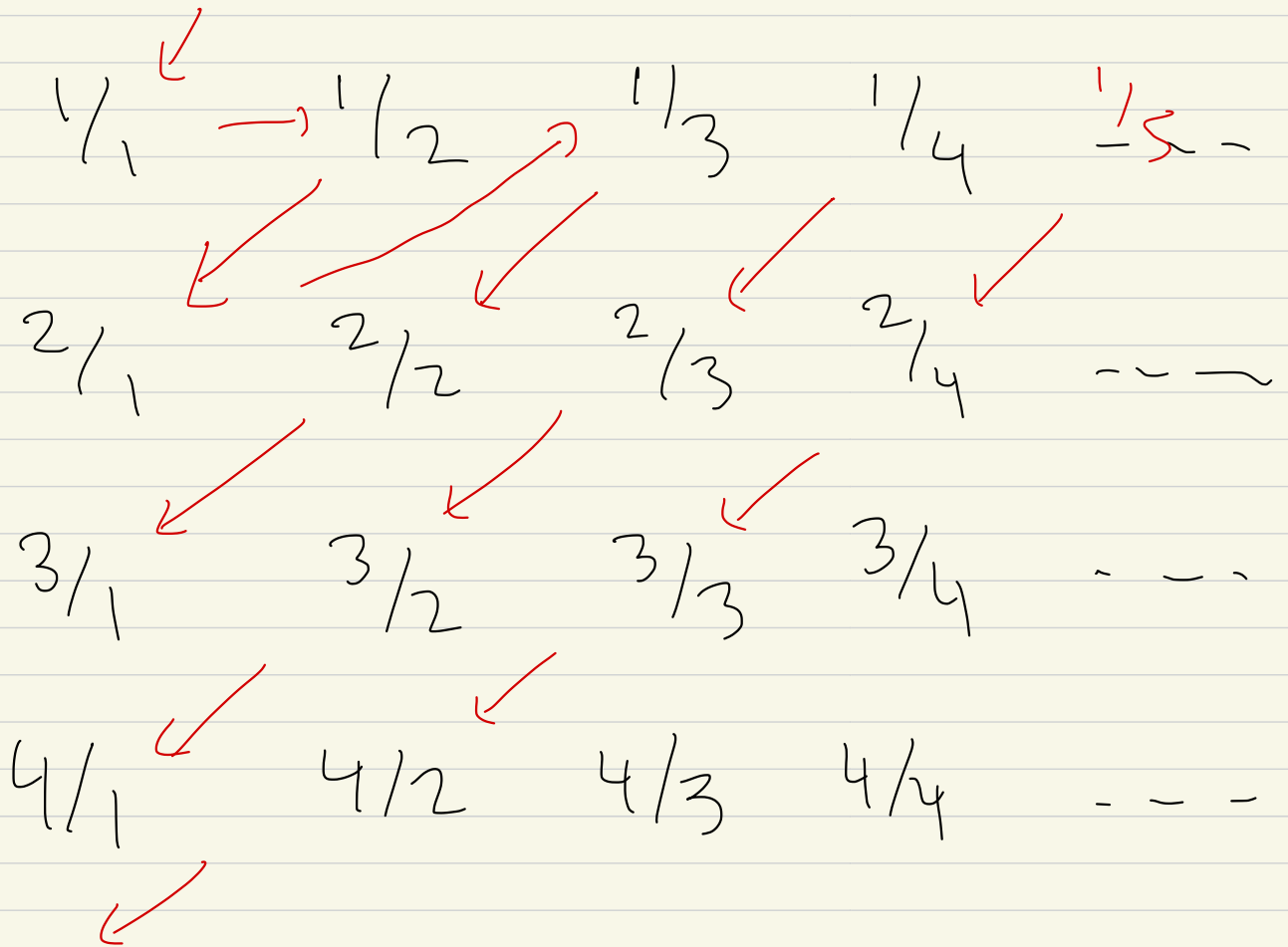
countable (even though $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ _{proper})

\mathbb{Z} : 0, 1, -1, 2, -2, ...



\mathbb{N} : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...

Example: Positive rational numbers
are countable (in textbook)



Gives $\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{1}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{2}, \frac{3}{1}, \dots$

already occurs

Sometimes it convenient
not to have discard extra
copies

S is countably infinite if it has some size $\leq \mathbb{N}$.

S is countable if either

- ① S is finite, or
- ② S is countably infinite.

Thm: S is countable iff

there is a surjective map

$\mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$.

Idea: $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

List elements of S in sequence

S	1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, ...	
	$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$	surjection
\mathbb{N}	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 ..	

S is uncountable if S is not countable,
i.e. there is no surjection $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$.

