

417 Homework Set # 3. Due September 27, 2001.

1. Suppose that $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the following property:
There is a constant M such that, for every finite set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq [0, 1]$,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \right| < M.$$

- a) Give an example of such a function f where $\text{range}(f)$ is infinite.
b) Prove that for such a function, $\text{range}(f)$ is countable.
2. Let A, B, C, D be sets. Using the symbol \sim to denote “has the same cardinality as”, prove:

$$A \sim C \text{ and } B \sim D \Rightarrow A \times B \sim C \times D.$$

3. Find the cardinality of each of the following sets.
- a) The set of all convergent sequences of real numbers.
b) The set of all straight lines in the plane that contain at least two points with both coordinates rational.
c) The set of all sequences $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that are eventually constant.
d) The set of all differentiable functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
e) The set of all strictly increasing sequences $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.
4. On $C[0, 1]$ define d_1 and d_∞ by

$$\begin{aligned} d_1(f, g) &= \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx \\ d_\infty(f, g) &= \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

Prove both d_1 and d_∞ are metrics.

5. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Prove that

$$d'(x, y) := \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$$

defines a metric on X with values always bounded by 1.

6. (Bonus problem if you know a little about complex numbers). On the unit disk $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$, define the pseudo-hyperbolic metric by

$$\rho(z, w) = \left| \frac{z - w}{1 - \bar{w}z} \right|.$$

Prove that ρ is a metric on the unit disk.

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1 (a) Define f as follows: $f(x) = 2^{-n}$ if $x = \frac{1}{n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(x) = 0$ otherwise. Since $\sup \left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{-i} \right) = 1$, then $M = 2$ is a required constant s.t. for every finite $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq [0, 1]$, $\left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \right| < M$.

(b) Proof: Suppose $\text{range}(f)$ is uncountable. We may assume it has uncountably many positive numbers. Divide $(0, +\infty)$ into intervals $(1, +\infty)$ and $(\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n}]$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Then at least one of them must contain uncountably many values of $\text{range}(f)$. So we can choose a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with $x_n \in [0, 1]$, and $f(x_n) > \delta$, $\delta > 0$ fixed. But we will have $\sup \left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \right| = +\infty$ impossible.

2 Proof: If $A \sim C$, then \exists a bijection $f: A \rightarrow C$. And $B \sim D$ so \exists a bijection $g: B \rightarrow D$. Define a function h from $A \times B$ to $C \times D$ by $h: (a, b) \mapsto (f(a), g(b))$ where $a \in A, b \in B$.
 h is one to one: if $h(a, b) = h(a', b')$, then $(f(a), g(b)) = (f(a'), g(b'))$. So we have $f(a) = f(a')$, $g(b) = g(b')$. Since f, g are bijection, $a = a'$, $b = b'$. Then $(a, b) = (a', b')$.
 h is onto: for $\forall (c, d) \in C \times D$, f, g are onto, so $\exists a \in A, b \in B$ s.t. $f(a) = c, g(b) = d$, then $h(a, b) = (c, d)$.
 h is a bijection from $A \times B$ to $C \times D$.
 So $A \times B \sim C \times D$.

4 (a) Proof: For $\forall f, g, h \in C[0, 1]$, we have

$$(i) d_1(f, f) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - f(x)| dx = 0.$$

$$(ii) d_1(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx = \int_0^1 |g(x) - f(x)| dx = d_1(g, f).$$

(iii) If $f \neq g$, then $\exists x \in (0, 1)$ s.t. $f(x) \neq g(x)$ or $|f(x) - g(x)| > \delta$ with $\delta > 0$. Since f, g are continuous, $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ s.t. $|f(x) - g(x)| > \delta$ on interval $(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$ with $(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \subset (0, 1)$. So $d_1(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx > \int_{x-\varepsilon}^{x+\varepsilon} \delta dx = 2\varepsilon\delta > 0$.

$$(iv) d_1(f, h) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - h(x)| dx = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x) + g(x) - h(x)| dx \leq$$

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$$\leq \int_0^1 (|f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)|) dx = d_1(f, g) + d_1(g, h).$$

So d_1 is a metric.

(b) (i) $d_{\infty}(f, f) = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - f(x)| = 0.$

(ii) $d_{\infty}(f, g) = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)| = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |g(x) - f(x)| = d_{\infty}(g, f).$

(iii) If $f \neq g$, then $\exists x \in [0, 1]$ s.t. $f(x) \neq g(x)$. So $d_{\infty}(f, g) = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)| > 0.$

(iv) $d_{\infty}(f, h) = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - h(x)| = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x) + g(x) - h(x)| \leq \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} (|f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)|) \leq \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |f(x) - g(x)| + \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |g(x) - h(x)| = d_{\infty}(f, g) + d_{\infty}(g, h).$

So d_{∞} is a metric.

5 Proof: Let $x, y, z \in X$ arbitrary.

(i) $d'(x, x) = d(x, x)/(1 + d(x, x)) = 0.$

(ii) $d'(x, y) = d(x, y)/(1 + d(x, y)) = d(y, x)/(1 + d(y, x)) = d'(y, x).$

(iii) If $x \neq y$, $d(x, y) > 0$, then $d'(x, y) = d(x, y)/(1 + d(x, y)) > 0.$

(iv) Since $(\frac{x}{1+x})' = \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$, $\frac{x}{1+x}$ is strictly increasing on $[0, \infty)$. Because $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$,

$$\frac{d(x, z)}{1 + d(x, z)} \leq \frac{d(x, y) + d(y, z)}{1 + d(x, y) + d(y, z)} = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y) + d(y, z)} + \frac{d(y, z)}{1 + d(x, y) + d(y, z)}$$

$$\leq \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)} + \frac{d(y, z)}{1 + d(y, z)}. \quad \text{So } d'(x, z) \leq d'(x, y) + d'(y, z).$$

Since $d(x, y)/(1 + d(x, y)) < 1$ whenever $d(x, y) > 0$.

d' is a metric on X with value bounded by 1.

3. (a) Write $\text{card}(N) = \aleph_0$, $\text{card}(R) = c$. Let S be the set of all convergent sequences of real numbers. For any $r \in R$ there exists $\{x_n\}$ with $x_n = r$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. $\{x_n\} \in S$, so $\text{card}(S) \geq c$. On the other hand, given an element in S , $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, since R is homeomorphic to $(0, 1)$, we can transform it into a sequence of real number which are in $(0, 1)$.

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(e) Let S be the set of all strictly increasing sequence $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.
For each $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in S , $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k < \dots$, we have a
real number r in $(0, 1]$ that corresponds to it: $r = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n_k}}$.
 $\text{card}(S) \leq \text{card}((0, 1]) = c$. On the other hand, for each
 r in $(0, 1]$, $r = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n_k}}$. If r is rational, $r = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{2^{n_k}} + \frac{1}{2^{n_{m+1}}}$
or $r = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{2^{n_k}} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n_{m+1}+i}}$, for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$. We always use
the latter one. So both rational and irrational number
can be written as a infinite sum. Then $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is a
strictly increasing sequence. The mapping is injective.
 $\text{card}(S) \geq c$ So $\text{card}(S) = c$.