

Ex if our list looked like this:

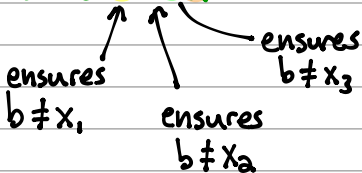
$$x_1 = 0.123123123\dots$$

$$x_2 = 0.333333333\dots$$

$$x_3 = 0.22222\dots$$

$$x_4 = 0.98765\dots$$

$$b = 0.2232\dots$$

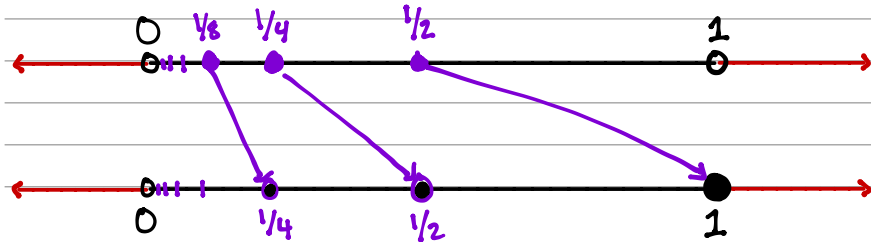


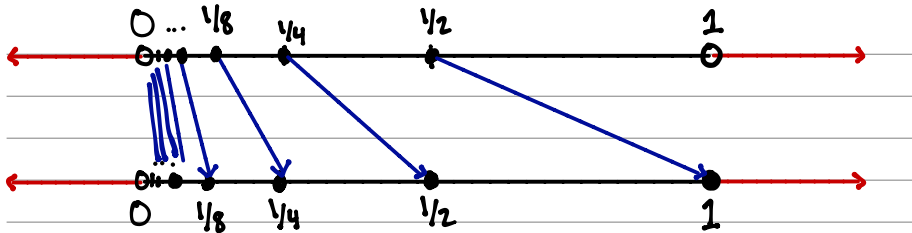
(and so on...)

Another ^{cool} ~~weird~~ example $(0,1) \sim (0,1]$

It's not so bad to add one # to a denumerable set and show the result is equinumerous. [ex $f: \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $f(n) = n+1$] It's much harder with an uncountable set.

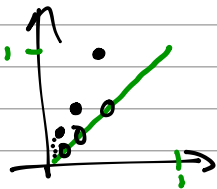
idea: To construct bij'n $f: (0,1) \rightarrow (0,1]$, use $f(x) = x$ (id fn) for basically everything. Need to hit 1. Choose to send $1/2 \mapsto 1$. Creates new "gap" in range at $1/2$. Send $1/4 \mapsto 1/2$. (and so on)





Define $f: (0,1) \rightarrow [0,1]$ as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}, & x = \frac{1}{2^n}, \text{ some } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ x, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



(you check: $\text{bij/in} \Rightarrow (0,1) \sim (0,1]$)

Thm TFAE (The following are equivalent)

(a) S is countable

(b) \exists injection $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

(c) \exists surjection $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$.

(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)

(a) \Leftrightarrow (c)

(b) \Leftrightarrow (c)

usually we prove "just enough"
to establish equivalency

Sketch of Pf of (a) \Rightarrow (c)

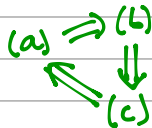
If S is finite, $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$

define $g(1) = s_1$

$g(2) = s_2$

\vdots
 $g(n) = s_n$

$g(m) = s_n, m > n$



or (a) \Leftrightarrow (b) \Leftrightarrow (c)

If $S \sim \mathbb{N}$, $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots\}$: $g(n) = s_n$

Putting it all together

If $S \sim T$, they have the same cardinality or cardinal #.

(Remember, this is an equiv. rel'n. [Tu/Th])

So $\{1, 2, 3\}$, $\{a, b, c\}$ not equal as sets, but have same card'lity.

Def 2.4.15 Denote card'l number of S by $|S|$, so $|S| = |T|$
iff $S \sim T$, i.e.

• Define $|S| \leq |T|$ if \exists injection $S \rightarrow T$.

• Define $|S| < |T|$ if $|S| \leq |T|$ but not $|S| = |T|$.

Ex $|\mathbb{N}| \leq |\mathbb{Z}|$: $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $f(n) = n$ ["inclusion $\mathbb{N} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ "]

$|\{1, 2, 3\}| < |\mathbb{N}|$: f inclusion/identity, but $|\{1, 2, 3\}| \neq |\mathbb{N}|$

The cardinal number or cardinality of a set is (informally) its size:

- cardinal # of \emptyset is $|\emptyset| = 0$.
- cardinal # of $I_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is $|I_n| = n$
- $|\mathbb{N}| = \aleph_0$
- $|\mathbb{R}| = c$ (continuum)

Aside: The Continuum Hypothesis

There is no set whose cardinality is strictly b/w \aleph_0 and c .

Thm 2.4.15 Let S, T, U be sets.

(a) $S \subseteq T \Rightarrow |S| \leq |T|$

$$f: S \rightarrow T \\ x \mapsto x$$

} this "identity" or "inclusion" always injective.

\Rightarrow by defⁿ

$$|S| \leq |T|$$

(b) $|S| \leq |S|$

$S \subseteq S$, use part (a)

(c) $|S| \leq |T|$ and $|T| \leq |U| \Rightarrow |S| \leq |U|$

\exists inj $f: S \rightarrow T$ \exists inj $g: T \rightarrow U$, and $g \circ f: S \rightarrow U$ injⁿ.

$$\Rightarrow |S| \leq |U|.$$

(d) $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m \leq n \Rightarrow |I_m| \leq |I_n|$

$$I_m = \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} = I_n, \text{ use (a).}$$

\exists ∞ 'ly many ∞ 's...

(not P)

Def Given a set S , the power set of S , written $\mathcal{P}(S)$ is the set of all subsets of S .

Ex $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$

$\mathcal{P}(S) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{0 elt subset} \\ \emptyset, \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{1 elt subsets} \\ \{a\}, \\ \{b\}, \\ \{c\}, \\ \{d\}, \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{2 elt subsets} \\ \{a, b\}, \\ \{a, c\}, \\ \{a, d\}, \\ \{b, c\}, \\ \{b, d\}, \\ \{c, d\} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{3 elt subsets} \\ \{a, b, c\}, \\ \{a, b, d\}, \\ \{a, c, d\}, \\ \{b, c, d\}, \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{4 elt subset} \\ \{a, b, c, d\} \end{array} \right\}$

Another way to count # subsets (not list them):

To construct a subset of $\{a, b, c, d\}$...

For each elt, I need to decide whether to include it or not.

(Ex: 4 Nos: \emptyset ; YNNY \rightarrow $\{a, d\}$)

Four Y/N questions \Rightarrow Total possibilities = $2^4 = 16$

In gen'l for finite S , $|\mathcal{P}(S)| = 2^{|S|}$

Thms • $|S| < |\mathcal{P}(S)|$

• $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| = |\mathbb{R}|$

Corollary \exists infinite "chain" of larger and larger ∞ 's:

$|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}))| < \dots$

A few words concerning §2.5, which covers Axioms of Set Thy.

Math majors are encouraged to read this section,
but it's not officially part of the course!

It has the basic Axioms we use to build up set
theory and modern mathematics - and possible shortcomings!

(... paradoxes!)