Examples (1)

Set of languages over a finite alphabet Λ

$$= \text{Power}(\Lambda^*) = \left\{ \text{subsets of } \Lambda^* \right\}$$

e.g. $\Lambda = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$

Most important

$$\text{PRIMES} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$$

$$\text{PRIMES} \in \text{Power}(\Lambda^*)$$

Example (2) \mathbb{R} = real numbers are
uncountable.

Also Λ^* , for any alphabet Λ
(finite subset) is countable

$$\Lambda = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$\Lambda^* = \Lambda^0 \cup \Lambda^1 \cup \Lambda^2 \cup \dots$$

$$\varepsilon \quad a, b, c \quad aa, ab, ac, ba, bb, \dots cc$$

You can write all of Λ^* as a
sequence, equivalently Λ^* and \mathbb{N}
has the same size.

algorithm subset of (say) ASCII^*
or Λ^*

~~Set~~ Set of languages is uncountable,

Fundamental tool to prove a language is uncountable is Cantor's theorem.

Cantor's Theorem: If S is a set,

and $f: S \rightarrow \text{Power}(S)$, then

f is not surjective; moreover

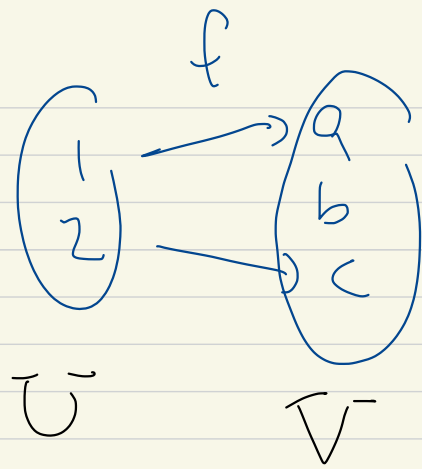
$$\underline{T = \{ s \in S \mid s \notin f(s) \}}$$

then T is not equal to $f(t)$

for any $t \in S$; i.e. T is not in the image of f

[The image of a map $g: \bar{U} \rightarrow \bar{V}$ are those $v \in \bar{V}$ s.t. $v = g(u)$ for some $u \in \bar{U}$]

e.g.,



then $\text{image}(f)$
 $= \{a, c\}$

b is not in the image

$$b \neq f(1), \quad b \neq f(2)$$

$$v \in V \text{ s.t. } v = f(u) \text{ for some } u \in U$$

Say $f : \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \text{Power}(\{1, 2, 3\})$
EXAMPLE: $[3] \rightarrow \text{Power}([3])$

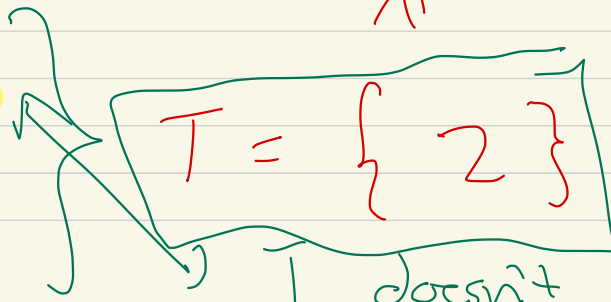
s.t.

$$f(1) = \{1, 2\}, \quad f(2) = \emptyset, \quad f(3) = [3]$$

$$1 \in f(1)$$

$$2 \notin f(2)$$

$$3 \in f(3)$$



~~\neq~~ ~~\neq~~ $= \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$T \neq f(1) \quad 1 \in f(1)$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \text{"}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \{1, 2\} \quad 1 \notin T$$

$$T \neq f(2) \quad 2 \notin \emptyset$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \text{"}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \emptyset \quad 2 \in T$$

Proof: If $T = f(t)$ for some $t \in S$

Either (1) $t \in T$ or (2) $t \notin T$,

but both (1) & (2) are impossible!

$$(1) \quad t \in T = \{s \in S \mid s \notin f(s)\}, \quad \begin{matrix} t \notin f(t) \\ \parallel \\ \overline{1} \end{matrix}$$

(2) similarly impossible

$$t \notin T$$

$$\text{Power}(\{3\}) = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \dots, \overset{[3]}{\text{"}} \{1, 2, 3\} \}$$

$[3] = \{1, 2, 3\}$ notation

Cor: If S is countably infinite
then Power(S) is uncountable.

