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ex} Let $a \leq b$

a) $I = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a, b + \frac{1}{n}) = (a, b]$.

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b) $I = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a, b - \frac{1}{n}) = (a, b)$.

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c) $I = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left[a + \frac{1}{n}, b - \frac{1}{n} \right]}_{A_n \uparrow I} = (a, b)$

$A_n \uparrow I$

$$d) I = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [a, b + \frac{1}{n}) = [a, b].$$

$$e) I = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [a, a + \frac{1}{n}) = [a, a] = \{a\}.$$

$$f) I = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a, b - \frac{1}{n}] = [a, b).$$

Tip: Find the interval endpoints eg. a and b , and determine if the interval is open or closed at the endpoint.

Warning! students often make errors for this type of problem.

proof of a) $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} (a, b + \frac{1}{n}) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$ where

$$A_n \downarrow I = (a, b] = A.$$

Note that $(a, b] \subseteq A$ since $b \in (a, b + \frac{1}{n}) \forall n$.

For any $\epsilon > 0$, $(a, b + \epsilon] \subseteq A$ since

$b + \frac{1}{n} < b + \epsilon$ for large enough n .

Note that $b + \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow b$, but sets are not functions.

Also a and b are the endpoints. $a \notin A_n$ for any n so $a \in A$ so open at a . $b \in A_n \forall n$ so $b \in A$ so closed at b .

"proof of c)"
$$I = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} [a + \frac{1}{n}, b - \frac{1}{n}] = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$$

I has endpoints a and b

$a, b \notin A_n = [a + \frac{1}{n}, b - \frac{1}{n}]$ for any n .

$\therefore [a, b] \notin A \therefore I = A = (a, b)$.

See (17) on Exam review.

63) A sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in X

is a function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$.

$\therefore f(n) = x_n, n \geq 1$. (20, 21, 22, 23)

64) A set is finite if it is \emptyset or the range of a finite sequence.

A set is countable if it is \emptyset or the range of a sequence.

Hence a set X is countable if \exists an onto map $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$. (24, 25)

So $f[\mathbb{N}] = X$.

X is uncountable if X is not countable.

$\therefore \nexists$ an onto map $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$.

X is countably infinite if X is countable and infinite.

ex) \mathbb{N} is countable

Let $f_{\mathbb{I}}(x) = x$ for $x \in \mathbb{N}$.

The identity map $f_{\mathbb{I}}: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is onto.

65) The zigzag map $(A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset)$

$$h: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A \times B$$

$$h(1) = (f(1), g(1)), \quad h(2) = (f(1), g(2))$$

$$h(3) = (f(2), g(1)) \text{ etc}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & g(1) & g(2) & g(3) \dots \\ f(1) & (f(1), g(1)) & (f(1), g(2)) & (f(1), g(3)) \dots \\ f(2) & (f(2), g(1)) & (f(2), g(2)) & (f(2), g(3)) \dots \\ f(3) & (f(3), g(1)) & (f(3), g(2)) & (f(3), g(3)) \dots \\ \vdots & & & \end{array}$$

The diagonal map h also works. triangle map



etc.

\dots	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	\dots
	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	\dots
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	\dots

66) Thm $A \times B$ is countable if A is countable and B is countable.

(Since the map in 65) is onto, and $A \times B = \emptyset$ if $A = \emptyset$ or $B = \emptyset$.)

Note! Some elements of the set may be counted more than once. (Cont, Not always 1-1)

67) Th: A countable union (or collection) of countable sets is countable. sol 16

Proof: Let $B = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ where each A_i is countably infinite.

see 207011 p22 for general proof

A_1	a_{11}	a_{12}	a_{13}	...
A_2	a_{21}	a_{22}	a_{23}	...
A_3	a_{31}	a_{32}	a_{33}	...

} could have duplicates

Then the zigzag map $k: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ is onto.

68) \mathbb{Q} = set of rational numbers is countable.