$\mathbb{N} \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij}} S$

if Power(S) were countable

then you have map

$\mathbb{N} \xleftrightarrow{\text{surj}} \text{Power}(S)$

$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \rightarrow \\ \updownarrow & \dashrightarrow & \\ S & & \end{array}$

Breakfast rooms: Pick one or two of problems (1), (3), (5) above

(5) maps to help remember $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{injective} \\ \text{surjective} \\ \text{bijective} \end{array} \right.$

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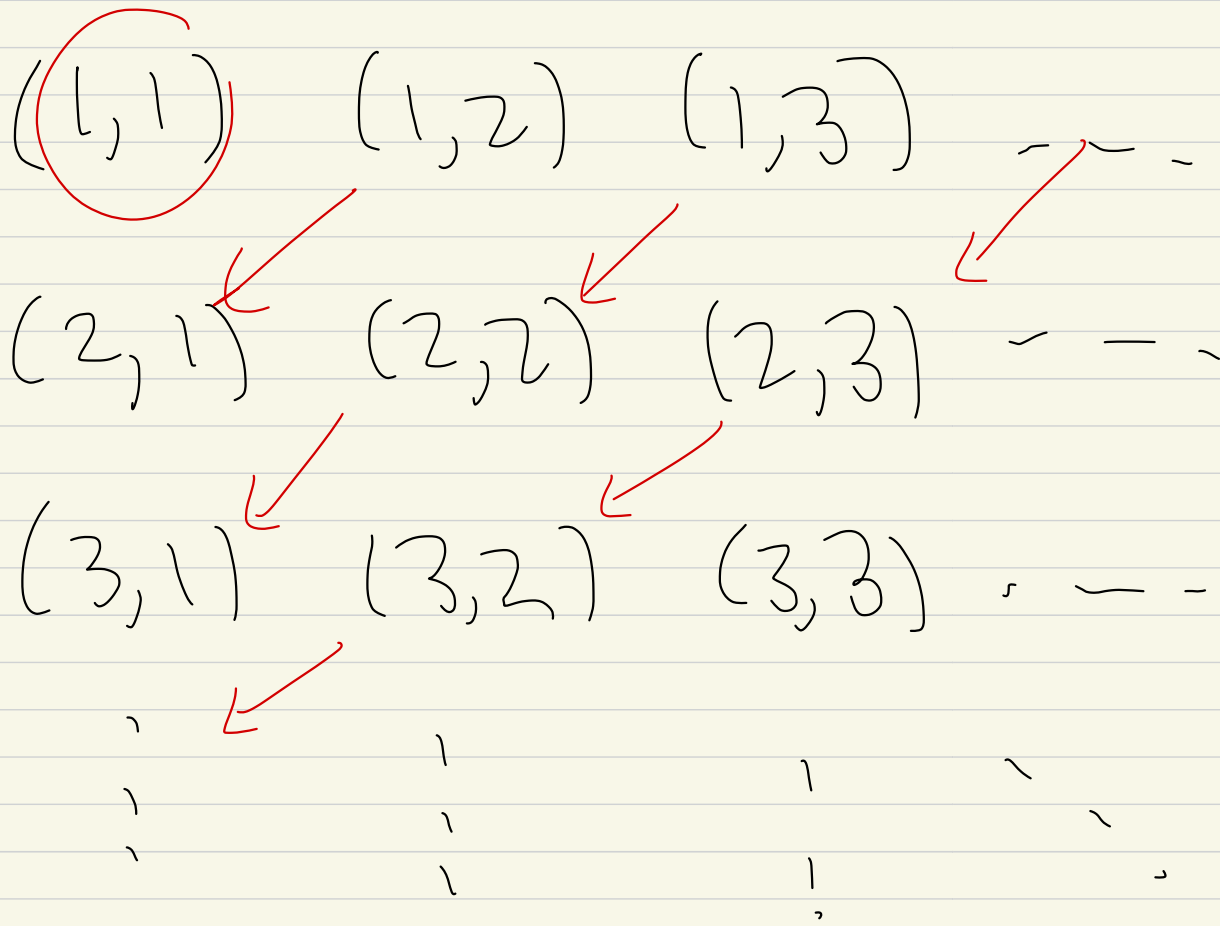
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$$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}^2 = \{ (a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{N} \}$$



Idea $1, 1 \rightarrow 11$ 101

$1, 2 \rightarrow 12$ 102

$15, 3 \rightarrow 153$ 1503

1, 53 \rightarrow 153

1053

order by
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101, 102, 201, ...

(1, 1)

(a, b) look at
at

(1, 2) (2, 1)

(1, 3) (2, 2) (3, 1)

⋮
⋮
⋮

① Describe in
words;

Describe

$$(1, 1) \leftrightarrow 1$$

$$(1, 2) \leftrightarrow 2$$

$$(2, 1) \leftrightarrow 3$$

if the rank
of (a, b) is
 $a \neq b$, then...

(2) Give a
formula