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } q \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\} \right\}$$

Proof: Let $\mathbb{Q}^+ = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p \in \mathbb{N}, q \in \mathbb{N}, p \text{ and } q \text{ relatively prime} \right\}$

$\mathbb{Q}^- = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : -p \in \mathbb{N}, q \in \mathbb{N}, p \text{ and } q \text{ relatively prime} \right\}$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}^+ \cup \mathbb{Q}^- \cup \{0\}.$$

" \mathbb{Q}^- " = \mathbb{Q}^+ so \mathbb{Q} is countable if \mathbb{Q}^+ is.

	1	2	3	...
1	1/1	1/2	1/3	...
2	2/1	2/2	2/3	...
3	3/1	3/2	3/3	...
...				

\mathbb{Q}^+ is countable
lots of duplicates
eg 1/1, 2/2, 3/3 etc

69} If $A_i, i=1, \dots, n$ is countable,

$$\text{then } \prod_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$$

is countable. (By induction, $A_1 \times A_2$ is countable so $(A_1 \times A_2) \times A_3$ is countable etc.)

70} a) Every subset of a finite set is finite.

b) Every subset of a countable set is countable.

Proof of b). Let $E = \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be countable and let $A \subseteq E$.

If $A = \emptyset$, then A is finite. If $A \neq \emptyset$, choose

$x \in A$. Define new sequence $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ by setting

$y_n = x_n$ if $x_n \in A$ and $y_n = x$ if $x_n \notin A$.

Then A is the range of $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and

\therefore countable. \square

§ 1.5 71] Axiom of Choice; Let \mathcal{C} be any collection of nonempty sets. Then there is a set function F defined on \mathcal{C} which assigns to each set $A \in \mathcal{C}$ an element $F(A)$ in A .

72] "meaning" $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and if

$$C = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots\}$$

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then $\exists a_i \in A_i \exists f(A_i) = a_i$.

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73) Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of \mathbb{R} .

If \exists function $f: \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with

$f[\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}] = E$, then E is countable.

Proof: Let function $g(n) = a_n$.

Then $f \circ g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow E$ with $\underbrace{f \circ g[\mathbb{N}]}_{\text{onto}} = E$.

$\therefore E$ is countable.

74) Prop: The set E of infinite sequences from $\{0, 1\}$ ($\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} : x_n \in \{0, 1\}$) is not countable.

Proof. Assume E is countable.

$$\{y_1^k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} = 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ \dots$$

$$\{y_2^k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} = 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ \dots$$

$$\{y_j^k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} = 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ \dots$$

\uparrow
jth position

Since $\{y_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \in E$ for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$,

E is countably infinite if E is countable.

Let $x_i = \{a_{in}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ where $a_{in} \in \{0,1\}$ be the sequences in E .

$$\begin{array}{l|l} x_1 & a_{11} \quad a_{12} \quad a_{13} \quad \dots \\ x_2 & a_{21} \quad a_{22} \quad a_{23} \quad \dots \\ x_3 & a_{31} \quad a_{32} \quad a_{33} \quad \dots \end{array}$$

Now construct sequence $S = \{b_r\}_{r=1}^{\infty}$

where $b_r = 1 - a_{rr}$ for $r=1,2,\dots$.

Thus $b_r \in \{0,1\} \Rightarrow \underline{S \in E}$.

But $S = \{b_r\}_{r=1}^{\infty} \neq \{a_{in}\} = x_i$ for any $i \in \mathbb{N}$

Since $b_r = 1 - a_{rr} \neq a_{rr}$.

$\therefore \underline{S \notin E} \Rightarrow \text{F (contradiction)}$

$\therefore E$ is uncountable. \square diagonal technique

75] \mathbb{R} is uncountable.

Proof sketch. Each number x in $[0,1]$ has a binary expansion $0.a_1a_2a_3\dots$

If x is of the form $\frac{1}{2^n}$ take the expansion that ends in all 1's